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Man pleads guilty to 1999 murder

Burley victim's father says case shows importance of DNA database

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — If the Legislature had properly funded the state crime lab, a 1999 murder case could have been solved sooner, the victim's father said Monday. After learning that Troy Alonzo pleaded guilty to killing Kacy Ray of Burley — a charge made possible through DNA testing at the state crime lab — Ray's father, Leo Ray, spoke strongly about the need for more money for the lab. The Kacy Ray case is the state's first use of the DNA database, authorities say. The Legislature needs to



Kacy Ray

give the state lab what it needs to get up and going," Leo Ray said. "This could have been solved earlier if they had the money they need. That's what got the conviction." Kacy Ray was found dead in a field southeast of Burley on New Year's Day 2000, several days after she'd been killed. Alonzo pleaded guilty to a charge of first-degree murder

Monday morning. Fifth District Judge John Hohnhorst accepted the guilty plea from Alonzo in a quickly arranged hearing. Alonzo had been scheduled to go to trial Monday on an unrelated battery charge, but after meeting with his attorney during the weekend, that trial was averted because Alonzo agreed to plead guilty to the murder charge. Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barus said. Alonzo admitted in court Monday he had gone to Ray's Burley apartment and then took her to a field 13 miles southeast of Burley and killed her with a tire iron he had in the trunk of his car, Barus said.



Troy Alonzo
Confessed to killing Burley woman

Alonzo didn't offer up much detail in open court, Barus

said, but he did in a later interview with investigators. Leo Ray said his daughter's case will show the importance of DNA in solving crimes. Alonzo had never been a suspect in the Kacy Ray murder. But a relatively new state law allowed DNA samples to be collected from convicted felons led prosecutors to charge him with the crime last June. At the time of Kacy Ray's death, investigators collected vaginal swabs and blood which showed the presence of semen. In July 2002 an Idaho State Police forensic scientist reported that a search of Idaho's convicted offender DNA database identified a match between the Please see ALONZO, Page A2

ONE TITANIC FRIENDSHIP



GARY MEYER/The Times-News

Frank Pearson of Jerome has an affinity for all things Titanic. Pearson has a vast collection of Titanic pictures, books, replica dishware and this Waterford crystal likeness of the ill-fated ocean liner. He has also befriended one of the last three living survivors of the Titanic, Millvina Dean of South Hampton, England.

Wendell teacher visits survivor of infamous shipwreck

By Hilary Johnson
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — As the 92nd anniversary of the Titanic's sinking arrives Wednesday, many will note its passing with simple observations. Some might rent a movie or possibly ponder the event longer. However, there are a few who don't wait for the anniversary. Frank Pearson of Jerome is one of those few. Only 705 people survived the tragedy of the infamous floating palace, which began its journey to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean on the evening of April 14, 1912. Pearson, a third-grade teacher at Wendell Elementary School, has developed a close friendship with one of the survivors still alive today. She is 92-year-old Millvina Dean.



Photo courtesy of FRANK PEARSON

Frank Pearson of Jerome poses for a photo with 92-year-old Millvina Dean, one of the last three living survivors of the Titanic, at her birthday party in England in February.

"My ultimate dream was to meet a survivor," Pearson said. "And I never thought that would happen." In February, Pearson was one of 18 invited guests at a private party celebrating Dean's 92nd birthday. She was just 9 1/2 weeks old when her mother carried her onto the Titanic from a port in South Hampton, England.

The party included guests from Germany, the United States, Canada, Switzerland and the U.K. "She hired an orchestra for the evening. It was a beautiful party," Pearson said. "It was held in an old, old hotel with lots of charm." Pearson said he first became gripped by the story of the Titanic when he was preparing a book report in high school — even though he got an "F" on the paper. When the ship's wreckage was discovered in 1985, Pearson said his fascination for the Titanic was reignited. It was at that time that he took his first significant steps toward achieving his ultimate dream. "I probably read 30 different books on the subject within a short period of time, and that was when I decided to join the Please see TITANIC, Page A5

High school keeps ag program after farm community rallies

By Karly Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students will be able to take agriculture classes at Twin Falls High School, after all. Responding to an outcry from students, parents and business community members, the School Board approved a revised plan Monday evening for the revamping of the high school's professional and technical programs. The addendum to the plan calls for several improvements to the agricultural sciences programs that would expand it and keep

some parts on campus, while housing other students to the College of Southern Idaho for advanced classes. "It became very obvious that we had not been specific enough," said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs, describing his meeting with members of the Farm Bureau last week to discuss the original proposal. Administrators worked over the weekend to create a more detailed plan for the agriculture program. Only three board members, Vera Redman, Del Traveller and Chad Hafer, were present for the unanimous vote on the proposal Monday.

It includes:
• **New instructor** — The district plans to hire a new agricultural science teacher to replace Jeff Olson, who is retiring at the end of this year. This instructor would teach a ninth-grade "Introduction to Agriculture" class at both junior high schools, serve as the coordinator for the district's chapter of the National FFA Organization and coordinate an introduction to agriculture class that a CSI instructor would teach at the high school. Dobbs said he wants representatives from the Please see SCHOOL, Page A2

Council considers public messages at city parks

Preacher's desire to place anti-gay monument at Twin Falls park sparks review of policy

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

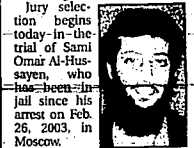
TWIN FALLS — Any sort of message, whether loving or hateful, on plaques and memorials in city parks is asking for a trip to court, City Attorney Fritz Wondenlich asserted Monday. Wondenlich's comments were in response to a proposal before the City Council that outlined a policy for inscriptions on donated plaques and memorials. The council had

asked the City Parks and Recreation Department to come up with a policy after a Kansas Baptist preacher had lobbied last winter to put a monument in a Twin Falls park condemning gays. In particular, the Rev. Fred Phelps had wanted to erect a monument that included a picture of an Arkansas boy who was killed by two homosexual men. The proposed policy elicited so many questions that even- Please see PARKS, Page A2

Security intensifies ahead of terror trial

Combined wire reports

BOISE — Security was intensified around the federal courthouse in the Idaho capital on Monday in anticipation of the trial of a University of Idaho graduate student accused of using his computer skills to foster terrorism. Legal experts see the case as a key test of one of the Bush administration's legal weapons in the war against terrorism.



Al-Hussayn
Samir Al-Hussayn

Jury selection begins today in the trial of Sami Omar Al-Hussayn, who has been in jail since his arrest on Feb. 26, 2003, in Moscow. Al-Hussayn, who has continued to work toward his doctorate in computer science from jail, is charged with three counts of supporting through the Internet the militant Palestinian organization Hamas and various other groups promoting violence against the United States. He is accused of maintaining bank accounts in Indiana, Texas, Idaho and Michigan to funnel more than \$300,000 in cash to the Islamic Assembly of North America based in Ann Arbor, Mich. Federal agents wanted to question the group's president about the 2001 terrorist attacks. Al-Hussayn also faces 11 counts of visa fraud and making false statements to suppress his connections to terror-linked groups. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 15 years in prison on each of the terrorism counts up to 25 years each on the seven visa fraud charges and five years each on the four false statement counts. But the actual punishment on any of the counts would be based on a pre-sentencing report that would consider the defendant's criminal history and other circumstances. The Bureau of Immigration Please see TERROR, Page A5

TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Sunny skies and mild. Highs near 70.

Tonight: Fair skies. Lows in the upper 30s to the lower 40s. Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny and mild. Highs near 70.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Sunny skies and mild. Highs near 70.

Tonight: Fair skies. Lows in the upper 30s to the lower 40s. Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny and mild. Highs near 70.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Alonso

DNA profile obtained from Kacy Ray's body and from a known sample collected from Alonso. Police had to obtain a court order to get a blood sample from Alonso because DNA samples can't be used as evidence in court.

Bush plans prime-time news conference

WASHINGTON - President Bush has scheduled a rare prime-time news conference Tuesday night, ending days of relative seclusion amid one of the most politically treacherous periods of his presidency.

Parks

Continued from A1. The council unanimously voted to send it back to the Parks and Recreation Board, which had given the assignment to a subcommittee.

School

Continued from A1. The district is still looking for money to pay for 40 extra days in the contract that agriculture teachers typically have to work with students over the summer.

Alonso

Police had to obtain a court order to get a blood sample from Alonso because DNA samples can't be used as evidence in court. The DNA was the only thing that brought Alonso to attention in the case, Leo Ray said.

Parks

Paula Brown-Sinclair spoke on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board. To help close the door to the likes of Phelps, the group stipulated all donations must contribute to the recreational aspects of the parks.

School

About 40 spectators jostled for position inside and at all three doors to the School Board's meeting room to hear the revised proposal be approved. Some students were still critical of the changes.

Alonso

Alonso previously served five years in the state pen on a 1991 conviction in Minidoka County for attempted rape. Alonso said he plans to ask the judge to sentence Alonso to a fixed term of life in prison or life without the possibility of parole for Ray's murder.

Parks

Phelps had specifically voted against putting monuments in parks. "If we're going to put monuments in our parks, I don't know how you can play a good game of football when you have to keep running around a monument," she said.

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Continued from A1. Tom Billington, a Twin Falls farmer, told the board about his hope that an agriculture program be supported and nurtured at the schools.

Mubarak, Bush hail Israeli move

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Monday they would welcome an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza as a positive step toward a Middle East peace agreement and a future Palestinian state.

"I think any withdrawal from the occupied territory is very highly appreciated," Mubarak told reporters following a private meeting at Bush's ranch.

Bush, who meets with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon later this week, said "if he were to withdraw from the Gaza, it would be a positive development."

During their meeting, the two leaders discussed prospects for reviving Middle East peace efforts and Israel's plan to close 21 Jewish settlements in Gaza. Mubarak pledged that his country would do "whatever it takes" to revive efforts to strike a peace settlement between Israelis and Palestinians.

Pair strikes deal in deadly immigrant smuggling case

HOUSTON — A man and woman pleaded guilty Monday to taking part in a smuggling scheme that resulted in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants abandoned in a hot truck trailer.

Abeledo Flores, 34, and Fatima Halloway, 29, agreed to testify if needed at trials stemming from the nation's deadliest immigrant-smuggling attempt. They pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges.

They could get up to life in prison and a fine of \$250,000 each, but prosecutors agreed to recommend lesser sentences. Sentencing was set for July 12.

Defense claims coercion in white supremacist trial

CHICAGO — A white supremacist leader charged with trying to have a federal judge killed went on trial Monday with the defense claiming a government informant tried to lure him into the plot.

Defense attorney Thomas Anthony Durkin told the jury that secret tapes show FBI informant Tony Exala, not Hale, brought up the possible killing of Judge Joan Humphrey Leikow, who was not harmed. "The only person you'll hear talking about killing a federal judge is Tony Exala — he's the government's informant," Durkin said.

Judge: Man will face trial in deaths of his children

FRESNO, Calif. — A judge ruled Monday that there is enough evidence to try a man accused of killing nine of his children, although defense lawyers suggested the suspect's oldest daughter shot her siblings before killing herself and leaving the bodies in a bloody pile.

Marcus Wesson, 57, has pleaded innocent to charges he murdered his 25-year-old daughter and eight of his other children mugging in ages from 1 to 17. Wesson also faces charges of sexual abuse.

— compiled from wire reports

DOWNTIME



Marine Pfc. Carlos Rivera, left, rests as Sgt. Kenneth Jones reads a letter from his girlfriend at their outpost Monday in Fallujah. The Marines halted their offensive into the city to quell an anti-U.S. uprising there.

Cease-fire holds in Fallujah

To ease tension, cleric orders militia to leave police stations

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — As a tenuous cease-fire held Monday in the restive Sunni city of Fallujah, a radical Shiite cleric pulled his militia men out of police stations in three southern cities in an attempt to ease a standoff with the United States.

With quiet on both fronts, the cease-fire's worst fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein became clearer: The military reported about 70 coalition troops and 700 Iraqi insurgents killed so far this month. It was the biggest loss of life on both sides since the end of major combat a year ago.

A hospital official said over 600 Iraqis were killed in Fallujah alone — mostly women, children and the elderly.

The withdrawal of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army militia from police stations and government buildings in Najaf, Karbala and Kufa was a key U.S. demand. But al-Sadr followers rebuffed an American demand to disband the militia, which launched a bloody uprising in Baghdad and the south this month.

Al-Sadr issued instructions

for his followers to leave the sites of police and the government," said lawyer Muratada al-Janabi, al-Sadr's representative in the talks.

American troops were seen on the outskirts of Najaf, where al-Sadr is thought to be in his office. The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, said "the mission of U.S. forces is to kill or capture Muqtada al-Sadr."

U.S.-allied Iraqis were negotiating separately with representatives from Fallujah and al-Sadr. The U.S. military has moved more forces into both areas and is threatening to push into the cities if talks fall through.

The burst of violence since April 4 has exposed weaknesses in Iraq's U.S.-trained security forces. A battalion of the Iraqi army refused to fight in Fallujah, Sanchez said.

And some police defected to al-Sadr's forces, said Gen. John Abizaid, the top commander of

U.S. forces in the Middle East. Gunmen battered American supply lines around Baghdad on Monday, attacking a convoy of flatbed trucks carrying M113 armored personnel carriers south of the capital and setting them ablaze.

A supply truck was burned and looted on the road from the airport.

The U.S. military has been trying to regain control of supply routes, particularly on Baghdad's western edge, where gunmen this week have attacked fuel convoys, shot down an Apache helicopter, and killed two American civilian contractors after dragging them from their car.

Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commander of the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad, said hundreds of Iraqi fighters have been killed in the capital the past week — apparently most in the western area.

In Fallujah, Sunni insurgents and Marines largely stuck by a truce for a second day while Iraq's Governing Council members negotiated with city officials to halt the violence.

U.S.: Ex-Iraqi officers can help with stability

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. commanders in Baghdad said Monday they will reach out to former senior members of Saddam Hussein's disbanded army to try to stiffen Iraqi security forces who have proved disappointing against a growing insurgency.

The commanders acknowledged failures in American attempts to train and mentor Iraqi police and soldiers.

Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East, said a number of Iraqi police and civil defense corps members "did not stand up to the intimidators" during battles last week in restive Sunni

and Shiite cities. The cornerstone of the U.S. military's strategy for completing its mission in Iraq is Abizaid's plan to put newly trained Iraqi forces in charge of the country's security.

But the intensified insurgency has exposed worrisome lapses, including defections, desertions and incompetence.

In the past, U.S. officials have sought to avoid relying on former senior members of the Iraq army that existed under Saddam. But Abizaid indicated this approach would have to change. "It's also very clear that we've got to get more senior Iraqis involved."

Diet-drug ban takes effect nationwide

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A federal judge allowed a nationwide ban on dietary supplements containing ephedra to take effect Monday, turning aside a plea from two manufacturers.

Ephedra, once hugely popular for weight loss and bodybuilding, has been linked to 155 deaths, including that of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler a year ago.

U.S. District Judge Joel Pisanos refused to grant a temporary restraining order that would have prevented the Food and Drug Administration from banning the products.

After years of fighting manufacturers over the risks, the FDA announced in December that it was banning the sale of the amphetamine-like herb.

NVE Pharmaceuticals — of Newton, manufacturer of the diet supplement Sugar 2, had hoped to head off the ban, arguing its product is safe if used as directed.

"But like no president since John F. Kennedy, I'm going to ask young people to give something back. I'm going to ask you to serve your country to go out into your communities and teach children, be mentors, build homes and protect America," he said.

Blackout at LA airport disrupts airline service

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A brief electrical "outage" apparently caused by a bird on a power line knocked out electricity to the Los Angeles International Airport control tower and disrupted air traffic Monday morning.

Eighty to 100 flights had to hold in the air, circle or stay on the ground at other airports. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Donna Walker said. Some departures from Los

Angeles were also delayed briefly.

All flights remained in contact with the FAA, including through a facility in San Diego County that directs planes until they are about five to eight miles from Los Angeles International, Walker said.

A 34.5-kilovolt supply line went out for 10 seconds at 9:38 a.m., city Department of Water and Power spokeswoman Carol Tucker said.



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Kerry talks college costs to young voters

BOSTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Monday renewed his call for a comprehensive commitment to national service by Americans of all ages, telling college students that "change starts with you" as he proposed to aid for college tuition to national service.

"We cannot and we will not pass America's problems on to your generation. But the fact is, this action is not just about what we're going to do, it's about what you're going to do," Kerry said in remarks prepared for an appearance at the University of



Son, John Kerry

New Hampshire.

"With college tuition rising higher this year than ever before, it's time to make four years of college affordable to every single young American," Kerry said. "We'll help you pay for school, and we'll help even more if you're willing to serve your country. And together,

we'll make 2004 the last year that debt and dollar signs come before degrees and dreams for the future."

While Kerry pledged to "offer a lot to young people," his prepared remarks did not specify the relationship between service and tuition.

"But like no president since John F. Kennedy, I'm going to ask young people to give something back. I'm going to ask you to serve your country to go out into your communities and teach children, be mentors, build homes and protect America," he said.

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WORLD

Haitian hospitals target security

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Large coils of new barbed-wire run along the fence outside Canpe Vert hospital, and an armed guard checks visitors for weapons.

Hospital security is the biggest challenge for the International Committee for the Red Cross in Haiti, where patients have been shot or dragged away by armed gangs during and after the rebellion that ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in February.

"If tomorrow we have a similar crisis, will people respect the hospitals and see them as a place where the fighting should stop?" asked Felipe Donoso, head of the ICRC in Haiti.

"The answer at this point is no. There has been a terrible erosion of values here."

The Geneva-based ICRC has spent thousands of dollars upgrading security at hospitals in the capital Port-au-Prince and



A Red Cross insignia is reflected on a glass door of the Canape Vert hospital in Port-au-Prince Monday.

the northern city of Gonaves. The group also is advising smaller hospitals around the country on how to better protect their facilities, Donoso said.

In the violent rebellion surrounding Aristide's ouster on Feb. 29, hundreds of wounded

Haitians were brought to hospitals such as Canape Vert.

But all too often, the fighting between Aristide opponents and supporters continued inside hospital halls. Gun-toting gangs roamed the wards, looking to finish off the wounded.

Tribesmen say they're not harboring al-Qaida

BANNU, Pakistan (AP) — A Pakistani army cordon tightening around their mud-brick compounds, leaders of a tribe along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border say they are desperate to avoid bloodshed as a deadline to turn over al-Qaida suspects rapidly draws near.

Four elders of the Jani Khel tribe told The Associated Press they are ready to negotiate with the military, although the leaders insist they aren't harboring foreign terrorists and their mountainous land is too forbidding for the likes of Osama bin Laden and his men.

The elders descended the rugged peaks of Shawal, in North Waziristan, to meet with AP this weekend and give their side of the conflict.

The government has barred journalists from entering the tribal areas of North and South Waziristan since a March crackdown on a suspected al-Qaida den, so the bearded old men traveled eight hours over dirt paths and rutted roads to reach

Bannu, a town on the edge of the tribal belt.

Clad in sandals, traditional tunics and starched yellow and white turbans, the elders all swore they would turn over any terrorists they found.

"The government has put a huge number of troops on our land, and they tell us they are searching for al-Qaida, but we want to make clear that there are no al-Qaida in Shawal," said Said Khan, one of 35 elders in the 30,000-strong Jani Khel tribe.

"If there are foreigners, we will turn them over. We cannot afford to punish all of our people to protect one or two outsiders."

Pakistani troops have sealed the main routes in and out of Shawal, but they have not moved against the tribesmen. Fighting-age men in the region carry AK-47 machine-guns as a matter of routine, and many of the fortress-like compounds are stocked with mortars, grenades and rockets because of frequent inter-tribal clashes.

Stampede kills 21 at Indian rally

LUCKNOW, India (AP) — Thousands of people crowding into a park for a politician's birthday celebration and to receive free garis stampeded Monday, killing 21 women and children, officials said.

The stampede came two weeks ahead of parliamentary elections in Lucknow, the capital of India's politically crucial Uttar Pradesh state and the constituency of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who was headed to the city after the stampede.

Spain charges more in bombings

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spanish authorities investigating last month's Madrid train bombings jailed a Moroccan engineering student allegedly linked to the suspected ringleader and arrested three more suspects, court officials said Monday.

The electrical engineering student, Fouad Almorabi, 28, was jailed Monday on charges of collaborating with a terrorist

organization. During hours of questioning, Almorabi admitted knowing suspects in the March 11 attacks that killed 191 people but denied having any role in them, the officials said.

The Spanish government says the focus of its probe is the Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group, which has links to al-Qaida and is related to a group blamed for last year's suicide bombings in Casablanca.

Death toll in mine blast rises to 44

NOVOKUZNETSK, Russia (AP) — A small earthquake or shifting coal plates may have caused the blast that killed at least 44 Siberian coal miners, investigators said Monday.

Three miners remained missing in the latest disaster to strike Russia's hardscrabble coal country, but rescue workers held out little hope of finding them alive.

The blast occurred early Saturday about 1,840 feet down in the Talzhina mine in Osinniki, a sprawling community of ramshackle homes and derelict buildings set amid barren hills in western Siberia.

Sharon releases details of withdrawal plan

MAALEH ADUMIM, West Bank (AP) — Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday that Israel would seek to retain six large West Bank settlement blocs as part of his unilateral plan of "disengagement" from the Palestinians.

Sharon for the first time named the six areas he intends to keep: Maaleh Adumim and Givat Ze'ev near Jerusalem, Ariel in the heart of the West Bank, the Etzion bloc south of Jerusalem, the Kiryat Arba settlement near the West Bank city of Hebron and encaves in Hebron itself. Only an Israeli initiative will assure the future of the large settlement blocs and the security zones, Sharon said during a visit to Maaleh Adumim.

Sharon said a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank is good for Israel's security and will strengthen large West Bank settlements.

The prime minister spoke just hours before flying to Washington in hopes of securing the backing of President Bush for his disengagement plan.

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Titanic

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 historical society," he said.
 He began attending conventions and associating with people from the various Titanic societies.

"It is incredible how many thousands of people are still extremely interested in the Titanic," Pearson said. "It is amazing the people you can meet."

His first convention was in Denver, where he thought he was going to get to meet Dean for the first time.

"I was so disappointed, because Miliana had planned on being there, but the British Society was hosting their convention the same week," Pearson said. "So of course she couldn't come."

Although Dean couldn't make it, Pearson met a close friend of hers at the Colorado convention who suggested he write her because she has a fondness for children and he is a school teacher.

"I wrote to her, and I received a letter back. I sent Idaho Spud bars and Idaho wine the next time," he said. "We just kept corresponding."

Pearson eventually caught up to her the following year at a convention in London. He said he feels fortunate for the friendship that has since developed.

Dean's family, Pearson learned, had boarded the Titanic in hopes that America would bring a better life. But a planned home in Kansas never did pan out. Dean's father was one of at least 1,500 who drowned.

Dean, her mother and 3-year-old brother were rescued from their lifeboats in the Carpathia and taken on to America.

Husbandless, Dean's mother then decided to sail back to England with her children to live with relatives.

Pearson also has had the opportunity through his pursuits to meet other fascinating people connected to the Titanic, including a scientist who viewed the wreckage and Muffet Brown, the great-granddaughter of noted

survivor Molly Brown, who led a coup on her lifeboat in order to rescue survivors floating in the water.

Pearson collects more than intriguing details about the Titanic and its passengers. He also has an extensive collection of Titanic memorabilia. He has stamped Waterford Crystal, replicas of china from the first- and second-class sections, an actual White Star line trunk, photos, books, movies and just

about everything else that has to do with the Titanic.

"I really have quite a bit invested," Pearson admitted. But it can't be measured by dollars or pounds, because each item has a story to tell. He has six different books from 1912 — original printing — recounting the events by survivors and taped copies of survivors recounting the details of the experience. His memorabilia even finds

its way into the classroom. He has read "Polar — The Titanic Bear" to his third-graders. It's a story of the Titanic's sinking written through the eyes of a stuffed toy polar bear carried by the author's 6-year-old son.

Now that Pearson has achieved the goal of meeting a survivor, he has turned to a new objective.

"You know what my ultimate dream is now?" Pearson said. "It's to view the wreckage."

Utah gears up for West Nile

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah state agencies are teaming up to keep residents informed during a summer that is likely to see increased cases of West Nile virus.

Officials from the Utah Department of Health, the Department of Wildlife Resources, the Department of Agriculture and other agencies held a meeting Monday to show how they plan to keep the public informed and track the number of West Nile virus cases to hit Utah this year.

They're also asking for the public's help in reporting dead birds, using bug repellent and

keeping their yards free of standing water to prevent the virus' spread to humans.

The mosquito-borne virus, which can be deadly to humans, is expected to be a more serious problem this summer.

"The second year has often been the most serious," said Dr. Robert Rolfs, chief epidemiologist for the Utah Department of Health.

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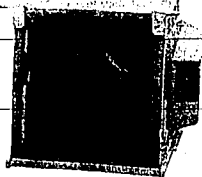
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 and Customs Enforcement has already found Al-Hussayen subject to deportation. His wife and three children returned to Saudi Arabia in January rather than flight deportation.

If Al-Hussayen is convicted, recent rulings in other cases could provide his lawyers with ammunition on appeal, according to an article in Monday's Wall Street Journal. In January, a federal judge in Los Angeles ruled that the prohibition against giving "expert advice or assistance" — a phrase terrorists violated First Amendment free-speech rights. The case involved a civil suit filed against the Justice Department on behalf of two groups the department had listed as terrorist groups.

In December, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco used similar reasoning to uphold an earlier ruling in the same case. The earlier ruling described other parts of the Patriot Act as unconstitutional.

David Cole, a Georgetown University law professor who has helped represent the plaintiffs in the California case, said the rulings there could bear directly on the Hussayen case.

"These cases are about pure speech and association," he told the Wall Street Journal.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge disposed of several last-minute issues in the Idaho case, and defense attorney David Nevin declined to ask for the trial's delay after prosecutors swamped him with up to 10,000 pages of evidence a week ago. Tens of thousands of previously classified intercepted e-mails and phone calls will be made available over the next two weeks, he said.

"We haven't been given all the exhibits. Some of them appear to be incomplete," Nevin told Lodge. "Many of the exhibits we're now seeing for the first time are complicated financial records."

Nevin, sitting next to the bearded, 34-year-old Saudi national in a yellow jailhouse jumpsuit, had been seeking access to the intercepted communications between Al-Hussayen and others — for months but was denied because the material had been classified and the defense interpreter had not received a security clearance. On Friday, prosecutors said the 20,000 e-mails and 9,000 phone calls were being declassified so they could be inspected.

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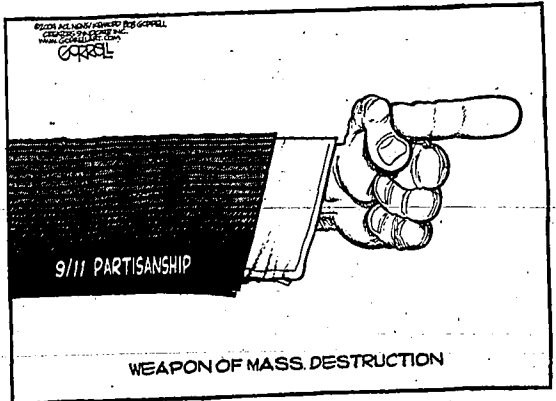
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Iraq is bigger for Bush than 9/11



EDITORIAL

Raney and Van Engelen deserve a nation's thanks

Cleston Raney of Rupert and Brady Van Engelen of Twin Falls probably didn't know they came from different Magic Valley towns and were a few years apart in age.

Each other. They were patrol leader for Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment of the 1st Armored Division.

Raney's story was different — but just as compelling. Left by his parents at an early age, Raney was taken in and raised by his aunt and cousins. As a teen, Raney searched for a direction he could take into his adult years. When the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, came, he knew his calling would be in the armed forces.

Our view: The stories of two Magic Valley soldiers illustrate the sacrifice and dedication of today's armed forces.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But a common thread connects the Army private and the Ranger lieutenant. That thread reminds us who this war is about and the sacrifices it requires for the good of Iraq and the U.S. Raney, 20, was killed March 31 in Habbaniyah, Iraq. A bomb went off under his armored personnel carrier, killing him and four other soldiers from the Army's 1st Infantry Division. He was buried with full military honors Saturday in Rupert.

Van Engelen was seriously wounded during fighting in Baghdad last week. According to Van Engelen's parents in Twin Falls, the 24-year-old patrol leader was shot by a sniper. The bullet passed through Van Engelen's skull, but he miraculously escaped brain damage. Carried to safety by his comrades, Van Engelen underwent surgery, and he's headed back to the states, where he's expected to make a full recovery.

The two men's lives tell us a great deal about the character of today's American soldier.

Van Engelen was a wrestler and a football captain at Twin Falls High School. He went to college on a ROTC scholarship. He joined the Rangers after graduating — one of 75 successful candidates in a field of 347.

While in Iraq, Van Engelen was featured in Time magazine's "Person of the Year" cover story on America's sol-

basic in Missouri. In September 2003, he got his orders for Iraq.

Family members tell of letters and conversations with Pfc. Raney, and the awakening realization of his abilities, his strengths, as his "higher calling" in the infantry. He found close friends in the Army, as well as a sense of belonging.

Today's all-volunteer military is filled with Raney's and Van Engelen's. A variety of backgrounds mold their character. But when they put on the uniform, those backgrounds become secondary to the mission they undertake.

That mission is to protect a nation selflessly, to put their own lives on the line for their buddies, their families, their hometowns, for all of us.

War-time casualties remind us that the price of freedom can be high indeed for the young people who step forward to serve.

We pray for Van Engelen's complete recovery, and we join Raney's family members in their sorrow. Both young men deserve their nation's gratitude.

Condoleezza Rice and the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks spent almost all of their appearance last week tussling over the first of Richard Clarke's two central accusations against President Bush: the charge that the administration initially did not pay enough attention to terrorism.

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Given its mandate to focus on 9/11, the commission didn't press Rice on the second major argument from Clarke, the former White House counter-terrorism chief: that by invading Iraq, Bush "greatly undermined the war on terrorism." But the argument over Iraq will almost certainly influence the result of this year's presidential election far more than the dispute over Bush's actions before Sept. 11.

That's not to say the commission's exploration of the Bush team's early attitude toward terror won't create many uncomfortable moments for the administration.

Bush allies are bracing for a tough time as the commission this week turns to lapses within the Justice Department and FBI.

And judging by the commission's questions at public hearings, and the staff reports already published, no one will be popping champagne corks in the White House when the commission releases its final report this summer.

Yet all indications suggest the report will also criticize President Clinton's administration. That means the commission is likely to reinforce a central strand in public opinion: While polls show most Americans don't think Bush had a clear plan for combating al-Qaida before Sept. 11, they don't think Clinton — or almost any other relevant leader or institution — did enough either.

That widespread belief has two implications for the 2004 campaign. First, it means that based on the information available so far, most Americans recoil from efforts to

blame Bush for the attacks. One leading Democratic interest group recently asked a focus group in Florida to respond to a potential television ad accusing Bush of negligence in failing to stop the attacks. The result was volcanic — against the ad.

"They were so angry I thought they were going to turn the tables over," said a Democratic operative who watched the session. "It was a very polarizing ad, and it pushed people who were on the fence decidedly away from us."

Second, the sense that everyone failed before Sept. 11 — almost by definition — means most Americans are likely to judge Bush more on his actions since then. That helps explain why even in polls released since Clarke's criticism, most Americans still mark the terrorism. The judgment is so stable because it is rooted in experience: the absence of another major terrorist incident inside the United States since Sept. 11.

But the inclination to measure Bush more by his decisions after Sept. 11 than before underscores his vulnerability on Iraq, as violence and chaos spread. In almost all polls, at

least half of Americans say they still support the initial decision to invade Iraq, despite the failure to find the weapons of mass destruction Bush and his aides cited as the principal justification. The reason, many opinion analysts agree, is that most Americans believe the region, and the United States itself, will be more secure if Iraq becomes stable, pro-Western and democratic.

But as order wavers in Iraq, so does confidence that the mission is meeting those goals. Support for Bush's handling of the war in Iraq has plummeted below 45 percent. Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed in a Gallup Poll last week said things were going badly for the United States in Iraq, the most anxiety about the occupation the survey has ever recorded. The unrest in Iraq is likely to intensify the debate about the fundamental premises that drove Bush to the attack.

Above all, the invasion dramatized the priority Bush places on overthrowing or intimidating rogue regimes that could support terrorists.

But a growing number of critics, including many advisers clustered around Sen. John Kerry, argue that Bush has overestimated the terrorists' need for state sponsorship. Indeed,

more critics are arguing that the invasion not only diverted resources better directed at al-Qaida itself, but inadvertently strengthened the terrorist cause by providing extremists a powerful recruiting tool through the American occupation of an Islamic nation.

In his book, "Against All Enemies," Clarke argues that any American president who had invaded Afghanistan after Sept. 11, but what made Bush "unique" was his decision to attack Iraq as the next step.

That's one point from Clarke on which Bush supporters and critics can probably agree. The failures before Sept. 11 have many fathers. But the war in Iraq belongs to Bush alone. It is the centerpiece of his short-term strategy for suppressing terrorism. It's the cornerstone of his long-term vision of curbing anti-American extremism by encouraging democracy in the Islamic world.

If most Americans conclude the war is failing to achieve those goals, or even undermining them, the public is likely to render a far tougher verdict on Bush than it has for his actions before Sept. 11.

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LETTER

Keep the agriculture courses at TFHS, not CSI

My name is Patrick Dale Laughlin. I was one of Jeff Olson's students back in 1994 and 1995. I am very concerned about the Twin Falls High School shutting down the agriculture program. I think I can speak for more than just myself when I say that the students at the Twin Falls High School should have every opportunity to take these classes at the high school level. The agriculture program is just as important to a lot of students as academic classes are to other students.

I can remember when I made the choice to take these classes. My reasoning was the opportunity for an easy A. I walked into the agriculture program and thought, "I could just sit there and do nothing. Well guess what, I was wrong. The

things that Mr. Olson taught me I would not change; they have helped me tremendously. Now that I am older, I find those classes to be helpful in more ways than one.

I strongly believe the Twin Falls High School should be the high school and the college should be the college. Let the students have access to these more to prepare students for the real world than some administration might think.

In closing, I think the Twin Falls High School should think about the students first. This is the reason why the students are there, for the teachers to teach them things they don't know that will prepare them for the future out in the real world. Leave the agriculture program at the high school.

PATRICK DALE LAUGHLIN
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dismissed rape case would have been thin

Grant Loeb's stated Toby LaPray wouldn't have been protected if the new rape law was in effect, that it would have made no difference in Toby's case because of the plea bargain where Loeb's dismissed a forcible rape of an 18-year-old for a non-forcible rape of a different female.

Mr. Loeb's, it should be obvious that the "bargain" would have existed: the 17-year-old girlfriend would not have been brought into the case being she would have legally been able to give consent. As for having no protection from incest rape, it would have been completely dropped, or at worst, Toby would have taken the misdemeanor battery offer. Instead, this "bargain" caused Toby to receive a felony for having consensual sex with his high school girlfriend.

If the new law would have been in effect, the non-forcible rape of the 17-year-old girlfriend would have been irrelevant. Toby would have not been in any trouble. Mr. Loeb's, since you have such a vendetta for Toby, if you could have proved Toby raped the 18-year-old, who by the way never left Idaho, you would have. Having no proof, the prosecutors used the 17-year-old to punish Toby. She was brought into the case approximately 10 months after the

original charge. At this time she was 17, and they were still seriously dating. She told Toby that she knew that he had not raped the girl. However, the prosecuting attorneys went to the girl's parents and stated that Toby had other "victims." These supposed "victims" were character witnesses and friends with the girl who made the claim of rape.

These girls have came forward and apologized to Toby for what has happened and told Toby that their telephone statements had been twisted by the prosecuting attorneys. One of the girls is willing to testify in court for Toby. It is evident that the prosecuting attorneys are out to ruin Toby's life and have done a good job at it in court. Toby asked Judge Bevan if he could speak. He disregarded Toby because there was no time for that.

Toby did say that he is tired of being threatened with prison in life if he doesn't plead guilty. Toby thought that the truth would set him free, but in our injustice system, the truth is never known. Toby has hung his head in shame far too long because of twisted words and lies.

VIOLET AMEN
Rupert

Right-to-work sinks income in Rupert

The families in Rupert whose income is not comparable to the cost of their utilities

can thank, in part, Idaho's right-to-work (or less) law.

STAN WINTER
Rupert

District takes wrong path on ag courses

As an alumnus of Twin Falls High School and FFA, I find it discouraging to discover the district's proposal to eliminate the ag and tech program at the high school, offering instead a dual credit option at the College of Southern Idaho, taking students and money away from the campus and diminishing the FFA chapter. As a student, I was involved in FFA and the classes throughout the department. Since I graduated, classes have been cut leaving welding and metal craft, giving students who don't like classic electives fewer options.

It is iniquitous to extract an entire department from an educational structure with the justification of "focusing on the core classes." If you are going to cut one department containing electives, why not cut them all? If a student seeking further knowledge in a technical program isn't allowed the opportunity to find such education on their campus, why should a student interested in painting have more selection? It is in the right of a student to seek out a wide range of enriching prospects within their school. The welding class is just as important as a creative

writing class. To take it away is a mistake.

Excuse my incredulity, but I find it difficult to believe the insane idea that the school board is ignorant enough to believe classes offered are farm management courses. The interest of students in ag classes seems to fall beneath the school board's apathy toward the real life education offered.

Being involved in FFA shaped more than my leadership skills. The experience gained through every contest, meeting, class and trip shaped my future no matter what path I may take. (Might I add "farm laborer" is not listed in my career goals.) It does not matter if the club holds popularity, it is still a vital and integral position within TFHS. Opportunity and choice are yoked with education.

I urge Mr. Dobbs and the school board to look beyond the shallow appearance of the word agriculture and see how it affects each person in this community. It is in everything we do, touch, taste and purchase. Look around the Magic Valley, we are agriculture! And no matter how "urban" some may consider Twin Falls, our past is embedded in the soil; our future sprouts from the land. To dismantle the ag science and tech department is another step in crippling our educational potential.

CLOVER POOL
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By Garry Trudeau



By Bruce Tinsley



Beyond April 15: How your taxes are spent

Frustrated taxpayers dutifully completing their 1040s frequently ask themselves an understandable question: Where is all this money going? And they deserve an answer.

The federal government is projected to spend \$21.671 per household in 2004 — the most since World War II and \$3,500 more than in 2001. Tax revenues will reach \$4,991 per household through a combination of the income tax, payroll tax, gas tax, estate tax and assorted business taxes typically passed on through higher prices and smaller investment returns. The remaining \$4,690 represents the deficit per household, which will be dumped in the laps of our children.

Here is a breakdown of where that \$21.671 goes:

Social Security and Medicare: \$7.665. The 15.3 percent payroll tax, split evenly between the employer and employee, covers most of these costs. Contrary to popular belief, individuals' contributions are not set aside for their own retirement, but used to fund the benefits of current retirees. Although there were once 15 workers per retiree, the retirement of the baby boomers will leave only two workers to fund the benefits of each retiree. By 2030, the added costs of that burden are projected to reach what, in today's economy, would be \$5,200 per household. In 2050, that additional tax would climb to \$13,500 per household. The unpredictable costs of the new Medicare drug benefit could add thousands more to each household's tax bill.

Defense: \$4,240. The defense budget covers everything from military salaries, to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, to the research and development and acquisition of new technologies. Lawmakers drastically cut defense spending throughout the 1990s. The 9/11 attacks re-

BRIAN RIEDL

versed this trend, and the increase \$1,300 per household since 2001 has returned defense spending to its historical levels.

Low-income programs: \$3,473. Nearly half of this spending subsidizes state Medicaid programs that provide health services to poor families. In line with economy-wide health-care trends, Medicaid costs are rising 10 percent per year. Other low-income spending includes: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, food stamps, housing subsidies, child-care subsidies, Supplemental Security Income, and low-income tax credits.

Interest on the federal debt: \$1,460. Washington is \$7 trillion in debt. It owes \$4 trillion to the public that owns its bonds and the rest to other federal agencies. Record-low interest rates have reduced the interest payments by \$1,000 per household over the last six years. As interest rates climb back to normal levels, so will these costs to taxpayers.

Federal employee retirement benefits: \$835. This funds the retirement and disability benefits of federal employees, including the military. Interest from federal trust funds covers part of this spending.

Health research and regulation: \$619. Health-research spending has doubled since 1998, and nearly all of that spending growth has been concentrated in the National Institute of Health. This category also includes the Food and Drug Administration and dozens of grant programs for health providers.

Education: \$583. Primarily a state and local function, 8 percent of education spending comes from Washington. Federal education spending has surged 76 percent since the

2001 enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act. Most federal dollars go to low-income school districts, special education, and college student financial aid.

Veterans benefits: \$565. The federal government provides income and health benefits to veterans. Spending is up 34 percent since 2001.

Unemployment benefits: \$451. Unemployment costs fluctuate based on the number of unemployed Americans. Recent costs have ranged between \$220 per household in 2000 (when unemployment was low) and \$526 per household in 2003 (when

unemployment was higher). This year, unemployment costs are decreasing as job growth continues.

Highways and mass transit: \$400. Most highway and mass transit spending is financed by the 18.4 cent per-gallon federal gas tax.

Per-household costs have increased from \$254 in 1998 to \$400 this year, and the current highway reauthorization bill in Congress would boost them substantially.

Justice administration: \$389. Justice spending includes federal attorneys and prisons, as well as law enforcement grant programs. New homeland se-

curity costs have added \$100 per household to justice spending.

International affairs: \$320. This includes foreign economic and military assistance, operation of American embassies abroad, and contributions to organizations such as the United Nations. International spending has doubled since 9/11.

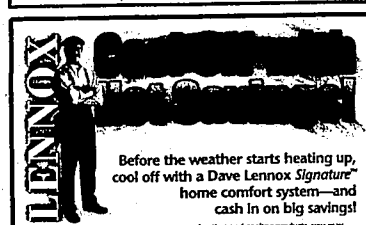
The programs listed above cover \$20,506 per household. The remaining \$1,165 is allocated to all other federal

programs, including farm subsidies, environmental programs, space exploration, air transportation and community development.

Taxpayers themselves will have to answer a final question: Are they getting their money's worth?

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LETTER

Dems are looking to blame on 9/11 panel

I watched all three hours of the 9/11 hearings featuring Dr. Rice and have a few observations.

It was apparent that there were two distinct agendas in play. Part of the panel seemed focused on what could be learned to help thwart future terrorist activities. A second part of the panel seemed more interested in passing eight years of ineffectual huffing and puffing on the part of the Clinton administration to the Bush administration, which had a few short months to sort out what needed to be done.

Richard Clarke, the superb expert on terrorist planning who had access to President Clinton on a daily basis for eight years, was picked when he was not able to get the Bush people to clean up all the old business overnight. I wonder why Clinton didn't realize how crucial Clarke's ideas were for the security of our country? There has been much blather about the importance of the Aug. 6 memo and how it should have put us on heightened national alert. It was Dr. Rice stated — a collection of materials concerning Osama's past activities throughout the world and what he would like to do to America. The reference to airplanes was in the context of hijacking for the purpose of freeing some of Osama's buddies held by various governments.

My impression of the hearings was that the Democrats are trying feverishly to shift the blame for their weak response to terrorist attacks to President Bush so they can put on a new suit of clothes in the guise of "strong national defense." The idea does not resonate well. My last impression is that

there should be an independent commission set up to investigate the culpability of Congress in the problems we face. They make the rules our intelligent agencies play by and dole out the funding to accomplish our policy and then criticize the effects of their handiwork. We have the fox guarding the chicken coop.

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Kidnappers release some hostages

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Kidnappers have released up to 12 foreigners taken hostage in Iraq, a member of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council said Monday.

Meanwhile, two U.S. troops and seven employees of American contractor Kellogg, Brown & Root were missing following an attack "two days ago" on a convoy near Abu Ghraib, west of

Baghdad, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said Monday. He refused to say whether they had been abducted.

More than 30 foreigners from at least 12 countries — including a Mississippi man whose fate also was unclear — have been kidnapped in recent days by insurgents.

The Xinhua News Agency reported that seven Chinese men

abducted by gunman Sunday in Fallujah were released Monday. The report, citing a Chinese merchant in Baghdad, said the seven were in the care of Islamic clerics.

In Tokyo, optimism faded that the Japanese hostages would be released quickly after a top government spokesman suggested authorities were no longer confident of their safety.

Report: Saudi militant dies

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — One militant and one policeman were killed Monday, and five police were wounded in a shootout on a Riyadh highway, security officials said.









The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police were chasing three other militants who fled in a Chevrolet sedan.

It was not yet clear what the militants were for or if they are on a list Saudi authorities released of 26 most-wanted terrorists. Following bombings in Riyadh on May 12, 2003, that killed 26 people.


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
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
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Attorney asks for delay in trial

TWIN FALLS—The suspect in the killing of a Twin Falls woman opted to waive his right to a speedy trial.

Jody Randall Olkey Carr, 31, of Filer appeared in 5th District Court Monday to ask for a delay in the murder trial scheduled for July 15.

"Due to the magnitude and complexity of this case, we're asking for it to be continued until October or November," said Casey Robinson, Twin Falls County chief deputy public defender.

A grand jury returned an indictment in February against Carr, charging him with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Sheriff Brookshier.

Brookshier, 31, of Twin Falls was last seen Jan. 31 at the Clover Klub Lounge. Her body was found in a field south of Filer on Feb. 5.

Meanwhile, Grant Loebis, Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney, told District Judge John Hohnhorst he would not seek the death penalty should Carr be found guilty.

Fire damages shop at construction firm

TWIN FALLS—A fire of unknown origin damaged a mechanic's shop Monday morning.

Fire units were called to Snake River Construction Inc. at 1149 Addison Ave. W. just after 6 a.m., said Battalion Chief Gary East of the Twin Falls Fire Department.

"There was fairly extensive damage to the structure," East said, estimating that the fire damaged 40 feet of the 150-foot-long structure. "Everything inside was pretty much destroyed."

"A Jeep, a pickup bed and many tools were among the ruined items. No one was injured in the blaze, East said. The fire was still under investigation Monday afternoon.

Officials identify boy killed at dairy

TWIN FALLS—Officials have released the name of a boy who was killed Saturday at a dairy south of Twin Falls where his father works.

Jody Najera, 5, was killed when he rode his bicycle into the path of a 1991 Peterbilt feed truck being operated by his father, Jose Najera, according to a news release issued by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The boy was riding his bike at the same time his father was backing up to unload feed into a manger from a side discharge located on the bed of the truck, according to the release. Jody Najera rode his bike into the path of the truck in such a way that his father could not see him.

An investigation by the sheriff's department determined that there was no way Jose Najera could have prevented the accident, the release said.

Ketchum, Burley Safe Kids events planned

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition will hold two free "Buckle Up" events in April to promote safety around the state. The coalition is on a mission to prevent unintentional childhood injury—the No. 1 killer of children ages 14 and under.

Trained safety seat technicians will inspect your child's car seat. They will check for product recalls and damage to the equipment and will work with you to make sure you know how to properly install the seat.

The first event will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday at Kim Hansen Chevrolet, 1221 W. Main in Burley.

The second event will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. April 29 at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, 100 Hospital Road off Highway 75 in Ketchum.

Located on Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's campus, the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition provides educational materials, classes and assistance on injury prevention programs including bicycle, fire, water, sports, firearm, home, farm, playground, motor vehicle, animal and child seat safety. For more information, call 737-2430.

—compiled from staff reports

Counties fight tax ruling for firm

Twin Falls, Minidoka, Canyon officials disagree with Amalgamated tax assessment

The Times-News

NAMPA—A judge today will begin hearing arguments over a property valuation dispute between Amalgamated Sugar Co. and Twin Falls, Minidoka and Canyon counties.

Twin Falls County Assessor Gerry Bowden was scheduled to be at the Canyon County Courthouse today for the first day of the appeal hearing regarding Amalgamated's 2002 property taxes.

Twin Falls County joined Minidoka and Canyon counties to appeal an Idaho Board of Tax Appeals decision that ruled in Amalgamated's favor. The counties hired a Boise attorney to represent them in the appeal. The three counties will split the \$150,000 fee, with each county paying \$50,000. The counties have asked the Idaho Association of Counties for help from its litigation fund. However, Minidoka County had to bow out after it was told

it didn't challenge the board's decision quickly enough.

"But they're still standing on the lines with us," Bowden said. Bowden had originally estimated Amalgamated's Twin Falls property to be worth \$24.5 million, which translated into \$440,583 in property taxes to be distributed among the various taxing districts which include the county, cities, the College of Southern Idaho, school districts, highway districts and fire districts.

But Amalgamated had estimated its property to be worth just \$10.4 million, translating into \$132,755 in property taxes—almost a \$308,000 difference.

The state Board of Tax Appeals estimated the property to be worth \$12.4 million, much closer to Amalgamated's estimate than the county's. The board also estimated Amalgamated's Minidoka County properties to be worth \$23.7 million. For all three

counties, the state board pegged the company's total market value at \$53.9 million versus the counties' appraised value totaling \$167 million. The three counties appealed to District Court.

Bowden expects the hearing to take about three days and for the judge to take the testimony under advisement before making a ruling. "I'm really optimistic we'll get the decision we want," Bowden said.

Craig promotes forest plan



Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs, left, jokes with U.S. Sen. Larry Craig after Craig presented Dobbs with an Honorary Congressional Award Gold Medal for his work with the Congressional Awards program Monday at O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. The award recognizes Dobbs' contributions to the program that honors students for public service.

Kerry's election could worsen fire danger, he says

By Julie Ponce
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The forest health bill Congress passed last year is a turnaround from 30 years of an essentially hands-off policy to the nation's forests, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig said Monday.

"But stepped-up tree thinning and logging as well as prescribed burns for over the next few months won't keep the Sawtooth National Forest from the distinct possibility of catastrophic fires this summer and fall, the Republican said.

Idaho appears to be going into the fifth year of a drought.

Firefighting crews might be spending too many tax dollars.

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with some areas already as dry as they can get in spite of the rain with some snowpack. To make matters worse, if fires start up, they will likely be so explosively hot due to uncontrolled underbrush and excessive diseased or dead timber as to destroy everything, Craig said. Those kinds of fires sterilize the soil so the forest can't immediately begin to reseed.

While Craig was in Twin Falls Monday, he spoke with *The Times-News'* editorial board. As chairman of the Senate's Public Lands Subcommittee, Craig spoke on the subject of national forest management.

He said if U.S. Sen. John Kerry defeats President Bush, the brief turnaround that has been achieved in Forest Service management of West's forests would be over. Craig blamed the Clinton administration for much of the current problem in the West. In order to pay back environmentalists who got him elected, Clinton was forced to staff his administration with activist

environmentalists, Craig said. "Clinton reduced logging by 80 percent during his eight years in office," Craig said. That policy came at the tail end of three decades of increased awareness of preserving the environment. The Bush administration is working at replacing Forest Service administrators who don't like the new policy with new people who want to tend the forests in a different manner, Craig said.

But that sort of thing doesn't happen overnight. "Right now we have more acreage of dead and dying forest than in my history in public service," Craig said.

Man gets boot camp for setting house on fire

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—For his involvement in setting fire to a house, a Twin Falls man will serve a period of retained jurisdiction, a punishment akin to boot camp.

Jeffery Don Williams, 19, was sentenced in 5th District Court Monday on a count of arson.

District Judge John Hohnhorst gave Williams a three-to-five-year sentence, which will be suspended if the defendant successfully completes his 180-day rider and complies with terms of probation afterward.

The defendant stood up and

addressed the judge before being sentenced.

"(Retained jurisdiction) is the best thing for me," Williams said. "I can get help with my drug problem, which is part of what led up to the crime that I committed."

The judge had harsh words for Williams and encouraged him to get his life back on track.

"What would have happened if there was someone in this house?" the judge asked. "What would have happened if the fire had spread to the next house? Someone had been killed? Sometimes there are horrible consequences from small acts."

Prosecutors agreed with the sentence, but reminded the court of the defendant's admission of guilt.

"The facts of this case are rather startling," said Suzanne Craig, Twin Falls County chief deputy prosecutor. "He admitted to starting a home on fire because someone told him to."

Two men were arrested in connection with the fire at 181 Filer Ave. on Jan. 31.

Owners of the building of 181 Filer Ave. Duran \$1,600 to demolish the structure, according to an affidavit written by Bill Hanchey, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department.

Instead of tearing it down, Duran solicited the help of Williams and another man to set fire to the house, the affidavit says. Reyes paid them with methamphetamine.

The living room of the house bore the brunt of the damage, the affidavit says. The outside was mostly unharmed.

Duran, 24, of Twin Falls faces one count of arson in the first degree. He is scheduled to appear in court this week. His attorney, Greg Fuller, said he intends to argue that his client did not commit arson because the owners asked him to destroy the house.

Schools plan for new exercise items

By Karln Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Students at Twin Falls High School and the two junior high schools will use a lot of new exercise equipment next year.

The School Board approved pursuing a contract last month with the National School Fitness Foundation for a Leadership in Fitness Training program that will provide about \$700,000 in fitness equipment in exchange for gathering confidential fitness data on students.

District Operations Director John Miller said Monday night the district is finishing prepara-

School board alters the ag program

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tions for the equipment with repairs in the high school's floor and possible loans. Miller said he felt the board needed to seek bids on fitness programs to comply with Idaho law, even though the program is so specialized that he doubts any other group would bid on it.

Miller said he hoped the district could have the equipment this summer and start the program next year.

Other School Board business Monday included:

• Video surveillance—Miller reported on the legal ramifications of the district sharing images of students from its video surveillance systems. Miller said he is working on an addendum to the districts' student records policy to govern surveillance. The policy might include the principle that images should be treated like parts of a student's record and under normal circumstances, they should not be viewed by people other than administrators, school resource officers, law enforcement and office

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Kimberly, Valley schools get grants for programs

By Karln Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Two Magic Valley school districts received federal 21st Century grants to continue and improve their after-school programs.

Kimberly Elementary School received \$100,800 and Valley School received \$158,775 to augment their programs as part of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Initiative.

Kimberly will be able to continue its kindergarten-through-fifth-grade after-school pro-

gram that was previously funded by a hedgepodge of agencies, said Curriculum and Testing Coordinator Kathleen Noh.

"We were really worried about how we were going to sustain our after-school program," Noh said.

"The new grant will allow the addition of enrichment programs for pupils, including sports, art, music and dance, Noh said. It will also provide for parent classes for English as a second language and general

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By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The X-ray image on the screen showed the beating heart of a 39-year-old man.

The right coronary artery to his heart was blocked, leaving part of his heart starved for blood. Time was of the essence. With each passing moment, his heart muscle was slowly dying.

But he was lucky enough to be inside Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's interventional cardiology lab, where they

All about stents and angioplasty. The wire threaded across the blockage. The doctor then passed a thin,

expandable balloon to the blocked artery and inflated it, expanding a stent—a wire mesh tube—and locking it in place. The artery was open, allowing blood to once again flow to the heart muscle.

The man went home a couple of days later. The outcome could have been two decades of angiotensin experience with him. He has been keeping some detailed data on the progress of the lab, including "door-to-balloon time"—or how long it takes between the time the patient comes through the hospital doors to when angioplasty is performed. He has been comparing that data with national numbers, and the results are impressive.

"People who are in the middle of a heart attack need to be gotten to very quickly," interventional cardiologist Daniel Brown told the Hospital Board Monday.

Brown came on board last fall when the hospital opened its interventional cardiology lab, bringing two decades of angioplasty experience with him. He has been keeping some detailed data on the progress of the lab, including "door-to-balloon time"—or how long it takes between the time the patient comes through the hospital doors to when angioplasty is performed. He has been comparing that data with national numbers, and the results are impressive.

The national goal, according to the database maintained by the American College of Cardiology, is 90 minutes, and only 36 percent of patients in the database achieve that goal.

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Eugene C. Prather



The children of Eugene C. Prather, 84, laid him to rest Saturday at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

Mr. Prather, who was born in Gooding, Idaho, on Dec. 17, 1919, died Monday, April 5, 2004.

He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1941 with a degree in entomology and was immediately commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. He served with distinction in World War II in the Army's 7th Infantry Division during the Pacific Island battles of Attu, Kwajalein, Leyte and Okinawa, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star for exceptional valor at the Battle of Leyte. According to his comrade in arms and friend of 65 years, "his steady hand and quiet, confident manner provided support for those about him during times of stress. He was a real team player and a respected leader."

Following the war he worked for a few years as a field technical consultant for Ortho Chemical Co. and as an inspector/entomologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in southern Idaho and Hawaii while remaining in the Army Reserves. He was called back to active duty during the Korean War and served as deputy commander of the 10th Battalion (consisting entirely of first-generation Japanese Americans), commander of the U.S. Army Pacific Leadership School and chief of the Visitors Bureau.

During this time he was responsible for visiting dignitaries and military officers from Taiwan as well as U.S. scientists and government officials involved with atomic weapons testing at the Bikini Islands.

Subsequently during his 25-year Army career, his duty assignments included serving as an adviser to General Chiang Kai-Shek and Saudi Arabia's King Faisal, for whom he helped to organize and implement troop training programs. He was stationed at Fort George Wright in Spokane prior to serving with the Berlin Brigade during the height of the Cold War when the Berlin Wall was built. He was a graduate of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College.

He retired from the Army in 1969, when he put his life-long love of entomology to work for the state of Virginia public health department.

In 1971, upon returning to the Spokane area, he worked for the Spokane County Public Health District, where he was assistant director of the Environmental Health Department. In this capacity he conducted the district-wide study of mosquito control and initiated the control plan still in effect.

During these years he was frequently seen around Spokane County at the edge of ponds with his dipping cup

and mosquito net, gathering speechless.

He lived in Oceanside, Calif., from 1983 to 2003, where he was the president of his community's homeowners association, actively involved in various social clubs, and an avid fisherman. He returned to Spokane in July 2003, where he lived at The Waterford and enjoyed making new friends until his death.

He was married to Barbara Beach of Coeur d'Alene for 14 years until her death in 1956 and then was married for 43 years to Irene "Mickey" McBride of Lewistown, Pa., until her death in 2001.

He is survived by his beloved companion of his last years, Vera Sadler (El Cajon, Calif.); by his sister, Johette Braga (Jerome, Idaho), and his brother, Walt Prather (Meridian, Idaho); by his children, Kenneth Prather (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Irene Donner Prather (Spokane, Wash.), Carl Prather (Puyallup, Wash.), John Driscoll (Bonner, Mont.), and Kathleen "K.C." Yatsko (San Jose, Calif.); by 13 grandchildren; and by nine great-grandchildren.

He was a man of honor, integrity and kindness. He is dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association, 601 McWells, Suite 4, Spokane, WA 99201; Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 520 Pike St., Suite 1075, Seattle, WA 98101; Hospice of Spokane, 121 S. Arthur, Spokane, WA 99202; or the Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, Woodhouse Medical Building, Suite 515, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, MD 21208.

OBITUARY



Clara Woolley - Twin Falls

Clara Woolley, 95, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at her home and the home of her grandson.

She was born April 18, 1908, in Centerfield, Utah, the daughter of Cyrus and Ella Myrup-Metcalf. She lived in Utah and Nevada as a child and then moved to Idaho. She married Everett Woolley on Oct. 4, 1928, in Burley and he preceded her in death on Nov. 13, 1985.

Clara worked at Troy Laundry, Idaho Frozen Foods and Green Giant.

She was a member of the Fler 1st Ward LDS Church. Her greatest joy in life was her family. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Carleen of Homellie Care and Melissa and Connie of MVRMC Hospice.

She is survived by one grandson, Ray (Jerry) Woolley of Filer, and three great-grandchildren, Joe Woolley, Sarah Woolley and Jesse Woolley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett; one son, Ferris; one granddaughter, Hope; six brothers; and two sisters.

A funeral for Clara will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to MVRMC Hospice, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0409.

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Cleo Sheen Gochnour - Burley

Cleo Sheen Gochnour, 79-year-old Burley resident returned to her heavenly Father after a long illness on Monday, April 12, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She was born Feb. 13, 1925, in Rupert, the daughter of Robert Vernal "Code" and Clara Orucilla Hymas Sheen. Cleo attended schools in Rupert.

She married Jack Milton Gochnour on Aug. 16, 1941, in Rupert. She was sealed to her sweetheart, Jack, on April 22, 1976, surrounded by their six children, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

They were happily married for 62 years. Together they raised six children in a happy home. Cleo enjoyed many things including quilting, crocheting and many other crafts that bring joy to her children and grandchildren. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served as a Relief Society president for many years and also served in the primary. Her greatest joy was her family, especially camping and reunions.



Survivors include her husband, Jack of Burley; six children, Sherry (Charles) Peterson of Heyburn, Jim (Marilyn) Gochnour of Burley, Lane (Carla) Gochnour of Standford, Jack Steven (Suzanne) Gochnour, Julie (Suzanne) Randall and Dan (Sheri) Gochnour, all of Burley; three sisters, Alpha Noble of Rupert, Leola Crisp of Clark, and Jean Allen of Ontario, Ore.; a brother, Vernal (Roberta) Sheen of Buhl; 29 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a great

grandson.

Cleo will be greatly missed. A service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Star 1st & 2nd Ward Chapel, 100 S. 200W of Burley with Bishop C. Chad Jones officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from noon to 12:45 p.m. before the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Rebecca Caroline Hermann Dais - Buhl

Rebecca Caroline Hermann Dais, 106-year-old long-time resident of Buhl, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Woodstone Retirement Center, Twin Falls, Idaho.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Church in an officiating. Interment will be at Buhl West End Cemetery following the service. Viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Rebecca was born Oct. 19, 1897, in Frontier County, south of Eustis, Neb., to Christian and Eva Hermann. She married Sam Dais Jan. 27, 1916. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary prior to his death in 1977. They moved to Buhl in 1940 where they farmed.

Sam and Rebecca were charter members of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl. Rebecca was one of the charter members of what is presently the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Rebecca held many offices in



the association. She taught Sunday school for many years. Rebecca always felt it was very important to the congregation, to her faith and to the witnessing to others of the regular attendance at church service. God was the center of both Sam and Rebecca's Christian life.

Rebecca worked at J.C. Penney Co. until retirement. She then worked as a cook and a supervisor for the Buhl School District hot lunch program. At the age of 80 she worked sea-

sonally at Green Giant Packing Plant. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, playing cards and the many friends she had throughout her lifetime.

She is survived by one son, Al Dais (Gladie) of Twin Falls; two daughters, Ruth Hanson (Lawrence, deceased) of Elwood, Neb., and Edna DeWalt (Bill, deceased) also of Twin Falls; one sister-in-law, Bonnie Hermann of Boca Raton, Fla.; and one brother-in-law, Eddie Dais of Omaha, Neb. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 34 great-great-grandchildren, and many, many nephews and nieces.

Her husband, Sam; parents; three brothers; three sisters; and two daughters, Lurline Schroeder-Jones and Norma Jean Hicks, preceded her in death.

God blessed her with 106 years of life and now she is at peace with our Lord - thanks be to God.

Memorial requests will be for Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural, northeast and The Lutheran Hour, or to your choice.

A Patient's Perspective

Professional Hearing Aid Services Tenny Garner Did!

When Tenny Garner, one of Twin Falls' top loan officers and a mother of three children, needed a hearing aid, she turned to one of the town's top hearing aid practices, Professional Hearing Aid Services.

"After saying 'what' and asking people to repeat themselves for 10 years, I finally made the decision to get a hearing test," she says. "Not to mention, my littlest daughter, now 11 years old, kept saying to me, 'Mom, I don't want to have to say it three times.'"

"For years, my kids kept telling me to get a hearing aid. My hearing aids stopped that irritation in my family!"

Tenny, age 56, has been wearing her hearing aid for a high-frequency hearing loss for nearly a year. "My hearing loss was embarrassing," she explains. "But now I hear everything. I no longer have to ask people to repeat themselves." Like many people who have had others tell them about their hearing problems or who have recognized their hearing difficulties on their own, Tenny started with an inexpensive hearing enhancer. She then moved on to the more advanced hearing aid technology. "I'll wear them the rest of my life," she proclaims, "and upgrade to more advanced hearing aid technology as I need to."

She is so pleased with the hearing aids provided by Professional Hearing Aid Services, she tells everyone, "I even take them out to show people and say, see how small! And ask them to try it!" She also tells everyone to go to Professional Hearing Aid Services for their hearing healthcare. "They take care of you!"

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SERVICES

Rachel A. Clifford of Fairfield, service at noon today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Visitation one hour before the service today at the church. (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Manuel Valdez of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Apostolic Assembly in the Faith of Jesus Christ, 235 Quincey St. Twin Falls friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Earl Henderson Crouse of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Filer Cemetery; visitation from 6-8 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Gerard Lee Slocum Sr. of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Daniel William Boswell of Heyburn, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. tonight and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel, 321 E. Main St., before going to the cemetery.

Shirley LaRae Arrington of Hagerman, celebration of life from 10-1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman American Legion Hall (Demaray Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

Jean Monica Mal

BURLEY - Jean Monica Mal, 83, of Burley died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

John H. Austin

WENDELL - John H. Austin, age 94, of Wendell died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his daughter's residence in Boise. Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Wendell, Idaho.

Ira E. Wilson

BURLEY - Ira Edmond Wilson, 88-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at his home in Burley.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Reese Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral Friday at the church.

Alma Graves

BLISS - Alma Graves, age 80, long-time Bliss resident, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Alterra Wynwood in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Ernest Snow

TWIN FALLS - Ernest Snow, 89, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2004, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Friends and family may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2004, at the mortuary.

Reid Newby

LAKESIDE, Ore. - Reid Newby of Lakeside, Ore., died March 27, 2004.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2004, in the Shoshone Senior Center. Memorials may be made to the center for the purchase of new sound equipment. Service is under the direction of Nelsons Bay Area Mortuary in Coos Bay, Ore.

LaMont M. Kelster

RUPERT - LaMont M. Kelster, 88, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his home in Rupert.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Park View Chapel, Paul, Idaho, 100 N. 550 W., with military rites by the local veterans. A viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Carl Jean Anderson

RUPERT - Carl Jean Anderson, 42, of Rupert, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at Mindokka Memorial Hospital of an extended illness.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow in the Basin Cemetery, Oakley, Idaho. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, and one hour before the service on Friday.

Burley police arrest four in burglaries case

The Times-News

BURLEY - Four people were arrested last week in connection with the recent burglaries of two Burley businesses.

Two of the four were also arrested on drug charges after police officers served a search warrant at their home and found drugs and drug paraphernalia. Officers said they found drug pipes, bongas and bags which contained methamphetamine residue, which prompted the drug charges.

Cassia County sheriff's deputies arrested Kandi Jones, 26, of Burley and Jacob Dirickson, 27, of Burley on Wednesday. The two were arrested at 1543 Miller Ave. after deputies served a search war-

rant in connection with the burglaries of Style by Blades Salon and 878 Salon. Jones and Dirickson were each arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and petit theft by possession, according to Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins. Police officers took a child who was at the house and turned the child over to the custody of personnel from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. In turn, the child was taken to a relative's home, Higgins said.

On Friday officers arrested Amie Castillo 29, of Burley and Miguel Lopez, 27, of Burley in connection with the hair salon burglaries.

Power remains out at Bellagio

LAS VEGAS (AP) - One of the biggest and priciest hotel-casinos on the Las Vegas Strip closed Monday after a main power line failed, forcing the property to relocate thousands of guests.

Bellagio lost partial power about 2 a.m. Sunday

when the line coming into the 3,000-room property failed, said Alan Feldman, a spokesman for MGM Mirage, which owns the pricey hotel.

"We don't know what happened and probably won't for some time," Feldman said during a Monday news conference.

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equivalency diplomas. The current after-school program serves about 50 children, and Noh hopes to increase it to 75. Programs are free for parents and children.

At Valley School, the after-school program will target specific students in at-risk categories, said Becky Rudolph, the after-school program coordinator.

The school will have an elementary program three days a week that will provide specific help to pupils who need remediation for the Idaho Reading Indicator and the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. Rudolph said the school will have a before-school program and will start a preschool to help children prepare for kindergarten.

The high school will have night sessions twice a week for struggling students to receive tutoring, credit recovery and ESL classes. Middle school students will be offered a three-week jump start session to prepare them to return to school, Rudolph said.

Valley's program will also

reach out to parents with specialized literacy classes, GED and ESL classes, Rudolph said.

The school's kindergarten-through-eighth-grade program serves about 190 students this year, Rudolph said. Next year the school may only be able to have about 120 in the program with a sliding fee scale from free to \$2 a day depending on income.

Valley School started its program with a \$400,000 grant in 2001.

These grants last for five years with full funding the first three years, then 80 percent and 60 percent funding. Buhl Middle School and Gooding elementary and middle schools received five-year grants last year. Nine other schools around the state received grants this year.

Craig on other issues

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig also addressed these issues in Twin Falls Monday:

National fire plan - Craig said when he drives by places where firefighters are set up, he's curious as to why it appears they have too many amenities.

"Nobody roughs it out there any more unless they are out on a fire," he said. "It appears they spare no expense for firefighting because they work for the federal government, and they think there is no end to the money."

He said as chairman of the Senate's Public Lands Subcommittee, he's intending to ask for an accounting and an explanation.

Iran - The United States should stay with the plan to turn over the government to the mullahs on June 30, Craig said.

"The president is right not to blink and to move forward with the June 30 deal," Craig said, responding to questions about the latest steps in up-fighting. He also said the United States was correct to invade Iraq because Saddam Hussein was so

evil that he's responsible for the deaths of more than 300,000 of his own people over the past 30 years. Also, during that time he created a violent, brutal culture. He also allowed terrorist cells to use the country to develop the war on terror, Craig said.

"Saddam was clearly a friend of the terrorist network," Craig said. In addition, the invasion put dangerous countries such as North Korea and Libya on notice, the senator said. U.S. involvement in Iraq has given the rest of the world a clearer definition of U.S. foreign policy.

"The rest of the world saw a phenomenal and unique resolve on the part of this country," he said.

Gay marriage - Craig would support a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. But he also said he supports giving legal standing to a civil union to two people of the same sex. He said he doesn't anticipate any move in Congress on the issue until the U.S. Supreme Court weighs in. Please see page B1.

MAGIC VALLEY BOXING CHALLENGE

BOXING SMOKER

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2004

Filer High School Gymnasium

Smoker begins at 7:00 pm

Tickets Available at the Door

\$10.00 General Admission

\$15.00 Ring Side

Proceeds to Benefit Filer Student Athletes

MAGIC VALLEY BOXING CHALLENGE

Schools

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personnel.

Resignations - The board accepted seven resignations, including those of Jeff Olson, the vocational agriculture teacher at the high school who is retiring, and Rose Steffens, secretary to the superintendent and clerk of the board, who is retiring after 29 years in education.

Asbestos - The board heard information about the possible removal of asbestos insulation from the attic and crawl spaces of Twin Falls High School to prevent future hazards during building maintenance.

"We do not have an air quality problem," Miller said. Miller said the project could be split into eight smaller parts to make the amounts small enough to fong a formal bid process and thus speed up the removal of the insulation to fit a window of time from June 15 to July 15, when the school could be empty.

The subdivided projects are estimated to cost about \$20,000 each, or \$153,925 total. The board will consider action at its April 28 meeting.

Idaho Digital Learning Academy - The board reviewed a draft of a policy governing the students earn credit for courses in the academy, an on-line school. Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said the courses are better than correspondence courses and said he hoped more students would be able to take advantage of the increased opportunities.

Alternative programs - The board examined a proposal for future improvements in the alternative schools that would include a scaling back of the programs for seventh- and eighth-graders and a greater focus on the program for freshmen and sophomores.

Hospital

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Magic Valley Regional Beat that time by two minutes, with patients receiving angioplasty within 88 minutes after arriving at the hospital. Overall, 66 percent of patients who came to Magic Valley Regional had angioplasty performed in less than 90 minutes.

"We're twice as good as the national standard," Brown said. That makes a big difference, because the faster blood flow is restored to the heart, the less damage there is to the heart muscle.

Brown said the new specialty service "gives us the opportunity to save heart muscles and save lives."

Interventional cardiology procedures used to be available only at large hospitals with top-tier cardiac centers. Magic Valley Regional has joined a growing list of community hospitals offering the service.

In other action Monday, retired Judge Bill Hart presented the Hospital Board with a framed poster to thank the hospital for helping to make the area's first Senior Olympics a success. The hospital assisted both with manpower and money, and 270 people age 50 and over took part in the inaugural Idaho Senior Games of the Magic Valley, which took place Aug. 20-24 around Twin Falls.

Mending hearts, saving lives

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has an interventional cardiology program and is doing basic procedures such as angioplasty and stents.

Angioplasty is a therapy used to widen narrowed coronary arteries. A doctor inserts a thin, flexible plastic tube called a guiding catheter into the narrowed part of the artery. Next, a thin wire is threaded through the blockage. Over this wire, a thin, expandable balloon is passed to the blockage and inflated, compressing the plaque and stretching the artery open.

Coronary stents are being used more and more to prevent narrowing of the coronary arteries. This procedure uses a wire mesh tube or stent - to pop open an artery that has been cleared in an angioplasty. The stent is collapsed to a small diameter and put over a balloon catheter. It's then moved into the area of the blockage. When the balloon is inflated, the stent expands, locks in place and forms a scaffold which holds the artery open. A stent can be used instead of or along with angioplasty.

Source: American Heart Association

Times-News writer, Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.



Hansen Brings Legislative Experience to Inexperienced Senate:

With the retirement of Senate members and heated races statewide many experts feel that 30% to 40% of the Idaho State Senate could have new representation this election cycle. This leaves a real lack of institutional memory and a shortage of leadership. It is important that the Republican Candidates bring the experience and leadership to the Idaho Senate.

Randy Hansen has served in the Idaho House of Representatives and understands the Senate rules. He has served on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, Judiciary and Rules, and Health and Welfare Committees. Most important he already has the established relationships with the existing members of the House and Senate so that he can get a consensus on tough issues. Randy knows what it takes to make a constituent's idea

a reality. Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb stated, "Representative Hansen was one of the best legislators I have ever seen. We wish he were coming back to the House but we understand that an open seat gives him the chance to serve in the Senate. Had Randy stayed in the House of Representatives, I am sure that he would be the next Speaker."

Idaho needs strong leadership and the Magic Valley needs Randy Hansen in the Senate. Vote Randy Hansen for Senate May 25th.

If you want to be part of the Randy Hansen Team, call Campaign Headquarters 736-4860, fax: 734-5354 or write: Randy Hansen for Senate, 834 Falls Ave., Suite 1020 N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio — 735-3288

Own a vintage car? Join the club

By Trena Togan
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Still have the old hot rod that you drove in high school? Join the club — the Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors club, that is.

The club is made up of a group of people with an interest in vintage and unique automobiles. The group started meeting in 1984 with about 10 members. Currently, there are more than 200 couples who are members. Gary Ennis is president.

The group held its first car show in 1986 at Freedom Park in Burley. In 1998, the show moved to the Cassia County Fairgrounds where it is held the first weekend in June. This year will

be the group's 18th annual show and it is scheduled June 5-6. In addition to entries from the Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors, the show features entries from neighboring states, including Utah and Nevada and as far as Arizona, California and Canada, said club secretary/treasurer Jimmie Flowers, who is a charter member.

"There are typically about 100 entries," said Peggy Oliver, who handles publicity for the club. There are also classes for motorcycles, bikes and pedal cars.

The group meets monthly at the 21st Street Gas and Grill in Heyburn. More car information or to join the club, call Peggy at 677-2504 or Freida at 878-5450.



Peggy and Carl Oliver are proud of their 1969 Dodge Dart GT Hardtop. They have had the car since 1998, put it in their first car show in June 1999 and received third place. After the show, they became members of the Mini-Cassia Auto Collectors club.

Photo courtesy of PEGGY OLIVER

Local boys head to Boys State

CALDWELL — Filer and Buhl star jazz band members will go to Gem Boys State, a program of the American Legion where participants learn about local, state or county government.

Gem Boys State will be held June 16-19 at Alberson College in Caldwell.

Sponsored by the Filer American Legion, Filer Kiwanis and Filer Masonic Lodge are:

Brad Griff, 17, is the son of Ron and Janie of Twin Falls.

His accomplishments include junior and sophomore class vice president involvement in the National Honor Society, advanced speech team, mock trial team, Filer Letterman's Club, varsity football and track, church worship orchestra and church

youth group; Gene Harris All Star Jazz Band, All State Band, Twin Falls Municipal Band and U.S. Navy Band participant; and junior varsity football and basketball team captain.

Dan Ramseyer, 17-year-old son of David Ramseyer of Filer, is a 4-H president.

He plays varsity football, basketball and baseball; and is a member of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

mock trial team, National Honor Society and the F Club. Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi, Kiwanis, Buhl Rotary and the West End Men's Association are:

Christopher Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fields of Buhl, has been freshman class vice president

high school soccer team captain, ran track, organized a band, attended the National Junior Olympics in 1998; is district tech support technician and been involved with student council for several years and church groups.

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WELCOMING A HERO



A local hero visited fourth-graders at Sawtooth Elementary in Twin Falls recently. Jim Homer, a Twin Falls High School graduate, plays professional baseball and is in spring training in Texas. Homer showed his three different championship rings to students.

Photo courtesy of JIM HOMER

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Call Jordan Fahrenholz, daughter of Amanda Lynn and Thomas Leroy Fahrenholz of Filer, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Emma Christine Henson, daughter of Cindra Ann and Michael R. Henson of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Brecklin Aaron Krumbach, son of Natalie Sue and Steven Edward Krumbach of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Cole Daniel Madsen, daughter of Cheryl Ann and Justin Brent Madsen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Articus Omega Dalton, son of Christin Lynn and Jedediah Omega Dalton of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538

Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. Call 735-3288 or 735-3276

Isaac Alexander Martin, son of Deborah Christa Silva and Claudio Gerardo Martin of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Colton James McMill, son of Crystal Janelle McMill of Hazelton, was born Wednesday, April 7, 2004.

Halo Grace Dawson, daughter of Patricia Elizabeth and Leland Lynn Dawson of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 7, 2004.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Kareem Hurtado, son of Blanca and Jose Hurtado of Halley, was born Monday, March 29, 2004.

Dawna Matthew Dilworth, son of Tacia and Matthew Dilworth of Carey, was born Tuesday, March 30, 2004.

Yameson Fran DeLaCruz, son of Januae and Ciro DeLaCruz of Halley, was born Friday, April 2, 2004.

Carter James Goldman Busdon, son of Sarah and Nicholas Busdon of Halley, was born Friday, April 2, 2004.

Shayla Shaner and Angela Smith got their baseball team shirts signed by Jim Homer. He also signed students' baseball mits, bats, balls and baseball T-shirts after presenting a motivational speech.



Fund-raiser benefits medical services

JEROME — Dino's Burger & Brew, 402 Dc Circle, is hosting a fund-raiser for Jerome County Emergency Medical Services, a nonprofit organization.

A pig mud wrestling contest will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday. The entry fee is \$20 per four-member team. Age groups are ages 6-12, 13-17 and 18-adult.

A pig-calling contest will follow. Awards will be announced at 6:30 p.m., followed by a roasted pig dinner for \$6 per plate.

Dean Carnell and Bill's Sewer Service is providing the pigs for the event and donating the hog for the dinner. Area merchants are donating prizes. Teams can

sign-up at Dino's Burger & Brew or call 324-6591. The proceeds will go to help fund the Jerome County First Response Unit for outer Jerome County. Any funds that are raised may be matched through grants. For more information, call 324-1000 or 324-0597.

M.V. residents are honored during week

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley volunteers will be honored along with others across the country, during National Volunteer Week, April 10-24.

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will celebrate the week with a training and recognition for America 350 volunteers from 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Center on the campus of Southwestern Idaho College, 315 Falls Ave. E. The Heritage Center has been invited to let the volunteers view one of its shows.

America Reads volunteers give 352 hours a month tutoring 1,500 children in the Magic Valley.

RSVP also invites adults age 55 and over to use their life experience and skills to volunteer and help solve problems in their communities. RSVP can be reached at 736-2122.

The Respite Program, "Dial-A-Break," also will have an incentive and recognition for their volunteers at 1:30 p.m. April 21 at the South Central District Health Department on the CSI Campus, Bill Southwick, director of mental and medical health for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will speak on depression.

Respite volunteers give temporary relief for a 24-hour

loved one. National Volunteer Week began in 1974, when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering.

For more information, call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325 or e-mail to sbasham@rmcnet.net.

DAV holds public dance Friday at DAV hall

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 16, at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave.

Archie Turner will provide the music. There is a suggested donation of \$2.

For more information, call 734-5208.

Music student invites public to senior recital

TWIN FALLS — The community is invited to attend a piano and vocal recital performed by Casandra Dean and other guest musicians at 3 p.m. Sunday at Dunkley Music, 1160 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The reception will follow at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel. Guest musicians include Sue Miller, Darren Olsen, John Smelcer, Janelle Dean and Jared Bauer.

Casandra has studied piano with Miller for 10 years and taken vocal lessons from Olsen for two years. She will graduate from Jerome High School this year and is the daughter of David and Linda Dean and the granddaughter of Jerry and Bette Doughty, all of Jerome.

Miller also has presented Casandra with the Grand Gold Cup Award. She earned the national award from the National Federation of Music Clubs by earning her 12th consecutive superior rating in piano solo at this spring's junior festival in Twin Falls. Miller stated that less than 50 music students nationally earn the award each year.

Jerome Senior Center holds lasagna dinner

JEROME — The Jerome Senior Center will hold a lasagna dinner fund-raiser from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the center, 212 First Ave. E.

The dinner also includes salad, garlic bread and dessert. The cost is \$5.

For more information, call 324-5642.

Boy Scout troop serves pasta dinner Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Troop 63 of the Boy Scouts of America will be serving an authentic pasta dinner, including Italian sausage, pasta, Italian salad and ice cream, from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at St. Edward's Parish Hall, 206 Seventh Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$6 for seniors, \$8 for adults, \$3 for children under age 12 or \$5 a family.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners.

April 3: first, Shirley second, Bobette Plankey; second, Harold Bulcher and Gladys Harruff; and tied for third/fourth, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll with Al and Frances Anglin. East/West first, Patti Cooper and Sue Skinner; and tied for second/third, Yolande Bennett and Mary McGonigal with Ada Burgess and Jan Fenneth.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For 2000 information, call 324-2000.

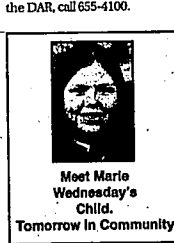
DAR meets for potluck lunch on Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon on Saturday for a potluck lunch at Maureen Williams' home in Twin Falls.

Perry Fletcher who escorted the 2003 National Christmas Tree from Idaho to Washington, D.C., will speak. Prospective members are invited to attend. For more information about the DAR, call 655-4100.

Meet Marie Wednesday's Child.

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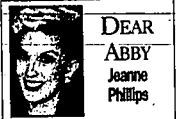
Waitress who is harassed can fight back

DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding the letter from "Grossed Out in Florida," the 18-year-old waitress who is subject to low remarks and repeatedly asked out by much older men at her workplace.

Please urge her to inform her supervisors that she's being sexually harassed, because her employer has a responsibility to stop the harassment. If possible, she should put her concerns in writing and keep a copy of the letter. If management refuses to address her concerns, she should contact an attorney or legal organization for more information about her rights.

Young women and girls in the hospitality industries are often targets of sexual harassment that is believed to be "just part of the job."

These situations may escalate into stalking and other forms of violence. Being "friendly," "polite," and telling a harasser that he remains your "somewhat" grandfather - even if it is her grandfather - is not a way to



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

stop sexual harassment in the workplace.

Please encourage your readers to identify sexual harassment and to understand that they have legal rights. Equal Rights Advocates provides free legal advice and information about gender discrimination concerns in employment and education, including sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination, family medical leave, pay equity and retaliation for complaining about these issues. ERA's Legal Advice and Counseling Hotline can be reached at (800) 839-4372.

—IRMA D. HERRERA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR IRMA: Thank you for sharing this important resource.

I predict your hotline will be inundated. And I apologize for making light of the problem. Sexual harassment isn't a laughing matter, especially to the target.

Readers, ERA also has a Web site: www.equalrights.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Grossed Out in Florida" asked whether older men "get the idea" they can date much younger women. For the answer to that question one need only look at the nearest movie theater marquee:

Harrison Ford (61) with Michelle Pfeiffer (45), Kristin Scott Thomas (43) or Anne Heche (34) - a 16- to 27-year age gap.

Michael Douglas (59) with Famke Janssen (38), Frances McDormand (46) or Gwyneth Paltrow (31) - a 13- to 28-year age gap.

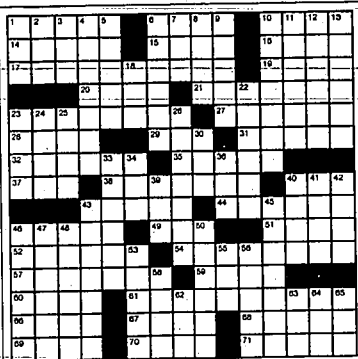
Steve Martin (58) with Bonnie Hunt (39), Jean Smart (44) or

Helena Bonham Carter (37) - a 14- to 21-year age gap.

All of these relationships are presented as perfectly normal. Also, consider the fuss that was made about Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton in "Something's Gotta Give." How nice it was to see contemporaries as a love interest! In reality, Diane is nine years younger than Jack. If it's no wonder these men think that young girls will be interested in the movies, it can happen in real life, right?

—REALITY CHECKER,
GURNEE, ILL.

DEAR REALITY CHECKER: Not only can it happen in real life - it has: Humphrey Bogart married Lauren Bacall, Michael Douglas married Catherine Zeta-Jones, Warren Beatty married Annette Bening, Kevin Costner just married Christine Baumgartner, Harrison Ford is dating Calista Flockhart. And the reverse can be true: Let's not forget Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher!



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Might be time to get off your high horse, Libra

IF APRIL 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are confident and optimistic, but being too assured of the rightness of your own opinions can create turmoil and problems on the home front. Recent challenges to your reputation and a lack of appreciation for your skills will soon be replaced by increased drive and initiative. You will soon be opening up a fresh chapter in your life, which will be happier and more successful.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Whatever you can visualize in life will be built whatever you intuitively understand is probably true. Enormous self-confidence will give you a spiritual boost, but it is not a good day to start any new projects.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Overconfidence and not taking salient facts into consideration can put a strain on your piggy bank. You could be putting your trust into the wrong hands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It is better to take action that demonstrates your true beliefs than to go along with the opinions of others. This is a time when you must be true to your self.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rather than relaxing or spilling yourself, take a few moments to tap into the inspirations you have at hand; then get right to work. It could be behind-the-scenes work of lasting value.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A crisis could erupt in the next several days if you put too much emphasis on controversial political or religious views. You may appear overly arrogant, oversteering to those in your circle of friends. Tone down your verberance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ben Franklin is credited with saying, "Waste not, want not." Keep this handy in mind. Life seems to be going very well, but you could spend a bit too much money without the least thought of a rainy day.

HOROSCOPE

Jeralaine Saunders

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could have an exaggerated sense of the importance of your own opinions and cause discomfort to those in your immediate vicinity. Put your efforts into physical work and avoid social gaffes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rather than debate the merits of current views, you will make better progress by putting dedicated effort into making your dreams a reality. Put more perspective into doing what is needed rather than waiting for it to simply happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Going overboard in your efforts to please others who are important to you could prove to be a waste of time. The only difference of viewpoint that compromise will not solve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Disruptions and a lack of peace can follow you home unless you rein in impulsive behavior. Stick to the work ethic and keep blame to a minimum when things go wrong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Extravagance and waste may annoy you. You may be the same as those in your immediate neighborhood.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Avoid social affairs or reaching into the piggy bank until the stars are better configured. Differences of opinion could cause a crisis, and hurt feelings could send you into a tailspin. Seek constructive physical outlets.

54TH ANNIVERSARY

El Korah

SHRINE CIRCUS

Twin Falls
Tues. April 13th.
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4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
CSI Rodeo Arena

Tickets available at:
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Simerly's (Wendell),
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Pioneer First Federal
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Correction: Pre-sale tickets were misprinted for April 12. These tickets will be honored for any performance April 13 & 14.

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2004 WESTERN DAYS QUEEN CONTEST

Entries close 5/22/04

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Thursday, April 15, 2004 • 7:30 pm

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Barbara Lewis "Baby I'm Yours" • "Make Me Your Baby"
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICK!

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Mom, Mike, Sheri, John
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Whole Ten Yards (D) Daily 7:00 - 9:30

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Jack the Giant Slayer on Daily 7:40 - 9:50
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Coming Wednesday

The fans are chanting his name, not Jeter or A-Rod's.

The Times-News

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

66 If you had too much to drink, you'd have a hard time knowing where you were.

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— MLB Commissioner Bud Selig talking about older dome ball parks

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school golf
Gooding, Kimberly, The Community School at Glenns Ferry, Carmela Vineyards GC, 1 p.m.
Minico Girls, Jerome at Madison, at Teron Lakes, 8:30 a.m.
Minico Boys, Jerome at Nighy, at Jeff. Hills GC, 9 a.m.
Wood River, Filer, Hagerman at Valley, Pleasant Valley GC, 1 p.m.

High school softball
Jerome at Kimberly, 3:30 p.m.
Minico at Skyline, 2, 3:30 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Buhl, 2, 3:30 p.m.

High school baseball
Buhl vs. Wood River, 2, 3:30 p.m.
Filer at Wendell, 4 p.m.
Jerome at Burley, 4:30 p.m.

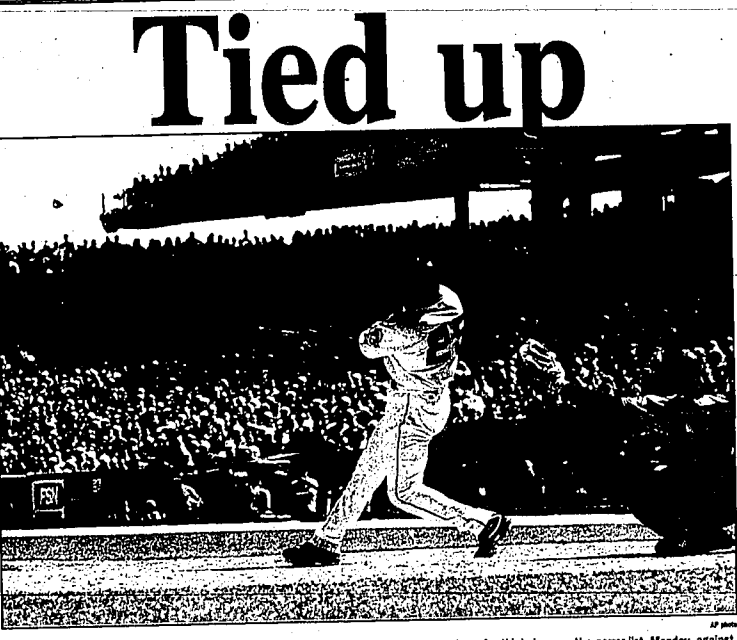
High school tennis
Jerome at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Wood River at Declo, 3:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Century, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Area golfers record a number of aces

TWIN FALLS — Ten area golfers have hit holes in one recent weeks. Here are the details.
Jason Gibson hit his first-ever hole in one March 19 at Canyon Springs Golf Course. He hit from 160 yards on Hole No. 15 using a 7-iron. The witnesses were Ray, Benglan, and Shane Gibson.
Paul Stover of Twin Falls carded an ace March 20 at the Canyon Springs Golf Course. He used a pitching wedge from 120 yards out on Hole No. 5. The witnesses were Kathy Stover, Leonard Anderson, Brian Wild, Matthew Brown, Chuck Carlson and Trevor Bybee.
Jeff Price carded Hole No. 5 at the Buley Golf Course March 22 from 167 yards out. He used a 5-iron. The witnesses were Ted Sanford, Don Price, Keith Noryuki and Jack Aump.
Larry Bos of Jerome hit his first hole in one March 22 at Indian Wells Country Club, Palm Desert, Calif., using a pitching wedge on the par-3 Hole No. 13. The witnesses were Matthew Bos, Kris Bos, Kent Storer, Josh Storer.
Jack Hansen of Twin Falls carded Hole No. 15 March 24 at the Canyon Springs Golf Course from 160 yards out using a 7-iron. The witnesses were Bob Skerenda and Gary Hanchey.
Kenneth Dav hit his second career hole in one with a 6-iron on the ninth hole at Pleasant Valley Golf Course March 25. The shot was witnessed by Clark Bedewer and Bula Braw.
Jeremy Potesillo scored his first hole in one of the season March 26 at Ponderosa Golf Course. He aced the 145-yard third hole using a pitching wedge. The shot was witnessed by Byron Taylor, Mark Hymas, Kay Dalton, Kandace Dalton, and Zack Larkin.
Virginia Underwood of Twin Falls hit her second hole in one ever on Hole No. 4 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course March 31 from 155 yards out using a 5-iron. The witnesses were Lynn Lee and Nathan Lynn.
Ray Gules scored a hole in one on Easter Sunday, April 11, for his fourth ever. He used a 4-iron on the 193-yard Hole No. 2 at the Rupert Country Club. It was witnessed by Bob McClain and Frank Langer.

Barry Bonds hits 660th home run



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds hits his 660th home run, tying his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place on the career list, Monday, against the Milwaukee Brewers in San Francisco. The Brewers' Matt Kinney gave up the homer to Bonds.

Tied up

Total puts him even with Willie Mays

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds hit his 660th home run Monday, tying his godfather in the San Francisco Giants clubhouse. "Six MVPs, a single-season record 73 home runs, and countless other accomplishments never felt like quite enough."
Hitting his 660th homer to tie Mays for third place on the career list has done the trick.
Bonds hit a towering three-run shot Monday that splashed into McCovey Cove, sending the Giants to a 7-5 win over the Milwaukee Brewers.
"It was like a weight was just lifted off my shoulders," Bonds said. "I felt a sense of accomplishment in baseball. It's a relief now to be able to stand next to my godfather and finally feel like I've accomplished something in the game of baseball. It was a big way of getting his approval that I've finally done something."
Bonds connected in the fifth inning on a 3-1 pitch from Matt Kinney (0-1) for his second homer of the season. The estimated 442-foot blast put the Giants ahead 5-4. It was the 28th time Bonds has homered

Milestone Home Runs

Barry Bonds' milestone home runs with number, date, pitcher, Bonds' team and opponent:
1 — June 4, 1986, off Craig McMurtry, Pittsburgh at Atlanta
100 — July 12, 1990, off Andy Bone, Pittsburgh vs. San Diego
200 — July 8, 1994, off Jose DeLeon, San Francisco at Philadelphia
250 — July 18, 1994, off Shawn Boskie, San Francisco at Philadelphia
300 — April 30, 1996, off John Burkett, San Francisco vs. Florida
350 — June 22, 1997, off Chen Ho Park, San Francisco vs. Los Angeles
400 — August 23, 1998, off Drix Rojas, San Francisco at Florida
450 — July 26, 2000, off Todd Stottlemyre, San Francisco vs. Arizona
500 — April 25, 2001, off Terry Adams, San Francisco vs. Los Angeles
550 — August 27, 2001, off Kevin Appeler, San Francisco at New York Mets
584 — October 4, 2001, off Wilfredo Rodriguez, San Francisco at Houston, the Mark McGwire for major league mark with 70 homers
587 — October 7, 2001, off David Springs, San Francisco vs. Los Angeles, with major league mark of 73 homers
600 — August 9, 2002, off Matt Kinney, San Francisco vs. Pittsburgh
660 — April 12, 2004, off Matt Kinney, San Francisco vs. Milwaukee, tied Willie Mays for third on baseball's career list.

into the major leagues and having an idol like Willie Mays take me under his wing, and now being up in front of all of you people answering questions respected and honored your entire life."
— Mays has been a mentor to Bonds since the slugger's father, Bobby, died last August.
Frank Anton leads the career list with 755 home runs, followed by Babe Ruth with 714.
Mays hit his 660th on Aug. 17, 1973, as a member of the New York Mets at Shea Stadium off Cincinnati's Don Gullett.
"I don't even recall that. That's many years ago," said Mays, who preferred to focus on Bonds' accomplishment. "I wanted him to get it over with. No. 1, I felt like he was pressing. When Barry swings hard, nothing happens. Today he made an easy, compact swing and it goes a long way."
Bonds, who set the single-season homer record in 2001, went five games without a homer after hitting one last Monday at Houston.
When Kinney saw Bonds' ball go over the fence, the pitcher walked backward off the mound and onto the grass, trying to ignore the slugger's historic home-run trot.
"When I saw him swing I knew it wasn't a good thing," Kinney said.

Smarty Jones seems unlikely Derby contender

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer
NEW YORK — In a season filled with upsets, the biggest upset of all would be if Smarty Jones against the Kentucky Derby.
The chestnut colt heads to Churchill Downs with an unknown trainer, an untested jockey and a pedigree that doesn't scream race and a quarter.
But for all his perceived imperfections, one thing about Smarty Jones is perfect: his record.
Now 6-for-6 after winning Saturday's Arkansas Derby, Smarty Jones is the only undefeated horse among dozens of 3-year-old Derby hopefuls. Critics point out the Pennsylvania bred hasn't run against the toughest competition, and even trainer John Servis admits taking "the easiest route."
But winning is what counts, and Smarty Jones will show up in Louisville as one of the horses to beat in America's greatest race.
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Bonds came back out of the dugout and waved to the fans in each direction as they cheered. "Barry Barry" and gave him a standing ovation. The sellout crowd of 42,548 seemed to forget about the steroid controversy surrounding their star slugger and his personal trainer.
"I think this is probably the icing on the cake," Bonds said. "I really wish my dad could have been here to be part of it...just really can't believe it, being 4 years old when my dad came up

Attendance soars in season's first week

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer
NEW YORK — Home runs went up slightly, scoring was down a smidgeon and attendance soared.
The start of steroid testing with penalties didn't seem to have an effect on sluggers during the first week of the season.
"Steroids and hitting, one has nothing to do with the other," Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said. "Stats are stats. You can't argue with them. Guys should get more credit for the work they do in the offseason rather than someone accusing them of taking shortcuts."
There were 222 home runs

First week roundup

One week into the 2004 season, Major League Baseball has surpassed attendance from last year at this time. The numbers:

	RUNS	HITS	2B	3B	HR	HOME	BA	AVG.	AVG.
Q	R	Q	R	Q	R	Q	R	Q	R
2004	94	613	9.71	1,769	369	27	209	267	31,252
2003	90	593	10.03	1,656	370	24	186	281	28,272

SOURCE: Elias Sports Bureau

per game during the first week of the season. That's up 2 percent from the 2.18 average opening week last year but well below the 2.74 in 2000, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, baseball's statistician.
Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen of the St. Louis Cardinals hit four homers each, as did Adam Dunn of the Cincinnati Reds.
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Retro becomes old in ball-park construction

The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA — Barry Larkin is a big man of ballparks. Heck, he even named his oldest daughter after a favorite place to play — she's Brielle D'Shea, as in Shea Stadium.
So what did he think after walking into Citizens Bank Park, the latest in baseball's ever-growing collection of old-style fields?
"Sure are a lot of them," the longtime Cincinnati shortstop said Monday.
And how.
Coores Field, PNC Park, Jacobs Field. Plus plenty more, now that Peter Park in San Diego and this new ballpark in south Philadelphia opened.
Brick-and-steel facades. Double- and triple-deck grandstands. Oddly angled outfield walls. Pretty to look at, comfortable to play inside.
Only one problem: There are so many, this retro thing might be getting a bit old.
Who knows? Maybe these will be the odd-looking stadiums of their day. Hall of Famer
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Tyson's a freak show, but boxing may need it

LAS VEGAS — If all goes according to plan, and it rarely does when Mike Tyson is involved, the former baddest man on the planet will walk into a Phoenix gym sometime this week and begin hitting the speed bag.
Or maybe he'll walk into a Phoenix strip club and begin hitting on the dancers instead. He's Mike Tyson, after all, so you never really know.
Tyson is 37 now, soon to be 38, and the days when he could terrorize an opponent simply by climbing into the ring seem only a distant memory. He's fought a total of 49 seasons in the last 22 months and got the stuffing beat out of him by Lennox Lewis the last time he fought for the title.

TIM DAHLBERG

Reasonable people shouldn't care anymore.
For some reason, though, we still do.
We're drawn to Tyson for the same reason we slow down to see an accident on the roadway, or stop to watch Phil Mickelson in the final round of a major (until he's bitten off ears, tried to break arms and threatened to eat children. He's served time in prison for rape and been in more courtrooms than Judge Judy.

He's that accident waiting to happen, ready to implode or explode at any given moment. You're not sure what Tyson you'll get, but you can be sure that it will somehow be entertaining. And there's no doubt that boxing can use somebody entertaining these days.
Not since the early 1980s has the heavyweight division been so devoid of talent and so lacking in personality. It's filled with thicket-sport champions who can't fight, can't sell tickets and don't even fight each other.
There's an old adage on boxing that as the heavyweights go, so goes the sport. And right now, boxing is going down for the long count.

"At one point the heavyweight champion was like being the president of the world," John Ruiz said. "It was that big, now people have lost the interest."
Don't know who Johnny Ruiz is? He's the guy who sleepwalked through a loss to Roy Jones Jr. last year, then somehow became the WBA heavyweight champion once again by beating another guy (Hasim Rahman) whose biggest claim to fame was he gave away \$15 million by signing an ill-advised deal with Don King.
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And the third will be decided April 24 when a Ukrainian (Vitali Klitschko) fights a South African (Corrie Sanders) to replace an Englishman (Lewis) who decided to quit while he was still ahead.
But wait. There's another title so minor no one mentions it much, but Lamron Brewster holds it after spending most of Saturday night getting his face punched in by Wladimir Klitschko before unleashing a series of punches that proved the giants do fall harder than men.

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SPORTS

Devils claw back into series

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Patrik Elias scored two goals and Scott Gomez had three assists for the New Jersey Devils, who got back into their first-round playoff series with a 4-2 victory Monday night over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Game 4 also will be played at Continental Airlines Arena on Wednesday night.

Jeremy Roenick and Tony Amonte scored for the Flyers, who twice blew one-goal leads.

The Devils, 0-for-7 on the power play in losing two 3-2 decisions in Philadelphia, scored three times on five extra-man chances to get back into the series.

Lightning 3, Islanders 0

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Nikolai Khabibulin made 28 saves to lead Tampa Bay to a 2-1 lead over New York.

Brad Richards and Martin St. Louis scored early, and Khabibulin stoned the Islanders the rest of the way. St. Louis added an empty-net goal with 10 seconds remaining.

All three games had ended 3-0, and for Game 4 here Wednesday night, both teams must be thinking that allowing even one goal can doom them.

Maple Leafs 2, Senators 0

OTTAWA — Ed Belfour made 35 saves as he set his second straight shutout, giving Toronto a 2-1 lead over Ottawa.

Joe Niemi scored his second goal of the playoffs early in the second period, and Mats Sundin added a goal on a two-one rush in the third for the Maple Leafs.

Belfour has held Ottawa scoreless for 138:21. He made 31 saves for his first Toronto playoff shutout in Saturday's 2-0 win to give the Maple Leafs a split of the first two home games.

The Senators haven't scored since Marian Gossio got his second goal of the game 1:39 into the third period of a 4-2 win in Thursday night's series opener in Toronto. Game 4 is here Wednesday.

Stars 4, Avalanche 3, OT

DALLAS — Steve Ott turned a steal at center ice into a break-away goal 2:11 into overtime, putting Dallas back in the series.

The Stars tied the game when Philippe Boucher sent a long winded shot past Colorado goaltender David Aebischer with 4:27 left in regulation.

The winning play began when Ott blocked a neutral-zone pass from Avalanche

Blues 4, Sharks 1

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Blues kept their cool and finally got to Evgeni Nabokov, working their way back into their first-round playoff series.

Late-season pickup Mike Sillinger scored his first career playoff hit trick and Dallas Drake scored on a deflection and added an assist in a 4-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Monday night.

The Sharks led the series 2-1, heading into Game 4 Tuesday night in St. Louis.

Sillinger, acquired March 4 from the Coyotes and playing for his 10th NHL team, to tie an NHL record, seemed to be a low-key pickup at the time. But he provided an immediate boost for a team that qualified for the playoffs on the 81st game, getting four goals and five assists in 16 games.

Reds 4, Phillies 1

PHILADELPHIA — New stadium, same old Phillies.

Paul Wilson allowed just one run over 7 1/3 innings in the first game at Citizens Bank Park, triggering boos from a sellout crowd, frustrated by the home team's slow start.

Mets 10, Braves 6

NEW YORK — The New York Mets hardly missed Mike Piazza and Cliff Floyd in their home opener.

Newcomers Kaz Matsui and Mike Cameron each drove two runs — Matsui's was wasteful on the mound and at the plate in a New York victory.

Rockies 7, D'backs 4

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies rallied for four runs in the seventh inning, capitalizing on Arizona reliever Jose Valverde's wildness.

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T.F. girls dominate Buhl golf invite

The Times-News — B.U.H.E. — An impressive showing to say the least.

The Twin Falls girls golf team cruised to the win at the Buhl Girls Invitational, beating runner-up Skyview by 47 strokes, 313-360.

The top individual performance was by Katie Higham of Shelley, who carded a 76 at the Clear Lakes Country Club in Buhl.

Twin Falls took the next three places to secure the team title. Whitney Cleland carded a 76, followed by Mandi Heiberg with a 77 and Hanna Veni with a 78.

Abby McNeely carded a good score of 82 for the 313 team total.

Katie Quirk of Skyview rounded out the top five by tying Veni for fourth place.

Results follow:

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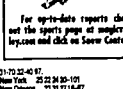
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Business workshop focuses on Internet

TWIN FALLS — A three-hour, non-credit workshop for small-business owners who are trying to put their businesses on the Internet will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 22 in Room C33 of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Stephanic Wagner from Lewis-Clark State College's Idaho Virtual Incubator will conduct the session called "Marketing Your Business Using the Internet." The hands-on experience is designed to help small businesses in rural Idaho take advantage of the new global economy on the Internet, organizers said.

Subjects will include developing an understanding of the Internet as a communications tool, target marketing, Web site components and developing a marketing plan.

The workshop is hosted by the Idaho Small Business Development Center. Admission is free, but seating is limited to 24 people, so pre-registration is required. Contact Sherry Rust at 732-5457 or trust@csid.edu.

For information, visit the Virtual Incubator's Web site at www.idahov.org.

CSI center offers career workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a career planning workshop designed for those who are beginning an education or new career, trying to identify interests, developing new skills.

A professional staff member will help participants identify their interests, discover their workplace talents, explore careers in demand and investigate their options.

The workshop will be held in two parts — from 2 to 4 p.m. April 19 and April 21 — at the Center for New Directions. Admission is free, which includes career tests. Registration deadline is Friday. Sign up, call 732-5680 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 5680.

Jerome chamber holds monthly meeting

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at noon Wednesday at the El Sombrero Restaurant. Ted Diehl of the North Side Canal Co. and Jeff Martin, hydrographer for the North Snake Ground Water District, will discuss the region's current water situation. The public is invited.

In other chamber news, the Jerome chamber's Ambassadors Club will host a Business After Hours event from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. April at Simply Serendipity, 130 W. Main St. Merchants will provide prizes to be given away.

For information, call the chamber office at 324-2711.

Mimi-Cassia chamber holds April meeting

BURLEY — The Mimi-Cassia Chamber of Commerce will hold its April meeting at noon April 22 at Phee's Cafe.

Local legislators will report on their committee activities and other state issues, and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry will be on hand to give summaries and committee reports.

Bring a friend and remember to bring business cards for a chance to win a free lunch sponsored by the chamber ambassadors, the chamber advises.

The next chamber luncheon will be May 12 at Rupert Elks Lodge.

For information, call the chamber office at 679-4733.

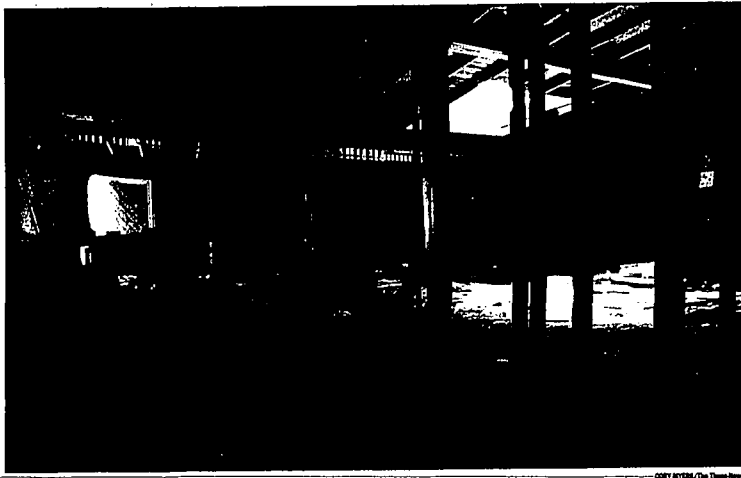
Strong earnings boost major indexes

NEW YORK — Investors set aside their concerns about Iraq on Monday, sending stocks solidly higher on expectations of companies' robust first-quarter earnings reports. All three major indexes regained the ground they lost last week.

Analysts said investors appear to have factored the increased fighting in Iraq and continued threat of terrorism into their overall investment decisions.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Gone tomorrow?



This empty brick building at the corner of Railroad Street and Maxwell Avenue in Twin Falls, owned by the city's Urban Renewal Agency, is set to be torn down along with another former Sawtooth Door building in the same area.

Agency asks T.F. to demolish buildings

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Stewin in the grass outside the brick building with the broken windows at 244 Railroad Ave. are a pair of boots, a baby's rattle and an even number.

On the porch is a dirty mattress with a cardboard blanket. A library book and an old copy of *Better Homes and Gardens* are nearby, as well as a half-eaten loaf of bread with an April 6 expiration date.

The structure that formerly housed the Sawtooth Door office is a public nuisance. It's also someone's home.

At its meeting Monday, the

Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency voted to suggest the city of Twin Falls issue an order of abatement of a dangerous building for the structure, as well as the former Sawtooth Door warehouse just around the corner on Maxwell Avenue. The Urban Renewal Agency owns the buildings.

Besides providing shelter to transients, the buildings are magnets for juvenile miscreants, said Dave McAlindin, executive director of the agency. In December, 20 teenage boys broke into the former office building and set fire to the wood floor inside. The buildings are too decrepit for

restoration, McAlindin said. "Neither of those (buildings) are worth salvaging," he said. "We might as well tear them down."

The agency's members agreed. The city will contract with a local demolition company to tear down the building, billing the agency for the work, said Gary Evans, the city's finance director.

In other Urban Renewal business:

- Seeking office space — McAlindin read from a draft of a request for proposals (an "RFP" document) created by the agency and the Twin Falls County commissioners. The

agency and the county are working together to find a new location to consolidate eight county offices after a deal to look for suitable locations for the county offices. The consultant, in conjunction with a committee of local citizens, would consider locations that could be used for at least 20 years, McAlindin said, reading from the draft.

Please see BUILDINGS, Page C5

Remember these tips when playing catch-up

By Jeff Brown
Knight Ridder News Service



I hate to bring this up, but there are just a few days left to file your 2003 income tax return.

The deadline is the midnight that separates the 15th and 16th, and some post offices stay open late so filers can be sure of getting April 15 postmarks.

Assuming you're racing to meet the deadline, here are a few things to keep in mind:

• Double-check everything. That sounds obvious, but some of the most common problems involve simple entries we're less likely to write about, such as Social Security numbers. Naturally, the arithmetic has to be right, too. And your signature is required.

• Consider an IRA contribution. At this late date, one of the only ways you can contribute for last year is to contribute to a traditional IRA. If you haven't made a contribution for 2003

yet, you have through April 15. A contribution will be tax-deductible only if you meet certain criteria.

For 2003, you and your spouse can each contribute up to \$3,000, or \$5,000 for a person who was 50 or older by the end of last year. Contributions cannot exceed ordinary income, which is wages rather than investment income. A nonworking person can contribute so long as his or her spouse had ordinary income at least as large as the couple's combined IRA contributions.

Generally, people who do not participate in retirement plans at work can deduct their traditional IRA contributions,

possibly reducing their tax bill by hundreds of dollars.

People who "do" have retirement plans generally can deduct their IRA contributions if their income is below certain limits:

- \$40,000 for single people or those who file as head of households.

- \$60,000 for married people filing jointly if both have retirement plans at work.

If married filing jointly with just one spouse in a retirement plan, the limit is \$60,000 for the one in the plan and \$150,000 for the other.

Income is modified adjusted gross income, or MAGI — basically the adjusted gross income figure taken from your complete return with some changes that don't apply to most people.

The rules are tricky, so if you doubt your tax preparer, check with the fund company or broker that handles your IRA. Or go to a bookstore for one of

those phonebook-size tax guides such as J.K. Lasser's "Your Income Tax."

Don't pay by credit card. If you owe money, resist the offer to pay by credit card. There is a "convenience fee" of 2.25 percent of the payment amount. That's more than you're likely to get back in frequent-flier miles or other perquisites.

Don't take loans. Lots of tax preparers offer immediate refunds. These are loans in lieu of taxes. Please see TAXES, Page C5

COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Lacey Debra Hall, 268 Ridgeway, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40694.

Chad W. Tremelling and Amanda Tremelling, also known as Amanda Callen, 1420 Vista Drive, Gooding, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40695.

Grant Maupin, 900 Yale Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40708.

Christina Arnes, also known as Christina Tumbler, a Christy Arms, 121 E. 18th St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40733.

Cory Moore, 836 Rosewood Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40740.

Israel Apodaca Ramirez, 1518 Oakley Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40742.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Katrina Cymens, also known as Trina Cymens, 3397 N. 3100 E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40693.

Michael Luiz Castro, 914 Seventh St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40719.

Brian Ames and Janice Ames, also known as Janice Watkins, 1735 Saddleback, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40725.

Jeffrey Matthew Gage, 242 N. Eagle Road, Meridian, and Amy Faye Gage, also known as Amy Faye Silvester, 2550 E. 3000 W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40744.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Wendell Ray Osney, also known as Wendell Osney and Vicki Lynn Osney, also known as Vicki Osney, 4483 N. 1900 E., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40707.

Steven K. Eckhardt and Laurel J. Eckhardt, also known as Steven Eckhardt and Laurel J. Eckhardt, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40711.

George Gibbons and Idonna Gibbons, 622 E. Ave. C, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40711.

Jennifer Dawn Moore, 358 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40714.

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When dealing with collection agencies, get corroboration

Question: I am up to my neck in debt after losing a job and getting a divorce. As part of the divorce settlement, I took on credit card debt incurred by both my spouse and me — and now I can't pay the bills.

A collection agency is threatening to sue me because they say I took on the credit card debt with no intent of repayment. They are talking about wage garnishment, and say I could face jail time. I have contemplated bankruptcy but this credit card debt cannot be forgiven. They also say my ex-wife could be affected because she was a second authorized user and card holder.

Please help. Here's a rule of thumb: Never believe what a collection agency tells you until you've verified it with an informed, independent source.

The collections industry is riddled with bad guys, and here is a classic example: a collector threatening you with jail time. Except in very limited circumstances — such as your willfully



falling to pay child support or other court-ordered payments — you can't be put behind bars for not paying a debt. The collection agencies know this, and threatening you with jail time in this instance appears to be a violation of federal debt collection laws.

It is possible that you would not be allowed to wipe out a bill in U.S. Bankruptcy Court if you knew when you incurred the debt that you couldn't pay it. But that's not an issue for the collection agency to decide.

You should contact a bankruptcy attorney as quickly as possible to talk about your options. You also might consider discussing your situation with a legitimate, nonprofit credit

counselor such as an agency associated with the National Foundation for Consumer Credit at www.nfcc.org. The attorney might lean toward filing while the credit counselor will look for ways to avoid bankruptcy. Between the two of them, you should get a pretty good picture of your options.

Don't delay — credit situations this bad will only deteriorate, and if you don't act you could find yourself being sued over those debts.

By the way, you have the legal right to take a collection agency to stop contacting you, and they're required to comply. Don't do it by phone. Send a letter by certified mail, with return receipt requested, so you have proof of your options.

Q: My wife is 31 and I'm 37. We are each contributing 15 percent of our income to our 401(k)s. With our retirement plans somewhat defined, we are trying to increase our nonretirement assets (like cash, stocks, bonds and real estate), so we've been putting away about 10 percent to 15

percent of our salaries into short-term savings and an emergency fund. Given that the rest of our income goes toward bills and expenses, we have not been contributing to our Roth IRAs. Should we (a) cash them out and put the money into nonretirement accounts, or (b) just leave them alone?

As how about (c) — start contributing again?

Roth IRAs are a powerful and flexible way to save for your future goals. Although your contributions are not tax deductible, all your withdrawals in retirement will be tax free. If you get in a jam, you can withdraw an amount equal to your original contributions without owing any taxes or penalties.

(Not that withdrawing your money before retirement age is a great idea if you can avoid it. Each \$10,000 you take out could cost you \$100,000 or more in tax-free income in retirement. That's how much your money could grow if you let it alone for 30 years at an average 8 percent annual rate. So whatever you do,

don't cash out your Roths.) If you wind up not needing the money in retirement, you're not required to withdraw it. You can pass a Roth to your heirs and they won't have to pay income taxes on the withdrawals, either. That's a sharp contrast from other forms of retirement savings, which have mandatory distributions and are subject to regular income taxes.

Roth IRAs are such a powerful tax shelter for working Americans, in fact, that many financial planners would tell you to crank back on your 401(k) contributions so that you can put the maximum \$5,000 per person into a Roth each year. You definitely should consider finding a Roth before you put any money into a taxable investment account.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at asklizweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Filings

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Prona Hall, also known as Prona Scanlin, 396 S. 1000 E., Idaho Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40718.

Taxes

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refunds, and interest rates can be sky-high. If you want a quick refund, file your return electronically and have the refund deposited directly into your bank account.

Buildings

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If space is not available in an existing building, the consultant would look for suitable "green space" - or open land on which the county could construct a new building. The consultant would have 90 days to complete the search for a location, according to the RFP.

\$500,000, Case no. 04-40739. Harry W. Hile and Rebecca L. Hile, 253 McMillan, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40741.

on-line help with returns, generally for people with low and moderate incomes. Go to the IRS site at www.irs.gov. Get an extension. Can't make the April 15 deadline? You can get an automatic extension to April 15 by filing Form 4853 by April 15. If you don't file the form on time, you could be sub-

ject to a stiff late-filing penalty. If you get the extension and owe tax but don't pay by April 15, the balance due will be subject to interest. There can also be a penalty if you've paid less than 90 percent of your total tax liability by April 15. All tax forms are available at the IRS Website.

Chapter 11, business, \$500,000 to \$1 million. Penny Van Alst, 534 13th St., Rupert, Idaho, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 11, 16-49 creditors, assets \$1 million to \$10 million, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1 million, Case no. 04-40720.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000. Larry Lee Orland and Lynetta Darlene Orland, also known as

Lynetta Darlene Shirley, 810 W. Sixth St., River, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40720.

recreation building. The agency and the county will continue to work together to finish the RFP. McAlindin said. Money for job creation - Carleen Herring, economic development division manager for Region IV Development, would like to update regarding the Community Development Block Grant applications recently approved by the City Council that would seek state money for Hamilton Manufacturing and Hydro Fitting Manufacturing.

receive more than \$100,000 to expand its operations. Hydro Fitting, which is due to begin construction on its Twin Falls facility in the next few weeks pending financial negotiations, would receive \$250,000 as part of the relocation incentive package offered by the city, Herring said. As part of the grant approval process, Herring will give a presentation, Herring will give a presentation to the Commerce Department in Boise April 23.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, etc. Lists various stocks like AIG, AIGC, AIGD, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, and INDEXES.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ national market data with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 225 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the American National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Market trends are 7:15 a.m. Pacific. Stocks in boldface changed 5 percent or more on price.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange data with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, etc.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

SOYBEANS

Table of soybean futures prices, including soybean meal, soybean oil, and soybean shorts.

WHEAT

Table of wheat futures prices for various grades and origins.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices including corn, sorghum, and oats.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices for various types like cheddar and mozzarella.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices for different varieties.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices for various types like navy and pinto.

MEATS

Table of meat futures prices including live cattle, hogs, and pork.

COFFEES

Table of coffee futures prices for Arabica and Robusta beans.

TEAS

Table of tea futures prices for different grades.

SUGAR

Table of sugar futures prices for various grades.

LIQUIDS

Table of liquid futures prices including ethanol and gasoline.

OTHER

Table of other market data including interest rates and bond yields.

INDEXES

Table of market indices including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and others.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for various raw materials.

ENERGY

Table of energy prices including oil, natural gas, and coal.

PRECIOUS METALS

Table of precious metal prices including gold and silver.

CURRENCIES

Table of currency exchange rates for various international currencies.

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Advertisement for MUTUAL FUNDS titled 'If the majority of self-made millionaires made it in Real Estate... why don't you have your IRA invested in it?' featuring James Love and Call Professional Economic Service, Inc.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Big bang turns

IBM mainframe celebrates four decades

By Theresa Poletti
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. — When IBM engineers were working on the most recent models of the company's mainframe computer family, they decided to code-name the product line "T-Rex," a bit of geek humor acknowledging competitors' jobs that labeled the mainframe a dinosaur.

On Wednesday, that much-derided stalwart of the computer industry turned 40, a milestone that many of its detractors probably never would have imagined. It is reaching the launch of the mainframe, a giant computer that can handle multiple tasks for multiple users simultaneously, was a "bet the company" move for international Business Machines, the Armonk, N.Y., computer maker that at the time was just one of many companies that made and sold incompatible computers.

From the mainframe's initial conception in the early 1950s to the launch of a formal product, the System/360, on April 7, 1964, IBM spent \$5 billion on development. It was an unprecedented investment for that era, especially compared with IBM's \$3.2 billion in revenues in 1964.

"The System/360 was the Big Bang or the Manhattan Project of the computer world," said Dag Spicer, the curator of the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif. "At the time, the world was full of mutually incompatible computers. IBM had about seven different product lines and they couldn't talk to each other."

The mainframe's popularity quickly vaulted IBM to a dominant position in computing. It was the first family of computers that gave users instant data retrieval, virtually unlimited storage and the ability to share data and software with other machines in the same computer family, all new to computer users in the 1960s.

At a news conference in New

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On April 7, 1964, then IBM Chairman Thomas J. Watson Jr. introduces the IBM System/360 to members of the media at a Poughkeepsie, N.Y., conference.

York to unveil it, then-IBM Chairman Thomas Watson Jr. said. "The System/360 represents a sharp departure from concepts of the past in designing and building computers. ... The result will be more computer productivity at lower cost than ever before. This is the be-



One of the original members of the IBM System/360 family was Model 50, introduced in 1964. It was the most powerful unit in the intermediate price range. The System/360 marks its 40th Anniversary on April 7.

ginning of a new generation." Indeed, IBM created a whole ecosystem for the mainframe, similar to the ecosystem it would create for the personal

computer almost 20 years later. Big Blue and independent suppliers produced software and peripheral devices such as printers, tape drives and punch-card readers that would work with the mainframe's proprietary architecture. Eventually, other computer makers, including Amdahl and Hitachi Data Systems, created their own mainframes that were "plug compatible" with IBM's.

The new computers quickly became the backbone of emerging data centers. The systems, which could take up the space of a couple of offices, were used in the 1960s by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to put astronauts on the moon and by American Airlines to create the world's first online computer network for airline reservations.

What is probably most surprising about this anniversary is that the mainframe — an ancient concept in computer terms — is still in use today.

Indeed, the dominant architecture for computing today is known as client-server computing, where a decentralized network of machines works together and shares the load. The original notion of a single giant machine handling most tasks is considered inefficient by some.

But IBM has managed to extend the mainframe's lifespan.

In the early 1990s, when IBM was near bankruptcy and losing money as lower-cost competitors attacked its core business, IBM revived the flagging mainframe by moving it to a lower-cost standard architecture.

With much lower prices and the ability to interface with its own low-cost Unix-based servers, the IBM mainframe was able to compete with machines from Sun, Hewlett-Packard and others during the Internet boom. And today it remains the technology to beat for reliability.

IBM said that mainframes are still used to house 70 percent of the world's data, and in 2003, IBM's mainframe revenues were \$4.2 billion.

AOL goes beyond the walls

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — America Online plans to offer some of its music, sports and news on the Internet at no charge.

The Time Warner (TWO) unit would present free content, such as a concert by Usher that was available March 23, to encourage sampling.

"This will give people on the Web a glimpse of what they would have had access to if they were members," said Jim Bankoff, executive vice president for programming. Putting content on the Web also gives the company greater opportunity for advertising revenue.

Bankoff said the opportunity to give nonmembers a taste of AOL's content is a result of the service's shift from a proprietary publishing system, known as Rainman, to the Web's standard HTML. "This also makes us able to do a more robust job for our marketing partners, by being able to offer them 'standard' ad sizes and rich media." In other words, advertisers can use made-for-the-Web marketing materials on AOL.

He insisted the availability of some bits of AOL material on the Internet, at AOL.com, is not a sign of a massive shift in strategy from a subscription service to the open Internet.

Take a break
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Newest Creator strikes gold with panning feature

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computers Q & A

Q. I understand that the new version of Roxio Easy Media Creator contains the "Ken Burns" effect, which allows you to pan and zoom in or out on a still photo. I bought the Microsoft Plus Digital Media program because I can create this same effect, but when I went to try it, I was restricted to using templates that forced me to use the program's beginning and ending points for my pans or zooms.

I wanted to be able to select my own spots to start and end my zoom or pan. Does Roxio allow you to select your own specific spots on the photos, large or tiny, to pan or zoom from and to?

—Gordon Walter, Iowa City

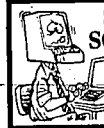
A. The quick answer, Mr. W., is yes indeed, the newly released version 7.0 of Roxio's suite of DVD- and CD-creating programs does include exactly what you want — better Burns effects than the ones Bill Gates supplies in the Windows File Digital Media program.

Before covering Roxio's offering in more detail, let's document the renowned documentary-maker's role in the panning scam.

I was watching PBS documentaries that used the trick of panning in and out of photographs to add action to still-life stuff back when the brilliant 50-year-old Burns was in grade school. But starting with the Brooklyn Bridge in 1981, Burns did make the technique famous and stirred legions of us home moviemakers to dream of using the same trick to bring our own still photos to life.

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GMC '94 Sierra 1500, ext. cab, Very clean, 4x4, must sell, \$7,500/offer. 208-404-1412.

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GMC '98 Z-71, SLE, 4x4, exc. cond., 110K. \$13,000/offer. Call 733-4699 or 420-1841.

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GMC '00 Sierra 1500, 4x4, exc. cond., 110K. \$13,000. Call 776-7527.

MAZDA '96 B2300 SE, ext. cab, 5 speed, 100K miles, \$4995. See at 547 Falls Ave. WY 836-9640.

CHEVY '91 4x4, reg. cab, 110K, with new tires, 110K, with shell. \$5995. Call 208-734-3031 or 731-6852.

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FORD '76 F-250, 4x4, auto, 208-318-1177. Good neck hitch, New trans and hubs. Good farm pickup. \$2200/offer. 208-318-1177.

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FORD '84 4x4 F-250 5.0, 2B, AT, tape deck, good glass, rubber & interior, towing pkg. Ranch truck. \$1800/offer. 208-434-6622.

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FORD '88 F-360 crew cab, 450 gas, AT, PB, dnt. w/ shell, 147K. average shape. Call 208-731-0889.

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CHEVY '78

CORVETTE '00 Focus, loaded, great shape. \$2K. \$12,000 will sell at \$9000. Will deliver. Call 208-436-0427.

CHEVY '00 heavy 3/4 ton, 4 spd, 4x4, clean body, no rust. \$2200. Call 208-655-5818.

CHRYSLER '97 LHS, 134K, loaded, \$5000. Call 208-733-3392.

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DODGE '95 Intrepid, good running car. \$7345. 208-732-7827.

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FORD '88 Taurus SHO manual trans, electric sunroof, \$1250/offer. 737-0915 or 420-4789.

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FORD '98 Taurus SE 70K, exc. condition, \$6,800. 232-8255.

HONDA '98 Accord EX, \$6200/offer. Good condition, new brakes, sun roof, cruise, AC, PL, PW, 93K. Call 208-404-6483.

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fully Plus washer,

with cycles. 2 wash cycle

refrigerator,

all-width

239.99

refrigerator, save \$150

water-filtration

ice-maker door

3 wash cycles last

3 sale

Capacity Plus washer,

ice-Dual action. #33782

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Capacity Plus washer,

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refrigerator,

full chest

great shelves.

12. Reg. \$79.99

refrigerator,

full chest

great shelves.

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Capacity Plus washer,

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refrigerator, save \$170

great shelves.

12. Reg. \$219.99

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refrigerator,

full chest

great shelves.

12. Reg. \$79.99

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649 closeout

Kenmore 18.5-cu. ft. refrigerator,

save \$90. Bottom freezer. 4 split

glass shelves. 2 adjustable-humidity

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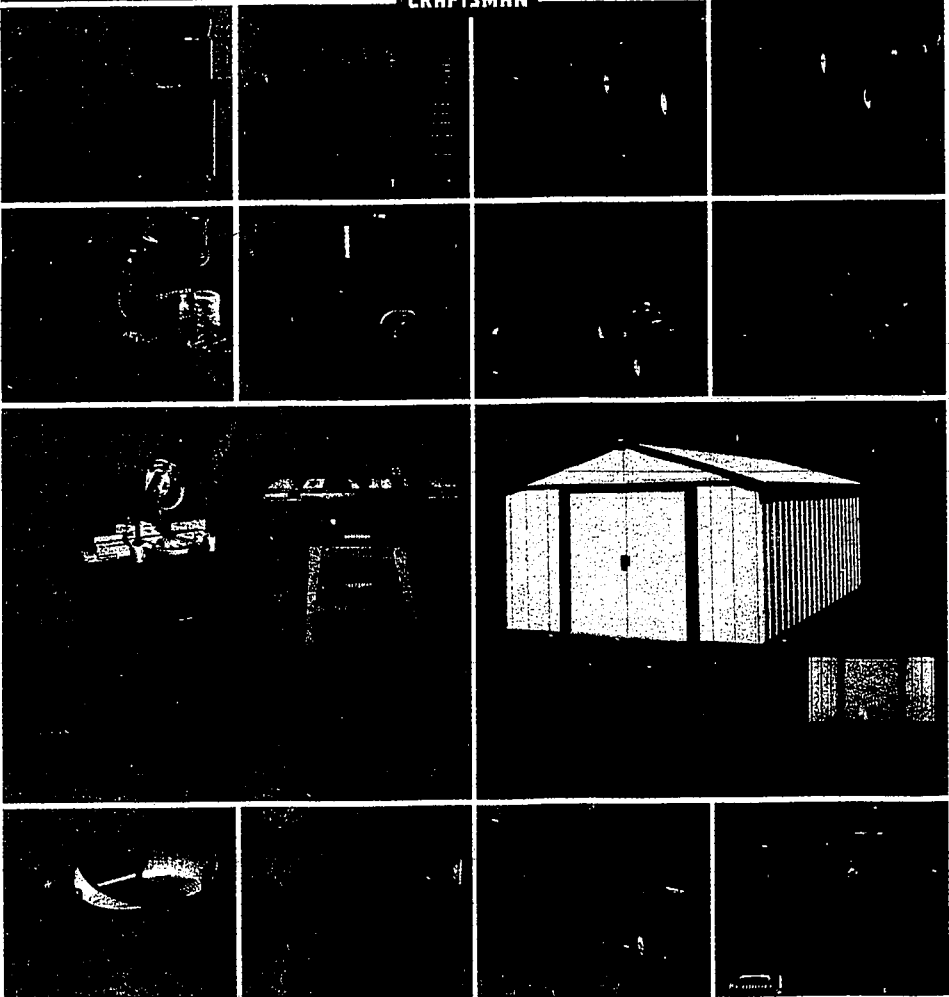
Kenmore 25.4-cu. ft. refrigerator,

save \$200. Water filtration. Space-saver

ice system with ice-catcher. ENERGY STAR®-

qualified. #53532. Was 1299.99. While quantities last.

CRAFTSMAN



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Electric Water Heater
 Features 8-yr. warranty!
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 save \$36 40-gal. capacity.
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349

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 Features Large Capacity
 27,000 max. grams washer
 softener, save \$80 includes
 installation kit. 3/4-in. valve.
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 plus, give you 10% of the difference
See page 2-5 for details

SEARS

Sale prices in effect
 Thursday, Feb. 12-Tuesday, Feb. 17
 Availability of items shown in this advertisement may
 vary by store

PRESIDENT'S DAYS SALE

BEALLS

SALE STARTS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**STOREWIDE SAVINGS
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

**PLUS ...MILLIONS IN NEW
REDUCTIONS JUST TAKEN!**

SAVE

70%*

**WHEN YOU TAKE AN EXTRA 40% OFF
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*Total savings off original prices.

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**EXTRA
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25%-40% OFF Misses Casual,

SALE
18⁹⁹

MISSES BILL BLASS JEANS
Easy-fit, 5-pocket jeans in darkstone or black.
Reg. 24.99.

BILL BLASS

SALE
24⁹⁹

MISSES GLORIA VANDER JEAN
"Amarillo" 5-pocket stretch jeans in antique wash or black denim.
Reg. 36.99.

19⁹⁹

MISSES DONNKENNY PANTS
Pull-on pants in short or average lengths. Polyester. Coordinating blouses also available.



SALE **29⁹⁹**

MISSES 2-PC. SETS BY SE
Choose from an assortment of skirt sets and pants.
Linen/rayon: Reg. 50.00-56.00 each set.
Colors may vary by store.



40% OFF
MISSES SPRING SWEATERS
Designers Originals, Hannah and more.
Reg. 28.00-40.00.
SALE 16.80-24.00.



30% OFF
MISSES CAREER TOPS & PANTS
From Gloria Lance, Alla and more.
Reg. 24.00-42.00.
SALE 16.80-29.40.

Career & Plus-Size Sportswear!

30% OFF
PLUS-SIZE RIBBED KNIT TEES
By Jason Maxwell. 3/4-sleeved with satin trim.
Reg. 20.00.
SALE 14.00.

PLUS SIZE

40% OFF
PLUS-SIZE SAG HARBOR SPORTSWEAR
Sweaters, jackets, skirts and pants.
Reg. 34.00-42.00.
SALE 20.40-28.00.

PLUS SIZE



40% OFF

ALL MISSES SPRING SAG HARBOR
Entire stock Spring separates, jackets, sweaters, tops, pants and more. Reg. 28.00-68.00. SALE 16.80-34.80.

SALE
9⁹⁹

REBECCA MALONE KNIT TOPS
Misses short-sleeved scoop-necks, crew-necks, Hanley's and more. Reg. 18.00.

30% OFF
MISSES WOVEN SPRING TOPS
From Victoria Jones, Maggie and Max, New Direction, more.
Reg. 30.00-34.00.
SALE 21.00-23.80.

30% OFF
PLUS-SIZE MICRO-TOUCH BLOUSES
Joanna Blouses' short-sleeved soft blouse.
Reg. 24.00.
SALE 16.80.

PLUS SIZE



★ Great Savings on Juniors & Misses

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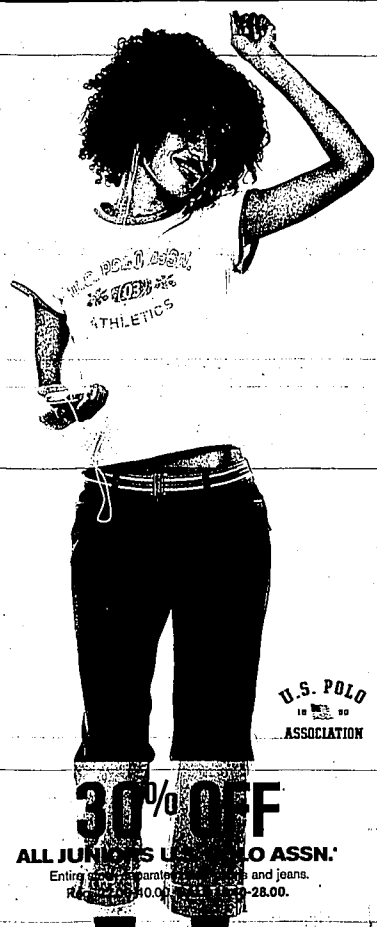
JUNIORS KNIT TOPS
Selected styles by One Step Up and Enerjet.
Reg. 14.00 & 16.00.

SALE
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JUNIORS TWILL PANTS
Shown. "Exact Change" belted style. Also, ILLI, BePop, more.
Reg. 28.00-34.00.

SALE
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ALL JUNIORS LEVY'S JEANS
Shown, 518' superlow crosshatch denim jean.
Reg. 40.00.
Belt not included.



30% OFF
ALL JUNIORS LEVY'S ASSN.
Entire stock separates, tops and jeans.
Reg. 24.00-40.00. SALE 16.80-28.00.



SALE
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HANNAH SLEEP SEPARATES
Knit tops and woven pants.
Reg. 16.00-20.00 each piece.

25% OFF
ENTIRE STOCK VANITY FAIR
Sleepwear, panties, daywear and more.
Reg. 6.50-32.00.
SALE 4.88-24.00.
*Excludes Vanity Fair Woman's bras.

Sleepwear, Intimates & Dresses! ★

14⁹⁹

LILY OF FRANCE BRAS
Padded, lace, cotton, jacquard and more.
A great value at an everyday low price!

LILY OF FRANCE

25% OFF

BARELY THERE & BALI PANTIES
Entire stock! Includes Skimp Skimp and Freeform.
Reg. 8.00-9.00.
SALE 6.00-6.75.

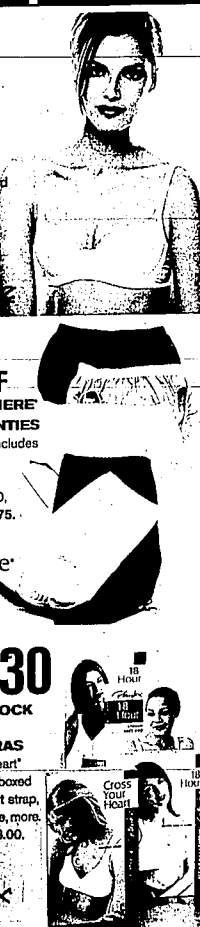
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2 FOR \$30

ENTIRE STOCK PLAYTEX BOXED BRAS
Cross Your Heart and 18 Hour boxed bras. Comfort strap, lace, more.
Reg. 12.00-28.00.

PLAYTEX



SAVE 25%

MISSES SPRING DRESSES
Shown, Sangria dress and Connected skirt set. Orig. 54.00.
SALE 39.99 ea. Collection, orig. 48.00-80.00. SALE 34.99-59.99.

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JUNIORS SPRING 2-PC. SKIRT SETS
Shown. My Michelle cap-sleeve top with geometric print skirt.
Orig. 48.00 & 54.00.
SALE 34.99 & 39.99.

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JUNIORS SPRING DRESSES
Shown. My Michelle cherry print tube dress with tie.
Orig. 48.00-68.00.
SALE 34.99-49.99.



Save on Young Men's Sportswear!

SALE 799

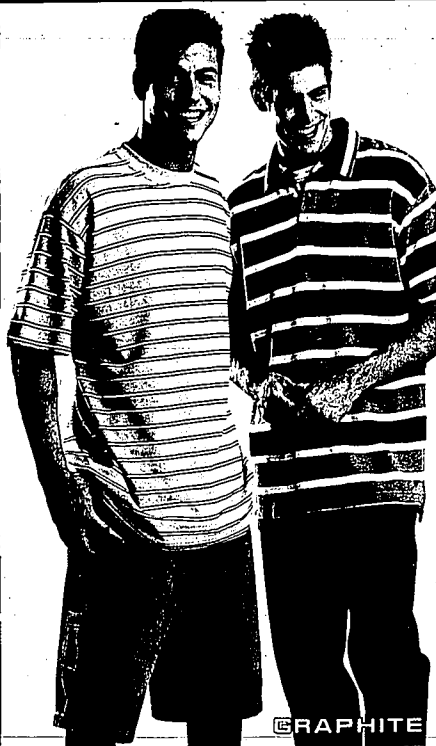
ALL GUYS VIZION RINGER TEES
Cotton ringer tees in assorted colors. Reg. 12.00 each.

SALE 1299

ALL GUYS SCREEN-PRINT TEES
Short-sleeved cotton tees with assorted graphics. Sizes M-XL. Reg. 18.00.

SALE 2699

ALL LEVI'S JEANS FOR GUYS
505, 529, 550, 560 and 569. Reg. 35.00-38.00. SILVERTAB jeans reg. 48.00. SALE 34.99. All, waists 29-44.



SALE 1799 & 1999

ALL GUYS GRAPHITE SPORTWEAR
Crew-neck, cotton knit shirts and polos in stripes. Reg. 20.00-24.00. SALE 17.99. Carpenter-style denim shorts and relaxed fit denim jeans. Reg. 25.00-28.00. SALE 19.99.



SALE 1199

ALL GUYS FERRUCHE RIBBED KNIT TOPS
Assorted solid colors. M-XL. Reg. 16.00.



SALE 1799

ALL GUYS U.S. EXPEDITION WOVENS
Plaid woven shirts; assorted colors. M-XL. Reg. 24.00.



SALE 2499

ALL GUYS LEE DUNGAREES JEANS
Carpenter jeans in assorted washes. Waists 29-40. Reg. 35.00.

Lee DUNGAREES

Up to 40% OFF Men's Sportswear!

SALE 1299

MEN'S SUN RIVER POLOS
Short-sleeved, solid colors; cotton. Sizes S-XXL. Reg. 20.00.

SUN RIVER

SALE 1999

VAN HEUSEN WOVEN SHIRTS
Men's wrinkle-free cotton/polyester. S-XXL. Reg. 32.00.

VAN HEUSEN

25% OFF

ENTIRE STOCK MEN'S JOCKEY
Stock up on briefs, boxer briefs, tees, tanks, more during the Jockey National Sale! Reg. 16.00-24.00. SALE 12.00-18.00.

JOCKEY



SALE 2499 & 2999
CHAPS' SHIRTS, DOCKERS' PANTS
Chaps' shirts, reg. 36.00, SALE 29.99. Plaid, woven shirts, reg. 36.00, SALE 24.99. Individual Fit khakis, reg. 48.00, SALE 29.99. Dockers' pants, reg. 48.00, SALE 24.99. Selection varies by store.

SALE 1799

SUN RIVER KNIT & WOVEN SHIRTS
For men. Twists and striped knits, solid knits, colors and wrinkle-resistant weaves. S-XXL. Reg. 24.00.

SUN RIVER

SALE 2499

VAN HEUSEN DRESS SHIRTS FOR MEN
Cotton/polyester. Reg. 36.00. Tees also on sale, reg. 27.50. SALE 18.99.

VAN HEUSEN

30% OFF

ENTIRE STOCK GOLD TOE SOCKS
Save on dress, casual and athletic styles during the Gold Toe National Sale! Reg. 6.00-12.00. SALE 4.20-8.40.

GOLD TOE

Shoe Sale! Stock-Up for Spring

keds

Skechers "Millineum Energy" SALE 39.99

New Balance "600" SALE 49.99

NIKE "Air Rollin" SALE 49.99

Duck Head



30% OFF

LADIES & KIDS KEDS SHOES
An assortment of leather oxfords and mules. Reg. 20.00-40.00. SALE 14.00-28.00.



SALE 3499-5999

MEN'S & LADIES ATHLETIC SHOES

Great new looks! Selected styles from Skechers, New Balance, NIKE and more. Reg. 50.00-70.00.



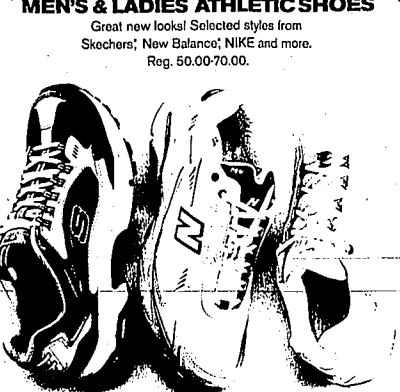
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LADIES DUCK HEAD SHOES
"Dena" open-toe sandal in red, black or brown. Reg. 48.00.



SALE 4999

MEN'S DOCKERS SHOES
"Gordon" black or cordovan cap-toe oxford or "Horizon" brown leather slip-on. Reg. 65.00 each.



Skechers "Stamina" SALE 44.99

New Balance "610" SALE 49.99

NIKE "Air Trainer Arrival" SALE 54.99



SALE 3499

LADIES DUCK HEAD SHOES
Choose from "Heather" slide or "Sarah" mule. Reg. 48.00 each.

30% OFF Kids Separates & Sets



30% OFF

ENTIRE STOCK GIRLS 2T-16 SEPARATES
Tops, shirts, pants and jeans. Reg. 12.00-28.00. SALE 8.40-19.60.



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GIRLS & INFANTS CAPRI SETS
From Pogo Club, Thomas' and more. Infants & girls 2T-6X assorted sets. Reg. 18.00-26.00. SALE 12.60-18.20. Girls 7-16 sets. Reg. 24.00-28.00. SALE 16.80-19.60.



U.S. POLO ASSN.

30% OFF

ALL BOYS 2T-20 U.S. POLO ASSN. SEPARATES
Tees, denim shorts. Reg. 12.00-36.00. SALE 8.40-25.20.



999

ALL CARTER'S CREEPERS
Assorted styles and colors for boys and girls. Also in the collection, sun suits and dress sets.



30% OFF

ALL INFANTS & BOYS 2T-7 PLAY SETS
Shown, Baby Beluga and Baby Togs. Reg. 18.00-30.00. SALE 12.60-21.00.

VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14!

25%-60% OFF Accessories & Gifts



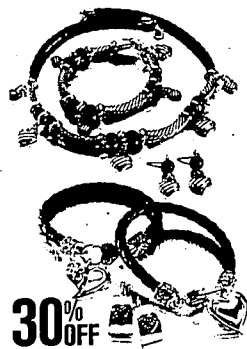
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ALL ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS
Life-like roses, orchids, gerber daisies and more. Reg. 8.00-30.00. **SALE 5.60-21.00.**



60% OFF

ENTIRE STOCK FINE JEWELRY
Gold and sterling silver earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets, pendants and more.



30% OFF

ALL FASHION JEWELRY
Earrings, bracelets, more. Reg. 6.00-18.00. **SALE 4.20-11.20.** *Excludes Liz Claiborne.



30% OFF

LADIES SMALL LEATHERS
Mini bags too! Assorted styles to choose from. Reg. 18.00-26.00. **SALE 12.60-18.20.**



Shown, Blueno, animal print tote bag, reg. 24.00. **SALE 23.80.**
Our entire collection, reg. 20.00-67.00. **SALE 14.00-46.90.**



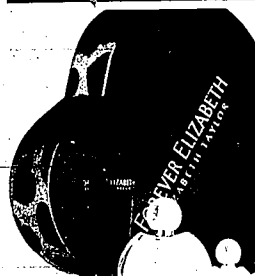
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FASHION WATCHES
Classic, sport and dress styles for her and him. Reg. 19.99.



Scented Gifts for Your Valentine!

VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14!



\$46

FOREVER ELIZABETH SET
Ladies 3-pc. set: 3.3-oz. Body Cream, 1.7-oz. Eau de Parfum Spray and .33-oz. Eau de Parfum. A 74.00 value.



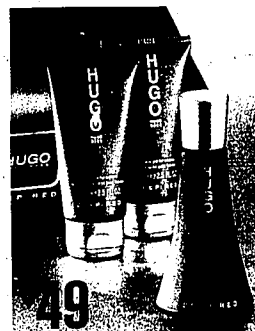
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SPARK 2-PC. SETS FOR MEN & LADIES
Men's set includes 3.4-oz. Cologne Spray and 3.4-oz. After Shave. A 91.00 value. Ladies set includes 6.7-oz. Body Lotion and 3.4-oz. Eau de Parfum Spray. An 82.00 value. Each set is yours for just 57.00.



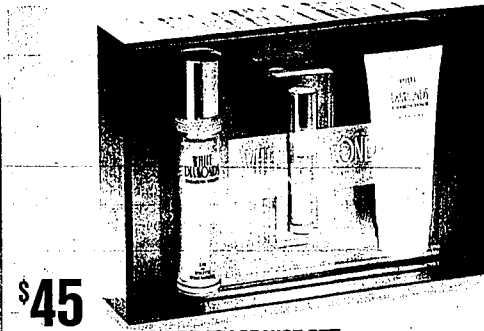
SALE 9.99

BATH & BODY SETS
Choose from assorted scents from Scented Secrets, Floral Bouquet and Indulgences. Reg. 16.00.



49

HUGO DEEP RED SET
Ladies 3-pc. set: 2.5-oz. Body Lotion, 2.5-oz. Shower Gel and 1.6-oz. Eau de Parfum Spray. A 73.00 value.



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