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Violence surges around Iraq

At least 12 Marines die in one of many clashes

By Alissa J. Rubin
Los Angeles Times

NAJAF Iraq - Anti-American intensifies across Iraq on Tuesday, spreading to previously quiet areas of the country and leaving a dozen Marines dead in one clash.

The U.S.-led coalition was struggling to contain the strife in Sunni and Shiite Muslim areas after three days of fighting claimed the lives of 30 Americans, two other coalition troops and at least 120 Iraqis.

Some of the heaviest fighting Tuesday occurred in the Sunni city of Ramadi when insurgents attacked a Marine position near the provincial governor's palace, killing a dozen Marines and wounding 20 more, according to a Pentagon official in Washington.

In southern Iraq, militants allied to Muqtada al-Sadr, a virulently anti-American Shiite cleric, staged firefights in four major cities, taking over govern-



Iraqi Shiite supporters of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr chant anti-U.S. slogans in Najaf, 105 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday.

ment buildings and vowing to help end the U.S. occupation.

The uprising by Shiite militants presented a scenario long feared: a loss of control over the majority Shiites, who are considered essential to an orderly handover of power to Iraqis on June 30. The spreading revolt presents new

worries for the Bush administration. To quell the violence, the United States may have to resort to heavy force. That could serve to consolidate anti-American sentiment and set off a cycle of retaliation.

At his ranch near Crawford, Texas. Please see IRAQ, Page A2

U.S. Marines face tough foe in Fallujah

By Lourdes Navarro and Bassem Mroue
Associated Press writers

FALLUJAH, Iraq - In a narrow alley, Marines pinned down by a hail of guerrilla fire sent up red smoke in a cry for help. Tanks pounded shell after shell into houses, while troops on the city's edge crawled forward on their bellies, firing on insurgents.

U.S. forces faced a tough urban battle Tuesday in their drive to pacify one of Iraq's most dangerous cities. Block by block, they fought their way into Fallujah, where Iraqi guerrillas killed four American civilians and a mob mutilated their bodies last week.

After nightfall, troops held a swath several blocks deep in one corner of the city of 200,000, Marine Maj. Brandon McGowan said.

U.S. forces called out a weapon rarely used against the Iraqi guerrillas: the AC-130 gunship, a warplane that circles over. Please see FALLUJAH, Page A4

MAKING AN IMPRESSION

Students chosen to 'die' say program puts focus on what's important

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When Twin Falls High School senior Whitney Fjeld was notified that she had been selected to "die" as part of a program to fight drunken driving, she viewed it as an inconvenience.

"I had a hair appointment scheduled for today," Fjeld said Tuesday.

But when she told TFFHS Resource Officer Matt Triner of her plans, he asked her a solemn question: "Do you know the day you're going to die?"

"I thought, 'Well, that makes a lot of sense,'" Fjeld said.

The canceled hair appointment was not the only change that occurred.

"After Fjeld was asked Monday to participate in the Twin Falls Police Department's "Every 15 Minutes" program - wherein students were to be "dead" to their families and friends for the next 36 hours - the realization of death gave Fjeld an unexpected desire to take a deeper look into what really counts.

"Usually I go to my boyfriend's house," she said. But on this night, she was home early. "I went home and spent the evening with my family."

And she saw things she had never noticed before.

"I paid attention to the way my sister struggles with math and how she can't do it unless I'm there to help her - and I didn't mind," Fjeld said.

The following morning was also different. Before leaving for school with her mom, Fjeld - with tears streaming down her face - gave my sister a hug and said goodbye to my dad.

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Twin Falls Police officer Chad Wington talks with Twin Falls High School senior Dustin Scott Tuesday during the "Every 15 Minutes" program at the school. The program discourages drunken driving and addresses other traffic safety topics.

Arsenic answers will be costly

T.F. panel looks at several approaches to meeting mandate

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If you live in Twin Falls, it won't be long before you're forking over a chunk of change to comply with new federal Arsenic standards for arsenic in drinking water.

But just how much more each water consumer will pay each month is still unknown, says engineer Bill Block, an expert on Twin Falls water.

He and other area water experts, in serving on the Twin Falls Water Planning Committee, have focused on halving the arsenic in the water Twin Falls gets from the south side of the Snake River Canyon. Over a year's time, that accounts for about 40 percent of the city's water.

Over the next two to six years, the city will begin paying millions of dollars each year in addition to the \$3.5 million it now uses to run the water system, the committee has determined.

But there are so many parts to the puzzle in trying to meet the coming federal arsenic mandate that committee members haven't seen how to make the pieces come together in the best way.

"There is no one silver bullet. No one thing will solve the problem," Block said Tuesday. "It'll take a combination of approaches."

Should the city blend its low-

Please see ARSENIC, Page A2

Kits claim to help you choose baby's sex

Doctors say, let the buyer beware

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO - Boy or girl? Now you can pick the sex of your baby in the privacy of your own home. Or so the Internet sellers of sex-selection kits would have you believe.

The latest fad in baby-making offers guaranteed, worry-free gender selection for just \$199 plus shipping. Some experts call it "snake oil."

But that hasn't stopped entrepreneurs from trying to capitalize on demand among some prospective parents.

The phenomenon first gained attention when some U.S. fertility clinics began offering gender selection for non-medical reasons through costly, often invasive

medical procedures.

But it's been taken to a different level by purveyors of unproven home-use products, who are milking the increasing awareness about more legitimate sex selection methods and hoping to draw some of the same potential customers," said University of Pennsylvania bioethicist Arthur Caplan.

The only two medical procedures.

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Gender-selecting Junior

At-home kits that guarantee a specific gender are the latest fad in baby-making even though experts say only rigorous medical procedures can help determine the sex - embryonic screening and an experimental sperm-sorting technique.

METHOD: Embryonic screening
MicroSort
How it works: Analyze embryos created through in vitro fertilization. Screening can detect healthy embryos and their gender.

At-home kits
Sperm is sorted into Y-chromosome - female - and Y-chromosome - male. An enriched sample containing an increased number of sperm cells of the desired gender is created.

At-home kits
Kits include less proven methods of sperm-sorting as well as thermometers to help predict ovulation, special douches and dietary supplements.

NOTE: Methods do not guarantee pregnancy
SOURCE: Genetics & IVF Institute, Cambridge, Home Pregnancy Network



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A mix of clouds and sunshine. Mainly dry. Highs near 71.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a light breeze. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: Mild and partly cloudy. Highs near 70.
BURLINGHAM FORECAST
Today: Mild with decreasing clouds. Mainly dry. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and calm. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a light breeze and little to no chance of rain. Highs in the middle to upper 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and high/low temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers developing today. Partly cloudy and mainly dry on Thursday. Turning cooler late this week into the weekend with little to no moisture likely.
BOISE Warm and mainly dry today and Thursday. A blend of sunshine and patchy clouds expected. A little cooler Friday through Sunday with still mainly dry conditions in place.

NORTHERN UTAH Showers and thunderstorms with obnoxious mid temperatures. Mostly dry, but turning cooler Friday through Sunday.

Weather's Best Estimate: 74 in Pocatello, 72 in Idaho Falls, 70 in Twin Falls, 68 in Burley, 66 in Arco, 64 in Panguitch, 62 in Almo, 60 in Blaine, 58 in Hamlet, 56 in Carey, 54 in Carey, 52 in Carey, 50 in Carey, 48 in Carey, 46 in Carey, 44 in Carey, 42 in Carey, 40 in Carey, 38 in Carey, 36 in Carey, 34 in Carey, 32 in Carey, 30 in Carey, 28 in Carey, 26 in Carey, 24 in Carey, 22 in Carey, 20 in Carey, 18 in Carey, 16 in Carey, 14 in Carey, 12 in Carey, 10 in Carey, 8 in Carey, 6 in Carey, 4 in Carey, 2 in Carey, 0 in Carey, -2 in Carey, -4 in Carey, -6 in Carey, -8 in Carey, -10 in Carey, -12 in Carey, -14 in Carey, -16 in Carey, -18 in Carey, -20 in Carey, -22 in Carey, -24 in Carey, -26 in Carey, -28 in Carey, -30 in Carey, -32 in Carey, -34 in Carey, -36 in Carey, -38 in Carey, -40 in Carey, -42 in Carey, -44 in Carey, -46 in Carey, -48 in Carey, -50 in Carey, -52 in Carey, -54 in Carey, -56 in Carey, -58 in Carey, -60 in Carey, -62 in Carey, -64 in Carey, -66 in Carey, -68 in Carey, -70 in Carey, -72 in Carey, -74 in Carey, -76 in Carey, -78 in Carey, -80 in Carey, -82 in Carey, -84 in Carey, -86 in Carey, -88 in Carey, -90 in Carey, -92 in Carey, -94 in Carey, -96 in Carey, -98 in Carey, -100 in Carey.

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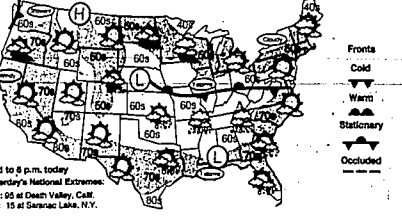
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Iraq

Continued from A1. President Bush held a 20-minute telephone conference call to discuss the fast-breaking events in Iraq with top Cabinet officials including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, homeland security adviser Condoeza Rice and Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Bush 'received an update about the offensive military action in Fallujah and other parts of Iraq and was told that U.S. and coalition troops were 'performing well,' said White House press secretary Scott McClellan. He said Bush, who is scheduled to stay at his ranch until Monday, would receive updates 'as warranted.'

Gender

Continued from A1. dures that experts say are legitimate - a method requiring in vitro fertilization and the experimental MicroSort sperm-sorting technique - have raised ethical concerns about designer babies and gender bias. A Fairfax, Va., clinic that offers the \$2,500 MicroSort technique recently ran national newspaper ads seeking to recruit patients with the headline: 'Do you want to choose the gender of your next baby?'

Arsenic

Continued from A1. arsenic water coming from the Blue Lakes spring on the north side of the canyon with its high-arsenic water? Should city fathers focus on moving the city from its household water to a canyoneer for irrigation, thereby stretching the Blue Lakes water for drinking? What about using canal water for recharging and diluting the high-arsenic groundwater on the south side where city wells are sited? Those are only some of the alternatives the City Council will ultimately put together for a workable formula. However, Block and City Manager Tom Courtney say whatever decision the council ultimately makes, it won't necessarily be based upon the cheapest solutions. What appears to be cheap might wind up costing more in the long run because it won't last, they pointed out. 'You need to look at cost, but you also have to consider sustainability,' Block said.

Arsenic options

- Though the Twin Falls Water Planning Committee has come up with solutions for reducing arsenic in city drinking water, no one is recommending any one or combination thereof over another. But here is what the panel is offering:
- Treat one well about five miles south of town and blend with the other well at the same location for a price of about \$1.1 million per year for 20 years.
- Treat the fourth well at the location south of town and blend it with the third one for \$1.6 million per year for 20 years.
- Treat one well on Hankins Road and blend it with the other one at the same place for \$427,000 per year for 20 years.
- Blend Blue Lakes water and the south wells for a cost of \$1.3 million per year for 20 years.
- Blend Blue Lakes and Hankins water for \$462,000 per year for 20 years.

arsenic would likely take place it would be measured at a shallower level than a full recharge project would, just the same, it would give engineers any idea if the idea is workable. After all, it's possible that water meant for recharging that sinks through arsenic-laced soil would come up just as laden with arsenic as what is already there. Councilman Lance Clough pointed out. On the other hand, it takes about six and a half years for full recharge to take place, which would put Twin Falls beyond even a 2005 deadline. But engineers are betting there's a good chance the arsenic would be diluted enough by the time full recharge took place. As for drilling new wells south-west of the airport, Block said there is concern about how viable the aquifer is in that area. Nevertheless, the arsenic levels there seem to be low. There would have to be an investment in the wells first to see how much water they yield over a period of time. Everyone likes the idea of converting the city to pressurized irrigation. However, the drawback is high cost, though the pipes might last as long as 50 or 75 years. In certain parts of town, there will be major disruption as pipe is installed on major thoroughfares. Whatever the outcome, Courtney said he had to see the council committee complete its report within 60 to 90 days. At that time, the council can begin sorting through the options in order to decide how to combine solutions.

A complex problem

The city gets about 60 percent of its drinking water from the Blue Lakes spring source on the north side of the canyon. This arsenic levels in that water run at about 2 to 3 parts per billion. That means for every part of arsenic in the water, there are a billion parts of water the same size, whether you're talking a drop or a gallon. That's well below the Environmental Protection Agency's maximum of 10 parts per billion allowed. But the city's south-side wells have arsenic ranging from 13 to 17 parts per billion. It might seem easier to just rely on the Blue Lakes source, but the four-year drought along with other issues with ground-water on the Northside have city officials feeling insecure about the Blue Lakes source. In the past five years, water available through the spring has dropped off by at least 30 percent. Block said the study is the most complex he has encountered in 30 years of looking at water issues. And, Courtney said there's no

Water Twin Falls can meet the EPA's requirements to have the solution to the arsenic problem on line by 2006. The year 2009 might even be asking too much, he said. For one thing, it takes a long time to recharge the aquifer south of town, Courtney said. The water committee is offering a pilot project for recharge that would yield arsenic measurements within a couple of years. That would save the city money, but it would only give information on two of the four wells in the area. Plus, the fewer years for recharge, the less duration of

Dead

Continued from A1. 'I struggle getting through some of the obituaries. It's a tough thing because I know some of these kids,' Triner said. To make each 'death' a virtual reality, parents of pre-selected accident victims were involved in the process well in advance. Although the students didn't know they had been selected to die, on Monday, the parents had given their approval weeks before and had already written individual obituaries, Triner said. Along with writing obituaries, parents agreed to give their children a day for a period of 36 hours.

The overall plan was to make a lasting impression about the importance of driving safety. The day at school was to be followed by an evening away from family and friends. For added impact, the participants were to be sequestered for an overnight stay in a hotel. Though some fun activities were planned, the awareness was the overall goal. Therefore, part of the chaperone overnight stay was to include listening to letters the parents had written to their 'dead' children. For this, 'a very emotional

part of the program, chaperones were to be there to counsel and help students through the readings, Triner said. Senior Kam Crist said she was glad to be selected. 'I have a little brother, and it made me realize how lucky I am to have a caring family,' Crist said. Crist spent Monday evening at home, except for time at her little brother's soccer practice. 'I have a lot of good friends, but this type of program is valuable, it's beneficial in that it raises the awareness,' Sgt. Brian Pike said. 'I have to believe that (this type of) education is vital in prevention.' Students have said that because of the program, they have actually made the choice not to ride with drivers who had been drinking. TFFD Sgt. Dennis Pullin said. We hope the classes open up the lines of communication,' said government teacher Gina Palmer, who was also a convincing 'victim' of drunken driving. Times-News correspondents Lorenza Burkhardt and Michael In Twin Falls at 734-3390.

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CORRECTION

Man had sex with girl older than 15. An article in Sunday's newspaper contained incorrect information about the fiancé of Melissa Kowitz. Her fiancé is in jail in connection with consensual sex with a girl over the age of 15, which under proposed legislation would not be a crime when a man is less than four years older than his consenting girlfriend. The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION

Study eyes medicare spending

WASHINGTON (AP) - Higher spending for Medicare does not necessarily translate into better care, says a study that found patients got less effective treatment in states that spent more on medical specialists.

Dartmouth College researchers studied how often doctors caring for Medicare patients used high-quality, low-cost treatments proven effective for most people.

The 24 treatments measured in the study included prescribing aspirin and beta blockers for heart patients, antibiotics for pneumonia sufferers, mammograms for older women and eye exams for diabetic patients.

Evidence had shown that states varied widely in their use of these treatments, leading the researchers to question whether states lacking effective treatments didn't spend enough on Medicare.

"The answer is no," said study author Katherine Baicker, assistant professor of economics at Dartmouth. "In fact, in the areas where we see the highest spending, if anything there's a lower use of this care."

Baicker and Amitabh Chandra, also an assistant professor of economics at Dartmouth, said they discovered that the states spending the most put those dollars into intensive, expensive care instead of more effective basic treatments.

The higher-spending states also had greater concentration of specialists. States that spent less and delivered better care tended to have more general practitioners.

The study doesn't explain why regions with more specialists delivered less effective care. Baicker said it's possible that specialists concentrate on sophisticated testing, letting the more basic and effective treatments fall through the cracks. Specialists might also spend more time treating an acute condition and less time inquiring about a patient's general health.

Panel readies for Rice testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) - Condoleezza Rice isn't the only one with a lot riding on her appearance Thursday before the Sept. 11 commission.

If panel members appear politically motivated in their questioning of the national security adviser, it could raise questions about their credibility - and the findings in their final report this summer.

Thomas H. Kean, the panel's Republican chairman, says he and Democratic vice chairman Lee Hamilton are mindful of the political overtones in a presidential election year.

They issued an edict to fellow commissioners after last week's politically charged testimony from former government counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke. The message: Leave politics out of it.

"It's a very, difficult atmosphere in a very, difficult atmosphere that is the most polarized I've ever seen, the



Condoleezza Rice

commission is trying to do a job for the American people that is to the best of our ability non-political."

Kean said in an interview. "That is enormously hard to do, but I think we can get it done and people should leave us alone."

Nolan McCarthy, a Princeton University professor of politics and public affairs, said Rice's testimony will offer a stern test for the panel.

"Partisanship is almost inevitable," he said. "There's going to be pressure from all quarters to reach specific conclusions relative to exonerating the current administration or blasting the previous administration or the

reverse. This may be the low point."

Kean, a former New Jersey governor, expressed frustration with people in Washington who he said are intent on politicizing the commission's work.

The 10-member panel, made up of five Republicans and five Democrats, was criticized by some relatives of Sept. 11 victims after two GOP commissioners sharply questioned the motivations of Clarke, who testified that President Bush hadn't considered the al-Qaida threat an urgent priority.

The commissioners, Fred Fielding, who served as President Reagan's legal counsel, and former Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson, received calls from the White House during Clarke's testimony, Kean said that in those calls the two were acting as go-betweens in hopes of getting Rice to testify that day.

Voters will decide fate of proposed Wal-Mart

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Voters in this Los Angeles suburb are deciding whether new jobs outweigh the loss of other businesses. Wal-Mart proposes a ballot measure to build a warehouse-sized store while skirting zoning, traffic and environmental reviews.

Inglewood's City Council last year blocked the proposed shopping center, which would include both a Wal-Mart Super-

center and other stores, prompting the company to collect more than 10,000 signatures to force the vote in the working-class community.

But Tuesday's vote is not likely to settle the debate, which has pitted religious leaders, community activists and unions against the world's largest retailer. Opponents have vowed to take legal action if the measure passes.

Nader calls for Bush impeachment

CHICAGO (AP) - Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader called Tuesday for President Bush to be impeached for "deceiving the American people night after night after night" about U.S. involvement in Iraq.

"When you plunge our country into war on a platform of fabrications and deceptions, and you bring back thousands of American soldiers who are sick,

injured or dead, and that war is unconstitutionally authorized to begin with, Mr. Bush's behavior qualifies for the high crimes and misdemeanor - impeachment clause of the Constitution," the 2000 Green Party presidential nominee said to applause from about 200 students at Columbia College Chicago.

Nader said President Clinton was impeached for "far less of an offense."

Feds look to expand drug testing

WASHINGTON (AP) - The hair, saliva and sweat of federal workers could be tested for drug use under a new government policy proposed Tuesday that eventually will set a standard for private companies.

The planned changes, long sought by the testing industry, reflect government efforts to be more precise in its drug screening and to bypass attempts to cheat on urine-based tests. The testing of hair, saliva and sweat will not be required, but would

be available as an option to government agencies that screen workers and job applicants.

Saliva testing, done using a swab that looks much like a toothbrush but with a pad instead of bristles, is best at detecting drug use within the past one or two days.

Hair testing, in which a sample about the thickness of a shoelace is clipped at the root from the back of the head, allows detection of many drugs used as far back as 3 months.

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NATION/WORLD

BATTLE FOR FALLUJAH



U.S. Marines with the 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment take cover during a gun battle with the Iraqi insurgents outside of Fallujah, Iraq, Tuesday. Hundreds of U.S. Marines attacked several neighborhoods in the western Iraqi city of Fallujah in order to regain control of the city.

Fallujah

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a target, laying down a devastating barrage of heavy machine gun fire.
Tuesday evening, U.S. planes firing rockets destroyed four houses in two neighborhoods, witnesses said. The strike killed 26 Iraqis, including women and children, and wounded 30 others, said Rafieel-Issawi, a doctor at Fallujah General Hospital, where the casualties were taken. The deaths brought the total number of Iraqi dead on Tuesday to 34, according to the hospital's count.
During the day, U.S. forces made their deepest excursion since the siege of Fallujah began Monday. Troops in Humvees and on foot pushed into central neighborhoods, trading fire with gunmen before pulling back from the furthest points before dark, witnesses said.
Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, entrenched in the desert just outside Fallujah, battled for hours Tuesday evening with insurgents firing from houses on the city's northeastern edge.
The battle began when a foot patrol that went a few blocks into the city came under fire from a house, said Cpl. Christopher Ebert, of Forest City, N.C., who was on the patrol. He said two Marines were wounded.
Trapped in a narrow alley, unable to see the source of fire, the Marines put up red smoke to summon help, and a tank and an armored Humvee moved in. The tank battered the house with a heavy machine gun, and the patrol was extracted.
But soon afterward, guerrillas opened fire with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons on the 2nd Battalion Marines just outside the city, sending the Americans diving into the sand and sparking a battle that lasted into the night.
Troops crawled belly-down in the sand, firing and advancing across the swath of desert between them and the first line of buildings. From behind them, Abrams tanks pounded the neighborhood with shells, getting at least five houses on fire. Helicopters swirled overhead firing at any gunmen they saw.
Near the Americans, guerrilla mortars exploded, sending sand flying, and bullets whizzed over their heads.
"Insurgents usually fire and run. This time they're digging

Iraq developments

A look at major developments Tuesday in Iraq:
• Iraqi insurgents and rebellious Shiites challenged the U.S.-led occupation force on two fronts, mounting attacks in the south and fighting pitched battles with Marines in Fallujah.
• A radical Shiite cleric sought by U.S. forces said he was willing to die resisting any attempt to capture him. Aides said Muqtada al-Sadr moved from the fortress-like mosque in Kufa, where he had been holed up, to the nearby holy city of Najaf.
• Secretary of State Donald H. Rumsfeld said American military commanders in Iraq will get additional troops if they request them. About 135,000 U.S. troops now are in Iraq — "an un-

usually high level," Rumsfeld said.
• U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi met politicians, women's groups and human rights activists in his quest to help the country decide on an interim government to take power June 30. The coalition is providing security for Brahimi and his team, and U.N. officials did not know where the meetings were taking place.
• El Salvador's military said the situation in Najaf was "peaceful" and five of its 12 soldiers wounded Sunday were returning to duty. One Salvadoran soldier and one American soldier also were killed when al-Sadr supporters opened fire on a Spanish garrison during a street protest there.
Source: The Associated Press.

Bush's problems pile up in Iraq as election looms at home

By Terence Hunt Associated Press writer

Analysis

WASHINGTON — President Bush's Iraq problems are piling up as violence spreads, U.S. casualties rise and his poll numbers fall at home.
The president says he is determined to hand over political power to Iraqis by June 30, but no one knows who's going to take over in the growing chaos.
Each day brings more bad news and graphic pictures of fiery clashes that raise doubts about Bush's strategy, even among some Republican allies.
March was the second deadliest month for American forces in Iraq since Bush declared an end to major combat, and April is off to a bloody start with the heaviest fighting since the war that drove Saddam Hussein from power.
Americans accustomed to reading about attacks by Sunni insurgents in Iraq now see U.S. soldiers facing a new wave of violence from a Shiite uprising encouraged by the militant Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The escalation of fighting across two fronts conflicts with Bush's oft-repeated claims of progress.
"We have problems, there's no hiding that," Lt. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. civilian in Iraq, said Tuesday. But he said Iraq, for all its trouble, still is on the path toward democracy.
"We've got tough work there because, you see, there are terrorists there who would rather kill innocent people than allow for the advance of freedom," Bush said in a speech in El Dorado, Ark. "That's what you're seeing going on. These people hate freedom. And we love freedom. And that's where the clash occurs."

way he is handling Iraq, according to a poll released Monday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.
They are worried by the chaos, by the violence, by the costs in American blood and dollars, and they are increasingly convinced the president has no plan for making it all succeed," said Thomas Mann, a specialist on the presidency at the Brookings Institution.
"On the other hand they're not at the point of cutting and running either," Mann said. "It seems to me what's there is doubt and caution but as of yet no full scale public revolt against our military presence there."
The pillar of Bush's strategy is the June 30 transfer of power to an interim government. With the election approaching, Bush is eager to show progress in Iraq with movement toward democracy and a lessening of U.S. responsibility.
In a broader sense, Bush reasons, if democracy takes hold in Iraq, it can spread across the Middle East.
Bush is to meet in Washington late next week with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, perhaps his staunchest ally on Iraq, to review strategy.
While Bush tries to project resolve and confidence, though, even his allies are second-guessing his decisions. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has suggested extending the June 30 deadline to transfer power to an interim government. He questioned whether Iraq will be ready for self-rule in less than 90 days.
The administration is counting on the United Nations to come up with a plan but there is no agreement yet about what an Iraq governing body will look like.
Sen. John Kerry, Bush's Democratic rival, questioned the deadline Tuesday. "I think the

June 30 deadline is a fiction," he said, "and they never should have set an arbitrary deadline, which almost clearly has been affected by the election schedule in the United States of America."
Kerry said the White House was determined to get the transfer "out of the way as fast as possible without regard to the stability of Iraq."
With casualties climbing and fighting intensifying, there is growing talk about sending more troops to Iraq. If that is deemed necessary, the United States has few places to look for help. Currently there are 24,000 international troops in Iraq, compared with 135,000 American troops.
The Pentagon has been hoping for months to get more international troops deployed to lessen the burden on American forces, but has not had much success.
That could force Bush to take the politically unpopular move of calling up more reservists, already in unprecedented use because of the war in Iraq and anti-terror activity elsewhere. Or, the president could send back active duty soldiers who have already served — a move that some fear could cut into enlistment rates for war-weary soldiers opt for the civilian life.
While Kerry opposed Bush's request for \$87 billion for rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan, it's unclear how he would change the Iraq policy.
"Kerry's not proposing a dramatically different set of policies," said Mann, the Brookings analyst. "He's not proposing reducing American military presence, much less cutting and running. What he will say is George Bush made it terrible decision and has created a real mess for America and it's going to take a change in leadership to turn it around."

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in, which is the first time we've seen them do that," Ebert said.
Hundreds of Marines moved into the neighborhood, seizing buildings to use as positions against the insurgents and in some cases climbing to the rooftops. Some helicopters were hit with small arms, but not shot down.
The gunmen "use lots of hit-and-run tactics. They ambush a lot and it's more tough for us to fight that way because we don't want to injure civilians," Marine Capt. Kyle Stadford said.

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WORLD

Report: Ex-Haitian official led killings

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's interior minister was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of orchestrating the killings of several people presumed to be Aristide opponents, officials said.

The arrest of Jocelme Privert — the highest ranking official to be detained since Aristide's departure on Feb. 29 — comes as former government leaders and members of Aristide's political party complain that Haiti's interim leaders are targeting them.

Privert was accused in the mid-February killings of several suspected Aristide opponents in St. Marc, a northern port city where violence flared before the armed rebellion that pushed Aristide from power, the new government said.

Although Privert allegedly admitted to kill several people in the town, officials did not say how many people were killed, nor did they provide names of those allegedly slain.

Vote removes Lithuanian president from office

VILNIUS, Lithuania — Lawmakers narrowly ousted Lithuania's scandal-ridden president Tuesday for abuse of office, ending the Baltic state's worst political crisis since it gained independence from Moscow.

The ouster of President Rolandas Paksas Tuesday for abuse of office, ending the Baltic state's worst political crisis since it gained independence from Moscow.

The 47-year-old former stunt pilot lost three separate votes in the 141-member parliament by closer-than-expected margins.

Parliament passed all three accusations against Paksas: that he illegally arranged citizenship for one of his chief financial backers; businessman Yuri Borisov; that he divulged state secrets; and that he used his office for financial gain.

Iran promises answers on nukes by next month

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran promised to probe by mid-May that it doesn't want to build nuclear weapons, the chief U.N. nuclear inspector said Tuesday.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iranian leaders assured him they know they must cooperate with the Vienna-based nuclear watchdog. The international community has become increasingly suspicious that Tehran is hiding evidence about its nuclear program.

Gholamreza Aghazadeh, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, said at a news conference with ElBaradei that the country would voluntarily suspend its centrifuge work starting Friday. The statement was confusing because Iran announced on March 29 it had stopped building centrifuges for uranium enrichment.

World in brief

Strong quake shakes northeast Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — A powerful earthquake jolted the remote Hindu Kush mountains along Afghanistan's northeast border with Pakistan early Tuesday. Reports said at least one person was dead, and probably more.

The quake struck at 1:54 a.m. Afghan time and was felt as far away as the Pakistani city of Lahore. The U.S. Geological Survey said it had a magnitude of 6.6, while Pakistan's Seismological Center put the magnitude at 6.8.

There are casualties, but we are still trying to sort out the details," the head of the Afghan Red Crescent Society, Qarabeg Ezedyar, told The Associated Press. He would not speculate on how many.

Police also reported hearing of deaths from the quake, which was centered in Afghanistan's — Badkhash province and caused panic even in the capital, Kabul, 175 miles to the southwest.

Rwandan genocide mark 10th anniversary

KIGALI, Rwanda — For most Rwandans, the memory of genocide, rapes and murders are still fresh some 10 years after 500,000 people were hacked, shot and clubbed to death in the 100 day killing spree in this tiny central African country.

Today African leaders and U.S. and European officials in the capital, Kigali, will mark the 10th anniversary of the slaughter that began on April 7, 1994.

"It may be 10 years since the genocide began, but those of us who were here at the time shall relive the horror, the terror and the pain of the slaughter," said Verena Mukurumbwa, a shop assistant who survived the genocide.

"That is the day some of us fled our homes and began life on the run. That is the day I shall never forget."

Clinton foundation seeks cheaper AIDS services

GENEVA — Former President Bill Clinton's foundation said Tuesday that the special drug prices it has obtained for HIV/AIDS sufferers in some countries are being extended to all poor nations covered by U.N. and other partner organizations.

The U.S.-based foundation negotiated the lower prices for 16 countries in the Caribbean and Africa last year. Now, the cut-prices will be available to any country supported by UNICEF, the World Bank and the U.N.-administered Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

In developing countries other than Brazil — which provides free treatment to all HIV/AIDS sufferers — fewer than 200,000 people receive the basic antiretroviral treatments recommended by the World Health Organization, even though almost 6 million people need it.

— compiled from wire reports

China asserts control over Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — China dampened Hong Kong's hopes for full democracy Tuesday, saying the territory must get Beijing's permission before trying to change the way it selects its leaders and lawmakers.

The Chinese government's National People's Congress issued the ruling in an interpretation of the Basic Law, Hong Kong's mini-constitution. The Basic Law holds out full democracy as a goal in Hong Kong but sets no timetable.

A "locality has no fixed power," said Qiao Xiaoyang, deputy secretary-general of the NPC's Standing Committee.

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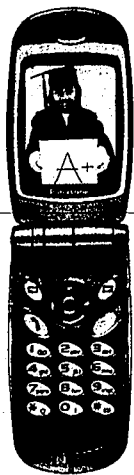
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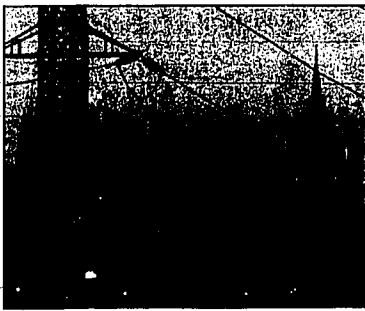
Congress wrangles over grid changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A seven-month investigation into the nation's worst blackout is putting new pressure on Congress to boost the reliability of power grids — but legislation addressing the problem remains in limbo.

Nearly eight months after all or parts of eight states and sections of Canada went dark, a U.S.-Canadian task force on Monday called for urgent approval of mandatory reliability rules to govern the electric transmission industry.

Many of the voluntary rules, managed by a private, industry-sponsored group, were largely ignored by the Ohio power company and others whose failures led to the blackout, the task force said in a 228-page report.

Most of the causes for the massive outage that cascaded from Michigan to New York on Aug. 14, 2003, were detailed in a preliminary report last November. On Monday the task force issued 46 recommendations, the first of which was to "make reliability standards mandatory and enforceable with penalties for noncompliance."



The power was out in most of New York City Aug. 15, 2003. AP photo

It's something the White House, a bipartisan array of lawmakers and industry representatives demanded within days after the lights went out last summer.

However, provisions to establish mandatory rules on the electricity industry, along with

measures to make it easier to build transmission lines, have been caught up in a partisan fight over broader energy legislation.

As the task force report was being released Monday, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., took another stab at trying to get his

energy bill out of the Senate, announcing he would attach it to a popular jobs bill.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, also cited the blackout findings as a fresh reason to pass energy legislation. But Barton also has said he won't go along with an energy bill that doesn't provide liability protection to the makers of a gasoline additive, MTBE. That issue helped kill the energy bill — and its electricity section — late last year.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., whose state was hit by the blackout, has argued for a stand-alone electricity bill for months.

"Each day this legislation is not considered is another day consumers remain unnecessarily at risk of another blackout," Dingell said after Monday's report was released.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., co-sponsor of a separate bill that would address only electricity matters, said,

"There's no good reason (for) letting this legislation get stuck in a political quagmire" of the broader energy bill.

Questions arise over altering CPR method

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bystanders who want to help a heart attack victim are increasingly being told by 911 dispatchers to skip the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and concentrate on giving chest compressions until medical help arrives.

Driven by medical surveys and continued public resistance to giving mouth-to-mouth, emergency medical groups across the country have either changed or are considering changing the traditional instructions given over the phone to untrained individuals helping a heart attack victim.

"If someone is going to do nothing because they are apprehensive about doing mouth-to-mouth, it is simple to tell them to find the middle of the chest and start pressing," said Dr. David Wald, a physician in the

Department of Emergency Medicine at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. "That is better than nothing."

The reasoning is simple: A heart attack victim's chance of survival drops about 10 percent for every minute he or she does not get some type of help. Giving an untrained person instructions on performing mouth-to-mouth wastes more of those precious minutes, but it is relatively easy to tell someone how to properly do chest compressions.

The changes are only for victims over age 18 whose hearts have suddenly stopped. Children and those who have stopped breathing because of such things as drug overdoses, drowning, carbon monoxide poisoning or allergic reactions still require mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Eastern horizons

On the Oregon Trail in Idaho Thursday in The Times-News

Feds lay groundwork for pornography trials

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — Lam Nguyen's job is to sit for hours in a chilly, quiet room devoid of any color but gray and look at pornography. This job, which Nguyen does earnestly from 9 to 5 surrounded by half a dozen other "computer forensic specialists," has become the focal point of the Justice Department's operation to rid the nation of porn.

Here in this field office in Washington, 32 prosecutors, investigators and a handful of FBI agents detailed to the task are spending millions of dollars to bring obscenity cases to trial for the first time in 10 years. Nothing is off limits, they warn, even soft-core cable television programs — such as HBO's long-running "Real Sex" or the adult movies offered in guestrooms of hotels.

Department officials say they will succeed in sending "ripples" through an industry that has proliferated on the Internet and grown into an estimated \$10 billion-a-year colossus, profiting even Fortune 500 corporations such as Comcast, which offers hard-core movies on a pay-per-view channel.

Justice recently hired anti-porn icon Bruce Taylor, who unsuccessfully represented the

state in a 1991 case, Larry Flynt vs. Ohio, and boasts of a handful of convictions the department has obtained over the past year.

Flynt says everyone in the business is wary, making sure their taxes are paid and the "talent" is over 18. He says he's ready for a rematch, especially with Taylor.

"Everyone's concerned," Flynt said. "We deal in plain old vanilla sex. Nothing really outrageous. But who knows, they may want a big target like myself."

A recent episode of Showtime's "Family Business," a reality show about Adam Glasser, a California porn star and entrepreneur, had him worrying about shipping his material to states more apt to prosecute. It also featured him organizing a pornographic Internet telethon to raise money for the targets of prosecution.

Drew Oosterbaan, chief of the division in charge of obscenity prosecutions at Justice, says officials are trying to send a message and halt an industry they see as growing increasingly lawless.

"We want to do everything we can to deter this conduct," both on the part of producers and consumers, Oosterbaan said. "Nothing is off the table as far as content."

Ohio woman faces fine over false lottery claim

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — A woman who claimed that she bought and lost a \$162 million lottery ticket was found guilty Tuesday of filing a false police report. She was fined \$1,000 and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service.

Elecia Battle, 40, of Cleveland, pleaded guilty to "pay \$5,596.71 in restitution for police overtime, security and other costs related to the case."

Battle reached an agreement with prosecutors that called for her to plead no contest to the misdemeanor charge with the understanding that she would be found guilty. She could have gotten six months in jail.

"I can move on with my life," Battle said after the sentencing. Shortly after a Dec. 30 lottery

drawing, Battle filed a police report saying she had bought the winning ticket but lost it. A few days later, another woman produced the winning ticket and claimed the jackpot.

Battle sued to block payment but later dropped her lawsuit and tearfully apologized, all but admitting she made up her hard-luck story.

She pleaded no contest on Jan. 15 and was found guilty, then withdrew her plea on Feb. 12.

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Ruling backs feds in Idaho terror trial

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge has rejected arguments that the government purposely delayed filing terrorism charges until days before a University of Idaho graduate student was to have gone on trial.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge's ruling, released Tuesday, came just a week before the rescheduled trial for Sami Omar Al-Hussayen on three counts of aiding terrorism and 11 counts of visa fraud.

Lodge found no evidence that the procedures used in charging the Saudi national violated his rights or the principals of justice.

Spokeswoman Jean McNeill said the U.S. Attorney's office would have no comment on the decision. Defense attorney David Nevin also had no comment.

Al-Hussayen, who has denied all wrongdoing, maintained that witnesses that once could have helped his case are now unavailable for the April 13 trial.

EXPOSED TREASURE



Children from Noah's Ark daycare scramble for Easter eggs during a hunt Tuesday at Mountain States Pecan in Roswell, N.M.

EPA seeks major fines from mining company

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The federal Environmental Protection Agency is seeking \$100 million in civil fines and clean-up costs from a northern Idaho mine owner whose property they say is gushing toxic chemicals into the environment.

A complaint was filed last month in U.S. District Court in Boise against Bob Hopper and Placer Mining Corp., doing business as the New Bunker Hill Mining Co. in Kellogg.

John Iani, a regional EPA administrator, said the government should not have to pay the environmental clean-up costs for Hopper's mine.

"No other operating mine in the country has been able to shift costs onto taxpayers this way," Iani said Monday.

Hopper, a former Nevada miner, bought the defunct Bunker Hill mine in 1991. It was once one of the world's biggest lead and zinc operations.

Burglar answers victim's phone

RIVERDALE, Utah (AP) — An alleged cookie-snatching burglar just couldn't help answering the phone at the victim's home — twice.

Police Detective Kevin Fuller said a 23-year-old Roy man broke into a Riverdale home Friday afternoon, and is suspected of stealing a power drill and cookies.

The man's undoing came when he answered the phone when it rang.

The caller, the homeowner's daughter, immediately hung up and called her mother to tell her someone was in the house.

Then her mother called, and the man not only answered again but identified himself as the man she kicked out of the house the previous night.

Police, who took the man into custody as he was walking in the neighborhood, did not know why he was asked to leave the house on Thursday.

Two more Utah men plead in fraud case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two more Utah men have pleaded guilty to charges in a fraud case that cost the government millions of dollars in tax revenue.

Michael Behunin, of Sandy, entered his plea Tuesday to a felony charge of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and to defraud the Internal Revenue Service in making a fraudulent trust scheme, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a release.

David J. Orr, of West Valley City, pleaded guilty to the same charges Monday. Last month, Todd Cannon, of Orem, was the first to enter his plea to the government's charges.

Also charged in the fraudulent scheme are Lanny R. White, of Orem, and Max C. Lloyd, of Sandy, who await trial.

Prosecutors say that from 1993 to 2002 the men allegedly marketed, promoted and sold a fraudulent trust scheme to clients through seminars, promotional materials and letters.

The defendants claimed their trust scheme would eliminate or reduce individuals' income tax liability, according to the indictment.

The indictments allege the group claimed clients would reduce income-tax liability by putting assets in trusts.

Ex-justice switches careers

BOISE (AP) — Former Supreme Court Justice Garby Sliak is taking a new job as president and chief executive of the Idaho Community Foundation.

The philanthropic organization awards grants to community centers such as the downtown Discovery Center.

The foundation announced that Sliak will take over for current President Alice Hennessey, who retires June 1.

"I've always been very interested in serving the public and the communities throughout

Idaho," said Sliak, the first woman appointed to an appellate judgeship in Idaho's history.

Sliak was appointed by then Gov. Cecil Andrus to a vacancy on the Idaho Court of Appeals in 1990 and was elected to the position in 1992.

Andrus appointed her again in 1993 to the Supreme Court and she was elected to a six-year term in 1994. Sliak was defeated in 2000 by District Judge Dan Eismann, becoming the first incumbent justice to be rejected by voters in 56 years.

Governor selects running mate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov. Olene Walker on Tuesday announced that current Lt. Gov. Gayle McKeachnie will be her running mate in her bid for a full term.

Walker hailed McKeachnie's understanding of constitutional, water, energy and public land issues as "unexcelled."

"I think it will make a difference to every county in this

state" that McKeachnie is her running mate, she said.

McKeachnie thanked Walker for her praise.

"It's not often you get to hear your funeral speech before your term," he joked during a press conference at the governor's new temporary office in the State Office Building, a move necessitated by remodeling work at the Capitol.

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Tavern spreads itself around

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Students and alumni swash in heavy nostalgia may now own a chunk of a favorite tavern near the University of Missouri at Columbia that burned down last summer.

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L.M. BOYD

A British humorist named Miles Mint wrote his own epitaph. Soon needed thereafter, it was engraved on stone, and can now be seen in a cemetery near Surrey, England: "I am not feeling fine ... I am not feeling stronger ... In Mint condition ... I am no longer."

Q. Do mountain goats have twins?
A. Not insofar as is known. Deer do, though.

There's a Lions Club in Ndola, Zambia.

I told my editor that giraffes become vulnerable to attack when they drink water, and she said let them drink beer.

Those who live by the sea say they've learned crabs tend to go where crab shells have been dumped. On one reef purposely

seeded with shells, the crab count multiplied quickly and greatly.

Medieval rumormongers bruted about the whimsy that alchemists could make poison from the fat of red-haired people.

Your nose was 30-percent grown when you were 13, if you're female, or 15, if you're male. So say the medicals.

A bumbling fellow stumbles into a beehive and leaps for escape into a nearby pond. That's a cartoonist's scenario. In real life, though, the nearby pond leap is the wrong thing to do. Those bees hang around whatever's nearby. For many hours. Experts say, Go fast and far.

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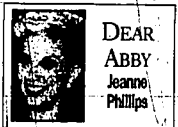
MORNING BREAK

Most men enjoy the pursuit

DEAR ABBY: When I date a man, I wine and dine him with gifts and candlelight dinners, but they never seem to be appreciated. Not only that, none of them ever do anything for me. I am always being stood up, heartbroken, used or taken advantage of.

What am I doing wrong? What do men want or look for in a woman? Also, should I be dating men who are separated?
 - LONELY AND CONFUSED, COLUMBIA, MD

DEAR LONELY: You're giving too much, too soon. Most men want a challenge and enjoy the thrill of pursuit. If you take that away from them, they take you for granted.



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

Men who are separated are still married. Moreover, they are just coming out of a bad experience. Unless your idea of a pleasant evening is hand-holding and commiserating, a good rule of thumb is to look for someone who hasn't recently been burned.

DEAR ABBY: I need some love advice. I'm scared of making a commitment to the man of my dreams. He's my sister's ex-husband.

I always knew I liked him, but now I know I love him. He and my sister were married for a year and a half, and they have been divorced for three years. I have three small children and am currently in the middle of a divorce myself. Can I break the unwritten rule about not dating the exes of your sisters or girlfriends and still feel like a good human being?

- CONFUSED N CONNECTICUT

DEAR CONFUSED: Much depends on the degree of bitterness in the failure of your sister's marriage. Are they emotionally as well as legally divorced? Were their children involved? How mature is everyone involved? If the answers to my questions are: no, yes, and not very - accept that a union with this man will cause World War III in your family and be prepared to pay the price, which will be a bitter rift.

DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away after a long struggle with breast cancer. She lived in our home; we were her caregivers, and her absence is mourned every day.

My problem is my mother's family. I have called and written to them, but have had little response.

My 90-year-old grandmother came to our home a few weeks after Mom died and went from room to room taking inventory of things she wanted her "boys" to have. She then called and gave me an additional list of "family" items she wanted for sentimental reasons. I know there is more to it than sentiment. My mother had these things for 40 years, but for some reason, it's not OK for me - her adopted daughter - to keep them.

I realize they were only "things," but my hurt is palpable.

I knew I was adopted, but it took my grandmother to make me realize that in her eyes adoption means "unworthy." Any advice would be appreciated.

- FEELING UNWORTHY IN TEXAS

DEAR FEELING UNWORTHY: Your grandmother's behavior is appalling. Has she always been this way, or could she be suffering from dementia?

If she has all her marbles, then please note that the items your mother brought to your home were hers regardless of who covets them - and cannot be removed without your permission. Did your mother have a will? Did she have an attorney? Please discuss this with a lawyer - and if necessary, a grief counselor to help you during this difficult period. You have my sympathy for the loss of both your mother and your illusions about the people you considered to be your family.

Leo might be ready to break out

IF APRIL 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are fairly happy with the status quo and feel a sense of satisfaction that you have transformed your life successfully. Minor setbacks in the months-ahead will be weathered gracefully, as you have developed a philosophy that permanently strengthens your ability to cope with pressure.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You are becoming more intent on making certain things in your life permanent, and your

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dreams are coming more into focus.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Sometimes friendships seem to get stale; when they do, it is time to find new connections. As your interests change, you could attract additional people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

You can talk over future plans and marital or family problems today; keep the communications clear and succinct.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Recent conflicts may leave you feeling drained but also create an urge to seek new horizons. You may also have a determination to break away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Experimenting with different perspectives and alternate lifestyles may pique your interest. New goals or concerns

could cost you money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The decision to not make a decision is often the wisest choice. Seeking input from others often brings clarity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A sense of rebellion may be growing in reaction to the strict and subjective tone of partners. You may be tempted to follow through on shocking concepts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Prepare yourself for strong and important "insights" into building your financial status through intense work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Be prepared for changes in plans. Mates require companionship and dislike being alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Some people may deliberately try to outrage your sense of decorum, or you may shock people at work with inappropriate comments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "Don't fence me in" may be your theme song where social matters are concerned this week.

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EDITORIAL

Let developers pay costs of Crossroads sewer line

It doesn't take a soothsayer to see the corridors connecting Jerome and Twin Falls are destined for development.

Predicting growth is easy. Paying for it is another matter.

Twin Falls city, county and business leaders are partially justified in their concerns that federal tax dollars are being spent to enhance the Crossroads Point project.

Crossroads is a multipurpose development proposed for the northwest corner of the Interstate 84/U.S. 93 interchange.

But only retail jobs are in sight at this point. So it may be premature to subsidize the project with federal grants designed to promote broad economic expansion.

City of Jerome and Jerome County officials have a big vision for Crossroads. In addition to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's plan to build a 25-bed hospital, regional-agencies-hope-retail, manufacturing and high-tech employers will locate there.

With those expectations Jerome is applying for a \$2.7 million federal grant. The money from the Economic Development Administration, would extend sewer lines into the area.

Once those services are in place, leaders say the region could capitalize on the presence of a high-performance data link near Jerome Butte to attract high-tech employers. Economic leaders on the north side of the canyon are marketing the area as the Southern Idaho Telecom Corridor.

The project has some significant positives. A new facility for St. Benedict's, which is associated with St. Alphonsus in Boise and Trinity Health Care, would enhance health-care choices. Development of infrastructure by landowner Arlen Couch will be a positive step.

The freeway junction is obviously a juicy spot for retailing. Eventually, some "big box" retailers are likely to head to the area. Meanwhile,

AT&T's installation of its broadband data link could entice tech firms to the Jerome Butte just east of Highway 93.

But the grant itself has some problems. There's something disingenuous about promoting the project as a boon to manufacturing growth, when no manufacturing employers are lined up. EDA grants are based strictly on concrete expectations of real jobs. So far, the only jobs in the picture are in retailing.

Twin Falls retailers worry that the project would shift consumers and workers across the canyon. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has an ongoing effort to derail the St. Ben's project.

The problem with the project, however, isn't competition. The problem is the unfair and ill-sited attempt to use a taxpayer-funded grant to build a retail hub. Crossroads Point should grow through private funding, not federal tax dollars - part of which come from Twin Falls taxpayers.

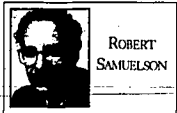
Twin Falls leaders and Magic Valley Regional officials need to recognize that they cannot prevent the eventual development of Crossroads Point. So Twin Falls leaders should consider their potential role in the development and whether it merits the possibility of annexation into Twin Falls.

If sewer extensions are the last piece of the puzzle for the project, Twin Falls' treatment plant could be the most logical fit. It's downhill from Crossroads, so the lines could go directly to the station. Jerome's treatment plant is uphill and would require a lift station.

We know the idea of annexation could be controversial. The site is a priceless plot of land in Jerome County. But if bringing manufacturing and tech jobs to the benefit of the region is the ultimate goal, it's worth asking how Twin Falls and its resources could be a part of it.

It takes the worst to spark political action

Unless you're a complete innocent, you must sense an air of unreality to the furor caused by Richard Clarke's accusations that the Bush administration didn't take terrorism seriously enough until Sept. 11. Washington storytelling is often an exercise in special effects. It creates drama and controversy by exaggerating villainy, incompetence, heroism and brilliance. As in the movies, we think we see things that didn't actually happen. The effects occur only by denying truths that, if admitted, would spoil the drama.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

One truth is that government often operates by crisis. People do hard things only when forced by events. A superb example is the aging of baby boomers. As is well known, the over-65 population will double between now and 2030. With Social Security, Medicare and other retiree programs representing about two-fifths of the federal budget, this aging threatens the following huge spending increases: big tax increases; larger deficits; or - to minimize those problems - significant cuts in retiree benefits or other spending. Faced with these realities, what have successive presidents and Congresses done? Absolutely nothing.

Here's the connection with terrorism: Ever when problems are widely understood, pragmatic politicians avoid unpopular measures. So it was with terrorism, though with more excuses. The facts there weren't well known (the terrorists weren't telling us their plans). Ordinary Americans and foreign policy "experts" alike thought the threat or what might be done to oppose it: Only Sept. 11 awakened us.

Until recently, this commonsense appraisal seemed to describe the prevailing views of the public, the media and most politicians. Clarke changed that. The American controversy rests on the unspoken notion that, if only the Bush administration



there the remotest chance that it would have prevented 9/11" asked former Sen. Slade Gorton, a member of the 9/11 Commission.

"No," said Clarke (an exchange pointed out by The Wall Street Journal). The 9/11 conspirators were already in the country; the FBI hadn't detected the plot. Experience since Sept. 11 confirms that great aggressiveiveness doesn't always suffice. Osama bin Laden remains at large. Heightened intelligence didn't avert the Madrid bombing.

Politically, perhaps one side or the other will ultimately benefit from the rotating glorification and vilification of Clarke. But that hasn't happened yet. A recent opinion poll from the Pew Research Center finds that the Clarke affair has had little impact on President Bush's support among voters. People may instinctively judge the controversy is contrived.

Whoever wins in November must face the larger dilemma of American democracy. Government can adopt painful policies only with public support. But that materializes only if most Americans believe that the problem being addressed is real and worth the requested sacrifices - in money, inconvenience or lives. Sadly, what it

often takes to convince the public is to suffer the very problem we're trying to avoid. The solution to the dilemma proposed sanctimoniously by scholars and pundits is "leadership."

Sounds simple, but it's risky in practice, as Bush has shown. In Iraq, he offered just such leadership. Believing Saddam had weapons of mass destruction - but not knowing for certain - he presented the strongest case possible to the public or (to critics) deliberately overstated the case. Now, he's suffering a backlash because the weapons haven't materialized.

Political hazards explain why presidents are usually unwilling to get too far ahead of public opinion or even to lead it. We think we control our destiny when we've often conceded it to chance and crisis. Clarke resisted that before Sept. 11, a basic problem in strengthening anti-terrorist programs was that "we were not able to point to - and I hate to say this - body bags. You know, unfortunately, this country's recruited body bags sometimes to make really tough decisions."

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTERS

Critic of Democrats needs to open her eyes

Let's see, Emma Robinson of Hagerman thinks that Democrats hate pickup trucks and chives. America's current government, Jeez, if she's right, that means I have been wrong all these years.

Maybe she would like to come and spend a day on our ranch. She could live around in our best up 1991 made-in-America pickup truck and we could talk about ranch stuff while we check to see if any of the cows have calved. Who knows, perhaps she will see a mama cow eat its afterbirth; that's always pleasant. We could talk about how the 1996 Freedom to Farm Bill, supported by the Republicans, almost destroyed every farmer on the Dietrich tract. Or we could discuss the Country of Origin Labeling bill that would have put "Made in America" labels on meat.

Republicans sided with multinational corporations on this issue. It's clear to me Republicans don't want people to know that it's Americans who produce the best quality meat in the world. Maybe we could talk about the abject poverty in this county and how I prevent families from buying even basic health insurance which, because of unfounded mandates sent down from the state-house's Republican Legislature,

puts a greater financial burden on the counties.

We might even see a few of our senior citizens and chat about how they have worked all their lives only to find themselves without enough money to buy the prescription drug they need or pay their power bills and taxes and still have enough money left to buy food. I'm not a cowboy, but I do consider myself a cardswoman and, more importantly, a life-long Democrat. Sadly enough, gross generalizations, stereotyping and the politics of fear have become the mainstay of the Republican Party. It's unfortunate that anyone would buy into its torrid rhetoric.

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Democrats' history is for caring of the poor

Ignorance in the Magic Valley keeps low wages, prejudice and unemployment at a record high. Ignorance like that of Emma Robinson is all too common in my former home of the Magic Valley. I read Emma's letter and thought that I'd respond because the reason I left the Magic Valley is because there are too many Emmas and not enough compassionate, intelligent folk who are trying to make Idaho a better place for everyone.

The Democratic Party has a long history of caring for the

poor, workers on farms and in factories, elderly, people of color, college students - the list goes on and on. I was a Republican, now I am a Democrat. Why did I change? Because I talked in party meetings and I heard statements of greed, prejudice and ignorance. I could not remain in a party that has so many voices of hate - like Emma Robinson's.

If every resident of the Magic Valley took time to look into the voting records of most of our state's Republican legislators, they'd find that it is the conservative wing of the Republican Party that cares the least about others. The moderate Republicans and the Democrats in the Statehouse are the leaders demonstrating the most concern for every Idahoan.

Jesus said to love others as much as you love yourself. All of us fall far short of that kind of love. Part of learning to love others is taking time to get to know those who are different from ourselves. I want Emma to know that the American flag is flying at my house in Nampa, my Mexican-American mother isn't going to vote for George W. Bush, and most of my poor relatives don't vote for anyone but Jesus in the best example I have to live an abundant life. I follow his example to the best of my ability. And at this moment in time, the Republican Party is the most like the Phar-

ises of old Palestine. We need to chastise those who try to hold on to power to further their aims of greed. We need to work at finding out the truth - not just what our itching ears want to hear.

Emma, please join with me in spending more time building a world where everyone is respected and cared for. Join me in helping to build the Democratic Party in Idaho.

DELMAR STONE
Nampa
(Editor's note: Delmar Stone was born and raised in the Magic Valley. He graduated from Minico High School in 1967 and now is a social worker in the Treasure Valley.)

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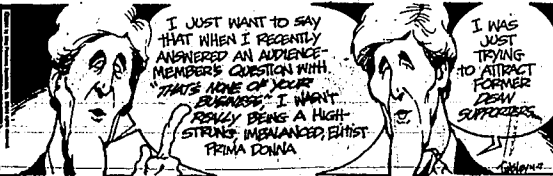
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LETTERS

Getting in touch

Jerome's prosperity threatens Twin Falls

Twin Falls has been picking on Jerome for many years. Not long ago, they shook hands in the middle of the Perrine Bridge and said they would be good neighbors. Now they have really done it. They have stopped two grants that took 2 1/2 years to get. These two grants would create somewhere between 1,000 and 1,500 jobs. One of the grants would have built the new fiber optic line to the College of Southern Idaho. This is all caused by the directors of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls County commissioners and the city of Twin Falls mayor and council.

And then they want us to use their hospital, buy at their stores and follow their rules. RALPH PETERS Jerome

Preserve memories of Boulder-White Clouds

The Boulder-White Clouds have drawn me near for most of my life. As a native of the Magic Valley, this unique area has been on the top of my list of places to hike and explore. Photograph the scenery, show off to out-of-state visitors, and claim with pride as part of Idaho. Wilderness is extremely important to me and to my family and friends. Some things are improved by change, but nothing can make wild places better

than just leaving them be. While looking at my 1987 photo album recently, I recalled a great trip with friends up Chamberlain Creek and to the White Clouds Chamberlain Lakes Basin. Observing mountain goats across the basin was a bonus. A few years later, friends from Indiana came to see what Idaho had to offer in the way of mountain grandeur. We climbed Mount Borah one day, and the next day we backpacked into Chamberlain Lakes. The entire area was ours alone; it felt like our private, secret place. The "flat-landers" scrambled to the top of Castle Peak while my husband and I fished in one of the lakes. I caught the most beautiful wild cutthroat trout of my lifetime. It was such a peaceful experience

that I released the grand fish back into its water home. We still talk about that trip, and the photos in our scrapbook remind us of that time. I worry that if the Boulder-White Clouds wilderness proposal is not supported, my grandchildren and other future generations will never witness the pristine, calm part of Idaho that I have sometimes taken for granted. As this world becomes more populated, it is more critical that people have quality space to get in touch with the natural world, free of development. Just knowing that there is a place of unaltered solitude and beauty such as the Boulder-White Clouds is priceless. PHYLLIS KOCHERT Gooding

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Iraq requires tough, calm response

The killing of four U.S. security contract employees in Fallujah on Thursday was an act of guerrilla warfare. Burning their bodies and hanging them from a bridge was sheer guerrilla theater.

There is now a suspenseful silence throughout the Middle East. The Americans will write the next act, and people are waiting to see what it looks like.

American pro-consul Paul Bremer spoke the first line, denouncing the Fallujah lynch mob as "ghouls" and "jackals."

This was the wrong note. The massacre may have been spontaneous, but it was not mindless. It was a display of uninhibited inhumanity intended to frighten off rational enemies.

Bremer's emotional reaction played right into that. After all, who wants to fight against ghouls and jackals?

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmit's response was much better. In a press briefing he announced that the U.S. would unleash an overwhelming but targeted counterattack.

"We will kill them, or we will capture them," Kimmit said. These are the right words, and more important, they were delivered in the right tone. The Arabs watch Western movies, too. They know what happens when Clint Eastwood narrows his eyes and lowers his voice.

Of course Kimmit is only a deputy. The real sheriff is President Bush. After Fallujah, he reiterated his determination not to cut and run. But after a generation of flight from weak

ZEV CHAFETS

enemies in Saigon, Beirut and Somalia, American Presidents are not necessarily taken at their word. Bush has demonstrated that he is willing to change a regime by force. He has yet to prove that he is willing to maintain one that way.

That can't be shown in a single operation. The Marines will undoubtedly go into Fallujah, find some of the killers and deal with them.

That matters. What matters more is how it is presented. The right way is with a shrug. Did we get these guys? Sure, what did you expect? Ghouls? Jackals? Naw, they're just a bunch of street thugs. They have no chance up against real soldiers.

This sort of dismissive attitude is intentionally insulting. It is also crucial to winning at guerrilla theater - in Iraq and on every other front in the jihad.

The Muslim world suffers from low self-esteem, and properly so. It is a collection of failed states and unproductive societies that glorify their distant past because they haven't accomplished anything of importance in 1,000 years.

Since contemporary Islamic political science usually rejects the concept of personal responsibility, this state of affairs must be the fault of someone else.

The Crusaders, the Ottoman Turks, the European colonial-

ists, the Zionists, the Americans - any or all are to blame for the poverty, misery and backwardness of the House of Islam.

The jihad, from Fallujah to the Philippines, draws its inspiration from this sense of grievance. The stolen birthright must be restored by the fervor and force of young martyrs. With God on their side, they cannot fail.

The thing is, deep down most Middle Easterners only half believe this, or don't believe it at all.

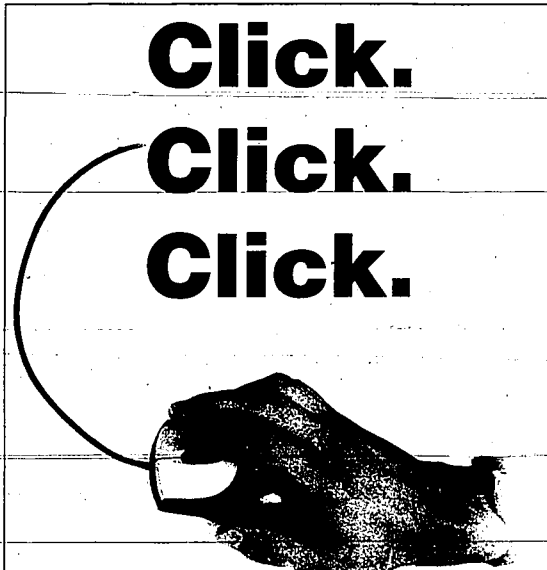
They understand that beyond the bombast and the bravado they are weak and getting weaker. Shows of ferocity are all they have left to boost their own morale and - if they are sufficiently bloodcurdling - to scare away the enemy.

When America loses its cool over a theatrical spasm of violence, it feeds this strategy, convincing guerrillas and their audience that the U.S. can be fooled and intimidated. That is very much the wrong message.

Talibahis must not only be killed and captured, they must be deflated, made to feel - and look - small and silly.

In guerrilla theater, when it is successfully conducted, a calm self-possession can be worth a battalion of Marines.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the New York Daily News.



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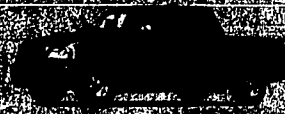
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Center escapee turns himself in

TWIN FALLS - A man who worked away from the Twin Falls Community Work Center in December turned himself in Monday.

James Richard Novosel, 43, surrendered to a probation and parole officer after contacting the District 5 Probation and Parole Office in Twin Falls, according to a news release issued by the Department of Correction. He was taken into custody without incident at 11:40 a.m.

Novosel was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Tuesday on one count of escape, a felony. He was being held in the Twin Falls County Jail.

His preliminary hearing was set for April 16. Bond was set at \$100,000.

In October, a Blaine County judge sentenced Novosel to three to four years' imprisonment for drug trafficking.

Poets will read as part of history series

TWIN FALLS - The third annual Magic Valley Reads project - which this year honors the city's 100th birthday - is midway through its series of free, public events on Wednesday evenings.

The third one is tonight. "Poetry and Poets of Twin Falls" is set for 7 p.m. at The Lamphouse Theatre in Old Towne Twin Falls.

Don't be afraid to attend even if you haven't read any local poetry.

Moderator Jim Irons - a College of Southern Idaho English professor - and poets David West, Mark Brown, Terra Lloyd, Nathan Barse and Whitney Smith will read aloud from their own work and those of their favorite fellow poets.

Expect to hear a variety of styles from "six very different poets," Irons said earlier.

Though four of the six teach at CSI, and the other two are former CSI poetry students, they're not "academic" poets, Irons said. Listeners can relate easily to their verses.

"It won't be any stuffy, ivory-tower poetry," he said. Poetry "doesn't have to be difficult to be good. So I think people will understand it and enjoy it."

Running with Fido?

TWIN FALLS - Are you a recreational runner? Do you take your dog along?

The Times-News is preparing an article about running with your dog, and would like to talk with readers who enjoy that practice. If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

Hospital offers class for new parents

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering a program for new parents.

NaParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent/child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group, according to a news release.

NaParent is designed to meet the needs of parents who voluntarily seek to be the best parent they can be through the support of parent education resources," said Susan Beck, the instructor for the series of classes.

Topics to be covered include health and safety, parenting styles, nurturing, playing and guiding your baby, and infant massage.

NaParent classes will held from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning April 13 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension Fireside Room, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Cost for the classes is \$25. Registration is required. To sign up, call 737-2166.

- compiled from staff reports

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Judge will join Hailey firm

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

GOODING - Calling all attorneys.

After nine years on the bench, 5th District Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy is leaving his position to take a job with a law firm.

"Three weeks ago Keith Roark gave me a call and invited me to join his law firm," Cassidy said Tuesday. "We chatted through it.

I did some soul searching. After nine years, I was ready for a new challenge."

Cassidy's last day as a judge will be June 30, and he will take his place again among attorneys on July 1.

"I'll be practicing with one of the best law firms in the state of Idaho," he said. "I'm scared as hell. Anyone in their right mind would be."

As he prepares for his new position, court employees will

prepare to find his replacement. Whoever the candidates are, they may have to be prepared to follow in Cassidy's far-ranging footsteps.

"He's a great guy to work with," said Linda Wright, trial court administrator. "He travels a lot for me. He never turns me down."

Judges who work in smaller counties - Cassidy is based in Gooding - are often called upon to preside over cases in other areas, Wright said. Cassidy regu-

larly travels to Cassia, Twin Falls and Jerome counties to hear cases or to fill in for judges who have recused themselves from cases.

The Idaho Supreme Court will send out notifications this month to all attorneys in Idaho, informing them of the opportunity to apply for the vacancy.

Then, the Magistrate Commission of the 5th District will convene to sort through resumes, interview candidates

and finally, make a selection.

The commission is made up of county commissioners, mayors, attorneys, a magistrate judge and two citizens at large. It is chaired by 5th District Administrative Judge Barry Wood.

It could be a two-month process to fill the vacancy, Wright added.

Cassidy, 46, was appointed to the magistrate bench in 1995 after serving as a deputy state attorney general.

NEW IN OLD TOWNE



Gary Yetz, of Third Generation Painting of Twin Falls, paints a wood panel on the former Gem State Paper & Supply warehouse, which was built in 1918 or 1919, in Old Towne Twin Falls. Law, accounting and other financial-planning firms now occupy the building.

Gooding's new chief starts work

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - In front of a small audience and City Council members Monday night, Mayor Herb Stroud appointed Jeffrey D. Perry as Gooding's new chief of police.

Perry, who comes from Wilder, where he has served as police chief since 2000, officially started his duties on Tuesday. He fills the job recently held by Paul Brown, who was not rehired by the council in January. Officer Rick Cowen has served as interim police chief.

For several months council members weighed options regarding the city's law enforcement agency that included contracting with the county sheriff's department for police services. A survey that showed 63 percent of those responding wanted to retain a city police department and police chief contributed to the

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Some Rupert residents pay in pennies to protest rate hikes

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - About 30 people protesting electric utility issues disrupted a City Hall Tuesday afternoon for almost an hour as they attempted to pay their city utility bills with pennies.

"We're happy to accept your pennies, but they will have to be wrapped," City Clerk Linda Price told the gathered crowd. "That's just courtesy."

Of the three residents who attempted to pay with pennies, two brought containers with loose coins which they were told to take home and roll before they would be accepted. Carol Henschel arrived with rolled pennies in a wheelbarrow.

"I had to go to three banks this morning to get all of these," Henschel said.

"We're scraping up every last penny to pay these outrageous bills," stated a flyer handed out by Lucille Valdez, an organizer for Idaho Community Action Network, which orchestrated the protest.

City employees knew nothing about the protest until minutes before it began at 1:15 p.m. About 10 city employees, including Mayor Audrey Neiwirth, were tied up talking and listening to the protesters.

"It caused a lot of work for people who have nothing to do with setting the policy," Deputy



Rupert resident Guillemina Ramirez attempts to pay her city utility bill in pennies Tuesday as part of a protest organized by Lucille Valdez, left, and officials with the Idaho Community Action Network.

Clerk Annie Phillips said.

Organizers and residents read prepared statements contending the city's rates and fees are unfair and accused the city of changing more than necessary and hiding information. They read through a list of documents which they demanded the city provide to them.

Price said the city will be happy to provide access to public documents and furnished the necessary request forms.

"Ma'am, you are not being treated with respect or dignity," Neiwirth said when one of the organizers asked why the city was treating its residents without respect. "We are not

hiding anything. All our expenses are justified."

"Sometimes people have to find their own resources," Neiwirth said in response to an organizer's demand for increased city resources for the poor.

Many protesters shared their personal experiences related to city utilities, arguing that late fees and reconnection charges are too high, or simply that their utility bills are more than they can afford.

Price fielded most of the questions, pointing out that each case is different and that the city is willing to deal with individual complaints.

County looks to save jail costs

Sheriff suggests arranging medical care on-site

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office figures it could shave about \$200,000 a year from the county's indigent fund by making a few changes when it comes to health care for inmates.

Sheriff Wayne Tousey Tuesday spoke with county commissioners about contracting with a dentist and physician to provide services at the jail.

It would require the county to spend about \$18,745 to put dental equipment at the jail.

"That's the way most jails do it - to have it on site," Tousey said. He said it would save money in the long run, not only in having a set fee for the dentist and physician, but by saving dollars in transportation costs and overtime by not having to send deputies with inmates to dentist appointments outside the jail. One appointment can take up to three hours, Tousey said.

Doctors have always provided care inside the jail, but there was never a set fee, Tousey said. The county would pay up to \$43,000 a year for a dentist and up to \$45,000 for a physician to treat inmates at the jail. The county plans to send out a request for proposals to get the best deal.

The county now spends about \$350,000 to \$400,000 annually on medical and dental care for inmates. Tousey figures contracting with a dentist and physician, and therefore setting fees, could cut that cost in half.

Commissioner Tom Miskell liked the idea.

"We can save a lot of man hours and eventually a lot of time and expense," Miskell said.

Tousey also wants to have pharmaceutical bid for the jail's pharmaceutical contract so the county can get the lowest price possible on drugs.

Also Tuesday, Tousey told commissioners his deputies are having a difficult time using county credit cards for training and training when their names aren't on the cards. Only Tousey and Undersheriff Ed Gudgeff have county credit cards with their names on them. The nine other credit cards in the sheriff's office and jail only have the name of the department. Tousey and Gudgeff's cards have \$5,000 limits, and the other

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Sun Valley Resort looks waaaayyyy down the road

Master plan for next 35 years includes gondolas and another hotel

By Susan Bailey
Wood River Journal

SUN VALLEY - This resort city has seen the future, and it looks anything but sleepy.

Gondolas whisking skiers from two new hotels in Sun Valley Village to stations at the beginner ski slopes of Dollar Mountain and the chair lift at the River Run side of Bald Mountain could be part of the Sun Valley's future, according to a new master plan.

"It's not going to happen in my lifetime," Sun Valley General Manager Wally Huffman said.

"But the city of Sun Valley wouldn't let us build anything more until we presented a vision of the future."

The master plan for more than 2,700 acres owned by Sun Valley Resort and Sinclair Oil owner Earl Holding was shown on five screens Tuesday night in the Sun Valley Inn Limestone Room, where 850 people packed the aisles. With Holding's approval,

every parcel of land was put to use with an eye on the year 2040 as the date of completion.

"We don't know if any of this will happen, of course," said Jack Sibbach, head of sales and marketing for Sun Valley Resort. "It's all market driven, and there might never be a market for the things shown."

Included in the master plan is Holding's request for construction of new home sites at a lower density than allowed by law.

"Mr. Holding doesn't want to

pack them in the way he could," Huffman said. "That's the good news for the community."

But Huffman admitted seeing plans to add 66 home sites and 140 townhouses to the empty acres around the Sun Valley Gun Club below Sun Peak was almost as much of a shock as development on parts of the Sun Valley Road horse pastures.

Fenced horse pastures on both sides of Sun Valley

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TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Recent activity in 5th District Court in the city of Twin Falls included the following:

Driving under the influence sentencing

George Roger Marth, 53, 717 Alder Blvd. driving under the influence: found guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 18 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Raymond Burr Seymour, 19, 4340 N. 2450 E. Driving under the influence: found guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 18 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Ronald El Baardta, 22, 505 W. 13 S., Burley. One count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 18 suspended; credit for three days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Zeke Darren Gibson, 33, 400 11th N. N. Bully driving under the influence: found

guilty; \$300 fine with \$100 suspended; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; 12 hours sheriff's work; 32 hours community service; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 177 suspended; credit for three days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Patricia Smith Ray, 36, 2091 14th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Driving under the influence: pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 177 suspended; credit for three days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Seth J. Mayfield, 23, 218 Main St. N. 3. One count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 180 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; 12 hours sheriff's work; one count driving without valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor Sentences

Robert Scott Henkel, 25, 415 N. Cedar. Driving under the influence: pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 30 days in jail with 178 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; 12 hours sheriff's work; 32 hours community service; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

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Cleston C. Raney - Rupert

PFCC Cleston C. Raney, 20, of Rupert, was killed March 31, 2004, while serving his country in Iraq.

Cleston was born May 20, 1983, in Twin Falls. His father is Charles Raney. He was raised by Gordon and Gloria Trivitt for many years of his short life. He attended school in Rupert and Burley High School in May 2001.

Cleston worked at Minidoka Memorial Hospital for Thomas Management in the cafeteria for a time before deciding to join the military. He joined the Army in November of 2002 and completed basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. Then began his military career as a combat engineer in Fort Riley, Kan. In April 2003, and was deployed to Iraq in September 2003 where he served proudly, bravely and with honor until the time of his death.

Cleston was an avid movie buff, as well as watching football (especially the 49ers) and basketball (especially the Bulls). He also enjoyed listening to music, and was a video game expert (Nintendo, Playstation, X-Box, you name it). He enjoyed fishing at his board games, but one of his greatest joys was beating his cousin, Gina, at pool and bowling.

Cleston is survived by his father, Charles Raney of Adelanto, Calif.; his aunt, Gloria Trivitt of Rupert; aunt Shirley and uncle Kevin Hutchison of Declo; cousin, Brandy Rose and children of



Declo; cousins, Gina Trivitt and Monica Henschel of Paul; and great-aunt, Lois Cowley and family of Now Boston, Texas.

He is predeceased in death by grandparents, Cleston and Erma Raney; Uncle Gordon Trivitt; cousin, Dustin Raney; and "Granny" Gladys Trivitt as well as numerous great aunts and uncles.

A funeral will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Hansen - Murray - Rupert - Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert, Idaho, burial will follow at Pleasantview Cemetery in Burley with full military rites. A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2004, at the mortuary.

Our family, Gloria Trivitt, Gina Trivitt, Shirley and Kevin Hutchison, Brandy Rose, Monica Henschel, and Charles Raney, would like to express our appreciation and a multitude of thanks to Governor Kempthorne and other

elected officials for their personal condolences and offered assistance during this difficult time. Captain Smith of the National Guard has been so attentive and helpful with arrangements and meeting the many needs that we make the necessary arrangements for our boy's return to his home and final resting place. Our first plane was for a small, our first plane was but as we have begun to share memories amongst ourselves we realize we would like to allow the community to pay their respects and give their condolences and we in turn would like to share with them how special Cleston was and how proud we are of him, his life and his ultimate sacrifice. Much gratitude and thanks. The Cleston Raney family.

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Patricia Smith Ray - Eugene, Ore.

Patricia Smith Ray, a native of Twin Falls died, March 26, 2004, in Eugene, Ore., after a short illness.

She was born Jan. 15, 1924, to Ralph B. and Com Mussell Smith. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in the class of 1941 and also from the University of Oregon in 1946 majoring in music.

Pat was a homemaker and an avid golfer, having made two holes-in-one. She was also an accomplished musician and piano teacher.

A funeral will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the Hansen - Murray - Rupert - Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert, Idaho. Burial will follow at Pleasantview Cemetery in Burley with full military rites. A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 9, 2004, at the mortuary.

Survivors include three sons, Donald of Kalamazoo, Mich., Sam of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Bill of Springfield, Ore.; a brother, Ralph L. Smith of Twin Falls; a sister, Dorothy McCreesh of Seattle; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister. No formal service was held but a memorial service was held at the Hansen - Murray - Rupert - Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert, Idaho, on April 10, 2004.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mozart Players in care of the funeral home, 1100 Charleston St., Eugene OR 97401.

Shirley LaRae Arriaga - Hagerman

Shirley LaRae Arriaga, a 65-year-old Hagerman resident, passed away Monday, April 5, 2004, at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Shirley was born in Shoshone, Idaho, to Orville and Elaine Caster, the oldest of four children. The family moved to the Glenns territory area in 1952 and later settled in Hagerman where Shirley spent her high school years, and graduated in 1957.

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She was preceded in death by her father, Orville Caster.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. April 10, 2004, at the Hagerman American Legion Hall, catered by the Snake River Grill.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Hagerman Alumni Association, Box 495, Hagerman, ID 83332.

Lloyd L. Campbell of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2628 Whispering Pine (Patke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

William Bill A. Kimball of Vall, Ariz., formerly of Kimberly, gravestone memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery, (Patke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

SERVICES

Orla B. Baus of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Edna Luella Egner of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edwards the Confessor Catholic Church (White Mortuary).

Justin - Pat - Wynon of Shoshone, memorial service at noon today at the Shoshone LDS Church (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

Kenneth Gayle Kosman of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Viewing for family and friends from 6-9 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral.

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

Opal 'Pete' Lillian Behr of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Elmwood Cemetery at Gooding (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Margaret Payne of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary. Viewing from 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Jimmy Neil Harris of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell (White Mortuary).

G. Lavon Bowcut, funeral service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hatley LDS Chapel. Friends may call at the church one hour before the service (Wood River Chapel of Hatley).

Irene Sheppard of Jerome, graveside service at 4 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before the service. (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Cory Allen Hoover, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary.

Emma Viola McCloud of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery. (Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home).

Oris Donald Croyder, service of remembrance and witness to the resurrection at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls (Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise).

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Misdemeanor dismissals

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DEATH NOTICES

Susie Chesley
BURLEY - Susie Chesley, 64, of Burley, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

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

Russell H. Griswold
BURLEY - Russell H. Griswold, 91, of Burley, died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Aspen. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Emille Ruth Hankins
TWIN FALLS - Emille Ruth Hankins, 23, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at her home.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2004, at White Mortuary.

Stanley H. Woods
TWIN FALLS - Stanley H. Woods, 77, of Twin Falls, died March 19, 2004, at her home of a short illness.

At her request no services are planned and cremation took place under the direction of White Mortuary Chapel by the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 2004, at the funeral home. An obituary will appear at a later date.

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Rupert plans \$14.2M sewer bond issue

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - City Council members approved an ordinance Tuesday to hold a special election May 25 to decide on a \$14.2 million bond issue to upgrade the city's wastewater treatment plant.

The current facility, built in 1960, does not comply with state and federal regulations and is plagued by lack of capacity and air quality issues. Several odor complaints have been filed by neighbors.

Built to handle 6,000 pounds of waste daily, it now handles 12,000 to 18,000 pounds daily, according to a report submitted by City Administrator Roger Bagley.

The report also suggests that Rupert will be unable to support the cost of retaining the sewer plant in inadequate even for current demands.

The city faces fines and penalties from the Department of Environmental Quality unless air quality violations are mitigated, the report says.

If passed - by voters, the bonds will be repaid with net revenues from the treatment facility over a period of up to 30 years.

Council members also approved a resolution to retain the services of Moore, Smith, Buxton and Turke, Chartered, of Boise as bond counsel for the upcoming election.

Bond counsel services will cost \$8,500 and be paid out of

bond funds if the measure passes. Costs of \$750 will be paid by the city if the bond issue does not pass.

Other council business Tuesday included:

- **Loan donation** - Donation of the Rupert Masonic Lodge to the city was tabled because lodge members had not reached a decision on donating. The subject may be raised at the May 4 council meeting or when a decision has been reached.
- **Land exchange** - A public comment hearing was held regarding the exchange of property between the city and Goode Motors. At issue is the exchange of city property along Scott Avenue for Goode Motors' property north of Kings

between Fourth and Fifth streets which would be used to provide downtown parking.

- **Obsolete equipment** - Hot line electrical equipment owned by the city will be donated to Northwest Lineman Equipment in Meridian. The equipment can no longer be used by the city due to damage or age, and it must be disposed of, City Attorney Kelly Anson said. Students at the college are not allowed to train with energized lines and are able to practice with the equipment.

Times-News writer Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia bureau at 208-677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at chip@magicvalley.com.

CSI plans caregiver workshop in Hailey

HAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging and Adult Services will present a workshop for caregivers.

"Communicating Effectively with Health-care Professionals," from 6 to 9 p.m. April 14 at the Blaine County CSI campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road.

Page Geske will facilitate the three-hour class.

"The workshop gives family members and friends the insights and the tools they need to function as an effective family member of the health-care team, along with doctors, nurses, social workers and others who may be involved," Geske said.

Magic Valley in brief

crated adults to spend time at the visitor center on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day until Labor Day. The volunteers help travelers find information and answer questions.

Volunteers will spend one Saturday later this spring in a training session and may go on a familiarization tour. The "fam tour" is a way to educate volunteers about a specific tourist attraction, to help them better answer questions visitors may have.

If enough people volunteer, Asson would like to have them man the chamber office for a couple of hours each evening this summer, too.

Volunteers choose how many hours they donate each summer.

People who want to volunteer but who are unable to attend Thursday's meeting should call Angela Garcia at the chamber, 679-4793.

Burley considers fees for baseball fields

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The city needs money to maintain and improve its baseball fields.

Councilman Dave Ringle says, and there are few options for getting that money.

So the council's parks and recreation committee, of which Ringle is chairman, plans to implement a fee system for using the city's baseball fields.

At the April 20 council meeting, a public hearing is planned to discuss those fees. The plan is to assess groups an \$800-per-season fee to play baseball or softball at the city's fields. All of the money collected from the user fees will be used to maintain and repair the fields, Ringle said.

recreation programs live outside the city limits, Ringle said.

"If the city would just come through with money for the fields, we wouldn't have to do this," Ringle said.

Council members discussed other recreation issues Tuesday.

They heard from Burley Golf Pro Mike Williams about sales of season passes and tournament pass sales are down right now, compared to the first week of April 2003, Williams said. But punch card sales are up.

Williams is advertising in Magic Valley newspapers now promoting the use of the course for tournaments and reminding people of what the days are. He plans similar ads in other Idaho newspapers and possibly in golf magazines. "I'm trying to not sit idly by, but to promote the use of the course," he said.

Council members had some debate about another recommendation from the parks and recreation committee regarding the fields.

The committee members want to change the rules about who qualifies to pay the lower city resident price for season passes. City Administrator Mark Minton proposed that any owners of a corporation which owns property within the city limits be able to buy a season golf pass at the in-city rate, even if the corporation owner lives outside the city limits.

Spokane man pleads guilty in murder case

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A Spokane, Wash. man has pleaded guilty to a charge of accessory to a felony for his role in the murder of a drug dealer.

Justin Miller, 24, entered the plea in 1st District Court in exchange for a recommended sentence of 180 days in an Idaho prison boot camp. Five other counts including conspiracy to commit robbery, robbery, second-degree kidnapping and conspiracy to commit murder, were dropped.

Brendan Butler, a 20-year-old former honors student, was strangled and stabbed Oct. 11, 2002, in a remote area near Hayden Lake, Idaho. Police said he headed a lucrative drug ring smuggling marijuana into Idaho from Canada.

Miller was one of seven people in the murder of a drug dealer, police investigator Butler's murder.

The crime also led to a second, separate criminal case brought by federal agents against a group of people accused of operating a rival drug smuggling ring in the area. Nine people in that case have pleaded guilty to charges including money laundering and drug running.

Investigators claimed that Butler believed he was losing business to the rival group of local drug dealers, and that he was looking to hire someone to take out his competitors.

Miller, prosecutors alleged, introduced Butler to a friend named Giovanni Mendolia of Lake Forest, Calif., whom Miller thought would be interested in the job. Prosecutors claimed Butler hired Mendolia, his brothers Piero and Eddie, and his former brother-in-law Marco Antonio Garcia to intimidate and possibly even kill Butler's rivals. But after what prosecutors said was a dispute over money, Giovanni Mendolia allegedly killed Butler.

Giovanni Mendolia pleaded guilty last October to second-degree murder in exchange for reduced sentences for his brothers Piero and Eddie and former brother-in-law Marco Antonio Garcia. Mendolia was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after eight years.

Butler's brothers and Garcia were sentenced to four years in prison but were given the opportunity for probation if they successfully complete a prison boot camp program.

"Ringle said the city spends between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a year on the ball fields.

"We're not trying to nickel and dime everyone," he said, "but it costs us."

People complain, Ringle said, because there are no fees in Minidoka County cities. The reason for that is simple, he said. Minidoka County commissioners give the Tri-City Recreation League - \$10,000 a year - Casala Hills community center don't contribute any money to the city of Burley for recreational ventures, in spite of the fact that 60 percent of the youths who participate in city-organized

recreation programs live outside the city limits, Ringle said.

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The workshop is an empowerment class, directed at the caregivers so that they are an important part of the health-care team.

In August 2003, Geske completed national certification through the National Family Caregivers Association in Denver to teach this course. She has trained 70 caregivers since November.

Advanced registration is required through the Blaine County CSI campus. To register, call 793-2033. For more information, call Geske at (800) 574-8656.

Mindkoka lool, water board looks at plan

RUPERT - The Mindkoka Soil and Water Conservation District board meets at 8 p.m. Thursday at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center at 100 S. 200 W. in Rupert. The office is next to the Rupert Elks building.

Board members plan to review the five-year conservation resource plan. Public comment on the plan is welcome at the meeting.

Conservation district employees are still accepting orders for bare-root trees. These are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To order people should call 436-4777, Ext. 3.

- compiled from staff reports

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council's decision to hire Perry. Council members and the mayor welcomed Perry and also thanked Cowen for the extra hours and duties he handled for the past several months.

In other business, Public Works Director Todd Bunn told members that attempts to curtail illegal dumping at the area known as the tree yard have been unsuccessful. At last month's meeting, it was decided to require residents to pick up a key to the yard before dumping their yard waste.

"But that didn't work out very well. People would come in the office frustrated, and the key would go out but wasn't returned right away, and people were left waiting," Bunn said.

He said locking the yard did

get everybody's attention and things have been better, but he suspects the awareness won't last.

"Just last week after we locked up for the evening, someone pulled in and unloaded mattresses, mirrors and broken chairs," Bunn said.

After some discussion, council members asked Bunn to look into hiring a person to staff the yard for a couple of hours in the evening and on weekends. It was suggested that a people's record be kept of people using the yard.

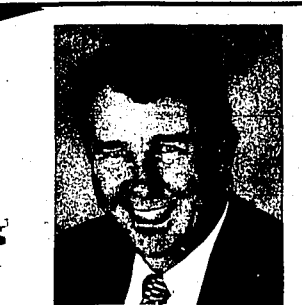
"We've got to do something that doesn't create more problems for the county, too, because if we shut it down then the county will have problems with illegal dumping even more than they do already," Bunn said.

Nine plead in drug case

BOISE (AP) - Nine of the 16 people indicted last summer for selling and smuggling marijuana to the United States from Canada have pleaded guilty, U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said Tuesday.

Michael Christopher Clark, Michael Eugene Gilland and Christopher Mich Torres entered the plea in U.S. District Court, Moss said. Clark allegedly told investigators that drug smuggling brought in millions of dollars, used to buy cars, real estate, jewelry and other expensive items.

The alleged leader of the ring, Nathaniel Norman, is scheduled for trial on May 4. Drug agents began investigating Norman after he was identified as the target of a rival drug kingpin.



Resort

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ley Road between Ketchum and Sun Valley have been Sun Valley signatories, often photographed and typically associated with the Sun Valley experience. While portions of the pasture will remain, much of the land has been slated for preliminary development under the master plan.

In addition, parking lots above River Run ski lodges will vanish as a third hotel complementing two in the Sun Valley Village is built, with a gondola station making even unnecessary. Hotels scheduled for construction in the village would be next to the Sun Valley Indoor Ice Rink and the cottages overlooking the soccer field and next to the mall and office overlooking Sun Valley's large parking lot. The present mall would disappear in the construction of the hotel there.

Plans show the music tent for Sun Valley Summer Symphony untouched by time.

The city of Sun Valley two years ago requested a master plan in order to understand the demands of future develop-

ment. Sun Valley Resort has several thousand undeveloped acres, including parcels at River Run, Sun Valley Road and along Trail Creek Road to Boundary Campground in the Sawtooth National Forest. Until buying the master plan, many people didn't know they'd be hiking and bicycling on Sun Valley land for years.

Although the audience wasn't totally supportive of all the development, a meeting "was generally friendly."

"It was the social event of the season," Sun Valley Mayor Jon Thorson said.

Thorson said Sun Valley City Council and Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission members would have to approve the master plan during the next year for it to serve as a model of future Sun Valley development. The timetable for that process remains uncertain, according to Thorson and Huffman.

Savings

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cards have \$2,000 limits.

Tousley suggested deputies receive cards in their own names after a year with the department.

"We think it's a much better way to operate in the business world today," Tousley said.

The cards would be subject to the same strict policy they are today. Cards would be kept under lock and key and issued only when deputies went to transport a prisoner or headed off to training. The deputies would return the card with receipts to the division head, who would return the card to the division. The receipts would be checked by the division head, the training supervisor, accounts payable and finally by Tousley, who would sign off on the claims forms before sending them to County Clerk Kristina Glascock, who would then give the claims and receipts to county commissioners for their approval.

Huffnell suggested Tousley look into "prepaid" cards which would allow Tousley to place a limit on what a deputy could spend per trip. When it comes to meals, deputies have a per diem limit which varies depending on whether they're in state or out of the state. For instance, a deputy can spend up to \$41 a day for meals in Boise.

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Wife of LDS church leader, sick since January, dies at 92

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Marjorie Pay Hinckley, wife of the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died Tuesday after falling ill on an overseas trip. She was 92.

Marjorie Hinckley had been sick since January, and did not attend last weekend's LDS General Conference in Salt Lake City — her first such absence in 46 years.

She died about 5 p.m. at her home, surrounded by her husband and other family members, church spokesman Dale Bills said.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

The Hinckleys have been married 67 years. They have five children and 25 grandchildren.

The couple attended the dedication of a Mormon temple in West Africa in January. She fell ill on the return trip to Salt Lake City.

Gordon B. Hinckley, 93, disclosed his wife's illness to conference attendees Sunday and asked for their prayers. "I guess the clocks winding down, and we do not know how to wind it," Hinckley said. "It is a sobering time for me."

"We were on our way home, and she collapsed with weariness," he said. "She's had a difficult time ever since."

Idaho OKs plan to help irrigators

BOISE (AP) — State regulators on Tuesday approved Idaho Power Co.'s plan to compensate irrigators who allow pump shut-offs during peak-demand periods this summer.

The Public Utilities Commission said the one-year pilot project will help the state's largest utility cut energy consumption during a summer when demand is projected to exceed generating capacity.

The plan could also reduce the company's overall energy costs, which should benefit all customers.

By reducing summer peak demand that exceeds the capacity of its hydroelectric generating system, Idaho Power can avoid paying for electricity from higher-cost sources, including the wholesale market.

Under the plan, irrigators with a pumping capacity of at least 150 horsepower will be paid to allow the utility to automatically shut off those pumps between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to ease demand during June, July and August.



Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, celebrates his 89th birthday, June 23, 1999, in Salt Lake City, with his wife, Marjorie Pay Hinckley.

Bills attributed her death to "causes incident to age." Marjorie Hinckley was born in Nephi to Phillip LeRoy and Georgetta Paxman Pay. She graduated from East High School in Salt Lake City in 1929 and began working for Owens Illinois Glass Company as a secretary.

The Hinckleys married in 1937, in the church's Salt Lake City temple.

"The family that I grew up in consisted of one brother and four sisters and a mother and father who were absolutely devoted to the Church," Marjorie Hinckley told Brigham Young Magazine in 1996. "It was a prayerful home. We prayed about everything, and I mean everything — that we wouldn't burn the soup."

It's gardening time! See Section C

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UI wants boosters to help save academics

MOSCOW (AP) — Interim University of Idaho President Gary Michael reflects the idea of linking athletics to help save academic programs that face extinction because of poor state funding.

School officials have proposed eliminating the 123 million-dollar budget, including painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics and printmaking. They also are closing the Office of Diversity and Human Rights and reallocating its \$100,000 to other diversity-related programs.

Provost Brian Pitcher has applauded suggestions from liberal arts teachers that athletic boosters could be used to somewhat leverage weak academic funding. Pitcher supports sports but

said he would like to see more athletic boosters donate to academics.

"For example, many schools have programs on Saturday mornings before football games to introduce the donors and the alumni to the academic activity of the campus," he said. "We could and should do more of that."

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Gus, a 9-year-old pound hound, sits next to his owner, Cathy Walworth, while she gardens at her home in Twin Falls.

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Digging with the dogs

Protect your yard, enjoy your dog

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Protect your yard, enjoy your dog

This is the garden, the garden in the city. The story you are about to read is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the guilty.

Digby the dog lived with a people family. His dad, a cop. His mom, a teacher. And the kids were, well, kids. They were a pretty ordinary family, with less than an ordinary back yard.

While Digby liked his people family, he hated the back yard. He spent his days in a bare rectangle of grass surrounded by a 6-foot solid cedar fence while Mom and Dad went to work. Digby was bored.

So he found a hobby. Digby found he could dig his way out to spend the whole day in the neighbors' yards. Dad, being a cop and all, thought he knew about containing felons. He installed electric fence wire at the bottom of the fence. Digby learned to take a long, running start and jump over the fence to freedom.

Dad ran wire across the top of the fence. Digby turned his interests inward. He dug

up the underground sprinkler system. And ate most of it.

When they're not digging, the Digbys of the world run paths through the yard or trample flowers, or worse. An oft-quoted mantra: "You can either have a nice yard or you can have a dog, not both."

Cheryl Smith disagrees. "I tell people all the time that you want to give the dog an occupation, because if you let them choose their own, you're not going to like it," said the Washington dog trainer, gardener and author of "Dog Friendly Gardens" (Dogwise Publishing, 2004, \$19.95).

Digby's problems never would have happened if his people had taken him to obedience class — so they could be trained. "We need to cure the people more than Digby," Smith said.

Digby's problems are just a manifestation of a lack of obedience," agreed Robin Golay, of Golay Behavior Kennels and Pet Foods in Buhl. If Digby's parents had just asked him not to do that any more, things would have been fine, and they would learn how to do that in doggie obedience class.

Doggie parents also need to learn why a dog digs. It could be boredom or separation anxiety. Or maybe it's in the dog's nature, or it could be just a hot day.

Golay said, "Long-haired dogs, especially, don't take to hot days — and will dig to cooler dirt. When that heats up, they'll dig a little deeper, or pick another spot to cool off."

Separation anxiety is no small thing when you think about the fact that dogs have been bred as companion animals for centuries. Not only do they associate in packs (you are their pack leader), but they need to be with their people

“ I tell people all the time that you want to give the dog an occupation, because if you let them choose their own, you're not going to like it. ”

— Cheryl Smith, author of "Dog Friendly Gardens"

as much as humanly possible. "To a lonely dog, unpleasant attention (being yelled at) is better than no attention at all," Smith said. If you come running when your dog starts barking, chewing, digging or knocking pots over, you reinforce bad behavior.

"One dog was so upset at being left outside all day he chewed up the brand new, expensive barbecue grill," Golay recalled. "What could be chewed was chewed. His owner was furious."

What to do? A little research, along with the doggie obedience. Some dogs, such as the smaller terriers and dachshunds, were originally bred to go down holes after vermin. Smith explained, "It's still in their blood. If your yard is home to moles or voles, prepare to watch the dirt fly. Some of these dogs love digging so much that they don't even need an excuse — they just dig in. Others, such as those bred to pull sleds, want to see over the next hill. Malamutes, samoyeds and huskies will dig out to gaze upon that horizon."

Following basic obedience training, both dogs and people have a general understanding of how things ought to run. When you ask your dog not to dig, you can, at the same time, tell him to dig in an appropriate spot.

Makr a digging pit for him.

Dig not the tulips

Choose a spot that won't turn into a soggy swamp every time you water. Go to the building supply store and buy a couple of bags of play sand and a few boards. Build a doggie sandbox and wait.

Next time your Digby digs somewhere else, don't scold. Run to the approved

Please see DOGS, Page C3

Tips for doggone good gardens

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

I read somewhere that a dog-loving gardener, or maybe it's a garden-loving dog person, should make the garden fun. People who complain that their dogs are backyard troublemakers aren't using enough imagination out there.

Think of dogs as four-footed children. What do kids like to do outside? Play hide-and-seek? Tag? King of the Mountain? Same for dogs.

Fred and Gus, both pound hounds, used to tear around the rose garden in wild games of tag or "chase me." We built a berm and planted it with thick-growing junipers to block the western winds, then set roses on the southeast side. Fred and Gus spent a good portion of their day's energy chasing around and through that rose garden. And the garden was tough enough to take it. Except for the Othello rose. Every once in a while, one of the dogs took that corner a little too sharply and one of Othello's stiff, upright canes crashed to the ground. And I picked a couple of big thorns out of doggie hides. But that was about the extent of the injuries.

Being big dogs, with big feet, Fred and Gus were asked not to trimp the perennial garden. Both dogs had been to basic obedience classes. "Don't step on the flowers" isn't a required course, however.

Just as with children, supervision is the key. When a paw was placed over the edge of that garden, the response was "no." Or "back up." It didn't take long to train the guys to stay out of that garden.

Still, a visual boundary helps. Whenever possible, install some kind of border. Dogs are extremely sensitive to their surroundings, and visual cues work beautifully. It doesn't matter if the border is the flexible pound-in kind, a row of bricks or simply a line of white rocks. Dogs see it as a barrier, and it works.

Once the initial training was sound in their minds, a knock on the window reminds my dogs of transgressions. At the sound of the knock, they stop what they're doing and go find something else to do.

Making the garden fun includes installing small bridges, berms or other lookouts. Dogs want to survey all that is around them. Some dogs, such as malamutes, try to see over the next hill. Fences destroy their outlook, and they'll dig out to escape their limited view. If the yard is large enough, make changes in elevation to give your dogs a climb up. Without making ladders to help them step over the fence.

Cheryl Smith, author of "Dog Friendly Gardens" Please see TIPS, Page C3



A digging pit, and good training, will encourage your dog to dig where you specify. This basic digging pit design, drawn by Judith L. Winthrop, is featured in "Dog Friendly Gardens," by Cheryl S. Smith.

Photo courtesy: CHERYL S. SMITH

OUTDOOR LIVING

Plant a Dogwood for your pets

PETA

Anyone who's ever walked a dog around the block knows that dogs love trees (almost as much as fire hydrants). But what you may not know is that trees can actually save a dog's life.

Millions of dogs across the country spend their entire lives outdoors, chained up or confined to chain-link kennels. Come summer, these dogs will be getting a little hot under the collar — and wishing they had it made in the shade.

That's where Arbor Day, celebrated April 30 this year, comes in. Spring weather is perfect for planting trees — trees that will provide welcome shade for dogs and humans alike come the dog days of summer.

Every summer, many dogs die tragic, preventable deaths resulting from a lack of protection from the heat. Beating the heat is extra tough for dogs because they can only cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paw pads.

Heatstroke can strike quickly and result in brain damage or death.

Doghouses, while essential for keeping Fido dry, during the summer months (and winter snowstorms), don't give much relief from the heat. In fact, a doghouse can actually act as an oven, trapping hot air inside.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

Trees can be a dog's best friend in summertime

conducted an informal test of temperatures inside doghouses on hot days. On a day when the temperature outdoors in the sun reached 89 degrees, the temperature inside a doghouse was 88 degrees F just one degree cooler. Meanwhile, the temperature in the shade was 80 degrees F. On a 98-degree day, the temperature inside the doghouse was actually higher — 100 — while the temperature in the shade was 90.

Trees not only provide shade, they actually cool the air by means of the moisture released from their leaves. Studies have shown that neighborhoods with lots of trees can have temperatures as much as 12 degrees lower than treeless areas.

Here are some of the other benefits of planting trees, courtesy of the National Arbor Day Foundation.

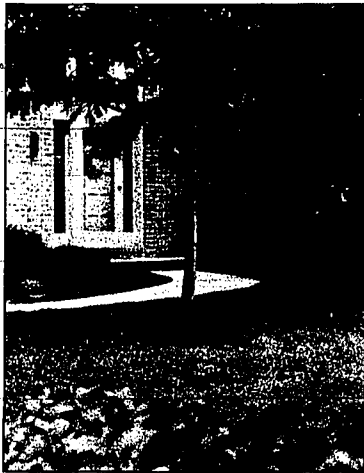
- A tree windbreak can lower home heating bills up to 20 percent. Shade trees planted east and west of your home can cut cooling costs by 15 to 35 percent.

- Trees remove air pollution by lowering air temperature, by absorbing and by retaining particulates.

- Trees can increase the property value of your home by more than 15 percent.

- Trees support many generations of birds and other wildlife.

So, do your dog and yourself a favor this Arbor Day by planting



Many people will plant trees to celebrate Arbor Day, April 30. Those who do will also be helping dogs survive the long, hot summer.

Share this information with a neighbor whose dog lives outdoors.

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- Private Preview — an exclusive and private fundraising event offering a sneak peek on July 9.

Bainbridge in Bloom is the main funding source for the Bainbridge Island Art and Humanities Council, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to create an environment on Bainbridge Island in which the arts and humanities flourish.

To date, more than \$950,000 has been raised to benefit programs such as Arts Walk, the Arts Education Consortium, the Humanities Inquiry, the Celluloid Bainbridge Film Festival, Exhibition Journal and the Island Treasure Awards.

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Well-dressed folks have known the secret for years: A new set of clothes can help put a spring in your step and a smile on your face.

Your lawn can benefit from a little dressing up now and then, as well. A quick, easy and inexpensive process called "top-dressing" can help reduce disease, thatch and the amount of water, fertilizer and pesticides your lawn requires. According to gardening expert Gerry Hood, top-dressing can give you a fashionable lawn without paying designer prices.

Hood says to top-dress your yard, simply spread a 1/4- to 1/2-inch layer of Canadian sphagnum peat moss over the entire lawn with a leaf rake once every year or two, anytime from early spring to late fall. Peat moss helps condition the soil so that in dry weather, the lawn holds moisture better. If your lawn is sparse, mix in seed with the peat moss when you're top-dressing, and spread it with a rake. Depending on the size of your lawn, the whole process will probably take just a half-hour or so, but the benefits will last throughout the year.

The peat moss will gradually condition the soil and save water by absorbing and holding moisture. The lawn will also

require less fertilizer because peat moss reduces leaching of nutrients and releases them slowly over time.

To get the maximum benefits from top-dressing, yard-care experts recommend aerating your lawn first. Aeration removes plugs of soil from the lawn, loosening compacted areas and promoting deeper grass root growth. You can rent a power aerator or hire a local lawn-care specialist to aerate for you.

Much like a person's immune system, a healthy lawn also helps keep away pests, reducing the need for pesticides. "Healthy soil is the first step toward a healthy lawn," Hood says. "And top-dressing with peat moss is a simple way to begin."

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Become an organic gardener

By Rebecca Tateoka Times-News correspondent

Get you thought the only pur- beer... was to make growing events more enjoyable. But beer has a higher calling: organic gardening.

"Beer starts the fermenting process for composting," exclaimed Connie Windsor, owner of Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery. "If you have a little bit of huff to compost, turn it, pour on a little beer and that can get things going."

"According to the 'Backyard Problem Solver' by Jerry Baker, beer can also feed a droopy tree."

"If your tree limbs are sagging, they need some extra show, like my Timely Tree Tonic," reads the heading.

Of course, tea and whiskey are involved, making this tonic sound pretty interesting to some. But with the addition of gelatin, baby shampoo, ammonia and hydrogen peroxide, the tonic becomes less appealing as a beverage to serve to guests.

"The best tip for would-be organic gardeners is to build up the soil first, because that's the foundation for everything," said Windsor. She suggested mixing an organic compost into all soil as a starting point.

"Peat moss holds the moisture, but there's no nutritional value to it," Windsor said. Amending the soil with good organic compost will achieve the same results, while adding to the value of the soil.

"You can get compost that's bagged or you can make your own," said Karen Brown, the greenhouse manager at Kelley Garden Center. "You just have to

be careful (with manure compost) because the animals might have salt or hormones in their food, and that will come through into the compost."

Home compost bins are readily available, and most people can easily make their own organic compost, even mixed with manure from any herbivore. "Rabbit manure is good fertilizer," explained Brown. "Chicken manure, too. Any herbivore or plant-eating animal manure will work, after it's been composted."

Windsor mentioned that some trees can cause the soil to be acidic, but this problem can be remedied with organic compounds. "You can mix in a little blood meal or bone meal, some sulfur pellets and that will counteract the problem," she said.

"Vinegar is good for killing weeds, but you need to keep it away from the good plants you want," she said. "Just use regular clear vinegar in a spray bottle."

To help rid the garden area of unwanted weeds, Windsor suggests laying down strips of newspaper, minus any ink colors, and putting compost or peat moss on top. She said the paper will decompose into the soil after about two or three years. "You might want to do it again at that point, but your soil will be better for it."

Brown also suggests a spray of straight vinegar to rid your yard of unwanted weeds. "Vinegar is good for killing weeds, but you need to keep it away from the good plants you want," she said. "Just use regular clear vinegar in a spray bottle."

For those who thought fuzzy fruit was just for someone with a sweet tooth, think again. Gophers and moles love it. "If you're plagued with the underground varmints, Windsor says cut a piece of gum into strips and put into the hole. They will chew it because it's sweet. Then they'll swallow it, bloat up and die."

What if you need something for both pests and fungus? Rambo mentioned a new organ-

ically labeled product that's fine for fruits and vegetables because it uses two natural oils: rosemary and clove.

And fruit trees can have beautiful fruit with all-natural dormant oil sprays consisting of olive oil and water in equal parts. "It kills the larvae," said Windsor.

Baker suggests making a 3-foot circle around a tree you want to keep safe from borers and filling it with mothballs. He also has an elixir consisting of baby shampoo, hydrated lime and liquid iron to brighten up yellowing weak shrubs.

"The best thing to do is to go to the library and read up on organic gardening," said Brown. "And always ask salespeople (at the nurseries) about organic materials."

Rambo agreed, adding that people might need to research the timing of organic remedies, too. "Some treatments are very time-specific," she said.

Many feel it's all worth the effort. Or, as Windsor put it, "Chemicals take out the nutrients. When you go organic, everything starts working again."

Dogs

Continued from C1 digging pit and call him excitedly. Scratch around in the soft sand. Or let him see you bury a favorite toy just under the surface. When he puts a paw to the sand, praise him. He will either get the idea right away, or he will dig down into his new play area. Rub his belly. This is an approved play spot, and the experience must be a "really good one," Smith says.

With supervision and encouragement to dig where-ever you want, your dog can learn to dig within a couple of weeks - tops. If he has a relapse and digs somewhere else, interrupt him by clapping your hands loudly and running to the digging pit. Scratch around in the sand and say, "Good dog, dig here."

No more will Digby unearth your tulip bulbs. "Dogs don't have hands, so their mouths serve as hands," Goley said. "That's how they manipulate things." Curious dogs might sample a new tree trunk or lower limb because, especially if they bear fruit. Or they might chew because they can't think of anything else to do.

Dogs don't have hands

"A tired dog is a good dog," Smith said. Exercise your dog. Find something you both like to do - ride a bike, throw a Frisbee. When you aren't around, toys can while away the time. Water dogs, such as retrievers, like kiddie swimming pools. Large exercise balls, made originally for horses, make good toys for lots of different dogs.

"Most dogs will bat them around the yard and play with them," Smith said. "Except for retrievers. They'll have a breakdown because they can't retrieve them."

Another diversion is an easy one: Toss a handful of kibble into the grass and let your dog hunt for it.

Down the garden path

Paths often mean a never-ending battle between Digby and his gardening people. You may protest the arrow-straight runway between the back door and the tree where the squirrel lives, but Digby's already worn it down into the grass.

Trying to change his pathways through the yard will likely be futile, Smith said. Use your imagination. This is a gardening challenge, an opportunity to do something new with the space.

It doesn't have to look like a straight line. Use the straight line as the inside edge of curves in both directions. It will look like a pleasantly bending path that Digby can run in a straight line but your eye will accept as much softer.

Or, halfway down the path, put an indestructible focal point - a heavy birdbath or statuary. It interrupts the sight-line in a pleasing manner.

And look on the bright side: If it weren't for Digby, you might never have thought to dress up that pathway.

Dogs and gardens go together like daffodils and sunshine. Share yours with your best friend.

Cathy Worthwith is the garden columnist for The Times-News.

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Tips

Continued from C1 dens," tells the story of a German shepherd that made his own escape ramp. One by one, he picked up the split logs where his owner had stacked firewood, and restacked them in front of the fence. When the job was finished, the dog had a sturdy, easy-to-climb stairway to freedom.

Patrolling dogs patrol because they're either bored or it's in their nature. Or both. Smith cites a study at the Waltham Center in England that revealed a simple way to eliminate the boredom - and the tramped path around the yard's perimeter.

Dogs are so sensitive to their environments that, if you make bumps in the fence wall, it makes a difference," Smith said.

So you zig-zag the fence line. Or give it a slight bend. Or install slight protrusions here and there. Any of these alterations provide you, the gardener, with opportunities for more creative landscaping - and also help alleviate your dog's boredom.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

What's new at the nursery this season?

By Corcen Hart
Times-News correspondent

Area nurseries are stocking up to meet spring demand, with buyers carefully selecting varieties that will do well in the Magic Valley.

Becky Harris, manager of Evergreen Nursery in Burley, said she does not stock hydrangeas except as a special order, because they do not do well in alkaline soil.

"They take so much special care here," Harris said. "There well, but they are not the showy varieties that people ask for."

At Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls, new shrubs are stirring up some excitement. For example, assistant manager Amber Cardenas said she's delighted with the Tiger Fall spruce: "It's not temperamental about soil and it has a good color variation."

Some vertical-growing shrubs include the Weeping spruce with a maximum height of 20 feet, but spreading only 6 feet wide. Dwarf Eastern white pine and Bosnian pine are new introductions that are effective in windbreaks.

The Teddy arbutovite, introduced last year, reaches no more than a foot in height and width. Its soft needles won't scratch, and it turns bronze in the winter. "Teddy is very low maintenance," Cardenas said. "Another tiny tree is the Hedgehog white spruce. It's also low maintenance, and so cute you'll want to pet it."

Dolly's Choice is a mugo pine which grows 6 to 8 feet tall and 4 feet wide. It has attractive cones and is tolerant of sun and wind. Mount Vernon Japanese white pine is a striking specimen loaded with dark brown cones that appear to have been roughly chiseled from a chunk of wood. It maxes out at 6 or 7 feet by 4 feet wide. Some compare it to a bristlecone pine.

Albyn is a prostrate scotch pine that can replace low-growing junipers. Matches sweeping pine is an irregular conifer, so-called because the branches and trunk curve but do not twist. "It's got some character," Cardenas said.

If you like your conifers furry, consider Atecock's dwarf white pine. The needles curl, and they vary in color from green at the base to rust and gold at the tips. Hornbrook dwarf black pine, only 3 feet tall by 4 feet wide, is also adaptable to our climate and soil.

Kimberly has New Generation roses this year. Available as tea, floribunda and climbing varieties in all colors. New Generation grows on its own rootstock. "If it freezes back to the ground in an especially severe winter, it will sprout again in the spring," Cardenas said.

To reserve a rose, purchase it now and pick it up in May. A new Bayer all-in-one rose product feeds the rose and kills fungus and insects.

Kimberly's Laura Rambo said there are several new perennials this year, including Unicorn ruda, a water plant, and Orange Meadows. Bright echinacea, which puts a new shade on an old favorite, and Fanfare gallardia (blanket flower) has brilliant

yellow, trumpet-shaped petals around a red center.

Velvet Night is the latest heuchera, with purple and silvery foliage for shady spots and pink and white insignificant flowers.

For annuals, think Purple Majesty ornamental millet. Easy to grow, it is good in borders or containers—and birds love the seed.

A new rudbeckia, "Black Beauty," has a large black seed cone with extremely tiny petals. "It makes a great texture plant for mid-borders," Rambo said.

Kent's Beauty ornamental onoclea promises to be lush in containers. It has pink and purple flowers that dangle over the pot's edge. "I have tried to get this in every year since it was introduced," Rambo said. "This year they finally were able to fill our order."

At Vick's Country Garden in Paul, pre-planted hanging baskets are a focus. Owner-Vick Serr said new super petunias have come out in reds and purples. And old-fashioned nemosias have emerged with new cranberry and yellow shades, having been made more sun tolerant.

"We have some new honey-suckles that hummingbirds just love, and some of the recent reds, shades of butterfly bush (buddleia) that they go for," Serr said. "And there's a purple-leaved catalpa tree with huge, heart-shaped leaves that has outstanding color."

Vick's carries a large selection of container plants, including sweet potato vines in lime green and deep purple. Silver Falls and Emerald Falls cascading dichondras, along with some succulents. Serr predicts Tumbler grapezested tomatoes will be a popular choice for patio containers, and she said a whole rainbow of new sweet and/or hot peppers have emerged this year.

"Hot lemon pepper will probably do good things here," she predicted. "It's hotter than an Anaheim, but cooler than a jalapeno and looks like a banana pepper."

Evergreen has set up a custom-potting center this year. "Osteospermums, a daisy-type flower with either blue or orange centers, were kind of a craze last year, and now we have six new kinds," said Harris, who's also offering two new triple sweet corn varieties for those who really like their corn sugary.

A rack of Mexican-style vegetable and fruit mixers is available in both English and Spanish.

And if early planting sounds enticing, Serr says some plants will not be harmed by frost: "Pansies love this time of year. They'll get a good start. Also, set out conifers such as forsythia and cedars. Trees should go in now, before they leaf out. All perennials work now. Daylilies, bleeding hearts; all of them."

Forsythias should be pruned back as soon as they are finished blooming, she said. "They bloom on old wood so, if you prune in the fall, you won't get any flowers next spring."

Serr also advised checking local nurseries for tree classes and seminars. She's planning to host a pond seminar, presented by the Laguna Company, in May.

Evening gardens – all in white

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Imagine an all-white garden under a full moon. White flowers and gray foliage plants bring light to the night garden.

Here are seven easy-to-grow, white-flowering plants that can easily be started from seed. With a surprise at the end—

• **Alyssum.** Great as a border or a low ground cover, these annuals reward gardeners with flowers from spring till hard frost. The plants are covered with clusters of pure white, sweetly scented flowers. They grow to only about 4 inches high. In a dense, compact growth habit, Alyssum is fun to put on the edges of hanging baskets, too. It will reliably trail gracefully down the sides. Because bees like alyssum as much as we do, though, never plant it

next to a swimming pool or near seating areas.

• **Baby's Breath** (Covent Garden). This is the annual variety of baby's breath, which grows to only 2 feet high. Her dainty white flowers move with the slightest evening breeze, as though they're dancing in the dark. Easy to grow, this top-selling flower is very popular in flower arrangements, either fresh or dried.

• **Iberis/Candytuft** (Snow White). Candytuft is a pretty, low-growing evergreen plant with clusters of white flowers that bloom from late spring to early summer. It's ideal for rockeries, borders or even alone in the garden. It likes to be trimmed lightly after flowering and will often flower again later in the summer. Thinning also encourages a much bushier growth habit. Candytuft will

grow to about a foot high.

• **Lobelia** (White Lady). Compact and only about 6 inches high, white lobelia makes for a stunning display when used as a border. Bright green foliage provides a lovely background for her pure white flowers. Another one great for containers. Let it trail for a lucky look.

• **Shasta Daisy** (Alaska). She grows to a stately 30 to 36 inches tall, giving her gardener great, long stems ideal for cutting. The large, single, white flowers have distinctive yellow centers. An excellent plant to use in mid-bed plantings in perennial or landscape borders. Very easy to grow.

• **Shasta Daisy**—(Little Princess). A semi-dwarf variety that grows only to 12 or 16 inches high. Still, she produces beautiful, pure white, daisy flowers on a lower growing plant

that is more manageable. Her flowers, too, are excellent for cutting. She will bloom for several weeks.

• **Sweet Peas** (Royal White). A popular, white flowering annual vine that can be effective in the daytime or evening garden whenever you look, it looks great. Wonderfully fragrant, set Royal White next to a trellis or tre trunk so she can climb.

Now for the surprise. If you are the first reader to call Food and Home Editor Denise Turner at 735-3243 and correctly name all the white flowers in this story, you will win our Treasure Hunt! Denise will give you all the Ed Home seeds listed above to start your own evening garden. Leave a message if no one answers, and don't forget to include your name and phone number.

Fat shrub upsets owner

DEAR CATHY: My beautiful bridal veil has "turned into" an ugly, fat bush. Please tell me what I can do to help it look like a beautiful bridal veil again.

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DEAR NEVER: Your bridal veil, known as a genista broom, monperma, should not have survived our climate, says "Sunset's Western Garden Book." "I wonder if you're growing what you thought you were. What they describe is a nearly leafless, biennial that grows to 20 feet high and 10 feet wide, producing fragrant white flowers in the winter and spring. Anyway, if I had a shrub that used to bloom but doesn't anymore, I'd prune the thing until it cried 'Uncle.'"

The rule of thumb for pruning shrubs is usually to wait until after they've bloomed, then cut them back by at least a third. If you don't, flowering shrubs turn into ugly thickets in no time.

DEAR CATHY: I've just been down to Arizona where water is really scarce and gardeners are responding with rocky xeriscaping instead of conventional landscaping. I think it's time we did that sort of responsible gardening around here. What do you think?

—ROCKY

DEAR ROCKY: I think that it's too bad home gardeners don't understand that the concept of xeriscaping is using water-saving native plants and less lawn. It does not mean "rocks." Rocks in the landscape have their place and I use them creatively. But to replace the



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

entire yard with rocks or to use rocks as much is foolhardy. Using less lawn is a good idea. Lawns use a lot of water. But don't eliminate the lawn entirely. Studies show that green, shady places in the cityscape lower summer temperatures by as much as 15 degrees. Rock, asphalt and concrete raise the temperatures, especially at night, because they absorb the sun's heat and retain it. There goes your air conditioning bill.

Using rocks as mulch heats up trees and shrub root zones so high that, if they don't kill the plant, they certainly retard growth. And they're murder to rake and keep clean.

Try some of these plants that welcome a hot and dry garden. You'll still have to water them, but not much—and less still if you use a leaky hose throughout the beds: Amaranthus, celosia, cleome, cosmos, gazania, gerbera, melampodium, ornamental peppers, sunflower, portulaca, vinca, zinnias and sedums all provide color and interest throughout the season without sacrificing green plants that clean and cool the air.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Birdwatching provides exercise, fun

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

"TWIN FALLS — Combining exercise, entertainment and education, birdwatching is a great outdoor experience that has been gaining in popularity in this area.

"That's the word from Jeff Ruprecht, program chairman for the Prairie Falcon Chapter of the National Audubon Society, who said everyone does a lot of walking on field trips.

"It's good exercise," he said. The birdwatchers try to distinguish one species from another, which is sometimes a problem among the sparrows and hawks. But Ruprecht said many birders become adept at hearing the identifying sounds of birds and don't always need to see a bird to identify it.

Some chapter members prefer to go alone or in groups of two or three. Some go to the pine forests or aspen groves of the South Hills, along the Snake River, Murgatuck Lake and agricultural land. Each habitat has a different set of birds.

Ruprecht said birding is an inexpensive hobby. Birders start with a reference book, such as a "National Geographic Guide to Birds of North America" or the "Sibley Bird Guide," and a pair of binoculars.

"You can start with a pair for \$20 and work up from there if you want to," Ruprecht said. "A \$20 pair of binoculars can satisfy a person forever."

Margaret Pratt, a charter member of the local Audubon Society, credits the gift of a pair of binoculars and a notice in the newspaper about the then-new Prairie Falcon Chapter with getting her started in birding in the 1980s. She went on field trips with the group until a medical condition prevented her from walking outdoors.

She now limits her birdwatching to the backyard, where she has four feeders and a birdbath.

"My usual guests are juncos and house finches," she said. "Starlings don't eat birdseed, but they come to the birdbath, and downy woodpeckers and the house sparrows come."

She said the prettiest bird that visits her yard is a Spring migrator called "lazuli bunting." It is a tiny blue, rose and white bird with a bright blue head. "They love Rock Creek Canyon," she said. "When I was going out birding a lot, that was where I'd see them."

"They'll notice how the species relate to each other," he said. "For example, the juncos eat on the ground, pine siskins are feistier than the gold finches, the house finches eat both on the ground and at the feeders but the lazuli and gold finches eat only at the feeder."

Other birdwatchers are more interested in adding numbers to their life list and don't spend so much time with the habits of birds.

Most birders fall somewhere in between. Pratt counts birds at her feed-



Margaret Pratt holds a bird guidebook in her backyard in Twin Falls. Pratt, a charter member of the Prairie Falcon Audubon Society in Twin Falls, watches 30 different breeds of birds visit her feeders and heated birdbath throughout the year.

at the Cornell University Department of Ornithology's Backyard Feeder Watch Program. She reports the numbers of different species of birds for two days in a row every two weeks, November through April. Sarah Harris, membership chair of the National Audubon Society's Prairie Falcon Chapter, said she goes on monthly field trips as often as she can.

"She, too, has four feeders and a birdbath outside her kitchen window. This winter, she watched six species on a regular basis. Her regular guests were mourning doves,

white crown sparrows, house finches, gold finches, magpies and northern flickers. Lately she has noticed a downy or hairy woodpecker and a red breasted nuthatch.

"And I always have sharp shinned hawks, and they prey on songbirds," she said. "So basically I'm providing them with a food source by providing some feed for the little birds, and then that brings in the little hawks that like to eat the little birds."

Harris, who works at the College of Southern Idaho, enjoys some casual birdwatching during her work day.

"At some point during the day, the crows are always very active over there," she said. "So you can watch them eat French fries that the students have left in the parking lot and poke through garbage. They're incredibly smart."

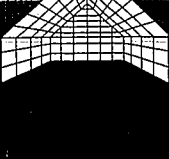
Ruprecht said crows are one of the more advanced birds in social habits, sometimes using middle-aged birds as babysitters. Some people even believe crows and magpies mourn their dead.

"They have kind of advanced techniques for looking for food," he added. "They'll turn over copes to get insects underneath, for example."

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Hummingbirds are favorites with Harris and Pratt. Pratt said the little birds begin arriving in May. She attracts them with feeders filled with boiled sugar water (changing it twice a week) and has a trumpet vine which she said is irresistible to hummingbirds.

"Once you've seen a courtship dance by a male hummingbird, then you'll never forget it," she said. "It's really spectacular."



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Save some space

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Container gardening can save space and allow folks with no room for a full-fledged garden to have fun on a smaller scale.

Containers also are attractive and can add a focal point to a garden, yard or deck.

They can bring the outdoors in and the indoors out, tying indoor and outdoor living space together.

Plants can be grown in any sort of container. Potential planters run the gamut from traditional flowerpots to old beds.

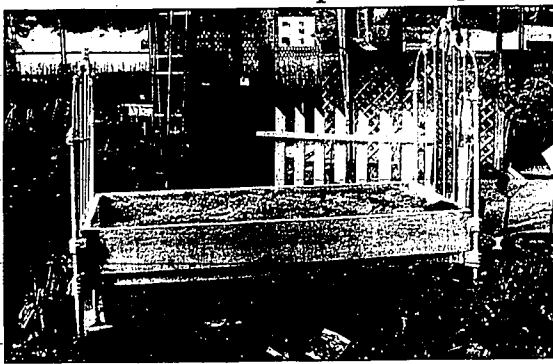
You can put any plant in any container. Hopkins and her custom design and planting crew at Moss Greenhouses have planted various sized gardens in flower pots, wicker baskets, concrete planters, bicycle baskets, ice chests, old gardening gloves, even a discarded boot.

Start with a well-drained container and good potting soil. Some potting soils have water-retaining qualities like coconut fibers or polymer grains added to them. If the container is not well-drained, the plants will rot and die, Hopkins said.

"Most people don't plant their containers full enough," she explained. "Make the container of plants beautiful. Plants in a container can be touching."

Feed the plants often and water the large containers once a day.

Containers add focal points to garden



This 'flower bed' has been prepared for planting. Imagine a living floral quilt spread over the top of the bed.

Smaller containers need to be watered several times a day, particularly in the heat of summer.

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Containers

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"Do not tolerate a wimpy plant in your container," Hopkins advised. "Pull it out and plant something else in its place. The growing season in this area is only about three to four months. So you don't have time to worry about whether a plant is going to become root-bound or fool around trying to salvage one plant."

In the spring, put cold, hardy plants such as pansies and primrose in your containers.

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— Call Hopkins, custom designer, planter at Moss Greenhouses.

Then as the weather warms, replace them with heat-loving plants like petunia and marigolds.

In the fall, plant mums, asters, pansies and foliage plants.

That way, you'll have flowers all season.

To keep container gardens looking good, dead head the spent blossoms in the planters and pull out the dead leaves.

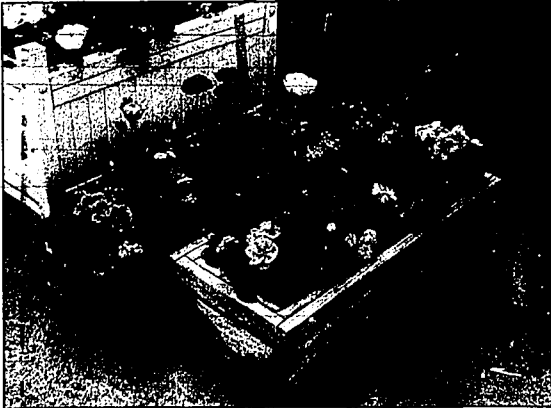
Keep the plants in the containers well-groomed, too.

Mix the plants up in the containers for more interesting presentations. Combine perennials, annuals, decorative grasses, parsley, rosemary, kale and ivy. Don't be afraid to try something new.

The wave petunia grows about one inch per day. It spreads so fast it's wonderful for hanging baskets. Four wave petunia plants also make an awesome hanging basket, Hopkins said.

Perennials do not winter well in containers.

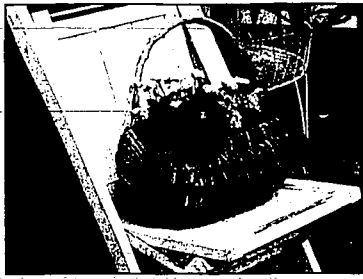
If trees or shrubs are planted in containers, they will need to be heavily mulched.



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Fox tail fern in a large ceramic pot would make a striking display on a deck, in a front hall or just about anywhere.



A basket placed on a bright, sunny yellow chair becomes a focal point. If the basket were alone on a deck, it might not get much attention.

Or bury the pot in the ground so the plant can go dormant for the winter months.

You can bring small trees indoors for the winter.

In a Knight-Ridder wire story, Southern Living writer Charlie Thigpen says, "Make sure the ones (containers) you choose fit the scale and style of your home."

Tiny planters on a large front porch will go unnoticed, so select pots that are in proportion to their surroundings.

The color of a planter matters, too: a terra cotta container might clash with a red brick house."

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The Washington Post

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Illegal pruning can weaken trees

By Rebecca Tatsoka
Times-News correspondent

Topping isn't an option. That's the good-natured stance of a certified professional arborist, as well as the stance of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

"To become certified, people take an oath of "no topping," said Dennis Bowyer, director of Parks and Recreation. Similar to the Hippocratic Oath of doctors. Except, in this case, "do no harm" refers to trees.

"If (topping) used to be common practice all over the place" explained Bowyer, adding that topping was once implemented throughout the city of Twin Falls and in outlying regions as well. But over the years, arborists around the world have discovered the damage done to the health of a tree that has been stubbed, headed, headed-back, stubbed, hatracked, dehorned or topped — to name a few alternative terms for topping.

"You're cutting the main branches; it's like cutting off your leg. You're then exposing the insides to insects and diseases," said David Mead, chairman of the Twin Falls Tree Commission, a volunteer advisory board for the city. "Some trees are more subject to death after topping."

Mead said most people want to top a tree because the tree is too tall. "We ask them to get a good arborist, who can reduce the height without topping."

Although there are tree pruners around who are still willing to top trees, Mead says, "he advises everyone to follow city ordinances."

All Merritt, owner and operator of Cascade Landscape Group, an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist and a member of the tree commission, explained the process of correct pruning.

"First, you'll want to remove any or all dead branches. Then you remove limbs that are a matter of inconvenience, like the ones you always hit with your head while mowing the lawn or the ones hanging over the sidewalk in the way of pedestrians."

He added that you should look at the smaller branches that might be growing in directions which will eventually be touching or rubbing which will cause problems later as the tree grows. The shape of deciduous or leafy trees should have "proper scaffold branches; it's a ladder of branches around the central leader or dominant stem of the tree. If a young tree not pruned properly, you might have two or more leaders growing."

Three cuts need to be made in larger branches. First, a small cut on the underside of the

branch will keep the bark and fibers from tearing — into the healthy trunk of the tree. The second cut will be through the limb, farther out from the first cut. Then the third cut is in close to, but not into, the collar of the branch. This keeps the main trunk of the tree healthy, while leaving room for the cut to heal.

Merritt also explained that topping will create more problems in a few years, because waterspouts and suckers grow out and are weaker. "To five or six years, those suckers can break off in a wind storm and might fall on someone."

An ISA certified arborist like Merritt or any of the 30 or so around the Magic Valley will be able to correctly prune all types of trees. To find a certified arborist, go to www.isa-arbor.com / findArborist/FindArborist.asp and type in your ZIP code.

"If a limb falls, it was because the tree wasn't taken care of," Mead said. "It can cause damage. It could land on someone, or it could damage your property."

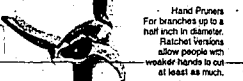
Merritt noted that flowering trees need pruning every couple of years, but fruit trees need pruning only once. Shade trees need pruning only on an as-needed basis, about once every five years or so.

"If you live within Twin Falls city limits and are in charge of trees on the city's right-of-way, be sure to check out proper pruning techniques. The city's right-of-way might be different from neighborhood to neighborhood, so residents of the city should become familiar with what part of their property rests within the right-of-way parameters."

"My guess is that about half the people don't know what the right-of-way is," said Mead. "They can go to the city engineering department, see the official (map) and it will have the (right-of-way) marked."

MAKING THE CUT

Four basic tools for light to medium pruning. Branches too tall or thick for those are best left to a professional.



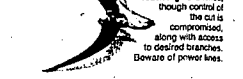
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Bowyer added, "Sometimes I'll get a call from someone asking if a tree is on our right-of-way."

Have questions?

Contact Times-News gardening columnist Cathy Walworth at cwwo@pmi.org or at 733-5015.

When necessary, he obtains survey maps from the engineering department and goes out to the property and measures.

If you have a tree in the city's right-of-way, you can bring it down if it's unhealthy, too large or causing problems. Mead said, if residents notify the tree commission before taking the tree down, they can receive \$50 toward the cost of a new tree.

Bowyer recommends that those looking to replace a tree or put a tree into their landscape come into the Parks and Recreation office and purchase a "Tree Selection Guide" for \$3. The guide describes all the trees adapted for our area and shows their canopy, size and life cycle.

Mead said it also has classifications of small, medium and large along with the tree's height, spread and winter needs. He indicated the guide would be especially helpful to people who want to replace a tree that grows very large with one that will not.

When people are looking at replacement trees, Merritt said, they should look for utility lines and then choose trees that are "utility-friendly," trees that won't grow into power lines overhead. The guide will help you with this, as well.

The idon is that healthy trees benefit everyone, from individuals looking to boost property values to cities wanting to create a pleasant setting to residents. "It's all about beautification," said Mead.

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Five steps to a new fence

California Redwood Association

Fences are built to define property lines. They keep children or animals in the yard. They provide security and privacy, and they complement other backyard amenities like pools, spas and decks.

Many homeowners save money by building their own fences. Just be sure to plan ahead, use quality materials and give yourself plenty of time to do the job right.

Here are some tips.

1. DESIGNING THE FENCE: Most redwood fences are variations of a simple post, rail and board design. The post and rail support structure is made of standard dimension lumber, while fence boards of different shapes and sizes give a fence its individual style. There are many standard designs. Solid board fences provide maximum privacy. Alternating board and board designs are known as "good neighbor" fences, because they look the same from either side. Lattice fences are ideal for climbing plants. Classic picket fences make attractive boundary markers. Manufacturers, libraries, home centers and how-to magazines are great places to hunt down the fence design to meet your needs.

2. CHOOSING QUALITY MATERIALS: Most redwood fences are built with knot-treated "garden grades" of redwood. These rugged grades are economical and provide the best combination of performance and value. It is important to use non-cosmetic nails and hardware to avoid unsightly stains. Stainless steel, aluminum or top quality hot-dipped galvanized hardware is required. When you complete your project, you

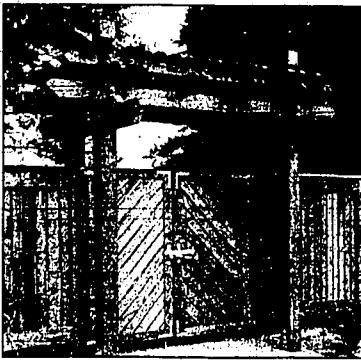


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A simple redwood fence is imposed by a gate made with diagonally placed boards and an embaying entryway trellis.

might decide to use a water-repellent finish to protect the fence from rain and sun. However, redwood performs well without a finish and can be left to weather naturally.

3. SETTING POSTS: Setting posts is the most critical part of the job. They must be straight and evenly spaced, which requires patience and lots of measuring. Construction Heart grade redwood is a good choice for fence posts, because it resists decay and insects. Posts are usually placed 8 feet apart—the standard length of fence rails. Make locations with stakes. Set corner posts first. String a line between corner posts to mark the fence line and then align the inside posts. Dig post holes about 10 inches in diameter with a post hole digger.

For a 5- or 6-foot fence, post holes should be at least 2 feet deep. A 3-foot hole is needed for an 8-foot fence. To ensure drainage, the bottom of post holes should be lined with gravel, stones or concrete debris. For the strongest fence, set posts in a concrete collar, making certain the bottom is open to permit drainage. When setting posts, use a carpenter's level to ensure that posts are plumb. Check repeatedly to make sure the post is both perpendicular and aligned with the other fence posts.

4. ATTACHING RAILINGS: Two or three horizontal rails run between the posts, depending on fence height. Upper rails should rest on the top of the posts for support. Bottom rails can be toenailed into place, but the preferred method is to place a block underneath the joint for extra support. Use metal hardware such as "L" brackets to secure rails to posts.

5. NAILING FENCE BOARDS: Nailing the fence boards in place is the easiest and most satisfying part of building a fence. Economical Construction Common or Merchantable grade redwood boards about 1 inch thick and 4-10 inches in width are popular. Near the ends of the board, pre-drill holes before nailing to avoid splitting. For fence boards of widths 4 inches or less, use one nail per bearing for wider fence boards, use two nails.

For more help, visit www.calredwood.org.

Beauty of bonsai: Get artsy with miniature gardening

By Debra O'Connor
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

Van Jensen killed his first bonsai, but by the time the tiny tree died, it was too late—he was already hooked.

Five years later, he and his wife, Jeanne, (who also killed her first bonsai) have 80 of the miniaturized trees. They range from 3 inches high to 2 feet high, worth from \$10 to \$1,000 apiece. He finds it a relaxing sort of challenge, with each tree demanding a different approach.

At its simplest, bonsai is growing a tree in a tray. It's also an often complicated horticultural process of treating plants in such a way that they stay very small yet look like a grown tree. That process can go on for decades, and a well-kept bonsai can outlast its owner.

Depriving the tree is the way to "harm" it, not "miniaturize" it. The trick is to keep the plant very healthy, with fresh air, sunshine, water, humidity, fertilizer and bug sprays, but at the same time keep it from growing larger, says Kerry Hinz, owner of Botanical Boutique in Minneapolis.

Bonsai has a wide range of adherents. Probably more men are interested in it than in other types of gardening, Hinz says, and there's a wide age range.

The key to bonsai is keeping the root base in a small pot (some are just the size of a saucer) and cutting back the branches. Each type of tree, however, needs something different. It's up to owners to learn how much to water at what time of year, as well as how much light and pruning their bonsai requires.

The plants are high-maintenance, and owners have to carefully monitor how damp the soil is, for example, Hinz says, or plants can quickly die. That makes it hard to go on vacation for two weeks.

Trees also have to go through the same type of weather they'd encounter if they were a normal size. Therefore, many trees have to be dormant at the right of year, which is why Jensen's pride and joy, a tamarack "forest," is buried in the ground and frozen solid. Cold storage is available

for snowbirds or those who don't want to take responsibility for keeping their plants alive through winter.

Virtually any plant can be used, including the ridiculous: "I've actually seen poison ivy made into a bonsai and a dandelion made into a bonsai."

Jensen, who is now on the board of the Minnesota Bonsai Society, says he finds the visual part of bonsai compelling. "Bonsai is an art form. You're the artist, and you're trying to (take) a shrub that you can pick up in any nursery and try to make it look like a tree that you would see out in the forest."

The goal is to evoke nature, but in real life not all trees grow straight up; several desirable forms have the plants looking as

if they grow in a steady wind from the sea, or cascaded down a steep slope. To achieve those twists, owners use wires to pull the branches until they stay where the owner wants them. They need very little water. One way to achieve that in a maple tree is by completely defoliating the tree in the summer after the first leaves out; then the new leaves grow back more numerous, but a quarter the size.

It doesn't take long to develop a bonsai habit. Especially after you discover bonsai on e-Bay.

For more information:
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Garden help flourishes online

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

The schellera looked healthy enough, but a clinical examination revealed leaves marred by brown spots. Some were about the size of a pinhead, others were like tiny flattened footballs that moved.

The smaller spots were the damage left by the larger ones. But how could I treat this sneaky bug without knowing what it was?

I logged on to the Internet and pulled up the plant diagnostic site of the Maryland Home & Garden Information Center, where I not only found pictures of the pest (it is the soft brown scale, a common houseplant parasite) but images of scale that died after being treated with horticultural oil, an organic spray.

Soft brown scale, trapped in the Web.

The advent of the electronic globe village has changed our lives in so many ways, but for the millions of Americans who toil in their yards, the new technology has been especially useful. For gardeners, the Internet has revolutionized the process of finding plants and caring for them and has, undoubtedly, expanded the palette of ornamental plants now in our gardens.

According to the Pew Research Center, 110 million adults in America now have access to the Internet at home, compared with 79 million in 2000.

Maurice Horn, owner of Joy Creek Nursery in Scappoose,

Or., said half of his customers in 2003 ordered plants on the Internet. (www.joycreek.com). In January, he said, "we are already experiencing 60 to 70 percent Internet" ordering.

As for my ailing schellera, before the Internet I would have had to identify the pest either by taking a sample to a plant clinic at a public library or botanical garden or by consulting the plant pest manual at a local hardware center. Instead of finding my answers in five minutes, I would have spent at least 90 minutes and a gallon of gas in search of help.

Now, at the Maryland Home & Garden Information Center site (www.agnr.unmd.edu/), using the browser, you can find more than 130 free publications to download, giving advice and information on everything from starting a home orchard to melting ice without killing plants. In addition, you can find 15 other publications for sale (the cheapest \$9), including coping with deer and fixing your lawn.

Many public institutions have established similarly helpful sites for home gardeners. At Green Spring Gardens Park (www.greenspring.org/) in Alexandria, Va., e-visitors clicking on "Gardening" can find 18 plant information sheets, each giving detailed advice on such things as recommending small evergreen shrubs to basic garden installation. And the American Horticultural Society has a site that offers, among other things, links to plant societies and other resources for specific garden plants

(www.ahs.org/).

Green Spring horticulturist Brenda Skarphol says she recommends the Web site of the Missouri Botanical Garden (www.mobot.org/), which has a mine of information under its Kemper Center for Home Gardening. The site even has a section called HortLine Topics, where readers can call up hundreds of data sheets in eight areas, including lawn care, gardening techniques and ornamental woody plants. Separately, it has a feature called Plant Finder, where you can find images of thousands of garden plants along with advice on cultivating them.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a Web site of ornamental plants (plants.usda.gov/) allows you to search for plants by their common as well as Latin names. It is important to know the plant hardiness zone. (The entire map is on the American Horticultural Society Web site.)

The Internet, too, allows gardeners to research topics. Does compost tea, brewed for its beneficial microbes and then sprayed on favorite plants, really suppress blackspot and mildew? The Web site of the nonprofit Appropriate Transfer of Technology to Rural Areas, atara.nrcat.org/, offers an overview with links to various scientific reports and studies.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Author uncovers life of the earthworm

Their underground movements are essential to life above the surface

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

The work of turning soil is brightened by the sight of an earthworm.

When I stop to rescue a crawler from the show's next bite, I know that I am not alone. Gardeners everywhere recognize earthworms as our fellow travelers, working to turn and enrich the soil.

Soil benefit of worms is usually barren ground for plants; worm-rich earth seems to bubble with life.

Worm and person "work in tandem," writes author Amy Stewart in her new book on worms, "The Earth Moved" (Algonquin Books, \$23.95). Like a team of horses, perhaps, though the gardener is a feeble pony behind the mighty worm.

Charles Darwin, one of the first scientists to consider the worm, estimated that an acre of land contained 50,000 worms that together produced 18 tons annually of rich castings. Darwin was a little off in his calculations, Stewart says. Worm surveys have shown that populations in a healthy garden can exceed 1 million an acre and may climb to 8 million per acre.

Existing in two worlds, our own and a murkier underworld, worms carefully consider and consume pieces of leaf, rotted fruit and other vegetable matter,

bacteria, fungi and soil and then pass it all through their digestive tract as they move. They tunnel down 8 feet or more, and their crisscrossing paths bring nutrients, air and moisture to the subsoil and invigorate the hidden root zones of trees and other garden plants.

Their soft bodies use hydraulic pressure to open up clay that defeats the strongest gardener. And they create a world that only now we are beginning to understand and nurture - an ecosystem of microscopic animals, bacteria and fungi that provided the biological web for all our plants.

In this metropolis, it seems, worms are the department of transportation. They "build roads" as they go, choose neighborhoods based on the abundance of food and availability of damp, dark quarters, and carry microorganisms in their guts like passengers on a bus, writes Stewart.

She became a fan of crawlers after deciding to keep a worm composting bin on her porch. Many gardeners do this: The bin is designed to house red wigglers

amid kitchen scraps. In a series of trays, worms convert the scraps to manure that is rich in plant nutrients and, some believe, a capacity to inoculate plants against pests and diseases.

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Stewart has observed other worms in the garden, knowing that it is not always easy to draw them to new beds in need of improving. Worms don't thrive in poor soil, so trying to seed them in dead ground isn't effective. The best method of attracting worms is to prime the land with leaves and other organic matter. They will show up. And go easy on chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

"High-nitrogen chemical fertilizers can be so deadly to earthworms that they have been recommended as a way to rid golf courses of night crawlers," she writes. These are fairly well-known

truths to organic gardeners, but through Stewart we discover other marvels of vermiculture.

There is no one type of worm or worm behavior. A red wiggler, for example, loves to mess about in compost and leaf litter and wouldn't be caught dead in the gritty underworld of the night crawler. The night crawler avoids the duff and burrows vertically and deep into the subsoil, emerging while the robin sleeps to forage for detritus.

Another interesting fact: Many common worm species in America came with the European settlers and with them converted meadow and prairie to fertile farmland.

Not all worm work is beneficial, it seems. The creature may be responsible for spreading the odd disease from plant to plant. Stewart writes, and in the old-growth forests of Minnesota, the worm's efficiency has worked against the wilderness. Worms introduced there by fishermen

over the years made fast work of breaking down the forest duff that many wild plant seeds need to germinate, with the loss of stands of ginger, trilliums, bell-wort and other native plants.

This has alarmed scientists studying the phenomenon, who say the loss of the forest detritus also has reduced the habitat of voles and shrews and of the ovenbird, a type of warbler that nests on the woodland floor. If some ecologists are longing for a wormless, pre-Columbian America, Stewart isn't among them. Worms not only improve the soil for farmers and gardeners, they are mythic beasts.

Stewart writes of the Palouse worm in southeastern Washington state, pinkish white and two feet long. One hasn't been seen in more than 20 years. To the south, there is the even rarer giant Oregon worm, white, also two feet in length and with a mucus scent recalling fragrant lilies.

Cook plans demonstration in Rupert

The Times-News

If you're looking for fresh springtime fare, plan to attend the Taste of Home Cooking School, sponsored by The Times-News, on April 27 in the Minico High School auditorium in Rupert.

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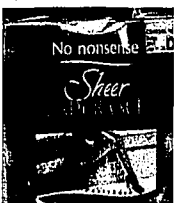
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TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What president began the tradition of throwing out the first pitch on opening day?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school track

Murtaugh, Kimberly, Filer, DeLo, Wendell, Gooding, Hagerman, Hanson, Valley, at AngieWyatt Invitational at Filer, field events at 1 p.m., running events at 2:30 p.m.

High school golf

Minico, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Highland GC, 9 a.m.

High school softball

Devo at Buhl, 4 p.m.

Minico JV at Buhl, 4 p.m.

High school baseball

Minico at Burley, 4:30 p.m.

High school tennis

Sugar-Salem at DeLo, Burley, 3:30 p.m.

Burley at Century, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI offers golf class for beginners

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at CSI will be offering a zero-credit enrichment class for anyone wishing to learn basic golf skills from a professional golfer. The class will meet from 5-7 p.m. on April 23 and May 7 at the Canyon Springs Golf Course. The cost is \$75.

Canyon Springs golf pro Brandon Otte will instruct new golfers in golf swings, rules, etiquette, putting, chipping, and more. Clubs will be furnished for those students who do not own a set. The class has a limited enrollment, so early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

T.F. Legion auction will be at Turf Club

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls American Legion baseball Dinner/auction will be held Thursday, May 6, at the Turf Club. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The auction is set for 7:30 p.m. There will be baked ham dinners will be served.

There will be hundreds of auction items, including a car, bench golf, memorabilia and gift certificates from area restaurants and businesses.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and may be purchased from baseball players. For more information, call Lind Stone at 733-2721 or Rick Miksel at 731-9792.

Jerome Rec offers youth baseball, T-ball

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will offer girls softball and boys junior baseball and T-ball leagues for youth ages 5-15 (May 1, 2004 cut-off). Registration is April 19-23. The season runs mid-May through end of June. Registration is required to be placed on a team.

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

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

William Howard Taft for the Washington Senators in 1910.

Pitched battle



Twin Falls' Belinda Turley gets hit by a pitch in the top of the third inning in the Bruins' game against Jerome Tuesday. Twin Falls won, 3-0.

Bruins eke out win over Jerome

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

JEROME — Games often turn on one play. The girls fastpitch softball game between Jerome and Twin Falls High Tuesday changed on two big defensive ones.

With the bases loaded and one out, Bruins third baseman Justine Williams snared a liner by Jerome catcher Jennifer Bamberg, then stepped back and tagged out baserunner Vanessa Miegas.

"The unassisted double play ended the sixth inning and Jerome's only legitimate scoring chance in a 3-0 win for Twin Falls (6-3).

Bamberg was the hero in Thursday's sweep — against Pocatello, getting the game-winning hits in both games. But it was not so Tuesday.

"We had the bases loaded and who we wanted up to bat," said Jerome coach Jared Clinger. "It just didn't work out the way we wanted."

Williams stepped up defensively after struggling at the plate. Bruins coach Nick Baumert said.

"She made the big play when we needed it most," he said. "For Williams, it was doing what she'd been taught to do; check the runner on your base. It just didn't," she said. "I know I had a runner so I was just checking and she was off."

The rally sparked the other momentum-turning defensive play of the game. Left fielder Vanessa Ridgeway ran down a fly ball in the left-center gap, snowing it.

She then threw to second base to pick off a Twin Falls baserunner, who was already

near third base, for the inning-ending double play.

If the ball had gotten past her, at least two Bruins would have scored. Instead she trotted back to the dugout with a big smile to cheer from the Tiger crowd.

"That was the highlight of my career," she was overheard telling fans near the dugout. "It certainly got the Tigers (5-3) dugout buzzing. Two pitches later, Macias led off the bottom of the sixth with Jerome's first hit off Twin Falls pitcher Cassie Gonzalez, who had begun to tire.

An out, a single and a walk later and the bases were loaded, setting up Williams' big conference doubleheader Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Twin Falls took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on a leadoff single by catcher Jayme Harrison and an RBI double for junior

first baseman Allison Habel. Jerome pitcher Kim Ward got the Tigers out of that inning, but a couple passed balls and singles by the Bruins' Kara Gambrel, Belinda Turley and Habel helped Twin Falls extend its lead to 3-0 in the fifth.

Ward finished with three strikeouts, eight hits and two walks allowed along with a hit batter.

Gonzalez finished with two strikeouts, two walks and two hits allowed.

Twin Falls travels to Timberline, which beat Eagle 5-0 last week, on Saturday while Jerome hosts Wood River for a non-conference doubleheader Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Twin Falls 3, Jerome 0
2003-04 3-12
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Cassie Gonzalez and Jayme Harrison are Wood River juniors.
Eric Laxson is a senior.
Elyse Adams — 20 Twin Falls, Mountain View

Minico rallies for 10-7 win against Highland



Minico catcher Jared Tracey (right) and the Spartan bench greet Brandon Colwell after his two-run home run to give the Spartans an 8-7 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. Minico went on to win 10-7.

By Eric Laxson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It took the Minico Spartans four innings to figure out Highland of Pocatello pitcher Zach Howerton, but when they did, it was all over for the visiting — Hams — at Warburton Field Tuesday afternoon.

Down 7-1 in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Spartans loaded the bases and drove in five runners to cut the Hams' lead to 7-6. Brandon Colwell and senior Kreg Schow came up with big at-bats in the bottom of the fifth, both hitting two-run home runs to give the Spartans a 10-7 lead they would eventually win by.

"We'll take it," Minico coach.

Ben Frank said. "I think it took Cory (Warburton) a little bit to get settled in, but when he did, our bats got going."

Struggled early and gave up four runs in the first inning after allowing the first six batters he faced to reach base.

The Rams got to Warburton again in the top of the third, hitting four singles and driving in three runs. But from there on out, the junior pitcher settled down and allowed only one hit in the game's last four innings.

"When we started to come back, Cory kept them right there," Frank said. "He didn't give them any breathing room."

Highland's Howerton surrendered one run in the first after

walking the first three batters he faced. Minico junior catcher Jared Tracey drove Schow in on a one-out fielders choice. From there, though, Howerton settled into a groove, retiring eight of the next nine batters he faced. The wheels started to fall off in the fourth, inning for Highland as the Spartans loaded the bases before McCoy Worthington reached on an error, allowing Zane Dietz to score. Schow followed with an RBI single before junior Greg Christensen drove in two with a ground-rule double. Warburton drove in the fifth Spartan run of the inning with a sacrifice fly to left field.

"We had a few mistakes that hurt us," Highland coach Gino Please see MINICO, Page D2

NHL

Rivalries abound in first round Capitals win draft lottery

By Ira Podel
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — If you ask the Philadelphia Flyers and New York Islanders, this is the playoff year that history won't be repeated.

The Boston Bruins would be thrilled to hear that as they prepare to face the Montreal Canadiens in the Eastern Conference's rivalry-filled first round.

Boston, the No. 2 seed, embarks on its 30th playoff series with the Canadiens, starting Wednesday. The Bruins have only won seven previous meetings and are determined to get past the Canadiens, who eliminated them two years ago when Boston had the East's top record.

For the third straight year, the Islanders are in the playoffs, but they haven't gotten out of the first round since 1993. They are seeded eighth for the second straight year, but think they can advance against the No. 1 Tampa Bay Lightning, after taking the season series 3-1.

"I don't think we should feel overwhelmed regardless of the opponent," Islanders general manager Mike Milbury said.

The Flyers are facing a familiar foe in the Stanley Cup champion Devils. Philadelphia edged New Jersey for the Atlantic Division title when the Devils lost Sunday to Boston.

"You couldn't get a better matchup for the game of hockey," Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock said.

Instead of having the No. 3 seed and home ice against the Flyers, the Devils dropped to sixth and will open their title defense in Philadelphia on Thursday.

The teams, which have finished first or second in the Atlantic for six of the past seven seasons, met twice previously in the playoffs. The Devils won both matchups in the conference finals, including in 2000 when they rallied from a 3-1 series deficit.

"This is a team that has been our nemesis for a long time. It's our turn to take a whack at them," Hitchcock said.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Something finally went right for the Washington Capitals: They won the NHL's draft lottery.

The Capitals, coming off their worst season in 26 years, leaped ahead of Pittsburgh and Chicago to gain this year's No. 1 overall draft pick at Tuesday's lottery in New York.

"We just feel in some way we were rewarded for the difficult task we undertook this year," Washington general manager George McPhee said. "We hope today is the first day in a new era for the Capitals."

The consensus prospect for the top selection is Russian forward Alexander Ovechkin, who has evoked comparisons to Pittsburgh great Mario Lemieux.

The Capitals, considered strong playoff contenders with a star-packed roster at the start of the season, traded away most of their impact players after a disappointing start and finished with the third worst record in the league. They had a 14.2 percent chance of winning the lottery, behind Pittsburgh (25 percent) and Chicago (18.8 percent).

Pittsburgh will choose second, Chicago third, Columbus fourth and Phoenix fifth. All 14 non-playoff teams took part.

The Capitals will draft first overall for the third time in franchise history. They selected defenseman Rick Green in 1976 and defenseman Greg Joly in 1974.

The draft is June 25-27 in Raleigh, N.C.



Connecticut's Jessica Moore (31) drives to the basket past Tennessee's Ty'Sha Fluker, right, during the second half at the NCAA Division I Women's Championship, Tuesday in New Orleans.

Clean sweep UConn grabs women's title

By Chuck Schoffner
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — First the men, now the women. Make it a double for UConn.

With the incomparable Diana Taurasi leading the way, Connecticut's women completed a championship sweep for the school by beating Tennessee 70-61 Tuesday night for their third straight title.

So now there's a new Title-town; tiny Storrs, Conn. The Huskies' home.

The victory by the women followed UConn's win over Georgia Tech in the men's championship game Monday night, making Connecticut the first Division I school to sweep both titles.

"Unbelievable," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "It's so mind-boggling. An unbelievable accomplishment for a school."

It was the fifth title overall for the women and it came at the expense of the only other school that has won three straight championships: Tennessee and coach Pat Summitt still lead all teams with six NCAA titles, but Auriemma and the Huskies are closing fast.

They started fast in this one, racing to a 17-point lead in the

Please see UCONN, Page D2

SPORTS

Pistons hand Magic 11th straight loss

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., — Rashed Wallace had 17 points and 11 rebounds to help the Detroit Pistons hand the Orlando Magic their 11th straight loss, 102-86 Tuesday night.

The Pistons won for the 13th time in 15 games but also had a key loss. Starting point guard Chauncey Billups did not return after twisting his left ankle when he stepped on Tyrone Lue's foot in the third quarter.

Lue led the Magic with 21 points, and Keith Bogans added 15 points and nine rebounds.

Raptors 87, Cavaliers 86
CLEVELAND — Jalen Rose made a 3-pointer in the final second, and the Toronto Raptors ended a seven-game losing streak and kept the Cleveland Cavaliers' playoff hopes alive.

Vince Carter scored 32 points, Rose added 15 and Donyell Marshall had 13 points and 11 rebounds for Toronto. LeBron James scored 21 points. Carlos Boozer had 18 and Jeff McInnis added 16 points and 10 assists in his first game back from a shoulder injury.

Mavericks 118, SuperSonics 108
DALLAS — Michael Finley scored 24 points. Dirk Nowitzki added 23 and the Dallas Mavericks extended their winning streak to five games.

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Area ski report

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T.F. Legion parents will meet at high school

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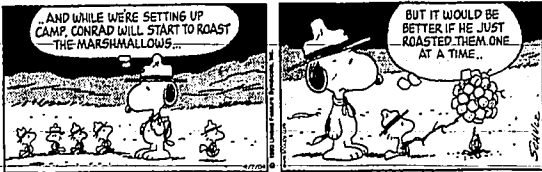
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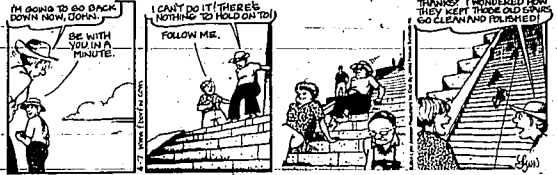
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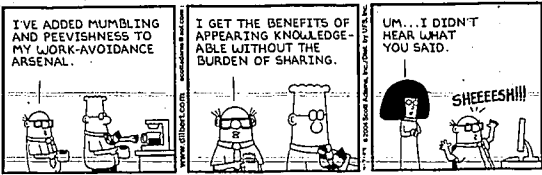
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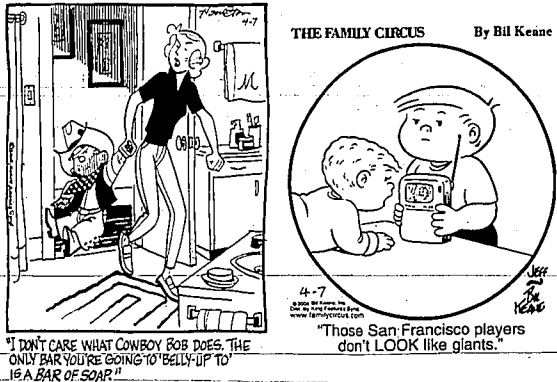
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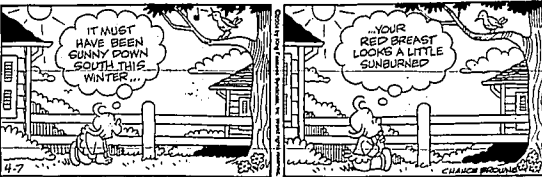
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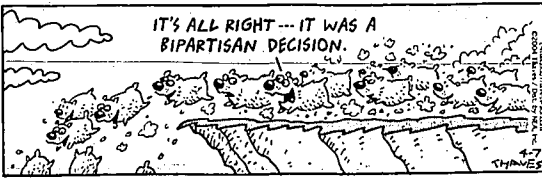
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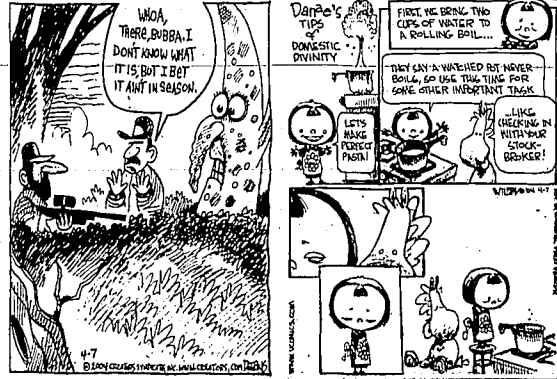


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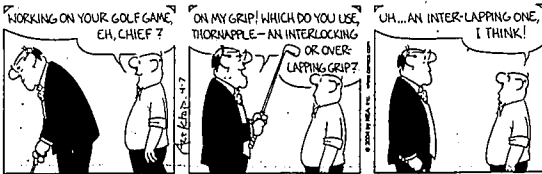
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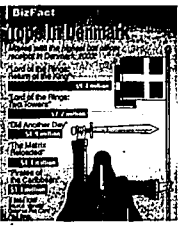
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Disney reps visit, seeking employees

TWIN FALLS - A recruiter from the Walt Disney World College Program will meet with students to provide information about internship possibilities at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Room 276 of the College of Southern Idaho's Taylor building.

The program takes college students from about 500 schools each semester and provides them training and real-world experience in the hospitality and entertainment industry, CSI said.

While living in Florida, students take courses in communications, human resources, leadership and other topics. At work, they get experience in operations, merchandising, culinary operations, food and beverage, hospitality, lifeguarding, reception and transportation. They live in apartments near the Disney property during their internships. Rent, utilities and transportation are deducted from the students' weekly paychecks.

The CSI recruitment session is open to any student at least 18 years old who has completed at least one semester of school.

Students and parents are welcome.

For information, call Betty Giffin, CSI hospitality management instructor, at 732-8407, or CSI Disney College alumna Meghan Annis at (208) 948-0737.

CSI class focuses on those seeking homes

TWIN FALLS - A Finally Home program, sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc., will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. April 12 and 19 at CSI.

Penny Johnson, who manages the program at CSI, said the classes include information about choosing a first home, applying for credit, making down payments, choosing a Realtor, making an offer, obtaining title searches and more.

Those who complete the two classes may be eligible for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down-payment and closing cost assistance, and other special lender programs.

Cost, which includes a training manual and expert speakers, is \$10 per person for both classes. For information, call Johnson at 732-6287.

Many plan to work beyond retirement

NEW YORK - Many workers approaching retirement believe that they will be able to support their lifestyle by continuing to work.

A just released study, 2004 Retirement Confidence Survey, found that half of workers report that they will work full time until age 65. An even higher percentage - 68 percent - say they will work in some capacity into retirement.

The reality of current retiree heaves, indicates that this may be too hopeful. The survey found that 37 percent of retirees left their jobs earlier than expected, mostly because of health problems or because they were laid off.

The lesson here is that you should not rely on a vision of future employment as an excuse to avoid saving now, advises CBS MarketWatch.

To view the entire report, go to www.irs.gov and click on "2004 Retirement Confidence Survey."

- compiled from staff reports

Firm hits tough times

But Burley food processor says no one will lose their jobs

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An Idaho food processor with a Burley facility has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, but no jobs will be lost as a result, a company official said.

Purely Supreme Foods, formerly known as Redi Foods Inc.,

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produces and markets refrigerated side dishes - including pre-sliced and pre-diced fresh potatoes - to supermarkets and restaurants.

The company, which has been in business since 1998, has

a total of about 45 employees at its production facility in Burley and its sales, marketing and administrative offices in Meridian, said Ed Fong, Purely Supreme Foods president and chief executive officer.

Fong said Purely Supreme Foods is in the process of reorganizing. The bankruptcy filing is "related to a legal decision re-

garding a former employee," he said.

"We were involved in some litigation with a former employee where we received an unfavorable judgment," Fong said.

The bankruptcy filing gave Purely Supreme Foods protection. Please see **BURLEY**, Page E3

BETTING ON AN IMAGE

Net wonderboys want to return downtown Vegas to its glory days

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Dotecom millionaires Tim Poster and Tom Breiling knew how to get people to Las Vegas, and how to get them to a hotel when they arrived - but they were far less expert when it came to the gambling business.

Yet after reaping a fortune selling their travel Web site, the savvy entrepreneurs lack of casino experience didn't stop them from buying one of the most storied names in the gambling industry.

Poster and Breiling bought the Golden Nugget properties in downtown Las Vegas and Laughlin for \$215 million from MGM Mirage in June and hope to restore the luster to the brand with high-end gamblers, a Fox Television reality show and headlines harkening back to the days of Frank Sinatra.

It's a risky proposition for a pair of young mavericks who have limited experience in the casino industry, and questions remain on Wall Street about whether they can succeed in the struggling downtown district.

Sitting behind a sprawling desk on the 18th floor of the Golden Nugget's executive offices - with only a distant view of the glittering Las Vegas Strip - Poster waves off photographers.

Like famed casino developer Steve Wynn, who once owned the Golden Nugget hotels that he parlayed into an empire, Poster takes chances.

"I always fancied myself as a gambler," the Las Vegas native said. "I come from a family of gamblers. In my previous business ... we took risks all the time."

So far they've paid off. The former business, TravelScope, specialized in discount prices in hotel reservations and air-hotel packages. It also made Poster, 35, and Breiling, 34, very rich. They sold it to Expedia for about \$105 million in 2000.

In 2003, the pair found themselves on the road, visiting cities to raise money to buy the two Golden Nuggets. They eventually secured \$175 million through a debt offering and loan, plus \$50 million in equity.

As part of the equity, the two staked \$37.5 million of their own money and persuaded tennis star Andre Agassi and former International Game Technology Chairman Chuck Mathewson to each invest \$5 million. Former Expedia executive Rich Barton also sank \$2.5

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Tom Breiling, left, and Tim Poster bought the famed Golden Nugget last June.

Low-carb diet hits firms offering traditional methods

Change could affect industry permanently

The Washington Post

This should be a feeding frenzy for the weight-loss industry.

The health consequences of obesity, a national epidemic, are more powerful reasons to shed pounds than flitting into last year's bathing suit ever was. Employers are pushing workers to downsize, and the IRS now allows tax deductions for certain weight-loss expenses.

Yet Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig and Slim-Fast - the industry's traditional giants -

How to take it off

With low-carb's endurance, it's traditional diets that are reducing.

Robert Atkins' 35-year-old diet has a whole new generation of fans. It's hard for dieters to resist the idea of steak and eggs for breakfast.

Jenny Craig is offering corporate programs and home delivery of its low-calorie, portion-controlled meals to boost flagging sales.

Slim-Fast built its business around a simple \$1 to \$2 shake. But "easy" may not be enough anymore: Sales slipped 27 percent last year. South Beach organizes its diets around long lists of high-glycemic, low-glycemic and "neutral" foods.

Weight Watchers has souped up its tried-and-true approach with FlexPoints, but the first quarter of 2004 will show another slight loss in membership.

carb threat can be risky. For years, the three largest weight-loss programs have competed with fat diets precisely by not changing, and being there like an old friend when the fad passed.

What especially worries the traditional weight-loss industry is the staying power of the low-carb diet. "Unless something comes out from the medical community saying there's something wrong with the Atkins Diet, I don't see any end to it," said John LaRosa, president of Marketdata Enterprises Inc. in Tampa, Fla., an industry research firm.

Many in the medical community have, in fact, said there are problems with the Atkins approach, but enthusiasm for its delivery of quick weight loss

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Idaho gas prices hit record

Rising cost could slow state's recovery

The Associated Press

BOISE - The average price of unleaded gasoline jumped a penny overnight to hit a record high on Tuesday, the American Automobile Association reports.

The AAA's daily fuel pump survey put the average price of self-service unleaded at \$1.84 a gallon. The old record was set last Sept. 4 at \$1.837 a gallon.

Last week's agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut production by 4 percent combined with increasing demand as the economy recovers and weather improves were being blamed.

But Dave Carlson of the Idaho AAA chapter also cited chronically low fuel inventories in the United States and complicated federal and state fuel regulations for the tight supplies that have pushed prices to record levels nationwide.

"In the long run, we need to consider revisiting government policies that have resulted in more than 15 different varieties of gasoline being used across the United States each summer," Carlson said in a statement.

He also agreed with some economists that rising fuel costs could slow Idaho's economic recovery as businesses adjust their prices to reflect the dramatic increase. Since mid-January, the average price of unleaded gasoline has jumped 26 cents a gallon.

"Unstable gasoline prices make budgeting for fuel costs extremely difficult," Carlson acknowledged.

Price pressure in Idaho was centered in the state's most populous southwestern region, where the average price hit the record nearly a week ago.

Idaho's average continued to rank eighth highest nationally and was 7.5 cents a gallon above the national average on Tuesday.

Feds step up effort to take on tax cheats

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS - Tax cheats are much more likely now to do hard time, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The U.S. Justice Department, working in tandem with the Internal Revenue Service, has dramatically increased the number of criminal cases filed - a trend it plans to continue.

"People who engage in tax fraud are increasingly likely to be on the receiving end of not only civil enforcement actions but also of criminal prosecution," said Eileen J. O'Connor, assistant attorney general for the tax division of the Justice

Department.

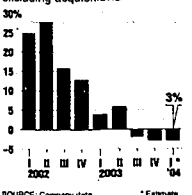
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Losing Members

As the low-carb diet trend took off, Weight Watchers' membership slipped.

U.S. membership growth percentage by quarter, excluding acquisitions



SOURCE: Company data. *Estimate. THE WASHINGTON POST

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has kept "Dr. Atkins Diet Revolution" in print consistently since 1972.

Slim-Fast has been hit hard. The privately held meal-replacement diet product was introduced in 1977 but its business around the convenience of drinking a shake rather than eating a meal. But "easy" isn't enough for customers anymore.

According to data collector In-Form, the sales of Slim-Fast's traditional meal-replacement shakes and powders slipped 27 percent last year, to \$290 million.

"I think it's kind of like, 'Been there, done that, what else is new,'" Latties said of consumer sentiment about Slim-Fast.

Slim-Fast Foods Co. officials declined to discuss the company's recent financial record. But it has been heavily promoting a new line of shakes and snacks for use as part of a low-carb diet.

Jenny Craig, meanwhile, still advocates a balanced approach to dieting. A new management team has been making major changes since Sid and Jenny Craig left the company in 2002. Sales had been flat or declining for much of the past five years, CEO Evans said. But increased marketing to corporate customers, a home-delivery program called JennyDirect, the sale of new franchises and the hiring of celebrity spokeswoman Joy Behar helped push sales up last year and in January this year, he said.

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The real testing ground remains the 550 Jenny Craig weight-loss centers. The company is trying to stave off the low-carb market grab by improving the quality of its food with cookbook author and chef Cary Nell, and carefully training employees about how to respond to low-carb questions.

The publicly traded Weight Watchers International Inc. has been similarly fighting for members, whose fees are its main source of revenue, but with little success, according to recent analyst reports. After strong growth for three years, membership fell 3.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2003, not counting members gained through franchise acquisitions. Product sales were down 8 percent, and the company's stock has dropped about 18 percent in the past six months.

And this when 26 percent of Americans report being on some kind of diet, according to a market research firm from NPD Group.

Weight Watchers countered the low-carb message by re-launching its FlexPoints system changes since Sid and Jenny Craig left the company in 2002. Sales had been flat or declining for much of the past five years, CEO Evans said. But increased marketing to corporate customers, a home-delivery program called JennyDirect, the sale of new franchises and the hiring of celebrity spokeswoman Joy Behar helped push sales up last year and in January this year, he said.

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did the bump in attendance. Now Weight Watchers says its first quarter will show another slight membership loss.

Short-term, they're obviously suffering from the groundswell of having a low-carb option at a time when it's a very hot diet," Capelli said. CSFB has an investment-banking relationship with Weight Watchers, but Capelli does not own Weight Watchers.

The low-carb phenomenon exploded in part because it allows dieters to eat fun, fattening foods, but also because Atkins Nutritional Inc. began pushing scientific studies backing its approach in 2001, just as the nation's interest in losing weight began to surge. In 2002, the company introduced several nutrition bars, which gave the company even more name recognition. Ironically, the low-carb diet and predicted public relations boost when its creator, Robert Atkins, died in an October 2002 plane crash.

But some medical practitioners continue to believe that low-carb diets are overhyped and that interest in them is bound to wane. "I think the Atkins has been around for 15 to 20 years in one variety or another," said Arthur Frank, medical director of the Obesity Management Program at George Washington University. "I think the Atkins is a fad, and it's going to change your caloric intake. The only thing that makes a difference is how many calories you consume."

Frank said "you weak nutritional havoc eventually with a high-fat diet and predicted balanced weight-loss approach will come back into vogue." He commended programs such as Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig for "giving people sound, thoughtful nutritional advice."

along with structure, support and motivation. And companies with such a traditional approach are just waiting for the public's fascination with low-carb diets to end. Weight Watchers officials wouldn't be interviewed on their competitive situation, but in a recent conference call with analysts, President Linda Huiet predicted "this low-carb diet craze has now peaked, and the seeds of its decline are in place."

She said it usually takes about six months for low-carb dieters "to recognize these diets are unsustainable," so this year should bring the first wave of defections.

Atkins officials, undeterred by such predictions, say that while the overwhelming excitement about low-carb diets may calm down, the diet is here to stay as a lifestyle.

"I think there are people out there that want you to believe that this is bad for you, and the reason they want you to believe that is because otherwise their economic interests are threatened," said Matt Wiant, chief marketing officer for Atkins Nutritional, who said that the hysteria will settle down, and then that low-carb will be a permanent part of the way people eat.

Huiet at Weight Watchers, though, said the introduction of many low-carb supermarket products may hurt the low-carb lifestyle in the long run.

People "eating unrestricted amounts of low-carb packaged foods and snacks" will realize that their waistlines are actually expanding, she said. That, what happened with the mass introductions of low-fat products 10 years ago. And her company is getting ready: Its newest marketing campaign is built around the hopeful theme, "Welcome Back."

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million into the venture. - But the two needed to assure Wall Street that a pair of gambling novices could handle running big-time casinos. In a move that raised eyebrows on Wall Street, the Justice persuaded senior management at the casinos to stay with the new company under lucrative contracts.

In the end, the pair got a limited gambling license from the Nevada Gaming Commission and became the youngest major casino owners in the state.

The commission also told them to beef up their board of directors with people other than friends - people who know how to run a casino. Breiling said they tapped Burton Cohen, a longtime gambling executive and former president of the old Desert Inn and Flamingo hotels casinos.

With the licensing gambit behind them, the two swapped the reins about two months ago and began executing their business strategy. They are almost always at the

Las Vegas Golden Nugget, roaming the floors, ensuring every aspect of the operation runs smoothly.

Poster, who once served on the board of directors for Station Casinos, handles the gambling side, while Breiling manages the rest of the operations.

"These guys are fired up," said Marc Falcone, a Deutsche Bank gambling analyst in New York. "They have an energy level that hasn't been seen in this business in a long time."

Since taking over, attendance hasn't waned at the Golden Nugget Las Vegas, which is considered the jewel of a faded downtown with 1,907 hotel rooms and 2,800 employees. Built in 1946, it's the largest of the 14 hotel-casinos in the downtown area.

Unlike some of its neighbors, the Golden Nugget hasn't fallen into a state of despair.

"The Golden Nugget has been a successful operation for years," Breiling said. "That's one of the things that attracted us. It wasn't a turnaround."

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Department.

The Justice Department received 1,129 deferrals to the U.S. Attorney for criminal prosecution in 2003, a 35 percent increase over 2002. The Justice Department's tax division also is using its civil power to stop illegal tax schemes by obtaining injunctions in federal court.

The injunctions prohibit promoters from selling illegal tax schemes on the Internet, at seminars or through other means. Last year, the govern-

ment filed lawsuits to shut down 35 promoters of abusive tax schemes. In 2000, no such lawsuits were filed.

IRS and Justice Department authorities every year seem to announce some kind of initiative against tax cheats just before the April 15 deadline. But tax lawyers said the government rarely pursues these years.

"This year it is true that enforcement is on the rise," said Larry A. Campaigna, a Houston tax attorney. "They are hiring and training a lot of new agents."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Indexes.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange

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Stocks take a breather

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street took an expected breather Tuesday, with the Dow ending down 2.40 points.

Burley

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What is Chapter 11 bankruptcy?

Chapter 11 is a reorganization procedure, typically for corporations, in which the company in debt usually remains in possession of its assets and continues to operate as a business.

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arbitration documents.

The arbitration award is currently "stayed pending the outcome of the bankruptcy," said Zozula's attorney.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Summons JOHN VILLEUX, Individually, Plaintiff, vs. RONALD J. DOTSON, Individually, RE RENAEAE DOTSON, Individually, and DOES IV, unknown parties, Defendants.

Defendant: Ronald J. Dotson: NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PARTY AND YOU MUST ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated Court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. Failure to so respond, the Court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2003. Robert C. Clark, Clerk of the District Court. By: Gerry David, Deputy Clerk.

PUBLISH: March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2004

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY THREE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT #416

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the annual school election of Three Creek School District #416, Twin Falls and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho is to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 2004, at the Three Creek School in said district.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. Three (3) trustee position. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three years from the date of the election of one trustee who resides within Trustee Zone No. Three (3).

Completed Declarations of Candidacy petitions shall be filed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2004 (fifth Friday prior to the date of election). Each declaration of candidacy must bear the signature of not less than five (5) school district electors resident of the trustee zone of which the candidate is resident.

As provided by Idaho Code, Section 33-502A no write-in vote shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed with the District Clerk indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed no later than five (5) days before the day of election.

Legal descriptions of zones, petitions, and election information may be picked up at, or requested from, the Three Creek Joint School District Office, 122 9th Avenue North, Buhl, Idaho 83316.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2004. Michael R. Ruffing, C.P., Notary Public, Clerk of Three Creek School District #416

POSTED: (Beginning April 6, 2004)

Public Notice: I hereby give according to law and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, that the annual school election of Filer School District No. 413, Idaho is to be held on the 15th day of May, 2004. Candidates interested in filing a declaration of candidacy must file no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2004.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 1 trustee position. Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 4 trustee position. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three years from the date of the election of one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 1 and one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 4.

As provided by Idaho Code, Section 33-502A no write-in vote shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed with the District Clerk indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed no later than five (5) days before the day of election.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2004. Sandra Roberts, Interm Clerk

PUBLISH: March 31 and April 7, 2004

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413

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PUBLIC NOTICE IMPORTANT

access public records and public meetings. Please address all legal advertising to: THE TIMES NEWS, P.O. Box 548, 200 E. Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY MURTAUGH J. SCHOOL DIST. #4

Public Notice is hereby given according to law and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Murtaugh J. School District No. 418, Twin Falls and Cassia Counties, Idaho, that the annual school election of Murtaugh J. School District No. 418, Idaho is to be held on the 5th day of May, 2004.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 2 trustee position. Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 3 trustee position. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three years from the date of the election of one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 2 and one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 3.

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Dated this 24th day of March, 2004. Sandra Roberts, Interm Clerk

PUBLISH: March 31 and April 7, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY GOODING-LINCOLN COUNTIES, IDAHO

Public Notice is hereby given according to law and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho, that the annual school election of Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho is to be held on the 5th day of May, 2004.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 1 trustee position. Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 2 trustee position. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three years from the date of the election of one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 1 and one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 2.

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PUBLISH: March 31 and April 7, 2004

HOUSE RECEIPTS OR WEIGHT CERTIFICATES

may be issued during the period of suspension. If you have any questions, please call the warehouse at 208-338-6813.

TEMPORARY LICENSE SUSPENSION

Effective April 1, 2004, your Idaho Public Warehouse License No. 0113 (State Number 0283) will be suspended if you are not in compliance with the provisions of the law.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Twin Falls Public Library Facility Expansion Plan

The Twin Falls Public Library is seeking letters of interest and summaries of qualifications from professional architects for the purpose of planning or preparing preliminary plans for the expansion of the existing library facility.

The library will investigate and make inquiries as to why such a bid was not submitted, and if appropriate, will refer the matter to the public upon written request for disclosure.

Completed Declarations of Candidacy petitions shall be filed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2004.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY GOODING-LINCOLN COUNTIES, IDAHO

Public Notice is hereby given according to law and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho, that the annual school election of Gooding-Lincoln Counties, Idaho is to be held on the 5th day of May, 2004.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 1 trustee position. Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 2 trustee position. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three years from the date of the election of one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 1 and one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 2.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 231

Public Notice is hereby given according to law and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 231, Idaho, that the annual school election of Joint School District No. 231, Idaho is to be held on the 5th day of May, 2004.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 1 trustee position. Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 2 trustee position. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three years from the date of the election of one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 1 and one trustee who resides within trustee zone No. 2.

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LOST Cat, black male, bob tailed Call 208-734-9633

LOST Pursa @ Burger King in Twin Falls, Sunday April 4th. The purse was leather & hand loaded, by a dear friend. Please help me & return it to Burger King or call 208-734-9633.

LOST Pyromaniac, large male wearing a collared shirt, 2-3 years old. Lost in Hoistler area. REWARD \$500-4555.

LOST Red Heeler, 1 yr old female, Windfall area. Please call 208-731-5447.

PERDIDA Carta/Bolsa de 208-734-9633. Twin Falls, Domingo, Abril 4th. La cartera es de cuero y es de color rojo. Por favor avisar a mi congresista a la Burg King o llamar al telefono 208-734-9633.

FOUND Australian Shepherd, male, young, black and white. In parking lot in front of Office Max, 738-6813.

FOUND Bicyclist near town hall, about 20 inches. Great looking! For more information call 208-423-5163.

FOUND Birb, tambo, black and white, near Madrona. Call 208-738-9399.

FOUND Lab, black female puppy, very playful, near town hall. Loves children. 536-2071 or 324-3651.

LOST Chihuahua, 1 yr old, brown, approx. 5 lbs. Reward offered. 208-338-5338.

LOST Cushman, light weight, black and white. Lost Wed. between N. Burg. & Lincoln. Call 208-338-431-3972.

LOST German Shorthair, male, 1 1/2 yrs. old, not wearing collar. Found near Filer. Call with any info. 208-733-0445 or 420-8005.

LOST Golden Retriever, 1 yr old, black and white. Found near town hall. Call 208-733-0445 or 420-8005.

LOST Gray Malinois, 1 yr old, black and white. Found near town hall. Call 208-733-0445 or 420-8005.

LOST Parson mix, female, long hair, white and black. Found near town hall. Call 208-733-0445 or 420-8005.

LOST POT BELLED PIG In the yard of Magic Valley Hospital and Rock Creek Canyon. If you find please call 736-1894. REWARD!

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 2322 EAST 3250 NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83301.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 2322 EAST 3250 NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83301.

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS BERM RECONSTRUCTION BIG VALLEY ELEMENTARY

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 31, Mindoka, Cassia, and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, hereby announces that sealed bids will be received for BERM RECONSTRUCTION AND WINDOW ALTERATIONS BIG VALLEY ELEMENTARY, RUPERT, IDAHO.

Interested parties are invited to submit a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any addendums to the bid, to be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

Licensed general and roofing contractors may obtain Drawings and Specifications from the Planning and Design Department, 1735 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83705 for a refundable document deposit of \$150.00 per set.

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATION Catering Manager (Secretary, Microsoft Office EXP required) must have excellent customer service skills. Call 733-2300.

ADVERTISING SALES The Times-News has an immediate opening for an Advertising Sales Representative in our Twin Falls office. Applicant must have a college degree or equivalent sales experience. Send your resume to: P.O. Box 2378 Twin Falls, Idaho ID 83303.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 208-733-8300 & 731-9565.

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photo? We have a special offer on photos we are sure you would want. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

HUNTERS & FISHERMEN Exciting new business opportunity for those who love to hunt and fish. Get paid to hunt & fish. Call 208-312-5580 or 208-718-0407.

BANKRUPTCY Inexpensive Chapter 7 & 13 Williams Law. 736-0699.

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TWIN FALLS Beautiful history July remodel 4 bdrm.

TWIN FALLS Open House Sat & Sun. 2-8 pm

TWIN FALLS 2 of everything 3695 lot, 2 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath.

TWIN FALLS Owner Finance 3 bdrm, 2 bath.

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, large lot.

TWIN FALLS 6 bdrm, 3 bath, very clean, fully landscaped.

TWIN FALLS 6 bdrm, 4 bath, 6,000 sq. ft. on 2 acres.

TWIN FALLS Beautiful charming vintage brick home.

TWIN FALLS Beautiful 1/2 acre on 1/2 acre lot.

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KIMBERLY, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, large yard, \$650,000.

MURTAUGH 3 bdrm, 2 bath, no smoking, \$400,000.

RUFERT 500 Hemlock Cr. Sharp, 1.5 bath, \$300 or less.

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, 1 bath, clean, no pets, \$400 + dep.

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Magic Valley Real Estate. Visit us online and check out Magic Valley area homes. Click on Real Estate.

GEM STATE REALTY, INC. 208-734-0400. TWIN FALLS Condo, 2 story, 2000 yards for sale.

602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES
WENDELL 2 bdrm., 1 bath, house in the country, water, sewer, garage, \$495,000...

JEROME nice clean 2 bdrm., 1.5 bath, all appliances, \$460,000...

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., garage, \$500 mo., 1633 Falls 734-2417...

LYNWOOD SHOPPING CENTER Office & Retail Building...

WANTED day old Holstein heifers, can sell back on springs...

702 DAIRY CATTLE & SUPPLIES
MOLTEINS-300 Springs 6 to 7 months...

703 HORSES & TACK
APIC, AGHA & GHBT addhorses. Great locks, milder movement...

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FOR LEASE 1000 sq. ft. sheet metal building with all tools included...

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 1 bath, secluded area, 1 mile of C.S. 542/mo + deposit. Springtime special month 12.00. 801-652-0710...

TWIN FALLS small, clean apt. no smoking. 420-9399...

TWIN FALLS Studio W/Included, close to downtown \$350. + dep. 208-731-0411...

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff
I fear the Greeks, even when they bring gifts. -Virgil

When West leads the trump against four spades, the best route to 10 tricks must involve your taking two ruffs in dummy, for which you appear to have the timing and communications. How exactly should you set about this? Is there anyone encountering this spade suit for the first time who would not let the opening lead run around to hand, taking advantage of the friendly lead?

Well, watch the denouement. You win the spade king at trick one, then-play-the-heart-ace-and-ruff a heart, ruff a diamond, ruff a heart, and ruff a diamond to play lead to head out the spade jack. Alas, when spades do not split and the club ace is offside, you have to lose a trick. The problem was that in penny-pinching at trick one by playing low from dummy, you were forced to ruff two hearts with significant trumps. You actually created a trump loser in the process. Far better is to assume from the lead that East has the spade queen - almost certainly singleton or doubleton - so you do not need to finesse at all! Win dummy's spade ace at trick one, and cash the diamond ace and cash ace before embarking on the crossruff in diamonds and hearts, using low spades to ruff hearts in dummy. At the end of this maneuver, you can draw all the remaining trumps with the king and jack of spades and have 10 tricks in the bag.

ROTTEWELT 2 year old, pruned female, spayed, great family dog, 420-7560 eyes...

SHIH-TZU AKC puppies 8 weeks, 1st shots, perfect markings, 420-7560 eyes...

SHIH-TZU AKC puppies all shots, 6 weeks old, \$50 & 420-431-0296...

SHIH-TZU Bred, 5 months old, all shots, \$200. Call 420-2946 or 731-0469...

TOY POODLE puppies 3 males, 8 wks, 16 albino mixers, PTOO all done, first shots, 679-3632 or 431-3632...

WANTED puppies for F200R. Please help call 733-9233 ask for Blaine or Jan...

3, HITCH, 3 Row Corcorator for small tractor, 420-7560 eyes...

DOG 700 Fertilizer sprayer truck. Run and works great. \$1100. 543-6564 or 490-1834...

FARM BRED '97 3 axis, 436' wide. Good condition, 65-267 or 431-9417...

FORD '63 F600, 16 mil, low miles, 5 speed, 2 speed axle, Minkin truck, 404-9371 or 324-3035...

FARM & SUPPLIES WATER TANKS gal, 525, 625, 725, gal, Ross Mfg. 707-2222...

FREE GRAIN SILOS (2) Free grain silos 12' x 12' x 12'. Call for details 324-1457 324-5174 or 539-1457 night...

GRAIN TRUCK '74 12' x 12' x 12'. \$3500 or make offer. Call 543-2466...

HEATH Air Planter 28 ft. 180 mod. with beat and center plates. \$280-1379...

'71 7100 12 row, 30' wide, 14' high, 1100 mod. exc. shape, ready to plant has monitor system insecticide hopper 5700. Call Scott 208-599-2448...

JOHN DEERE 485U 1700, 10,089 hours, 15' wide, 14' high, 1100 mod. exc. shape, ready to plant has monitor system insecticide hopper 5700. Call Scott 208-599-2448...

COVERED, steel pipe, 4.5 ft. dia, 20' long, in random lengths for pivot crossing, \$1100. Call 208-324-4167 or 208-420-7777...

EXCEL PWC PIPE 670 L P. Accessories also. Call 208-634-6555...

H. Springer's Kites Springhawk reborn. New Sales 280-2323...

HAND LINES Drill & socket, 38 lbs. Drill & saw m. 208-551-172 or \$1100. 208-431-7149...

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