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Feds mull sage grouse

Listing bird as endangered could bring big changes to Idaho, West

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has decided there's enough evidence to warrant a thorough study of whether sage grouse should be protected under the Endangered Species Act, the agency announced Thursday.

People living, recreating and farming in southern Idaho are in the middle of the bird's native habitat, and federal protection

for the Western range icon could bring land use and development restrictions, particularly on federal lands. Federal programs for private ground, such as farm aid, also could result in land use changes for private property. Some fear those restrictions could harm rural economies across the West.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is responding — well past its deadline — to three petitions over the past two years from various groups, including Halley-

Coming Sunday

Some people fear the sage grouse is in danger of passing from the range like the buffalo. Read about the bird of the high desert and what has contributed to its decline in Sunday's Times-News.

based Western Watersheds Project, that claim the range birds that rely on sagebrush to survive are in jeopardy of extinction. The agency has reviewed a number of petitions over the past several years on subspecies of sage grouse, but Thursday's finding pertains to the entire species. Please see GROUSE, Page A2

Nations reject terrorist's truce offer

Bin Laden's recorded message departs from previous strategy

The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Key European nations, including Iraq war opponents Germany and France, vigorously rejected a truce offer purportedly from Osama bin Laden on Thursday, saying there could be no negotiating with his al-Qaida terrorist network.

Many saw the audio-taped offer as a blatant attempt to drive a wedge between the United States and its European allies, en- philing their differences over Iraq. The offer suggested a subtle shift in strategy by the al-Qaida chief, who in the past has directed his bloody campaign against the West in general.

One analyst said the shift was unsurprising, however, given bin Laden's "opportunism." Another observer said the three-month truce offer might contain a message to militants to hold back on attacks against Europe.

The tape, which the CIA said is likely an authentic recording of bin Laden, was broadcast on Arab TV stations offering "a truce ... to any country which does not carry out an onslaught against Muslims or interfere in their affairs."

In Italy, a nation shocked by the killing of an Italian civilian captured by militants in Iraq, Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said it was "unthinkable that we may open a negotiation with bin Laden, everybody understands this."

French President Jacques Chirac, one of the firmest opponents of the war that ousted Saddam Hussein, was equally clear: "No dealings are possible with terrorists."

Germany, which is now helping train Iraqi police, also strongly rejected the truce offer. "Any attempt to split Europe will fail," said German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was pleased by the reaction, and that Europeans are saying they "will not be terrorized by these terrorists."

"I think that the international community realizes that they cannot give in to these kinds of threats," he told reporters in Washington.



Osama bin Laden

THE LONG GOODBYE



Jeanie Clemmer, a sergeant in the Army National Guard with the 145th Support Squadron out of Boise, hugs a classmate during a going away party at the College of Southern Idaho Thursday. Clemmer will report to Boise next week for processing and possible deployment to Iraq.

M.V. residents feel effects of Iraq insurgency

By Rebecca Moany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The cake was littersweet. Decorated with an American flag and words of tenderness, it marked a farewell to a dear friend.

Sgt. Jeanie Clemmer, an Idaho State University student studying elementary education and taking classes at the College of Southern Idaho campus, received word that she

Need more info?

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might soon be deployed to Iraq. As soon as her classmates heard the news, they were inspired to give her a going-away party. "She found out over the weekend, and one of her classmates said, 'Let's do this,'" said Mary Fraley. "And it just snowballed."

Cake, homemade cookies and a basket of gifts "valued as a surprise in the lobby of the Evergreen Building when Clemmer got out of class Thursday. The effort touched her deeply. "All the support that everybody's shown me has been wonderful," she said. "In the teacher education program we all know each other from being in the same classes. It's kind of a family."

Bonnie Jones Graham, College of Education instructor at Please see SOLDIER, Page A2

Contractors, families find Iraq earnings bear a price

The Associated Press

Laid off after 34 years, Al Cayton found himself at retirement age without the means to support himself in his golden years. So at 60, the Pensacola, Fla., man went off to drive trucks in Iraq

with the promise of up to \$120,000 in cash, tax-free. "He planned to work until he could draw his Social Security," said his wife of 40 years, Karen.

A roadside bomb put an end to that plan.

Cayton is one of about 30 contract workers who have been killed in Iraq.

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including an Italian security guard executed on videotape Wednesday. More Please see CONTRACTORS, Page A3



Al 'Luthar' Cayton is photographed with his truck in Iraq, date unknown. On Feb. 23 Cayton was driving a truck near Scania, Iraq when a roadside bomb exploded. Cayton was killed instantly.

Group supports Jerome's economic development grant

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city of Jerome's application for an economic development grant is garnering moral support — even from people south of the Snake River.

Board members of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization Thursday voted overwhelmingly in favor of supporting Jerome's application for a \$2.7 million federal grant from the Economic Development

Support for Jerome

The board of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization Thursday voted to support the city of Jerome's application for a \$2.7 million grant from the Economic Development Administration. Here's how members voted:

- * Yes: Jerry Beck, Jody Tremblay, Ruth Pierce, Arlen Crouch, Con Peacios, Dave Westfall, Lee Wagner, Curtis Eaton, Dean Cameron, Ken Edmunds, Darle Bowers, Gary Asson, Joe Herring, Alan Horner, Dan Olmstead, Brent Jussel, John Horgan, Marlane Welch, Jim Lynch and Pat Hamilton.
- * Abstained: Tom Courtney.

SIEDO board members who did not vote Thursday are Tom King, Steve Hartgen, Glenda Thompson, Travis Rottwell, Dawn VanEngelen, Nancy Bergmann, Shaun Kruus, Mike Atchley and Wally Stuer.

Crossroads Point area. The improvements would create retail and restaurant jobs with the hope that the new infrastructure would eventually lure high-tech companies to the area. "We're simply lending moral

support as a cheerleader," said Lee Wagner, a SIEDO board member and general manager of KMYT-TV. SIEDO Executive Director Jan Rogers, at the request of the SIEDO Executive Board, on Monday sent out an e-mail asking SIEDO board members to vote yes or no on whether to support Jerome's grant application. But board member Tom Courtney, Twin Falls city manager, questioned the legality of Please see JEROME, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with only a slight chance of rain developing. Highs near 57.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Lows near 34.

Tomorrow: Comfortable with cloudy periods and rain possible. Highs near 56.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cool with patchy clouds. Little to no chance of rain. Highs in the upper 50s to near 60.

Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with a chance of rain showers. Highs in the 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy with periods of valley rain and mountain snow showers developing today and Saturday.

BOISE Minimal chance of rain surfacing today, although a few sprinkles could form.

NORTHERN UTAH Cloudy periods, rain showers and thunderstorms developing at times today and Saturday.

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities like Bonanza, Challis, Elko, Gooding, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Malad City, McCall, Pocatello, Rouse, Shoshone, Teton, Twin Falls, and Sun Valley.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday with weather icons and temperatures.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table for Almanac - Twin Falls showing Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather for various cities including Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Jerome, Lowell, Malad, Pocatello, Rouse, and Shoshone.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases for April 16, 17, 18, 19.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Twin Falls.

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Table showing U.V. Index for Twin Falls.

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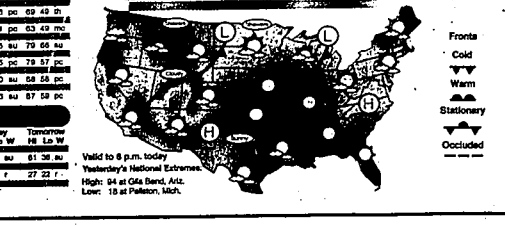
WORLD FORECAST

Table showing World Forecast for various countries.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian Forecast for various Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Comunidad advertisement with phone number 733-0931 and 677-4042.

Soldier

Continued from A1. ISU, e-mailed students and administrative staff about the send-off.

CSI's comprehensive military policy

CSI has several options for students in the armed forces called to active duty.

Calling all soldiers

Approximately 2,600 soldiers from Idaho will have to report to Boise's Gowen Field for SRI.

Man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

said the 20,000 soldiers are mainly from the 1st Armored Division and the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Grouse

Continued from A1. The Fish and Wildlife Service will conduct a thorough review of the bird over the next year.

Jerome

Continued from A1. board members voting by e-mail, saying it violated open meetings law.

Wagner said

"There's no reason not to," Wagner said.

When Kee found out St. Benedict's took its name off the application, he and the county commissioners signed a letter in support of the project.

"If these jobs are not being considered as new employment, we have no reason or basis for opposing the grant," Kee wrote in the letter.

Rogers explained that high-tech firms work in a six- to eight-month window, and SIEDO would have to guarantee the infrastructure would be there before negotiating the firm.

Wagner said the project would benefit many businesses in the region, including his television station.

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NATION/WORLD

Militants free Japanese hostages

BAGHDAD (AP) — Three Japanese were freed by their captors Thursday, a day after other kidnappers executed an Italian — the first known killing of a hostage in Iraq's wave of kidnappings. One of the Japanese was a Sunni cleric who tried to comfort her after securing their release.

Shocked Italians closed ranks as their prime minister insisted he would not withdraw Italian troops from Iraq after the slaying of Fabrizio Quattrocchi. His captors warned they would kill three more Italians in their custody unless U.S. troops leave the country.

Meanwhile, Russia evacuated

366 workers from Iraq on the first day of a withdrawal called for the abductions of eight Russian and Ukrainian workers. The eight were kidnapped Monday and freed the next day. Russia plans to pull out a total of some 80 Russians and citizens from former Soviet republics.

The wave of abductions — at least 19 people remain unaccounted for — has sent a chill through foreigners in Iraq.

A French television journalist freed late Wednesday after four days in captivity told The Associated Press he was repeatedly interrogated by kidnappers who demanded to know he was an Israeli spy. He proved he

was French by drawing a map of France, a nation insurgents look on more favorably because it has not joined the U.S.-led coalition.

The freed Japanese hostages — two aid workers and a journalist — were handed over to Islamic clerics in Baghdad after being held for a week. They were later brought to the Japanese Embassy.

At the clerics' office, the three occasionally smiled weakly as they were served tea. Aid worker Nahoko Takato broke down in tears, and one of the clerics — wearing traditional robes and a headscarf — spoke to her gently.

CIA warned of attacks in 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA warned as early as 1995 that Islamic extremists were likely to attack U.S. aviation, Washington landmarks or Wall Street and by 1997 had identified Osama bin Laden as an emerging threat on U.S. soil, a senior intelligence official said Thursday.

The official took the rare step of disclosing information in the closely held National Intelligence Estimate for those two years to counter criticisms in a staff report released Wednesday by the commission examining pre-Sept. 11 intelligence failures.

EPA: 474 counties fail air standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection agency told officials in 31 states Thursday they must develop new pollution controls because the air in some of their counties, home to more than 150 million people, do not meet air quality standards.

The EPA said that all or part of 474 counties, mostly in the eastern third of the country and in

California, do not meet the federal health standard for smog-causing ozone in Iraq.

Officials have three years to develop plans to come into compliance.

The new standards "are strong medicine" and will require more actions on your part to achieve cleaner, healthier air," EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt said he told governors of

the states.

The EPA said that the regions in noncompliance may have to impose new controls on industrial plants, restrict transportation and require tougher vehicle inspection programs to clean up their air.

Some counties also may have to require the use of special, cleaner-burning gasoline.

Contractors

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than 20 workers have been taken captive by militants in recent weeks, and 200 or so have been wounded in the year since war supposedly ended and the rebuilding began.

For many of the contract workers and their families, the job has not been the easy money they had hoped for.

"Despite all this, there are plenty of people willing to risk a year in Iraq doing mundane jobs for three and four times what they could get at home."

"I know a lot of people like that," said East Texas electrical engineer Jay Cox, who at 50 is considering doing a tour in Iraq. "They're being forced into a Third World hostility situation just to feed their family — and they're grateful for the opportunity to go."

An estimated 15,000 contract workers are helping to rebuild the war-torn country. In recent weeks, they have increasingly become the targets of insurgents trying to end the U.S. occupation.

Tommy Hamill, 43, of Macon, Miss., was reduced to driving a milk truck after hard times forced him to sell the dairy farm that had been in his family for 30 years. With two children at home and a wife in need of open-heart surgery, Hamill felt he could not pass up an offer from Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root of \$30,000 base pay to drive a fuel truck in Iraq for a year.

Hamill was eight months into the job when Iraqi militants attacked his convoy last

Friday. Hamill's kidnappers vowed to kill him on Easter if American troops did not leave the city of Fallujah, but that deadline passed with no word about Hamill's fate.

As for Cayton, he had logged more than 3.6 million accident-free miles in 34 years as a trucker with Consolidated Freightways. That safety record earned the West Virginia native a truck with his name on it and an even greater honor — the job of hauling mangled steel from the World Trade Center to California to be turned into a Sept. 11 memorial.

But none of that earned Cayton an easy retirement. When Consolidated went bankrupt in 2002, Cayton's pension was not enough to cover his health insurance. He signed on with KBR last June, quickly rising from driver to convoy commander and safety director with 50 truckers beneath him.

On Feb. 23, the Army veteran was traveling in a truck south of Baghdad when a bomb exploded, killing him. The standard KBR life insurance policy: \$25,000 and an additional \$25,000 for "accidental death."

The escalating violence has left contractors and their families back home torn.

About a year ago, the little trucking company Bill Hetrick started in Hilliard, Ohio, went under as the economy went south. Hetrick hoped the year-long hitch hauling ice from Kuwait to Baghdad and beyond for KBR "might help catch us up," said his wife of 18 years, Georganne.

But on Monday night, Mrs. Hetrick received a frantic call. "I'm done," said a rattled Bill Hetrick, who had just emerged from a bomb shelter. "There's too much going on over here."

The next day, however, the 49-year-old Hetrick called his wife back to say some colleagues had talked him into touching it out.

Mrs. Hetrick did not know what to say.

"I don't like to tell him that he has to come home," said Mrs. Hetrick, who is working at her family's restaurant while caring for the couple's 10-year-old son, Jack, and 9-year-old twins, Jessica and John. "But I don't want him to think I don't care what happens to him."

"But I think it's time something's done. They need to make it safer or tell them to come home."

Stacy Clark decided not to wait for things to get safer.

The Cleveland, Texas, man returned home Monday, barely four months into his contract with KBR. His convoy was ambushed last week, and a friend narrowly escaped after his truck was blown out from under him.

"I seem my life flash in front of my eyes in an instant," said Clark, 36.

Clark was laid off about a year ago and was back working for less money than he thought he needed to give his wife and four boys the life he wanted for them. Iraq gave him a better appreciation for what he has, no matter how humble.

"I'm a rich man," he said.

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NATION/WORLD

Death count surprises Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday the death toll of U.S. troops in recent fighting in Iraq was higher than he had expected, acknowledging as he extended thousands of soldiers' duty tours that plans were having to be adjusted.

Rumsfeld described a decision to extend the tours of some 20,000 troops inside the country who had expected to go home soon.

"I certainly would not have estimated that we would have had the number of individuals lost that we have had lost in the last week," Rumsfeld said in answer to questions at the Pentagon.

Halfway through April, the month already is the deadliest of the war for the United States, with 80 U.S. soldiers killed in a surge of violence coming from multiple insurgent factions inside the country. Hundreds of Iraqis have been killed.

The violence has prompted

generals in Iraq to seek more combat power than they had originally planned, and the most convenient source will be the units scheduled to rotate home after yearlong tours.

The decision to keep more troops there breaks a promise to soldiers who were assured they would be home no more than one year.

By extending their tours of duty up to three months, the Pentagon forces is acknowledging that the insurgency has ruined its plans to reduce the size of the U.S. military presence this spring.

President Bush, speaking at a symposium in Iowa, also acknowledging the difficulties.

"The situation on the ground, I readily concede, is tough work," Bush said. "We've got



Donald Rumsfeld

good people there working it, and some have paid the highest price of all."

Those staying include two brigades from the 1st Armored Division, based in Germany, said Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, totaling as many as 14,000 troops.

An additional 2,800 soldiers are from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, based in Fort Polk, La. These are forces geared for heavy ground combat, with tanks and armored Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

The rest include Army National Guard and Reserve units from 20 states, Pace said. Most are military police, engineer and transportation units, according to the Pentagon.

A few soldiers from the 1st Armored had already left. They will have to go back to Iraq, Army generals said.

Should the heightened violence last beyond 90 days and into summer, new units will be rotated into Iraq to take their

place, Rumsfeld said. Officials did not specify which units those might be.

An uprising by followers of militant Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in southern Iraq, coupled with heavy fighting between Marines and Sunni fighters in the restive Fallujah region west of Baghdad, has led to concerns of wider resistance to the U.S. occupation in advance of the scheduled June 30 transfer of power to an Iraqi government.

The United States has a total of about 137,000 troops in Iraq now, Rumsfeld said. That number was supposed to have decreased to 115,000 by May, but Rumsfeld said Gen. John Abizaid, the overall commander of the Iraq war, decided he needs to keep the force level at about 135,000 troops.

Some critics have asserted throughout the U.S. occupation of Iraq that the military had too few troops on the ground to stabilize the country.

Warrants swamp law enforcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of secret surveillance warrants sought by the FBI has increased 85 percent in the past three years, a pace that has outstripped the Justice Department's ability to quickly process them.

Even after warrants are approved, the FBI often does not have enough agents or other personnel with the expertise to conduct the surveillance. The FBI still is trying to build a cadre of translators who can understand conversations that are intercepted in such languages as Arabic, Pashto and Farsi.

These findings are among those of investigators for the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks, which has harshly criticized the intelligence-gathering efforts of the CIA and FBI.

FBI and Justice Department officials said Thursday they are working to address all three issues, which limit the government's ability to gather the kind of intelligence needed to head off another catastrophic terrorist attack.

The warrants, authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, allow for electronic, video surveillance, property searches and other spying on people believed to be terrorists or spies. After the 2001 Patriot Act and a key 2002 court decision crumbled the legal wall separating the FBI's criminal and intelligence investigations, use of FISA warrants has soared as sharing of information has become easier.

Since 2001, the number of warrants has risen from 934 to more than 1,700 in 2003, according to the FBI.

Iraqi gunmen kill diplomat

NAJAF Iraq (AP) — Gunmen assassinated an Iranian diplomat in Baghdad on Thursday just as Iran, with tacit U.S. approval, attempted to mediate with a radical Shiite cleric delaying American forces in this southern Iraqi city.

Diplomat Khalil Naimi was shot in the head by unknown assailants while he drove near his embassy in the center of the capital. The slaying cast a shadow over Thursday's unusual negotiating mission by the envoy from neighboring Iran, which fought an eight-year war with Iraq in the 1980s and does not have diplomatic relations with Washington.

Iranian Embassy officials were investigating whether there was a link between the assassination and the envoy's visit. Naimi was not a member of the Iranian negotiating team.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said "it's probably premature to draw any conclusions about whether it reflects anything about the role that Iran has played one way or the other in Iraq."

The Iranian effort to mediate with anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr was arranged by Britain but it had the tacit approval of the United States, according to a State Depart-

ment official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. nod reflected the eagerness to find a solution that would avert a U.S. assault on Najaf — the holiest Shiite city — aimed at capturing al-Sadr.

But it was not clear whether al-Sadr would agree to meet with Iranian envoy Hossein Sadeghi. Al-Sadr was accepting mediation only by an Iraqi political party picked by Iraq's top clerics, according to his aide Sheik Qays al-Khaz'al.

Shiite Governing Council member Ibrahim al-Jaafari called on the Americans to show "similar flexibility."

Nuclear materials remain unguarded

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Some Iraqi nuclear facilities appear to be unguarded, and radioactive materials are being taken out of the country, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency reported after reviewing satellite images and equipment that has turned up in European scrapyards.

The International Atomic Energy Agency sent a letter to U.S. officials three weeks ago informing them of the findings.

The information was also sent to the U.N. Security Council in a letter from its director, Mohamed ElBaradei, that was circulated Thursday.

The IAEA is waiting for a reply

from the United States, which is leading the coalition administering Iraq, officials said.

The United States has virtually cut off information-sharing with the IAEA since invading Iraq in March 2003 on the premise that the country was hiding weapons of mass destruction.

No such weapons have been found, and arms control officials now worry the war and its chaotic aftermath may have increased chances that terrorists could get their hands on materials used for unconventional weapons or that civilians may be unknowingly exposed to radioactive materials.

According to ElBaradei's let-

ter, satellite imagery shows "extensive removal of equipment and in some instances, removal of entire buildings," in Iraq.

In addition, "large quantities of scrap, some of it contaminated, have been transferred out of Iraq from sites" previously monitored by the IAEA.

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Cheney pushes for more checks

He says N. Korea nuclear program needs attention

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney challenged Asian powers Thursday to do more to contain North Korea's nuclear program, saying that letting it grow unchecked could spark a new arms race in the region and create a weapons bazaar for terrorists.



"We must see this undertaking through to its conclusion," Cheney told a university audience in Shanghai, China. "Time is not necessarily on our side." He expressed clear frustration with the current diplomatic stalemate before flying to South Korea, his last stop of a week-long Asia trip.

The speech was carried by China's state television without deletions or blackouts, which U.S. officials took as an encouraging sign of change.

Cheney praised China for setting up six-way talks to persuade North Korea to dismantle its nuclear program, but he prodded Chinese leaders to be more aggressive in bringing pressure to bear on Pyongyang.

The six-way talks include the United States, China, Russia, Japan and the two Koreas.

"We'll do our level best to achieve this objective through diplomatic means, and through negotiations.

But it is important that we make progress in this area," Cheney said.

He suggested that North Korea represented a double threat — it could stock its own nuclear arsenal and sell weapons to the highest bidder, including al-Qaida and other terror organizations.

France considers selling gold

PARIS (AP) — The hoard is rich enough to make James Bond villain Goldfinger drool. More than 3,000 metric tons of gold, the world's fourth biggest holding and a symbol of French independence, doing nothing in vaults under Paris' streets.

It's the doing nothing part that rankles France's frenetic new Finance Minister Nicolas Sarkozy. In a radical move, he is mulling selling a chunk of the Bank of France's treasure to help plug huge holes in French public finances.

A gush of French gold onto world markets will not likely result in cheaper wedding rings or jewelry in the short term. But such a sale by a country that long cooped gold as a counterweight to the U.S. dollar would, analysts say, underscore the cooling of a love affair with the precious yellow metal.

Sarkozy first floated the possible sale of gold and other assets last week, just eight days after President Jacques Chirac moved him from the Interior Ministry in a Cabinet reshuffle.

Liberals sweep South Korea elections

The Washington Post

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean voters swept the Uri Party allied to impeached President Roh Moon-hyun into power Thursday in key legislative elections. The vote handed control of the National Assembly to a party whose top leadership advocates rapprochement with North Korea and greater independence



Roh Moon-hyun

from the United States, Seoul's traditional ally.

Uri's victory marked the emergence of South Korea's first liberal-dominated legislature since the 1961 coup that brought longtime

military dictator Park Chung-hee to power on what is now the Cold War's last frontier. The electoral battle pitted conservative older generations against liberal voters in their twenties and thirties, who turned the formerly tiny Uri Party into the nation's largest political force and signaled what could be new frictions ahead between the Bush administration and one of its most strategically im-

portant allies.

With 94 percent of the ballots counted, the Uri Party more than tripled its representation in the 259-seat National Assembly to at least 150 seats, taking majority control from the establishment-dominated Grand National Party (GNP), which gained at least 122 seats, according to official tallies cited by South Korea's KBS news.

Thursday's elections were largely seen as a referendum on Roh's surprise impeachment last month — an act applauded by South Koreans who still harbor memories of the Korean War, but viewed by younger voters, who now make up almost half the electorate, as a political coup against Roh's more liberal stances on North Korea, the U.S.-South Korea alliance and the direction of national economic policy.

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EDITORIAL

Personal choice plays a part in tobacco case

First came smokes, then came the Big Mac. Now you can throw in the pouch of chewing tobacco as a target for America's national pastime, jury trial litigation.

The ex-wife of former local rodeo cowboy Kent Cooper has sued the makers of Copenhagen chewing tobacco.

The suit claims U.S. Smokes Tobacco Co. is liable for hooking Cooper on a product that contributed to his cancer death in 2002.

Though Cooper's early death is tragic, there's something to be said about personal responsibility in tobacco use.

Cooper, who lived in Albion, was a successful saddle bronc rider who qualified 13 times for the National Finals Rodeo. As most rodeo enthusiasts can attest, tobacco products and the corporate presence of tobacco companies are a large part of the rodeo. So it was in his early teens that Cooper took his first pinch of chaw.

Giving it up became a constant struggle.

Associates of Cooper say he finally kicked the habit four or five years ago. But it was too late. He was diagnosed with throat cancer in April 2002. He died later that

year at age 47. Knowledge of tobacco's hazardous health effects goes back decades. The U.S. surgeon general officially linked smokes to tobacco use with high risks of oral, cheek and gum cancer in 1965.

That led to the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Education Act of 1986, which required warning labels on tobacco chew products, banned broadcast advertising for those products, and set age limits on purchasing. Susan Smith's lawyers will certainly use that chronology to boost their case that Cooper had long been using tobacco by the time official warnings had come out.

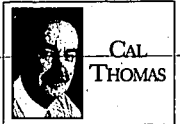
But just as no one forced Cooper to mount wild broncos, neither did anyone force him to chew tobacco. By the time Cooper died, consumers had been aware of chewing tobacco's dangers for nearly two decades, and many had quit.

No one would deny that tobacco producers have produced a dangerous product that kills its users. But as a consumer's personal choice to use a product should play a significant part in determining whether a company is guilty for the consumer's death.

Our view: A tobacco lawsuit involving the death of a local rodeo star ignores personal responsibility. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Bush doesn't need to apologize

Can anyone imagine reporters during World War II asking President Franklin Roosevelt if he'd like to apologize for the number of American dead and wounded, or Harry Truman if he'd like to repent for dropping bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which forced Japan to surrender? Those were different times — when "psycho" meant you were crazy and "babble" meant you didn't make any sense.



CAL THOMAS

Both psycho and babble were on display at President Bush's news conference Tuesday night (April 13). Four times, by my count, reporters tried to get the president to admit he had done something wrong. What they really wanted was a huge headline: "President Admits Fault for 9/11" or, even better (from their perspective), "President Admits Mistakes in Iraq War."

Frustrated by their inability to pry such words from the president, Don Gonyea from National Public Radio tried another tactic. Rather than asking a question, Gonyea made an accusation. He charged Bush with being a failure as a communicator because he uses the "same phrases" a lot and his speeches "don't vary from one to the next" and maybe that's a major reason "for your falling short." Reporters' questions don't vary a lot, either. If you didn't know the guy was from NPR, you might have guessed from the tone and ideology behind his question that he works for Al-Jazeera or the John Kerry campaign.

The question may have produced the best and most persuasive response of the evening. The president said he doesn't make decisions based



on polls and that he hopes "I have communicated my convictions." He added that people should know by now that "when I say something, I mean it."

Why should this president apologize for toppling a murderous dictator responsible for the deaths of perhaps more than 1 million people and the rape and torture of unknown thousands of others? Why should Bush admit mistakes when he didn't start the war? That dubious honor goes to the likes of Saddam Hussein, Yasser Arafat, Osama bin Laden and terror-spawning groups named Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Why should Bush take responsibility for an intelligence apparatus that was dysfunctional when he inherited it less than seven months earlier and, by law, was designed to continue malfunctioning until disaster struck?

An apology isn't necessary because Americans aren't the ones blowing themselves up

and trying to take others with them. Americans don't seek territorial gains. Americans are not depriving others of humanity's most basic right — freedom. If any apologies are due, they should come from the wamongering religious fascists who fear freedom and pervert the name of God. If a mistake has been made, it is by the insurgents and terrorists who believe that the United States learned nothing from Vietnam and Mogadishu. The Bush administration knows we can afford a replay of those conflicts.

From the comfort of the East Room and the security of their mostly high salaries and many privileges, these pampered and in many cases egotistical reporters throw around words like "quagmire" and wonder if the president accepts any "personal responsibility" for 9/11. Bush declined to enter their trap.

No wonder this president doesn't like prime-time news conferences. They are not used by reporters to transmit information to the public. Rather,

they serve as fronts for the Kerry campaign (most journalists vote for Democrats in case you didn't know), and they are used as a platform for reporters to preen and pretend they are doing the people's business. Reporters haven't asked Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry to apologize or admit error for any of his votes in the Senate. I guess he doesn't have to because on this war, as well as so many other issues, he voted on both sides, so he can claim he was right at least once.

The presidential news conference is necessary so the public can see and hear George Bush, unfiltered by some of these same sound-bite journalists who care more about how they can make a name for themselves than about what the president says. But it is frustrating — to the public as well as the president — that in serious times too many in the media continue to play "gotcha" games.

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Partisan politics ruin Sept. 11 probe

With regard to who did what before Sept. 11, 2001, or the wisdom of going to war in Iraq, Americans need to get a grip and deal with reality. Our nation does not need and cannot risk more partisan politics. Instead, we need increased protection and long-term solutions before a more lethal attack is visited upon us.

Sideways, finger-pointing, egos and political hacks are delaying the increased protection and solutions our nation demands. Enough is enough. We need to deal with facts and reality and cast aside destructive partisan politics.

Those facts are: • It doesn't matter who did what before 9/11. It's over. Everyone, especially the media, is a genius after the fact. Knowing what we know now, could the Clinton and Bush administrations have done more before 9/11? Sure. Does it make a difference now? Absolutely not. We need and have a responsibility to deal with the reality before us — that terrorists will continue to target our nation until we destroy them or solve the greater geopolitical problem.

DOUGLAS MACKINNON

• By any honest, nonpartisan assessment, our nation is safer now from terrorists than before 9/11. Since that horrible day, our troops, intelligence operatives and allies have openly and covertly hunted down and eliminated terrorists around the world. They continue to do so, and deserve our everlasting gratitude.

In addition, security at our airports, ports and borders has increased dramatically since 9/11. Every federal, state and local law enforcement agency across the nation is more on alert for terrorists now than before 9/11. The USA Patriot Act, while unpopular with many Democrats, editors and liberals, is having a positive effect on the fight against terrorism. To deny the effect of these additional security measures is to frankly expose oneself as politically motivated.

• For the most part, the 9/11 commission is not only a joke but a waste of time and taxpayers' money.

If it comports some family members of those lost during 9/11, then that's good. Otherwise, it's a distraction from our mission in the war against terrorism.

Republican commission members shamelessly shy from President Bush. Democrats do heavy lifting for the John Kerry campaign. Not only is such partisan politics a sideshow, it dishonors the memories of those who lost their lives to terrorism.

• According to the report by David Kay, the administration's chief weapons inspector in Iraq, Saddam Hussein and his top generals believed they possessed weapons of mass destruction because their own terrified scientists lied to them. Regard! If any are ever found, the leadership of one of the most evil regimes in history believed it had such weapons. Revisionist or partisan history aside, it was because of that reality that the United States and coalition forces went to war.

• The death or capture of Osama bin Laden will mean nothing. Any Republicans banking on this to help re-elect

Mr. Bush need to snap out of it in a hurry. If we kill bin Laden tomorrow, other more dangerous fanatics will fill his place.

• Muslims worldwide who disagree with us are and disgust us as much as any enemy who would twist their great religion need to be much more vocal, not only in their protests but in their desire to identify the murderers among them. Until such cooperation comes, the danger to all will grow.

• The blame for 9/11 rests solely with bin Laden and al-Qaida, period. For Republican sympathizers to try to blame the Clinton administration or Democrats to try to fault Mr. Bush not only is the worst of gutter politics but also plays into the hands of the killers.

As this presidential election year plays out, we all need to realize that putting party before country will distract from our mission and cost the lives of thousands of Americans. Divided and partisan we will fail.

Douglas Mackinnon, press secretary to former Sen. Bob Dole, is also a former Pentagon and White House official and a novelist.

Take time to visit loved ones in care center

Three years ago, my mother-in-law had a stroke which left her unable to take care of herself and needing around-the-clock medical care. Our family visits with her each day of the week, and if one day is not convenient to go, we switch with another family

member. There are three adult family members in town, and between us, we are there on a daily basis.

"I'm writing to encourage others to try and see their loved ones in care centers or in their homes more often. I see so many lonely people just sitting there wanting someone to hold their hand or give them a hug. I know that there are many fami-

ly members in town who don't come to see their loved ones, and it really saddens me to know that they are so close but that their lives are apparently more important.

Some of the patients don't talk or don't know who you are, but when I'm there, I can almost always get them to respond. All it takes is a little patience and love. The book of

Ecclesiastes says, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." What better way can people honor their parents than by regularly visiting them when they are in care?

The significance of things can be calculated by how much time we are willing to invest in them. The more time you give

to something the more you reveal its importance to you. If you want to know a person's priorities, look at how they use their time. Since you only have a set amount of it, time is the greatest gift you can give someone.

Recently, a gentleman died at the center and he didn't have any of his family members there the day he passed away. I

pray that this won't happen to any of the other fine men and women at the center, as they all need here is your "time" and "love." If your loved one is in a care center, please evaluate your time and try to invest more of it with them before they die. All they need is someone who cares.

BARBARA DEVORE
TWIN FALLS

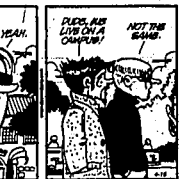
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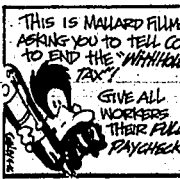
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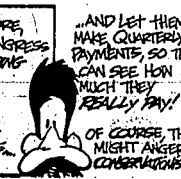
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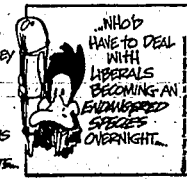
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LETTERS

Nobody wins political and religious fights

Oh why, oh why, can't we all get along? In recent letters to the editor, Republicans have been attacking Democrats and vice versa. There are no winners, only losers, when arguing politics and religion. WILLIAM T. HORNADAY Hagerman

Prosecutors need to throw book at Carr

I cannot believe what I read in the paper on April 13! Mr. Robinson wants a continuance for Jody Carr for the murder of Sheri Brookshier. Jody confessed and admitted what he had done, not only that night but later. Furthermore, what is this that Prosecuting Attorney Loeb has stated that he will not seek the death penalty? Was this a "justifiable" homicide? Was she threatening to punch the headlights of his vehicle out? Or did he just want her to keep her mouth shut?

Did Sheri get a chance to have a continuance? Did she get the chance to only have a broken arm? Will she get to see and hold her children during visits? Will she get the chance to see any of her family members, husband and friends? Will she get the chance to watch her children grow up and have families of their own? No, she did not! Jody took it upon himself to see that her life was permanently and totally over, done, ended and no

longer to exist. He made sure of that when he returned to the scene after going home to clean up in the presence of his own family. Guess who is paying for the housing for this man? Guess who is paying for the legal counsel to prosecute this man? I could go even further, but why bother, it is "just" money. Like the life of Sheri Brookshier, who cares! I do, I didn't even know her.

What I do know is that she was someone's mother, someone's wife, someone's daughter and a friend to many, and I believe she deserved better than this! KARLENE COON Filer

Judge can't get it right on school assignment

You would think that judges would be pro-education, but you're wrong.

When I was released from JCC in St. Anthony on Feb. 11, 2004, one of my probation terms was to be in school. I am currently going to Magic Valley Alternative High School. I was also going to Northside Alternative Night School up to March 31, when Judge Varin told my mom that I was no longer allowed to go there. It really made me mad, because I had not missed any class time and both of my grades were As.

A while back they couldn't even get me to stay in school, and now they are pulling me out. What in the heck are they thinking?

Now because I can't get those credits, I can't graduate

when I would have liked to. I believe that it is a bunch of baloney and needs to be stopped.

Thanks for taking your time to read my article. I appreciate it. KRISTAL MCKEAN Jerome

Phelps' request deserves a no-go from Twin Falls

Well, here we go again. Fred Phelps failed in his hate campaign in Minidoka County, so now here he is in Twin Falls.

It is unconscionable to me that anyone with any intelligence whatsoever could even consider his request.

This man is a brick shy of a

load, a half bubble off plum, a burger shy of a happy meal (you can select your own ketchup).

The only monument that should even be allowed in the City Park would be something along the lines of a monument depicting the date the park was developed and dedicated.

There is a pretty good chance that you know or are related to someone who is gay or lesbian, and you wouldn't want a sister, brother, son, daughter, niece or nephew to be the target of such hate.

I implore the powers that be: just laugh off his request and run it through the shredder.

BONNIE GENTRY Twin Falls

Twin Falls doesn't need another gas-n-go store

You can'tAVING a dead cat without hitting a convenience store in Twin Falls.

Why would anyone from the

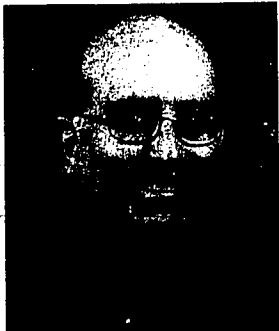
City Council or Planning and Zoning consider placing a convenience store at an already over-burdened intersection such as Locust and Falls? DAVID R. PETERSON, Twin Falls

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Victim's brother offers reward

ROGERSON — The brother of a woman who died in a car accident near Rogerson is offering a reward for information on the crash.

Steve Davis has pledged \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of a driver who police say may have contributed to the accident on April 4 three miles south of Rogerson.

Three women were traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 93 around 11:06 a.m. in a white 2000 Chevrolet Blazer.

An oncoming vehicle, reportedly a mid-sized tan sedan, possibly a mid-1990s Oldsmobile, veered in and out of the northbound lane, said Sgt. Douglas McFall of the Idaho State Police.

The driver of the Blazer swerved into the other lane in an attempt to get out of the way.

After attempting several times to get out of the way, the driver lost control of her car.

Paula Dee Crossley, 35, of Idaho Falls, died when the Blazer rolled over and she was ejected.

Injured in the crash were Effie B. Marquez, 60, Crossley's aunt, and Alice E. Darling, 58, Crossley's mother.

"The whole family is hurting financially," Davis said.

"My mother and aunt are injured and can't work." Anyone with information about the crash is asked to call Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn or McFall at 324-6000.

United Way gets new director

TWIN FALLS — United Way of South Central Idaho has a new director.

Michael Alix has been selected by the board to replace retiring Director Jim Penza.

A graduate of Albion College, Alix received his master's degree in business administration from Boston University and has worked for United Way organizations in Miami, Fla., Kalamazoo, Mich., and recently Santa Fe, N.M. He also served with the Peace Corps in Zaire and Guatemala.

He is skilled in outcome measurement training and evaluation, grant writing and developing community priority plans, according to a United Way news release.

Alix is visiting United Way partner agencies and major campaign donors.

The local United Way provides funding of 21 nonprofit partner agencies across the eight counties of south-central Idaho.

Forest Service looks at trail changes

STANLEY — The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to eliminate a ford — a shallow stream crossing — at Atlas Creek to address an erosion problem that threatens spawning habitat for endangered salmon.

High-clearance vehicles have been crossing the ford, contributing to the erosion problems.

A trail bridge for horses and two-wheeled motorized vehicles would be constructed, and alternate crossing about a quarter of a mile upstream accessed by a new trail area.

Five miles of Forest Road 205 above the ford would be converted to trails to allow continued motorbike access to the area.

Other various alterations to trails and trailheads are proposed, a Forest Service news release said.

This project will help maintain and restore habitat for fish and water quality, and at the same time continue to provide quality recreation for our visitors," said Sara Baldwin with the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

For more information, contact Stacey Clark at the KTRH, HC 64 Box 828, SETHUR, 83340, or at 209-727-5008. Written comments are due by May 14.

Forest Service plans timber removal

It'll protect homes from fire, agency explains

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Summer homes and recreation sites in the Rock Creek area of the South Hills would gain protection from wildfire under a plan being developed by the U.S. Forest Service, the agency said this week.

In addition, the removal calls for salvage timber disposal of trees killed in a 2002 fire in the Eagle Springs area near the Rock Creek Guard Station.

The Forest Service is moving forward with the projects under

changes made recently by Congress that have streamlined the process to approve timber harvesting and other forest treatments.

In the Rock Creek area, about 24 miles south of Hansen, the Forest Service plans to use prescribed fire and mechanical equipment to remove dead and dying trees on about 2,500 acres, said Brad Sawyer, fuels planner for the Minidoka Ranger District, in a press release. The area stretches from Mountain View Spring near Buckskin Ridge to Waggonwheel Spring to the Deadline Ridge area. There are a number of summer homes, developed Forest Service recreation sites, the Magic Mountain ski area and organization camps located throughout the area.

"We have a very high level of dead, dying and fallen trees in this area," Sawyer said. "We need to reduce the risk of wildfire by changing the amount and

Want to learn more?

The Forest Service has prepared an informational "scoping" document that provides specific information about plans to burn and remove trees in the Rock Creek area of the South Hills, including maps of the areas under consideration. Copies of these documents may be obtained by contacting the

Minidoka Ranger District at 3450 Overland Ave. S., Burley, 83315, or by calling 208-678-0430.

Written comments are requested by May 15.

Comments need to be sent to the attention of District Ranger Scott Hanning at the above address.

type of fuel so that if a fire does break out in this area, our firefighters can safely fight it as well as have a better chance to protect the buildings and structures found here.

"Our goal is to provide good, defensible space around the buildings and structures in these areas," he added. "We will also improve natural fuel breaks that are found in the area."

The Eagle Springs proposal, about 2.5 miles south of the Rock Creek Guard Station, in-

cluded to participate in that process. "It is important that our analysis work focus on issues of importance to people and the resources," he said.

The Forest Service anticipates making a decision later this summer regarding the two projects. If approved, work on the Rock Creek project could start as early as this fall, with completion targeted for 2007.

The Eagle Springs project would see on-the-ground activity and be completed in 2005.

The Minidoka Ranger District plans to use new authority it has under the new Healthy Forest Restoration Act in conducting the environmental analysis needed for the two projects, Sawyer said.

The law reduces the time, energy and funding needed to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act by simplifying the analysis and documentation required.

REACHING HIGHER



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Lincoln Elementary School second-grader Jacob Merkle takes a practice Idaho Standards Achievement Test in preparation for the testing next week. Twin Falls School District Superintendent Willey Dobbs wrote a dissertation for his doctorate on how different districts are dealing with the No Child Left Behind Act, of which the ISAT testing is a big part.

Dobbs: Schools need help to improve

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Many school superintendents support the goals of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, but they will need more money to make the changes happen, Twin Falls Superintendent Willey Dobbs has concluded.

To complete his doctoral dissertation, Dobbs conducted almost two years of research on the standards movement in public education, including the new federal law. He said he found money to be a major problem for both small and large districts in meeting stan-

dards in general and No Child Left Behind in particular.

But even with those concerns, "superintendents had a positive view of a standards-based system of education," Dobbs wrote. "The majority of the superintendents who participated in this study stated that their respective districts began implementing standards-based school systems before NCLB and reported marked increases in student academic performance since converting to a standards-based system."

Dobbs said his district is doing well with intervening to help students perform on the

tests that are used to determine if schools are making adequate progress each year.

"Twin Falls School District has been in the forefront," Dobbs said. "We've gone with a standards-based approach since the early 1990s."

Dobbs said his research will help him as he leads the district further into this new era of education.

"I've had to become somewhat of an expert on the No Child Left Behind Act," he said. "That law is driving most of what we do."

Budget crunches

For his dissertation, Dobbs

studied and interviewed superintendents at 10 districts around the state, many of which are considered poor districts.

Dobbs said he learned some techniques from districts that are finding ways to put students in small groups without extra cost and using personnel to their maximum capacity, but there is a limit to how far schools can squeeze budgets.

"Without increased funding for interventions such as remedial courses, ISAT practice courses, and tutoring, districts in Idaho will be forced to prioritize," Dobbs wrote. "Elective

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Hagerman sees kindergarten scores improve

By Sandra Wiscovav Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Improved test scores means Hagerman will continue full-day kindergarten classes again next year.

In testing this past fall, 39 percent of the kindergarten students were at grade-level proficiency. That percentage has risen 25 percent, with 64 percent at grade-level proficiency this winter.

"We had significant gains in

the winter results, and we are waiting for the spring result to make sure they continue to soar," Superintendent Lee Mitchell said. "We feel this significant gain is because of the full-day program."

Hagerman has made gains on Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores this year.

"This is the third year we have used the Linda Mool Bell Program — visualizing and then verbalizing the sound," Mitchell said. "The students

can sound out words and are better readers with better comprehension."

The program also has been used in after-school sessions for kindergarten through third-grade students struggling with reading. The hour-long sessions are held three days a week. The goal is to improve students' skills to get them at or near grade-level competency.

The district will contract for school psychologist services with Dr. Gary Nunn next year.

He will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Bryn Levy, who worked with Hagerman students through a four-school consortium. Levy is at the school about three hours a week. Nunn will be contracted for one full day each month through the Southern Idaho Psychology Clinic in Bellevue.

"He will be on-site for a full day, which will give us the opportunity to expand on his many talents," Special Education

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Paul feedlot expansion breezes through approval

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT — A proposal to expand a feedlot in northwest Minidoka County was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission after a Thursday hearing where no one spoke against the plan and

one citizen spoke favorably.

The hearing was prompted by Dan Schaeffer's request to expand his current 1,000-head operation to 5,000 head.

Neighbor David Suchan, who lives about a mile and a half downwind of the feedlot, said he "definitely supports" allowing Schaeffer Farms to expand

the feedlot at 1200 W. 550 N.

"You can always tell how a place is run by the smell," Suchan told the commission during the public comment period. "Maybe five times, that we get a whiff, like was that a cow?"

Schaeffer told planning commission members he wants to

expand the feeding operation to compensate for a downturn in crop prices. The corporation also farms about 4,000 acres nearby.

"Crops and the feedlot work hand in hand," Schaeffer said.

The expansion should help boost the local economy, Schaeffer said. Please see FEEDLOT, Page B3

Woman faces child injury charges

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

RUPERT — A Rupert woman charged with three counts of felony injury to children in connection with her methamphetamine use has two Monday court appearances scheduled.

Linda Phillips, 37, has a pretrial conference on one of the charges and a status conference on the other two. Both are scheduled in 5th District Court in Minidoka County. Phillips is seeking admission to Drug Court.

Phillips is accused of using methamphetamine when she was pregnant. She had a daughter on Oct. 14. The baby "suffered tremors during her first night as a newborn in the hospital," said an affidavit prepared by Rupert Police Officer Bob Lowder.

According to the affidavit, Phillips and the baby tested positive for amphetamines on the day the baby was born. On Oct. 16 interview with police, the suspect admitted she had used meth twice during the pregnancy. She also told police she thought her use of the drug caused her to go into labor.

The other two charges against Phillips accuse her of injuring her 3- and 4-year-old children last October when she used methamphetamine when the children were in her care. Phillips made her first appearance in Magistrate Court on the single charge Oct. 30, 2003. Her initial appearance in Magistrate Court on the two charges was Nov. 20, 2003.

She waived her preliminary hearing and was bound over to District Court Dec. 2, 2003, on all three charges. She pleaded innocent to the two charges at Jan. 14 District Court arraignment.

She failed to appear in court for her Feb. 19 District Court arraignment on the charge stemming from the baby's birth, and District Judge Barry Wood ordered a \$100,000 bench warrant on each case for her arrest.

She was arrested, but has since been released from jail after her bond was reduced to \$5,000.

She appeared before Wood Jan. 5 and again Feb. 23 asking for admission to Drug Court. However, court minutes from the Feb. 23 hearing show Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker had a Feb. 20 letter that stated Phillips had been denied entry into Drug Court.

At a March 15 pretrial conference, Scott Jensen, who was Phillips' attorney, told Wood that Phillips had been accepted into Drug Court. However, Phillips is still pregnant, and Drug Court officials would allow her to start the program until she sees an obstetrician. Wood ordered Phillips to see a doctor.

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OBITUARIES

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Clara Graeper - Jerome

Clara Graeper, 71, of Jerome, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at her home with her family by her side.

Clara was born on April 7, 1933, in Frohisher, Saskatchewan, Canada, the daughter of Andreas and Lydia Lischel. She grew up on a small farm outside of Frohisher until she moved to West Hawk Lake where she worked as a waitress and met Werner "Bill" Graeper. They were married on Feb. 18, 1952, in Kenora, Ontario, Canada.



Her daughter, Billie, was born four years later. Clara enjoyed fishing with her husband, reading to her daughter, knitting and playing bingo with her friends. She was an extraordinary cook and dreamed of becoming a pastry chef.

The family lived in Kenora until 1964 and then moved to Oxnard, Calif., where she worked as a supervisor for Borroughs Corporation. Clara, Bill, and Billie enjoyed the beach, sightseeing and taking family and friends to Disneyland. Summer holidays were spent visiting her family in Canada.

Bill and Clara moved to Jerome, Idaho, in 1975. She became a Certified Nursing Assistant and enjoyed spending time with the elderly. She worked for Tupperware as a

cook until her health would no longer allow it. Clara was a very beautiful and outgoing person who loved people and always made them laugh. Her humor and zest for life was contagious. She gave all that she could and never asked for more.

Clara is survived by her husband, Bill of Jerome; daughter, Billie (Richard) Holman of Wendell; granddaughter, Whitney Holman of Wendell; one sister, Judy (Jim) Hill of Saskatchewan, Canada; brother-in-law, Roy (Betty) Graeper of Salina, British Columbia; sister-in-law, Ann and Frank Johnson of Chase, British Columbia; and nieces and nephews.

Irene M. Petersen - Twin Falls

Irene M. Petersen, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Irene was born Oct. 14, 1915, in Eden, Idaho, the daughter of Fred and Maria Butler Lintz. In 1937, she met and married Ralph Harris. Together they owned Ralph Harris Moving and Storage until Ralph passed away in 1982. She has been a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1940 and was one of the parents that was instrumental in starting Immanuel Lutheran School.

In October of 1993 she married Delmore Petersen. She was a loving, caring, daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She will be deeply missed.

Surviving Irene is her husband of 10 years, Delmore of Twin Falls; son, Loyd (Viviane) Hansen of Edmonds, Wash.; daughter, Shirley (Byran) Harris of Hansen, Idaho; two sisters, Emma Showell of Sebastopol, Calif., and Freda Nicholson of Filer, Idaho; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her parents; three brothers, Fred, Edward and Frank; one sister, Harriet Lockhart and her husband, Ralph Harris preceded her in death.

A service for Irene will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, Idaho, with Pastor Lawrence Vedder officiating. Burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 12 to 1 p.m. prior to the service Monday, April 19, 2004, at the church.

Thomas Wayne Meade - Heyburn

Thomas Wayne Meade, 62, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at his home. Thomas was born March 17, 1952, in Violet R. (Ma) Meade. Tom moved to Idaho in 1967 with his parents and together to a homestead his dad drew. He attended Heyburn Elementary, graduated from Minico High School, attended Ricks College and Brigham Young University with a BS degree in psychology and finished his college education at San Bernardino, Calif.

Tom was an avid reader of all kinds of books, science fiction to highly technical books, newspapers and magazines. He continued his education through his reading. When a young boy, Tom was avid playing baseball. He was loved playing baseball and enjoyed football. He kept track of all the players



was a member and Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his mother, Violet Meade; his brother, Dennis Meade; three aunts; two uncles; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, John L. Meade, August 2003; his maternal and paternal grandparents; one uncle; two aunts; and one cousin.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at the Emerson First Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W., Paul, Idaho, with Bishop Ted Tateoka officiating. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

In both sports and their scores. Tom loved animals and they loved him, especially his dogs, Misty and Buttons and Golliah, his cat. Thomas suffered ill health for many years which left him unable to work. He

Vada Clara Freeman - Buhl

Vada Clara Freeman, 86, of Buhl, passed from this life peacefully in the early morning hours of April 13, 2004.



heaven are her parents; four brothers, Carl, Don, Earl and Fred; two sisters, Verna and Winnie; and especially her husband, and Orin; beloved daughter, Mona; and sweet little granddaughter, Molly.

Vada was born July 23, 1917, in Manes, Mo., the daughter of Ray and Clementine McRoberts. She came to Idaho with her family in 1935. On Jan. 28, 1941, she married Orin Freeman in Buhl. Together they farmed, raised cattle and provided a wonderful home for their five children.

Vada was a member of the Buhl First Christian Church where she was devoted for many years as a Seaman for the Northwest Ladies Club where she served as president. She served on the local election board and was on FFA Chapter Mother for each of her three daughters.

Her surviving family include daughters, Audrienne (Ron) Pittenger, Shawnee Mission, Kan., and Kay (Bob) Billington, Richfield, Idaho; sons, Bob (Shari) Freeman, Buhl, Idaho, and Betsy (Betsy) Freeman, Hollister, Idaho. She is survived by 12 grandchildren, Bob, Jon and

heaven are her parents; four brothers, Carl, Don, Earl and Fred; two sisters, Verna and Winnie; and especially her husband, and Orin; beloved daughter, Mona; and sweet little granddaughter, Molly.

Her family was richly blessed by her never-ending optimism and laughter. She loved and appreciated every simple detail of life, most especially her family, the farm with the big barn, farmhouse, trees and the people who made up the northwestern community. No matter what the circumstances in her life, her outlook was always "We have so much to be thankful for!" It is fitting that her last words moments before she left us were, "Thank You." How fortunate we are to have had her as our mom.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2004, at the Buhl First Christian Church, with Pastor Art Freund officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Buhl Quick Response Services under the direction of Rupter Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

OBITUARY

Evelyn Thalman - Acoquia

Evelyn Thalman, a 90-year-old Acoquia resident, passed away April 13, 2004, at Valley Vista Care Center.

Evelyn was born March 30, 1914, in Ogden, Utah, the daughter of Benjamin and Adie Cheney Waldron. She was raised in Samaria and Paradise, Utah. She married Ernest Thalman Oct. 17, 1933, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They lived in Ogden and Logan, Utah for 21 years before purchasing a farm and moving to Rupter in 1954.

Evelyn was the ultimate farm wife and assistant to her loving husband. She enjoyed sewing for her family, gardening, music, playing the piano and dancing. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her two daughters, Maxine (Lamar)



Stephenson and Joyce (Ron) Jensen both of Rupter; two sons, Ernest Dan (Connie) Thalman of Morgan, Utah and Roy (Klea) Thalman of Rupter; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Ernest, her husband of 58 years; her parents; two brothers and two sisters.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Acoquia LDS 1st Ward, with Bishop David Coats officiating.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, April 16, 2004, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel and one hour prior to funeral on Saturday at the church.

SERVICES

In Edmond Wilson of Burley funeral at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley Stake Center, 2950 Normal Ave. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Thomas Roy Emer (Teeter of Malia, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Carl Jean Anderson of Rupter, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen - Morkstau - Rupter Chapel, 710 5th St. Viewing for family and friends one hour before service.

Adelbert James Crow of Blackfoot, service at 1 p.m. today at the Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling, Blackfoot, ID 83221. Friends may meet with the family for one hour before the service.

Rebecca Caroline Hermann Dais of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

John Herbert Austin of Wendell, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Wendell Presbyterian Church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Timothy Michael Wendler of Aberdeen, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Kimberly Church of the Nazarene (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Alma Elizabeth Miller Graves of Billis, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Ernest Alfred Snow of Twin Falls, family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. tonight at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Service at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

William Bingham "Bill" Nebeker of Kimberly, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E., Kimberly. Viewing from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from noon to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Jean Mal of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave. Visitation from 6-8 p.m. tonight at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Betty C. Allison of Caldwell, graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Glenns Rest Cemetery, Glenns Rest (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

Vada Clara Freeman of Buhl, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Buhl with Pastor Art Freund officiating (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

DEATH NOTICES

Leona M. Kaufman - TWIN FALLS - Leona M. "Tody" Kaufman, 85, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Desert Rose Retirement Center. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Luella Cox Thurber - RUPERT - Luella Cox Thurber, an 88-year-old former resident of Rupert, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Timpanogas Memorial Hospital in Orem, Utah. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

Hazel E. "Shorty" Bay - WENDELL - Hazel E. "Shorty" Bay, 87, a resident of Wendell, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at his home in Wendell. Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Robert Francis Bennett - TWIN FALLS - Robert Francis Bennett, 73, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at his home following a long illness. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Idaho Power won't seek increase in annual power cost adjustment

BOISE (AP) - Despite facing a fifth consecutive year of drought, Idaho Power Co. will not ask state regulators for the higher annual power cost adjustment to compensate for the lack of water to run its hydroelectric dams.

The Boise-based company on Thursday acknowledged earlier asked Idaho Public Utilities Commission for a general rate increase of 17.7 percent to recover about \$85 million of investments made in its system since 1994.

Commission staff have responded with a proposed \$15 million hike, or about 3 percent. The three-member commission is expected to issue a decision in late May.

Last year, that panel approved Idaho Power's request to lower the adjustment by 12.6 percent. The decrease was the result of lower power-supply

expenses from April 2002 to April 2003. Costs reached their highest levels over the year before.

Reduced snowmelt for the company's reservoirs means acquiring costlier power from coal-fired plants or from the wholesale market.

That cost is up slightly this year, but Idaho Power asked for the adjustment cost steady.

"It was our hope that there would be sufficient snow this winter to provide for a PNA reduction that would help offset any increases from our proposed general rate increase,"

manager Greg Said, Idaho Power noted of revenue requirements.

"Now, however, to keep from having additional upward pressure on rates, we are asking the IPUC to rates that are below their present level."

The National Weather Service predicts an inflow into Idaho Power's Bromley Reservoir in Hells Canyon for April through July will be 3.13 million acre-feet of water.

Bromley is the first and chief reservoir of three in the canyon. Last year, the inflow was 3.37 million acre-feet. The 30-year average there is 6.3 million.

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Tribe mediation dissolves

LEWISTON (AP)—A group of local government is disputing the sovereignty of the Nez Perce Tribe and asking the state's high court to let it intervene in a case dealing with conflicting claims to Snake River Basin lands.

The move could end an agreement between the tribe and the North Central Idaho jurisdiction Alliance to settle disputes out of court.

In a separate case involving the entire Snake River in Idaho, the tribe is continuing to participate in mediation to resolve its water claims that could affect water use in the Magic Valley area.

The northern Idaho alliance, made up of 23 cities, counties and highway and school districts, disputes the tribe's jurisdiction over non-Indians

on the reservation. But the two groups signed a memorandum of understanding in 2002, providing for regular meetings to resolve disputes without litigation.

In his brief filed last month, the alliance asks the Idaho Supreme Court to let it argue that the tribe has no valid claims to Snake River Basin waters. The group claims the Nez Perce Tribe Reservation was dissolved after the reservation was opened to settlement in 1984.

Dan Johnson, a lawyer and executive director for the alliance, said the alliance values the agreement it has with the tribe. However, he said some things have to be settled in court.

"Mediation is good if it can work. But that's not the exclusive

course," he said.

Nez Perce Tribe officials reacted to the filing with surprise, but have made no public comment about the matter other than to say members have considered abandoning the mediation agreement.

"When the council found out that they filed, we had a meeting," said Julia Davis-Whitaker, a member of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. "The council was ready to walk away."

The tribe filed an objection last week with the Supreme Court to the alliance's 50-page brief, calling it untimely and redundant.

The tribe claims the brief is a rehash of arguments rejected by federal courts and taken from cases not involving the Nez Perce Tribe.

Democrats plan T.F. stop in campaign kickoff event

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Democratic Party's campaign season is off and running.

Former state Sen. Lin Whitworth will formally kick off the congressional campaign this weekend with various stops in the 2nd Congressional District. He will make an appearance at 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center at the south end of the Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls.

Whitworth is seeking to run against Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson.

Maria Weeg, executive director of the Idaho Democratic Party, said this is a good year for Idaho Democrats.

"We are well positioned to continue the gains we made in 2002 and 2003 and prepare for a state of statewide candidates in 2004."

Weeg is collecting dates of summer events around the state and asks county party members and/or candidates to notify her of kickoffs, headquarters openings, barbecues, dinners and other events. Send information to her at info@idaho-democrats.org.

Magic Valley in brief

Service to enact seasonal travel restrictions on several popular Ketchum Ranger District roads and trails until dry conditions prevail.

The agency can issue fines of \$100 for violations on roads and \$75 on trails, a Sawtooth National Forest news release said. All closed roads and trails are marked.

The closures have occurred each spring since 1991 to minimize erosion during spring runoff. Closures will be lifted as individual trails and roads dry out.

"People now realize that by waiting a few weeks for things to dry out, roads and trails are not damaged and are in better condition for the busy summer and fall recreation seasons," said Joe Mizusaki with the Ketchum Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area offices.

A list of closures is available at the Ketchum Ranger District and Sawtooth National Recreation Area offices, the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce, and many Wood River Valley outdoor retail stores. Closures will be monitored and updated weekly.

held from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and April 23 on the weekend of the library in higher education, intellectual freedom and privacy, information literacy, and copyrights and intellectual property.

Participants in each of the activities will be able to enter drawings-for-prizes including gift certificates and an MP3 player.

Students and the public are invited to stop by the CSI Library, located in the Meyerhoeffer Building.

For more information, contact Szanto at 732-6863 or at esanto@csi.edu.

Internet users are invited to visit the library's Web site, at <http://librarians.edu>.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING—Recent activity by 50 District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Marriage

Jerry B. Aldrich, divorcing without privileges, filed to appoint Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jack L. Basso, disturbing the peace, status hearing April 16; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Michelle L. Dabbler, restraining or obstructing court order, filed to appoint Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Michael B. Holm, open container, status hearing April 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Joel L. Lourenco, interstate/cross-border driving, status hearing April 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Robert David Vassan, quit by receipt/possessing stolen property, petit



Small court trial

May 13; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Thereafter

Under the influence, status hearing April 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Parole

Parole hearing, restraining or obstructing court order, \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$5250 public defense fee, \$100 public defender fee, one year suspended probation; 90 days in jail; 75 suspended, credit for four days served; open container; \$25 fine, \$6250 court cost; one year suspended probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence, restraining or obstructing court order, \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$2000 public defense fee, \$100 public defender fee, 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; 90-day driver's license suspension; judgment withheld for one year; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

OWI

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Derek A. Smith and Joyce A. Smith, Seeking \$1720.78, plus interest of \$111.12; attorney fees of \$575. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for delinquent property taxes for parcel located in Gooding.

Divorce

Lorrie Lynn Bond vs. Silas Roland Bond

Dobbs

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courses will be most certainly and steadily be replaced by intervention courses if the requirements of NCLB continue to be under-funded."

His study concluded with recommendations that the Idaho Standards Achievement Test be studied and better matched up with Idaho's standards that educators examine the relationship between standards and achievement, and that educators look into what national standards might be like in the future.

Dobbs said the superintendents he interviewed see No Child Left Behind as a good thing and want to overcome the weaknesses in it.

Dobbs said he gave anonymity to the superintendents and school districts he studied so he could get more honest responses.

Dobbs chose the districts by different sizes and wanted to make sure he spoke to men and women teaching districts.

He found that in facing new standards, small districts struggle with finding staff to work on curriculum development and larger districts struggle with managing change.

"Overall, Idaho's approach to

Call him 'Dr. Dobbs'

Twin Falls School Board members enthusiastically called their superintendent "Dr. Wiley Dobbs" at Monday's board meeting.

Dobbs started work on his doctorate in 1997 and earned his education specialist degree in August 2000. The specialist degree is the midpoint between a master's and a doctorate, Dobbs said.

"It was a strong personal goal of mine to reach a Ph.D. level," he said.

It took him almost two years to research and write his dissertation, squeezing it into nights and weekends while still making time for his family.

Dobbs faced his professors from the University of Idaho April 2 to defend his dissertation, and after a few minutes of deliberation, they welcomed him as a doctorate holder.

Dobbs said his degree was not the mandate it behind other states', Dobbs said. Idaho's benchmarks are based on certain percentages of students and subgroups being proficient on the ISAT.

Dobbs said that will be difficult for low-performing schools to meet. It would be better if they were allowed to make gradual progress each year,

part of his superintendent contract, but it was a factor in the School Board hiring him.

He said there is an expectation that the heads of large districts have doctorates. His \$90,000 annual salary didn't change with the degree.

Wiley Dobbs, School Board member

later said Dobbs' learning will benefit the district.

"It's a positive," Traveller said. "In that position it would be required."

Dobbs said he is looking forward to attending commencement in Boise and Moscow.

Then he'll enjoy his extra free time.

eventually raising all their students up to proficient levels.

"Dobbs also said the state needs to nail down its definition of highly qualified teachers.



Wiley Dobbs, School Board member

Shoshone School Board hires leader

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone School Board hired Mel Wiseman this week as the district's new superintendent to replace Max Excell, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

Excell said the board felt good about the decision. The district received 15 applications and interviewed seven candidates before settling on Wiseman, superintendent of the Highland School District in Craigmont.

Wiseman will start his two-year contract July 1 with a salary of \$77,084 a year, Excell said.

"Our board just felt like we needed to give him a little bit of security and stability," Excell said.

Seasonal road, trail closures take effect

KETCHUM—Warm weather has prompted the U.S. Forest

CSI participates in Library Week

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Library is participating in National Library Week, Sunday through April 24, with a variety of activities designed to help more people discover the resources available at America's libraries.

Edit Szanto, CSI library director, said the library will feature treasure hunts throughout the week, a diversity of Idaho display near the library entrance, library tours at 2:30 p.m. each day, a brown bag discussion on how faculty members use the library in their courses at noon Wednesday, and a poetry reading at noon April 23.

Roundtable discussions will

CSI readies for Week of the Young Child

TWIN FALLS — The Child Care Center at the College of Southern Idaho is planning events for the Week of the Young Child Sunday through April 24.

From 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club will be Children's Day Out. Members of the Snake River Association for Education of Young Children, CSI Early Childhood students and CSI clubs will have activity stations for children in the club's gym.

Child Care Center parents and CSI faculty, staff and administration members will read books to the children on Wednesday and Thursday.

April 23 has been designated as Child Care Professionals Day to recognize the center's staff.

Throughout the week, artwork of all the center's children will be displayed on both levels of the CSI Student Union Building and at the Child Care Center.

For more information, contact Sherry Hardin, early childhood specialist at CSI, at 732-6644, or shardin@csi.edu.

— compiled from staff reports

Scores

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Director Rosalynn Isaac said. "From the special education perspective, the psychologist conducts the ability testing to give the district an IQ score for eligibility."

The psychologist also determines how the student functions to determine activities that will facilitate learning for the student.

Nunn, an Idaho State University school psychology professor, also is the creator of the Problem Organization and Solution System for Educators, a computer system known as POSSE. A team of educators and administrators will be trained to operate the system.

"The psychologist is having problems learning to read," Isaac said. "They can refer Jimmy to the team. They can

Other recent Hagerman School Board business included:

- Resignation** — Board members accepted the resignation of music teacher Heather Hocking. Katie Owsley has been hired to conduct the classes for the remainder of the school year. The district will advertise to fill the position for next year.
- SPA to nationals** — School Board members approved a trip to a national competition in Cincinnati, Ohio, for three Hagerman Business Professionals of America. They will be chaperoned by advisor Leslie Preble.
- Senior party** — School Board members donated \$150 to the Class of 2004 for its senior air-rites party.
- Out-of-district** — The board accepted five out-of-district students for enrollment next year.
- Special help** — Nunn will be utilized in the traditional role of school psychologist, as well as for consulting, counseling and staff training.
- Waiver** — They want to use his talents to bring some good services into the school. Isaac said.

Feedlot

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offered said he's already looking for a full-time employee and expects to hire more as the expansion unfolds.

Nobody spoke against the expansion during the hearing, and the county community development office received no calls or letters opposing the plan.

One neighbor viewed the proposal prior to the hearing, concerned about drainage of corrals into a nearby field and the setback for mature stacking.

The neighbor was satisfied those issues had been adequately addressed. In the

application and did not raise them during the hearing.

During deliberation, planning commission member Arnold Patterson said the county ordinance is aimed at putting confined animal feeding operations in isolated, high agriculture areas.

"If Schaeffer's expansion doesn't meet the criteria, there's not a place in the county that does," Patterson said. Commission members then unanimously approved the application.

After the meeting Schaeffer said he'd hoped the expansion would be approved and was confident it would be.

Having met Department of Environmental Quality requirements, the only obstacle he faced would have been local opposition.

Schaeffer estimated he has spent between \$5,000 and \$7,000 on the application process and required studies. He expects to expand to about 3,500 head initially, but applied for the larger permit to cover future expansion.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 208-777-4042. Ext. 638 or by e-mail at chomp@emagicvalley.com.



Randy Hansen Supports the Republican Party

The purpose of the Primary Election is to choose the best candidate to represent the Republican Party in the General Election. The Primary Election is held May 25th while the General Election is held November 2nd.

Republicans should know what kind of commitment their candidate has had to their party. Randy has served as the Precinct Committeeman for District 13, which also makes him a member of the Republican Central Committee for Twin Falls County. He has represented the State of Idaho on the Presidential Round Table, a nationwide group that advises the President and Congress on the state issues. Randy has served for many years on the South Central advisory committee for Larry Craig.

On a state level, Randy helped raise money for the Idaho Republican Party as the Assistant Financial Director of the State. He also represented the Magic Valley as a delegate to the Idaho State Republican convention.

Under the direction of the leadership of the House of Representatives, Senate and Idaho Republican party, Randy traveled state wide recruiting candidates to run for state and local office. Recently Randy was asked by the Committee to Re-elect George Bush to be one of the team leaders for Southern Idaho. Randy served in the Idaho House of Representatives.

Mike Moyle, Assistant Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, said, "Whenever the party calls, Randy is willing to help. He does so much for the party and under the radar screen of the media and public, never asking for recognition. Thank goodness that the Party has leaders like him. If this is your kind of leader vote Randy Hansen in the Republican Primary, May 25th."

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Documents show no ties to Islamic group

BOISE (AP) — Prosecutors offered documents on Thursday showing that up to a year after becoming its formal representative in Idaho, Sami Omar Al-Hussayen made no reference on federal immigration documents to his connection with an Islamic group that the government says has terrorist ties.



Sami Omar Al-Hussayen

Arbor, Mich.

organization — Hamas and other groups allegedly prominent in terrorism. Prosecutors also allege he was funneling money to the Islamic Assembly of North America, based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

web sites linked to Al-Hussayen or the assembly come from others and do not represent his views. The defense also rejected the prosecution's interpretation of the Immigration law, maintaining that Al-Hussayen — considered a leader of the Muslim community on the Moscow campus — was simply volunteering his time to the assembly, which is permitted under the student visa that allowed him into the country.

of State's office as the official representative of the Islamic Assembly in the state. Contributions from his bank account to the assembly during 2001 were also identified by federal agents, the cases' chief investigator earlier told jurors.

He was issued another student visa ... and was admitted." Bruce Gawtry told jurors during the second day of testimony on charges that Al-Hussayen fostered terrorism. He is accused of maintaining Web sites that supported the militant Palestinian

The defense team contends Al-Hussayen, 34, who is pursuing his doctorate in computer science at Idaho, used his computer skills to help advance Islam and in no way encouraged or aided terrorism. They argue that any violent messages on

In addition, attorneys pointed out that he was not trying to hide his relationship because he filed a public declaration that he was an official of the organization. But the immigration documents shown to jurors on Thursday required Al-Hussayen to list his involvement in any professional, social or charitable organization.

But in visa application documents filed in January 2002 and again less than four months later, Al-Hussayen made no reference to the Islamic Assembly, which attempts to promote Islam in the United States. Al-Hussayen has already been declared subject to deportation regardless of how the trial turns out. If convicted he faces 15 years in prison on each of the terrorism charges, 25 years on each of the seven visa fraud charges and 5 years each on the four false statement charges.

Forest Service cracks down on shooting

POCATELLO (AP) — As spring breaks in forests and deserts across the state, so does reports of vandalism on public lands. Officials say it goes with the territory — and with a lack of supervision across an abundance of public land. Mike Birch, a U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer for more than 20 years said vandalism, illegal shooting and garbage dumping has long been a problem at Lead Draw, a trailhead along East Mink Creek Road.



Columbine High School Principal Frank DeAngelis recalls a moment of the day of the massacre during an interview in Littleton, Colo., Wednesday. The fifth anniversary of the massacre at the school is Tuesday.

Birch said officers would heighten patrols this spring and summer in the East Mink Creek area. Penalties for illegally discharging a firearm include six months in jail and fines of up to \$5,000.

Principal stays on at Columbine

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Two-thirds of the staff at Columbine High School have left in the five years since the massacre. Twenty-five years of my life have been spent at Columbine. Being here provided strength for me during these difficult times.

out the nation as "the boy in the window" because of his dangerous escape onto an armored car. DeAngelis remembers that day clearly, other than the parts when he literally blacked out from the shock of his secretary telling him there were gunmen in the school.

Grief counselors told the school to remove all signs of the attack, said Rick Kaufman, a Jefferson County school district spokesman who rushed to the school that day and used his EMT training to help the wounded.

Regulations require target shooters to aim from at least 150 yards from a developed area, including roads and trailheads and pick up after themselves. Shortly after he pulled into the trailhead Monday morning, Birch spotted new bullet holes in a Forest Service sign labeled "This is not a shooting area."

"I don't think I could have made it if I didn't stay at Columbine," DeAngelis said this week, his schedule a bit busier as reporters seek him out on the fifth anniversary of the massacre. "Twenty-five years of my life have been spent at Columbine. Being here provided strength for me during these difficult times."

None of the 1,700 students will be here next Tuesday. The campus is always closed on the anniversary of the attack. At first glance, seen from the front, the 231,000 square-foot school hasn't changed. But walk in from the rear parking lot used by Kiebold and Eric Harris and a small hump in the floor betrays an expansion.

An area just outside what had been the entrance where Rachel Scott was fatally shot and Richard Castaldo was paralyzed is now inside. The outside staircase near where Daniel Rohrbough died and two others were wounded has been moved.

Birch said in the past, he's tried to use surveillance to catch people shooting illegally. "I've put cameras in that tree to try to catch them," Birch said pointing to a tall juniper near the guard rail. "It's just an unacceptable way to behave."

Six candidates remain for university head

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — After three days of interviews, the pool of candidates to become the next University of Tennessee president was cut to six on Thursday. The contenders include five higher education administrators, including Kermit Hall, 59, president and history professor at Utah State University, and the director of a federal research institute.

Four have some family ties to the Volunteer State. Two are old enough to qualify for Social Security. The 19-member search advisory council of trustees, faculty staff, alumni and students, was delighted with the candidates and was hard pressed to pare the pool more.

chained the panel. State Senate Education Chairman Randy McNally, R-Oak Ridge, was not impressed. "We should have had six outstanding individuals in front of us," McNally said he wanted a group with more Tennessee roots.

"I thought that was of the utmost importance to everybody. We wanted somebody who understood Tennessee and the university and had Tennessee values."

Scientific team evaluates environmental damage

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A national scientific team is in northern Idaho this week to review the government's 30-year plan to clean up mining waste in Idaho's Silver Valley. The 20-member panel from the National Academy of Sciences took a tour of the Coeur d'Alene Basin that started Wednesday on the Spokane River and ended at the headwaters of Canyon Creek.

"This committee is balanced and unbiased. I wouldn't chair the committee if I had doubts about that," he said. A century of mining and smelting silver, lead and other metals left mountains of pollution in the Silver Valley, including wastes contaminated with arsenic, cadmium, lead and zinc that are hazardous to health. The EPA began cleanup work in 1983 inside a 21-square-mile area around the smelter.

The science behind the Environmental Protection Agency's \$359 million plan to clean up contamination throughout much of the Coeur d'Alene Basin from a century of lead and silver mining. Some residents who offered testimony to the committee during its various stops think the cleanup plan is expensive government overkill. Others want the studying to end and the work to begin.

On Wednesday, the committee began its tour at a gravel bar in the Spokane River on the Idaho-Washington border, where heavy metals have accumulated. Near Rose Lake in Idaho, they saw the limp bodies of a dead tundra swan, a Canada goose and a North American pintail.

While some environmental groups have criticized the panel for having several members with ties to mining, Tollner defended its makeup.

The lead in Lane Marsh is at 3,000 parts per million, a lethal level for birds, said Dan Audet of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Businessman pleads guilty to two charges in water case

LEWISTON (AP) — A Grandville businessman has pleaded guilty to two of the 38 federal charges against him over his international mineral water company. In return for the guilty plea, eight other charges could be dismissed, says Hinkson, owner of WaterCo, court documents say.

He also pleaded guilty to a charge of selling, or a called "ozone machine," which he claimed would cure various diseases. Both charges carry sentences of less than a year in jail and less than a \$1,000 fine. Hinkson has been in a plea awaiting trial for more than a year. The other eight charges that could be dismissed are also Food and Drug Administration charges.

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Kerry's religion clashes with his political views

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry, a Catholic politician whose votes on abortion and gay marriage are at odds with the church's teachings, met privately Thursday with Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the Washington archbishop heading a task force examining whether there should be church sanctions for such politicians.

tending Mass and receiving the sacrament of communion. Bishop Raymond Burke, the archbishop of St. Louis, has said he would refuse to give Kerry communion because of his support for abortion rights. Kerry's own archbishop, Sean O'Malley of Boston, has endorsed that principle "without naming the senator."

On Easter, Kerry attended church services in Boston and received communion. A week earlier, on Palm Sunday, he took communion at an African Methodist Episcopal Church, which goes against church tenet.

McCarrick is heading a seven-member task force, created last year by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to study what steps to take against Catholic politicians who vote and support positions at odds with church teachings.

Among the options are denying access to Catholic schools or hospitals that might be venues for campaign events to excommunicate, but McCarrick made it clear that he does not favor the latter choice.

"I think there are many of us who would feel that there are certain restrictions that we might put on people, that there are certain sanctions that we may put on people," he told "Fox News Sunday."

"But I think many of us would not like to use the Eucharist as part of the sanctions."

The task force was established after the Vatican issued a decree that said Catholic politicians have a duty to uphold the church's "nonnegotiable ethical principles" — specifically mentioning opposition to both legalized abortion and recognition for same-sex couples.



John Kerry

Ventura eyes White House in 2008

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Refreshed from a semester as a visiting professor at Harvard University, former pro wrestler and Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura says he might consider a run for the White House in 2008, although he acknowledges that being leader of the free world might be too confining for him.

"That's an issue with me. I love my freedom," Ventura said in an interview with The Associated Press at his office at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. "The part that would bug me is I wouldn't be able to get up in the night and drive to the 7-11 for a Stuepe, not without them blocking off the roads, welding the manhole covers shut, and everything else that goes along with it."

Ventura has not made a firm decision on a presidential run. He is weighing the concerns of his wife, Terry, who has told him she won't go with him if he wins the White House. His solution: "move the White House to Minnesota."

"What would hold me back would be my family. The brutality of the campaign, the ruthlessness of the Democrats and Republicans," he said. "If it looks like I might win, there's no telling what they would do. They're very desperate people when it comes to third parties."

Sill, Ventura speaks like a man preparing to be a candidate. He said he'll decide next year because he'll need plenty of time to get on the ballot. And he won't have a political affiliation — "No party, no nothing," he said. He already has with a campaign message: "Elect someone who truly is not controlled by special-interest money. With me, you would get a true check and balance," Ventura said.



Former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura answers a question during an interview Tuesday at his office at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass. Ventura says he might consider a run for the White House in 2008.

later, disillusioned and discouraged after a frustrating final year this semester at Harvard — including parties until the wee hours — has renewed his faith in America and his political ambitions, he said.

"The best way I can describe it is relief," he said. "For someone getting out of office like me, even though I've been out for over a year now, it's equivalent I think to an alcoholic or the drug addict going to the Betty Ford clinic."

Harvard took a calculated risk in inviting the boisterous Ventura, a former Navy SEAL, talk-show host and movie star with only a high school diploma. In his pro wrestling persona, The Body, he draped himself in a pink feather boa.

Harvard Institute of Politics director Dan Glickman, the former congressman and Clinton administration agriculture secretary, said he knew some people privately questioned whether Ventura belonged. Yet by the end of the semester, which concludes Friday, some faculty poked around Ventura's office, hoping to catch a glimpse of the man whose study groups were unconventional, but always well attended.

"Quite frankly, he's an important historical force in American politics," Glickman said.

Bush will curtail ads; Kerry will intensify effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Bush curtails his television commercials in 18 competitive states starting Friday, Democratic rival John Kerry plans to launch an intensified advertising effort next week meant to flesh out his biography and proposals.

"A lot of people don't really know who I am," Kerry told many donors Thursday at a breakfast fund-raiser in New York. Bush campaign officials say

their pullback follows the campaign's long-term strategy to flood airwaves only when voters are paying close attention to the presidential race and doesn't indicate financial problems or ineffective ads.

Matthew Dowd, the campaign's chief strategist, said Thursday that the campaign always planned to run different levels of ads depending on "windows of opportunity," such as in the six weeks after Kerry wrapped up the Democratic

nomination. "The public doesn't have an eight-month appetite" for such intense advertising, he said.

The campaign wouldn't release details, but ad industry sources familiar with the buy say Bush will spend about \$4 million to run moderate levels of ads over 10 days compared to the \$6 million to \$9 million he had been spending each week to saturate broadcast channels in local media markets.

That means viewers could see anywhere from 30 percent to 50 percent fewer Bush ads than they have since the spots started running in early March.

His advertising on national cable networks won't change. Dowd said the campaign could increase ad spending should the dynamics call for it. Bush has two or three ads each week, typically one highlighting his own accomplishments and others that criticize Kerry's proposals.

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Competency hearing for kidnap suspect gets delayed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A competency hearing Thursday for the woman accused of kidnapping Elizabeth Smart was rescheduled for June to give the state hospital more time to evaluate her mental status.

Wanda Barzee, 58, in January was declared incompetent to stand trial on several felony charges related to the then-14-year-old's June 2002 early-morning disappearance from her Salt Lake City home.

State law required her immediate transfer to Utah State Hospital's forensic wing. But legislative budget cuts meant there wasn't a bed available until March 24, when Barzee moved from Salt Lake County jail to the hospital.



Scott Williams, right, defense attorney for Wanda Barzee, speaks to Judge Judith Atherton, Thursday, during Barzee's competency hearing at Matheson Courthouse in Salt Lake City. Utah state attorney Clark Harms is seated at left.

Evaluators need the full 90 days for treatment and evaluation, said Barzee attorney Scott Williams.

Assistant District Attorney Clark Harms agreed, as did 3rd District Judge Judith Atherton, who rescheduled Barzee's first competency review for June 28.

Barzee and her husband, Brian David Mitchell, 50, are charged with kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, aggravated burglary and attempted aggravated kidnapping.

The couple, who say they had revelations from God, also have been charged in the attempted abduction of the girl's 18-year-old cousin, Jessica Wright — seven weeks after Elizabeth — as Mitchell's second wife for nine months in Utah and California. They were found March 12 in Sandy, a suburb about 15 miles south of Salt Lake City, nine months after the abduction.

A hearing is scheduled Tuesday to determine whether news reporters will be allowed to attend Mitchell's competency hearing scheduled for May 4. A group of news organizations, including The Associated Press, has filed papers to keep the proceedings open.

Mitchell's attorneys say allowing an open hearing would expose prejudicial information about their client, hurting his chances if he were found mentally competent to stand trial.

Utah Legislature finds votes to override vetoes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah legislators meeting next Wednesday at the Capitol appear to have enough votes to override Gov. Oleven Walker's veto of bills changing election law and updating a law against unfair business practices.

But the House of Representatives appears short on votes needed to override Walker's veto of a higher-profile bill that was to give parents a state subsidy to send disabled children to private schools.

That bill was very hotly debated and contested during the session and people are firm in their position one way or another on it," said House Majority Leader Greg Curtis. R-Sandy, who had little hope of resurrecting the Carson Smith Special Needs scholarship bill.

20-year-old will stand trial in double slaying

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Seth Rollins Broomhead has been ordered to stand trial for the slaying of a Provo couple during a purported drug deal, and prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Fourth District Judge Steven Hansen bound over Seth Rollins Broomhead, 20, of Riverton on Wednesday for trial on two counts of capital murder.

Hansen agreed not to set a trial date yet. Defense attorneys requested more time to prepare advice for their client. Hansen scheduled a review hearing for May 18.

Broomhead is charged with the execution-style slayings of Pablo Montoya, 20, and his girlfriend, Maritza Aguilar, 22, last June 13 at an Orem tree nursery.

Salt Lake County Sheriff's Sgt. Rosie Rivera testified that Broomhead initially said his roommate, Jeremy Gerton, 21, was the shooter.

She said Broomhead began to sob and said he was alone in the back of the car.

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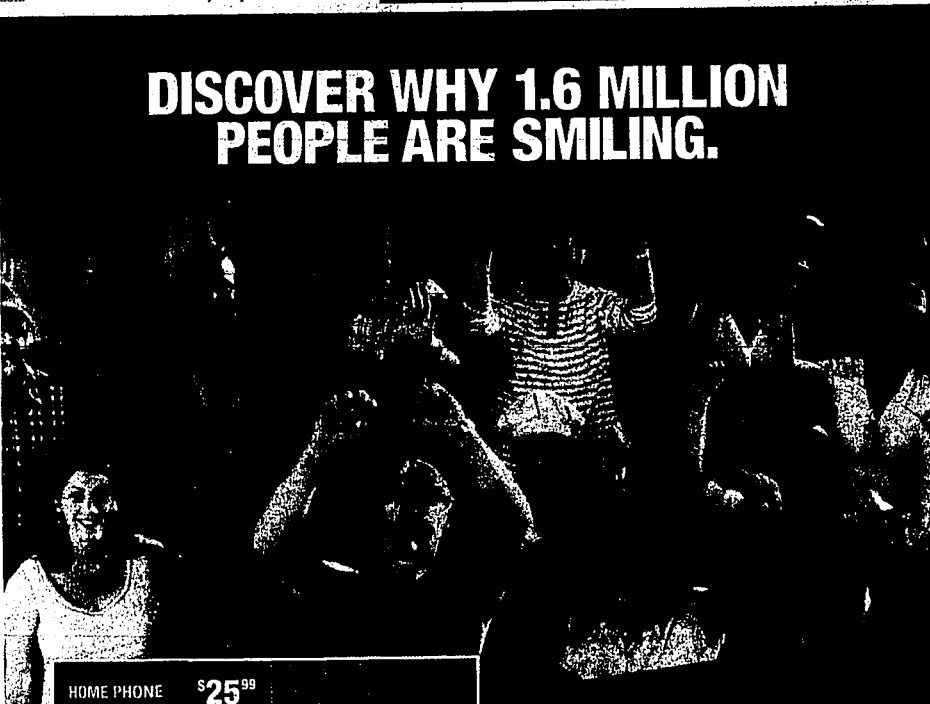
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Art of revenge

Company of Fools will present Ariel Dorfman's "Death and the Maiden" tonight, Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and Wednesday and Thursday evenings in Hailey's Liberty Theater.



Rising star

New Age vocalist Perla Batalla will perform at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl tonight, preceded by dinner.

String music

The Twin Falls Music Club and Twin Falls Junior Music Club will present "Crusade for Strings" Saturday night in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, featuring local artists and ensembles.

Simple man

Before there was Garthi, Nashville's golden boy was honky-tonker Ricky Van Shelton. He'll do two shows tonight and two Saturday night at Caenus Petres Resort Casino in Jackpot.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C2-3, C5, C7

SIGN OF THE chimes

Handbell ensemble brings ear candy to T.F.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Time was that handbell playing was a novelty act for monks and church ladies.

No more. The Sonos Handbell Ensemble, which will perform the final regular concert of the Magic Valley Arts on Tour season Monday night, has taken the craft to another level.

In its desire to move handbells into the musical mainstream, Sonos has sought the best transcriptions and original material available, according to the group's publicist, Brian Pituley, encouraging composers to write works for bells alone and in combination with other instruments and voices.

Sonos' vision for its contribution to the arts is to advance the musical genre of handbells by setting the highest standards of musical performance and nurturing the growth of artists and repertoire, Pituley said.

Founded in 1990, the 15-member, Berkeley, Calif.-based ensemble commissioned and performed the first major orchestral work for handbells, William Luddick's "Suite for Handbells and Orchestra." A second work, Luddick's Symphony No. 3, was first performed by the Oakland East Bay Symphony in 1997.

In addition to touring nationally, Sonos also recorded the first American handbell CD commercially produced and nationally distributed.

But what is a handbell ensemble, anyway? Consider a single instrument that takes many people to play. The individual notes in the handbell each require a musician's hand upon it, to place its tone in exact relationship with the other notes in the score, all in the shared context of rhythm, tempo, dynamics, articulation, and the overall musical line.

This complicated process becomes second nature to a virtuoso handbell musician, who, like a pianist, must be aware of the character of the entire work, while controlling only a few of the tones in the instrument.

The instrument consists of a variable number of cast bronze bells fitted to flexible handles and equipped with clapper mechanisms that move in a single plane, striking the cast-



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ing at only two places (forward and back). The tone of the bells can be varied by changing the density of the clappers at the strikepoints during performance.

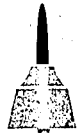
Similar tuned instruments with clappers can be made from other materials, such as hand chimes cast from aluminum, which produce

different but compatible timbres. The differing sounds of the various makes of bells and chimes give the artistic director a symphonic range of sounds.

A set of handbells can range from a single octave (12 or 13 bells) up to seven octaves, though most ensembles perform on five octaves, or 61 bells. Skilled handbell musi-

cians can play as many as six bells at one time or in quick succession.

Sonos performs on 4 1/2 octaves of Malmars, an octave of bass Schullerichs, five octaves of Malmarchidmes, and five octaves of English-made Whitechapel handbells, as well as a variety of other percussion instruments.



If you go ...

- **What:** The Sonos Handbell Ensemble will perform Monday night, the final regular Magic Valley Arts on Tour concert of the season.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- **When:** 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$14 for adults, \$10 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, The Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls; Saw-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome; and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

Vintage chrome reigns at this weekend's car show at CSI

The event starts tomorrow, runs through Sunday

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Everything old is new again at this weekend's 28th annual Magic Valley Early Iron car show. Literally.

"A lot of the cars have just been painted," said Jerry Wilson, a longtime organizer of the event. "They look great."

There will be about 120 vintage vehicles—up to 1994—on display, including a 1903 Oldsmobile owned by Don Workerton.

"The theme this year is 'Here to There,'" Wilson said. "We've

Old cars galore

• **What:** Magic Valley Early Iron will present its 28th annual show.

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Expo Center, Twin Falls.

• **When:** Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors 6-12 and \$4 for child citizens, are available at the door.

got 90 years of cars."

The show draws about 7,000 people each year to the Eldon Evans Expo Center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, depending on the weather.

"If it rains, we get a full

house," Wilson said. "If it's nice, people go work on the garden."

Among the rigs on show will be a display of military vehicles, GTO's from 1964 and 2004, and all manner of muscle cars and roadsters.

Proceeds go to CSI's auto programs and to the upkeep of the Expo Center.

Most of the thousands of people who attend the show each spring aren't restorers themselves, Wilson said: "They just enjoy old cars."

"We have people who come back every year," he said. "And some people who've been there every year, we've been doing this."

"It's been a long time."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com

Video watch

Kill Bill, Volume 2

A tale of vengeance set in a postmodern world, Quentin Tarantino's return after a long silence to proof that the filmmaker hasn't lost a trick. The balletically bloody story of a skilled hit woman (Uma Thurman) attempt to avenge the attack that put her in a four-

year coma that killed her unborn child, Kill Bill, Volume 2 is just what the doctor ordered. The film's second act is an absolute masterpiece, with Tarantino's postmodern style and his uncompromising, cinematic violence. On-screen sex and sexual situations.

Casa de los Babys

When a group of prospective adoptive mothers encounters red tape in the Latin American country, they have to travel in search of babies, they and we have ample time to get acquainted. Too bad the characters played by Mary McCormack, Gena Lee Waters, J. Lee Leary, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Devi Karikian and Susan Lynch, are so one-dimensional. And too bad filmmaker John Sayles

has such a hard time exploring such themes as the reality of adoption, the pain of loss, and the search for a better life. The film is a well-meaning but ultimately unconvincing attempt to address the issue of adoption and the role of the state in the process.

WEEKEND

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TODAY

Classical/Burley

The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center...



located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Rock/Twin Falls

Split Second will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis...

Dance/Twin Falls

Boot Stomping Country Dancers Club is sponsoring a dance with live country music...

Dance/Twin Falls

Urban dance music will be featured at 9 p.m. at Chasers Sports Bar and Nightclub...

Dance/Twin Falls

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall...

Dance/Ketchum

The Sun Valley Ballet School will perform 'Alice in Wonderland' at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Club...

Variety/Burley

Swingstones will play from 7-10 p.m. at George K's Best Restaurant and Lounge...

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club...

Karaoke/Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge...

Karaoke/Jerome

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's...

Karaoke/Buhl

Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's...

Karaoke/Declo

High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers...

Karaoke/Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody...

Karaoke/Burley

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers...

Karaoke/Rupert

Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room...

New Age/Utah

Lorie Line will perform in Jeanne Wagner Theater in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m.

Classical/Ketchum

Caritas Choral will present 'Vive la Musique' a program of French music at 8 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church...

SATURDAY

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Country/Jackpot

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Dance/Twin Falls

Urban dance music will be Please see EVENTS, Page C3

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Band music/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning...

Rock/Utah

Suicide Machines will perform at Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning...

Car show/Twin Falls

The Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at College of Southern Idaho Expo Center...

Rock/Twin Falls

Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. Cover charge is \$4. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls

Country Classics will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is

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Events

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 featured at 9 p.m. at Chasers Sports Bar and Nightclub. Cover charge is \$5. Chasers is located at 1539 Fillmore St. N.

Dance/Ketchum
 The Sun Valley Ballet School will perform "Alice in Wonderland," 7 p.m., mcStage Theater. Tickets, which are \$15 and \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, are available at the door or at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum.

Rock/Twin Falls
 Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. Cover charge is \$4. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls
 Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge. No cover charge. George K's is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Country/Burley
 Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge. No cover charge. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N.

Country/Declo
 The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

Rock/Twin Falls
 Split Second will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
 Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at The Pioneer Club. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
 Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Karaoke/Burley
 Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke/Burley
 Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 Highway 30 W.

Karaoke/Declo
 Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. The Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main.

Karaoke/Rupert
 Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

Band music/Utah
 Utah Symphony will perform at 8 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abraham Hall. Tickets, which are \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. The Abraham Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

SUNDAY
Car show/Twin Falls
 The Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., College of South-

ern Idaho Expo Center. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Theater/Halley
 Company of Fools will present Adel Dorfman's "Death and the Maiden," at 3 p.m., Liberty Theater. Tickets are \$24, or \$10 for student if purchased 30 minutes before curtain time. They're available at the Company of Fools box office in Halley, by phoning 578-9122, or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

Country/Boise
 Nickel Creek will play the Big Easy Concert House, at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Classical/Ketchum
 Caritas Chorale will present "Vive la Musique," a program of French music, at 5:30 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Tickets are free, but they must be picked up before the concert at Chapter One and Iconoclast bookstores in Ketchum and Read All About It in Halley.

Dance/Twin Falls
 Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance with music from 2-5 p.m. at the senior center. Music will be provided by the Melody Masters. Cost is \$4 per person. The Twin Falls Senior Center is located at 530 Shoshone St. W.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
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MONDAY

Handbells/Twin Falls
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Rock/Twin Falls
 Paradigm will perform at 7 p.m. in the new student center in the Taylor Administration Building on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Free.

Karaoke/Burley
 Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

Rock/Utah
 The Strokes will perform at in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX and online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

TUESDAY

Rock/Idaho Falls
 Little Feat will perform at the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0413. The Colonial Theater is located at 496 A St.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
 P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. No cover charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke/Burley
 Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N.

Theater/Utah
 The touring Broadway production of Mark Holman and Greg Kotis' musical "Urinetown" will play the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which range from \$30 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (800) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

WEDNESDAY

Variety/Twin Falls
 Bob Nora Band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
 P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke/Paul
 Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge. The Office Lounge is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Rock/Utah
 Pinback and Enon will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

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THURSDAY

Music/Twin Falls
 A benefit concert for Suzanne Jusset will be held at 7 p.m. at the

Lamphouse Theater in Old Towne, featuring Deadline Ridge, Tom Manners and Friends. The Echoes and The Bridges. Admission is by donation. The money will help defray medical expenses for Just, who is suffering from cancer. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Latin/Twin Falls
 Hot Latin Night, featuring DJ music, will be held at 9 p.m. at Chasers Sports Bar and Nightclub. Cover charge is \$5; ladies get in free. Chasers is located at 1539 Fillmore St. N.

Variety/Twin Falls
 DJ night with Forrest will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. Cover charge is \$4. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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WEEKEND

Magic Philharmonic offers spring concert

The Times-News

BURLEY — A longtime Minicassia music educator will conduct the Magic Philharmonic's spring concert tonight.

Ross J. Barson of Heyburn, the assistant principal at West Minico Junior High School, will lead the orchestra through "Celebration Fanfare," by Steven Reineke; "Chicken Reel," by LeRoy Anderson; "Horns to the Hunt," by Richard Cohen; "Ravens," by Maurice Ravel; "American Salute," by Morton Gould; "Rise," "Somewhere in Time," Brahms' First Symphony (Fourth Movement) and "Music for the Royal Fireworks" by Handel.



The Magic Philharmonic will play works by Handel, Brahms and Ravel tonight in Burley.

Barson received a bachelor of music degree in music education from Boise State University and a master of education degree in education administration from the University of Idaho. For 18 years, he has directed school bands, first in Shelley, then Sugar City and for the past 12 years at West Minico.

Every year since 1989, Barson's bands have received superior ratings in music festivals. From 1990-1991, he served as president of District VI Idaho Music Educators As-

sociation. In 1997, he was named teacher of the year at West Minico Junior, and under his baton, the West Minico concert band has become recognized for excellence throughout Idaho. In 2002, he was elected president-elect of District IV, Idaho Music Educators Association. He was inducted into Who's Who of American Teachers in 1995, 1998, 2000 and 2002, and he is a 2003 and 2004 Inductee in "Who's Who in America."

Barson and his wife, Peggy, have three children.

If you go . . .

- What: The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its spring concert.
- Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley.
- When: Tonight, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets for the concert are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$15 for families. Season passes are also available. For ticket information, call Sally Sanford at 436-8624.

Vocalist Perla Batalla sings in Buhl

The Times-News

BUHL — Vocalist, composer and arranger Perla Batalla, a rising star in the world of New Age music, will perform tonight at 8 at the Eighth Street Center. Batalla's performance will be preceded by a fiesta dinner at 6 p.m., prepared by LuAnn Sutes.

Batalla was born in Los Angeles where her father was a musician and owned a popular record store. She won a scholarship to study at the Leo Strasberg Theater Institute, and her voice won her roles in film and television.

After a while she became a background singer for Leonard Cohen and K. D. Lang. In 1994, she recorded a self-titled debut solo album, with others in 1998 and 2000. Batalla has worked with numerous artists, including cellist Peggy Baldwin, flutist John Zereczke, percussionist Michael Fauc, guitarist David Bateau and bassist Simon Pillech.

Eclectic sounds

- What: Perla Batalla will perform at a dinner show in Buhl.
- Where: Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St.
- When: Tonight, 8 p.m.; dinner will be served at 6.
- How much: Tickets are \$15 for the concert and \$15 for dinner.



Perla Batalla once sang as a background singer for K.D. Lang, melodies to bluesy ballads with a contemporary twist.

Chorale rehearses for Mother's Day concert

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Chorale is holding rehearsals for its Mother's Day concert on

Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Room 133 the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. There are no auditions to par-

ticipate, but applicants must be able to match pitch. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

'Crusade for Strings' takes place Saturday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Music Club and Twin Falls Junior Music Club will present "Crusade for Strings," a day-long program for string players, teachers and music lovers, on Saturday.

It will feature workshops in the afternoon and a concert by local strings artists in the evening in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center.

There will be a master class for violin and viola students at 1 p.m.; led by Lois Stout, a violinist and conductor from Alpine, Utah.

Cello students will be treated to a master class at 1 p.m., led by Samuel Smith, a well-known cellist and teacher at Alberson College of Idaho.

Christopher Dungey, a cello-maker from Pocatello, will conduct a cello-making/acoustics presentation at 3 p.m., demonstrating the art of cello-making and the care and maintenance of string instruments.

The 7 p.m. concert will fea-



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Junior Music Club

The Family Reunion Quintet is one of the acts that will perform at Saturday night's "Crusade for Strings." They are, from left to right in the front row, Angela Miller, Sue Miller and Janete Miller, and in the back, Kathy Harris and Diane Peterson.

Students interested in performing in the afternoon viola, violin and cello classes should contact Christine Rasmussen at 734-6523 for the cello workshop or Marjory Coleman at 733-3842 for the violin and viola class.

Listen to the music

- What: The Twin Falls Music Club and the Twin Falls Junior Music Club will present "Crusade for Strings." The highlight will include an evening concert.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
- How much: Admission is by donation.

Lori Casperson; bassist Aaron Miller; and the Family Reunion Quintet, whose members include Sue Miller, Kathy Harris, Diane Peterson, Janete Miller and Angela Miller.

Donations will be accepted at the door and will go to the Twin Falls Music Club Scholarship Foundation.

Folklorist, author will read poetry

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Nationally known author and folklorist Kim Stafford will read from his prose and poetry Saturday in the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen Building.

The reading is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. in Room C74. Students, the public and literature lovers are invited.

Stafford, who directs the Northwest Writing Institute at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., is the author of "Rendezvous: Stories, Songs and Opinions of the Idaho Country," "A Thousand Friends of Rain: New and Selected Poems," and a children's book, "We Got Here Together."

He holds a doctorate in medieval English literature from the University of Oregon. Stafford's appearance is co-sponsored by the West End Writers, the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the CSI Department of English.

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Rock/Utah

International Noise Conspiracy and Moving Units will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on APRIL 24. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Christian rock/Bolse

12 Stone, Pillar, Skillet, Gr1ts and Big Dismal will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. For ticket information, call (800) 965-4827.

NEXT WEEKEND

Theater/Halley

Company of Fools will present Ariel Dorfman's "Death and the Maiden," 8 p.m. on APRIL 23-24, Liberty Theater. Tickets are \$24, or \$10 for student if purchased 30 minutes before curtain time. Tickets available at Company of Fools box office in Halley, by phoning 578-9122, or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

Choral/Twin Falls

The Twin Falls High School Show Choir will present Five Night 2004 at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 23-24 in Roper Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at Twin Falls High School, Crowley's Soda Foundation, Crowley's-The Quad, or at the door.

Country/Burley

Community Concerts will present its final concert of the season with The Bar J Wranglers at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 24 at the King Fine Arts Center. Most Community Concerts are members only, but this concert will be open to the public with a single ticket price of \$20. Memberships for next season will be on sale. Those who purchase a season membership for 2004-2005 may attend this concert for free. Members will be seated first. Season memberships are \$37.50 for adults, \$15.00 for students or \$10 for families. The King Fine Arts Center is located at 2100 Parke Ave.

Dance/Alblon

The Bronsons will play for a dance at 8:30 p.m. on APRIL 24 at the Marsh Creek Event Centre. Cover charge is \$5. Must be 21 to attend. The Marsh Creek Event Centre is located at 899 S. Highway 77.

Rock/Utah

The B-52s will play the Gallivan Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on APRIL 24. Tickets, which are \$26, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Gallivan Center is located at 239 S. Main St.

Theater/Utah

The touring Broadway production of Mark Holman and Greg Kotis' musical "Urinetown" will play the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake City at 2 and 8 p.m. on APRIL 24. Tickets, which range from \$30 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (800) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Pop/Jackpot

Christopher Cross will do two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m. on APRIL 23-24 at Circus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform the music of Bernstein and Rachmaninoff at 8 p.m. on APRIL 23-24 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jazz/Twin Falls

Pianist Justin Nielsen, guitarist Tom Moore, bassist Tom Jensen and drummer Scott Reusse will perform at O'Leary Junior High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 24. Free.

World/American Falls

Irish tenor Anthony Kearns will sing in the American Falls High School Performing-Arts Center at 8 p.m. on APRIL 24. Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$15 for general admission, can be reserved by phoning Ann Wheeler at (208) 228-2409. American Falls High School is located at 254 Taylor St.

Rock/Bolse

Kristin Hersh will play the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. on APRIL 24. Tickets, which are \$6, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located 111 N. 11th St.

Rock/Utah

The Rapture and Black Rebel Motorcycle Club will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on APRIL 24. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Rock/Utah

The Long Winters will play Ego's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on APRIL 24. Tickets, which are \$7, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. Ego's is located at 668 S. State St.

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Rock/Bolse

The Pixies will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on

APRIL 25. For ticket information, call (800) 965-4827. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Theater/Utah

The touring Broadway production of Mark Holman and Greg Kotis' musical "Urinetown" will play the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake City at 2 and 7 p.m. on APRIL 25. Tickets, which range from \$30 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (800) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

THIS MONTH

Rock/Utah

Too Slim & The Talldraggers will perform at Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. on APRIL 26. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

Rock/Twin Falls

Dave Jamkin will perform at 7 p.m. on APRIL 26 at the Student Union Building, Downstairs Lounge, at the College of Southern Idaho. Admission is free.

Rock/Bolse

Michelle Malone will play the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. on APRIL 26. Tickets, which are \$7, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

Electronica/Utah

Crystal Method will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on APRIL 28. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Reggae/Bolse

Roots & The Maytals and B-Side Players will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on APRIL 28. Tickets, which are \$21.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Bolse

Blitz-182, Cypress Hill and Taking Back Sunday will play the

Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 29. Tickets, which are \$31.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Idaho Center is lo-

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Rock/Utah

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'Kill Bill - Volume 2,' 'Connie and Carla' hit M.V. theaters

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'Connie and Carla'
Screenwriter-star Nia Vardalos, in her follow-up to 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding,' teams with Toni Collette as a pair of dinner theater performers who flee to Hollywood and lie low as a popular drag act. David Duchovny also stars. Directed by Michael Lembeck.

'Kill Bill - Volume 2'

Revenge-minded Uma Thurman continues her quest but must still deal with Michael Madsen and Daryl Hannah before she gets to Bill (David Carradine). Quentin Tarantino writes and directs.

'Nosy Parker'

John O'Brien's comedy about suburban refugees who fall in with a crusty Vermont and immeasurably complicate their lives. With George Lyford, Natalie Pierce and Richard Snee. Not rated.

'The Punisher'

Thomas Jane stars as the Marvel Comics superhero taking on villain Howard Saint (John Travolta). Screenwriter Jonathan Hensleigh ('The Rock,' 'Armageddon') makes his directing debut. With Will Patton, Roy Scheider and Laura Harring.

Continuing

'The Alamo'

Directed by John Lee Hancock with high-minded seriousness and an old-fashioned hard studio sell, and written by Howard Chaykin, Leslie Bohem and Stephen Gaghan for a minimum of offense, the film arrives with little of the flag- and gun-waving histrionics that make John Wayne's 1960 spectacle grand, rich, lugubrious comedy. Driven by different agendas, history and movies often tell two irreconcilable stories, which is why, despite some glints of talent, Hancock has given us yet another film and another Alamo to forget. With Billy Bob Thornton, Dennis Quaid and Jason Patric. (2:16, PG-13, for sustained intense battle sequences)

'Dawn of the Dead'

A hipper, hyper remake of George Romero's zombic classic. Ultra-violent yet scary and satisfying. With Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames and Mekhi Phifer. R (extreme violence, profanity, sexuality)

'Ella Enchanted'

Breezy take on 'Cinderella' will likely be best appreciated by adolescent girls who identify with winsome Ella (Anne Hathaway, of 'The Princess Diaries'), beleaguered by a core of obedience from her heartless godmother (Vivica A. Fox). Girls also will swoon over Hugh Dancy's Prince Charmont, who doesn't realize his evil uncle (Cary Elwes) has oppressed and exploited the dominant, peaceable minorities - giants, elves and ogres. (1:40, PG, for some crude humor and language.)

'Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind'

A brilliant, sad, funny, trippy love story from the brain of 'Being John Malkovich' writer Charlie Kaufman in which Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet play lovers grappling with painful memories - and an experimental procedure by which those memories can be erased. Tom Wilkinson, Kirsten Dunst, Mark Ruffalo and Elijah Wood costar. R (profanity, sex, drugs)

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Burley: 'The Ladykillers'
Century Cinema: 'The Alamo', 'Hello', 'Home on the Range', 'The Prince and Me'
Motor-Vu Drive-In: 'Dawn of the Dead', 'Taking Lives'
The Orpheum: 'The Whole 10 Yards'
Halley/Ketchum/Sun Valley: 'The Girl Next Door', 'Kill Bill - Volume 2', 'Nosy Parker', 'The Punisher', 'The Whole 10 Yards'
Burley Theater: 'Miracle'
Jerome: 'The Punisher', 'The Whole 10 Yards', 'The Prince and Me', 'The Alamo'
Odyssey Theater: 'Hello', 'Hidalgo', 'Jersey Girl', 'Johnson Family Vacation', 'Secret Window', 'Stargate & Hutch'

'50 First Dates'

Ben warmed that although the Adam Sandler/Drew Barrymore courtship film '50 First Dates' announces itself as a romantic comedy, its humor is of the sort that might be found in a case study by neurologist Oliver Sacks. Call it 'The Babe Who Mistook Her Beau for a Stalker.' PG-13 (crude humor, marijuana references)

'The Girl Next Door'

What is disturbing and frankly distasteful about this film is how slick and shameless it is in its eagerness to blur boundaries, to squeeze as much transgressive material as it can into a nominally bland and innocent form, to serve up a benign, sanitized and exquisitely titillating portrait of the world of pornography in the cozy sheep's clothing of a teenage movie. The most memorable thing about it, casting smarts aside, is the brazenness with which it demands to be accepted as just another business-as-usual teen product. But as the man said, maybe I'm overreacting. Maybe. Directed by Luke Greenfield. With Emily Hirsch, Elisha Cuthbert and Timothy Olyphant. (1:49, R, for strong sexual content, language and some drug/alcohol use.)

'Girl with a Pearl Earring'

Scarlett Johansson stars as the titular siter for Dutch Master Johannes Vermeer's famous painting, while Colin Firth, bearded and bearded, plays the 17th-century artist captivated by his serving wench. Very slow, very lovely. PG-13 (torrid stares, 17th-century Euro mores)

'Hello'

A dyed-red Ron Perlman,

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wearing horns and a devil's tail stars as the hulking Hellboy - chomping cigars, gobbling Baby Ruths and displaying his demonic powers for the forces of good in this rocking adaptation of the cult comic book series. Cracking wise while doing so? You betcha. PG-13 (violence, supernatural huggers-guggers; profanity)

'Hidalgo'

A Middle East Western starring Viggo Mortensen as cowboy Frank Hopkins who in 1869 entered his mustang in a race across the Sahara. A real man, this chap in his life is a Tall Tale. With Omar Sharif. PG-13 (sexual threat, violence)

'Home on the Range'

Call the U.S. Department of Agriculture, pronto. It needs to investigate Disney Studios for an incidence of mad cow disease. What else could account for 'Home on the Range,' a charmless animated musical about a bovine tri riding herd on a rustler? PG (mild crudeness)

'Jersey Girl'

Kevin Smith casts Ben Affleck as a widower who has to decide between being a good father and a good career man in this unstintingly sentimental would-be weeper. Liv Ullmann and cute-as-a-button Raquel Castro costar. R (profanity, sex, adult themes)

'Johnson Family Vacation'

An easy-going, earthy comedy that's a good showcase for Cedric the Entertainer as a conservative L.A. family man who manages to get his currently semi-estranged wife (Vanessa Williams) and kids to head for Missouri for a family reunion and a grudge match with his smarmy older brother (Steve

Harvey). Cedric makes the most of the mishaps along the way. With Bow Wow, Solange Knowles and Gabby Sololi. (1:37, PG-13, for some sexual references, crude humor and brief drug material.)

'The Ladykillers'

The Coen Brothers mossy remake of the mordant 1955 black comedy about a gang of crooks who can't outwit a virtuous old lady stars Tom Hanks and Irma P. Hall, who rules this movie with a handbag mightier than a scepter. R (profanity, cartoon violence, toilet humor)

'Miracle'

A spellbinding saga of how America's mighty punks shot past the Soviet hockey team at the 1980 Winter Olympics - an event Sports Illustrated called the 20th century's defining moment in sport - 'Miracle' is David and Goliath on ice. PG (course language and rough athletic action)

'The Passion of the Christ'

Even for the faithful, Mel Gibson's account of the bloody shot Jesus is too much Good Friday and not enough Easter Sunday. In emphasizing Jesus' agony over His ecstasy, Gibson delivers a blood-drenched epic more stunning for its brutal, fetishistic violence than for its depiction of the cavalry With Jim Caviezel as Jesus and Maia Morgenstern as Mary. R (graphic violence, adult themes)

'The Prince and Me'

Martha Coolidge's film imagines what would happen if a prince (Luke Mably) went incognito on an American college campus and hooked up with a fetching premed student (Julia Stiles). They're so appealing you forgive the film for having too many cliches and even more endings. PG (sexual innuendo)

'Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed'

Although it is likely that youngsters will go for this action fantasy as they did the first film inspired by the TV series, it's pretty garish and overbearing, dense with darkly intricate sets and cluttered with nonstop special effects. The visually busy and cartoonish violence the film tend to overwhelm the Mystery Inc. gang (Freddie Prince Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Linda Cardellini and Scooby), who this time discover that the monsters they defeated in the past have been brought down all over again.

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(1:28, PG, for some scary action, rude humor and language.)

'Secret Window'

Johnny Depp stars as a successful horror scribe having a bad time with a messy divorce and a menacing stalker in this bloody, bone-chilling adaptation of a Stephen King novella. PG-13 (violence, gore, profanity, adult themes)

'Stargate & Hutch'

Rest assured: No film was harmed in the making of this animal. Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson co-star in this, the second-best film spoof of a '70s TV phenom that, unaccountably, looks better the farther you get from it. With Snoop Dogg. PG-13 (sex and drug references)

'Taking Lives'

Angela Jones' is an ace FBI profiler recruited to help the Montreal police solve a string of grisly murders in this stylishly grim serial-killer thriller rehash. Ethan Hawke costars. R (violence, profanity, sex)

'Walking Tall'

Wrestling referee and budding action star The Rock took a wrong turn when he signed on for this dogeared remake. He plays an Army vet who clears his hometown of gambling and drugs by clubbing everything that moves with a big cedar pole. Like Fred Flintstone on a rampage. Neal McDonough, Johnny Knoxville and Ashley Scott share in the carnage.

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Latin/Utah
 Los Enlatos Verdes will play The Vortex in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. on APRIL 23. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Vortex is located at 404 South West Temple.

Rock/Jackpot
 Joan Jett will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, at 8 and 10 p.m. on APRIL 30. For reservations, phone (800) 821-1103.

Classical/Twin Falls
 Magic Valley Symphony will perform its spring concert at 8 p.m. on APRIL 30 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students, are available at CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls.

Variety/Burley
 Oakley Valley Arts Council presents "An Evening with Michael McLean" at 7:30 p.m. APRIL 30 at the King Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Book Store in Rupert, Book Plaza, So Heavenly Book and Welch Music in Burley, and Belle Family Books and Crowley's The Quad in Twin Falls. Tickets also are available by calling 677-ARTS. The King Fine Arts Center is located at 2100 Parke Ave.

Rock/Utah
 Blink-182, Cypress Hill and Taking Back Sunday will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. on APRIL 30. Tickets, which are \$31.50 and \$32.50, can

be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Comedy/Boise
 Steven Wright will play the Egyptian Theater at 8 p.m. on APRIL 30. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Egyptian Theater is located at 700 W. Main St.

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 Utah Symphony will perform violin music by Rautavaara, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. on APRIL 30 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtFix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Rock/Utah
 Dada will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on APRIL 30. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

NEXT MONTH

Rock/Jackpot
 Joan Jett will do two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino on MAY 1. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Rock/Boise
 Vendetta Red will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on MAY 1. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Boise
 Andrew WK will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on MAY 3. Tickets, which are \$13, can

be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.
Rock/Utah
 Vendetta Red will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can

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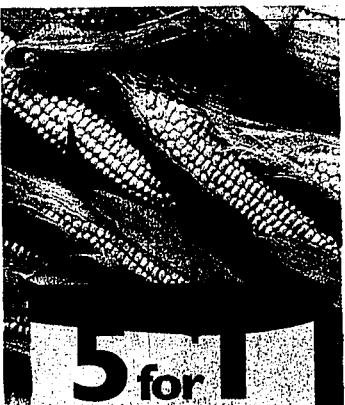
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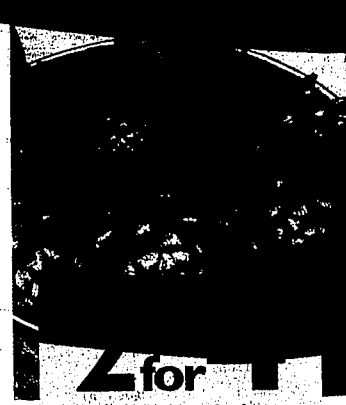
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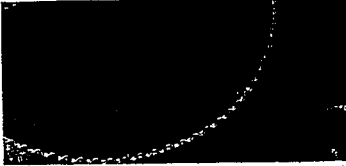
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MORNING LINE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College baseball
Salt Lake CC at CSI, 1 p.m.
High school baseball
Glenns Ferry at Filer, 2, 3:30 p.m.
High school softball
Glenns Ferry at Filer, 2, 3:30 p.m.
High school soccer
Sixth district, Filer, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Softball officials clinic is Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls ASA umpires will hold a free umpiring clinic at 1 p.m. Saturday at the small Twin Falls High School gym. ...

Former pro wrestler will speak Saturday

GOODING — WWP and WCF wrestling Maxx Payne will talk about his career on Saturday at the Schubert Theater. ...

Knowledge and truth is the only way to change... Knowledge and truth is the only way to change, he said. ...

Buhl country club announces tee times

BURL — Clear Lake Country Club will host the Buhl Amateur golf tournament this weekend. ...

A full field of 150 players from all over the southern part of Idaho are expected to participate. ...

Hitting the spot



Twin Falls senior Belinda Turley tosses a strike for one of her seven strikeouts during the Bruins' 5-0 win over Jerome Thursday in Twin Falls. Turley also had two RBIs and scored twice.

Pitcher Turley hurls Twin Falls past Jerome, 5-0

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Practice didn't make perfect, but certainly close enough for Twin Falls senior Belinda Turley. ...

outside and they'd swing at it," Turley said. "My changeup was working pretty good." ...

Jerome had a chance to take an early lead after singles by Mangum and Kim Ward but Twin Falls converted a double play to end the first inning with runners at the corners. ...

Twin Falls first baseman Jennifer Hohnhorst ran forward and made a shoelace-high catch on a hit by Jennifer Baumgardner. ...

Bruins blast Burley

Twin Falls breaks open close game with an 11-run fourth inning

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "Old Blue Eyes" sang, "New York, New York," at Bruin Field Thursday afternoon, signaling another Twin Falls baseball win. ...

play on after the Minico game and before Pocatello on Saturday, but we played solid." ...



Twin Falls senior Carl Ott, right, is greeted by his teammates after scoring during the third inning of the Bruins' 10-5 win over Burley in Twin Falls Thursday.

too many errors and they kept the pressure on us." Senior shortstop Tim Mealer had the big hit of the inning when he drove in Zach Schaal ...

and Carl Ott with a one-out triple. Mealer had a big day, finishing 3-for-4 with the triple, three RBIs and two stolen bases. ...

CSI hurler aims for perfection, on and off the field

CSI finds relief from its bullpen

By Karen Baumert Special to the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho pitcher Mitch Woolf has approached perfection on the baseball diamond, but he is just as motivated by achieving it off the field. ...

daughter will marry. He's absolutely amazing. I don't know if I've ever met a guy like Mitch Woolf in my 30 years of coaching." ...

him, the Reburg native has proven himself on the field in his two years at CSI. Woolf held opponents to a .158 batting average last year, tops in Region 1B. ...

CSI finds relief from its bullpen

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A call to the bullpen is usually the last call a head coach wants to make. It's normally an indication that the starting pitcher is tiring, or just flat out getting the job done. ...

Baseball honors Jackie Robinson

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a boy, Bud Selig went to Wrigley Field to watch a rookie named Jackie Robinson. More than a half-century later, the memory still sticks with the commissioner. ...



Jackie Robinson

At ballpark all across the majors Thursday, fans and players got to see and hear about the Hall of Famer's legacy. Baseball paused for Jackie Robinson Day, with video tributes, speeches and commemorative No. 42 signs honoring the man who broke the sport's color barrier. ...

"When you look back on the history of our game, Jackie Robinson coming into baseball — there's no question in my mind that April 15, 1947, was the most powerful moment in baseball history," Selig said at Shea Stadium. ...

Robinson's movement by 15 or 16 years," he said. Robinson's movement by 15 or 16 years," he said. ...

Starting this year, every April 15 will be celebrated as Jackie Robinson Day in the majors. His No. 42 was retired throughout baseball in 1967. ...

At the new Citizens Bank Park, the Phillies honored the five living members of the Philadelphia Stars team from the Negro Leagues. ...

Melhon Dickett, 81, admitted he was a bit worried when Robinson led to join the Dodgers' organization. ...

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SWAC baseball

Today CSI vs. Salt Lake CC (2), 1 p.m. Saturday CSI vs. Salt Lake CC (2), noon. ...

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SPORTS

T.F. Legion meeting takes place April 26

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls American Legion baseball meeting for parents and board members will be held in Room 601 Monday April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Monday April 26 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will deal with the summer season and fundraising plans.

Minico-Burley coaches battle Lourdes Thursday

RUPERT — Minico and Burley High Schools are putting a new twist on the fierce rivalry in Idaho with the Minico versus Burley coaches basketball game. The event will be held at the Minico High School main gym at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22. Admission will be \$3 and all proceeds will be used to send Minico and Burley spring sport teams to their state competitions. Spartan and Bobcat fans are encouraged to wear their red or green to cheer on their favorite team.

Yankees-Red Sox rivalry resumes Friday

BOSTON — Though baseball's best rivalry couldn't get more intense? Think again. The Red Sox and Yankees resume their feud Friday, sure to remember the nastiness and drama of last year's AL championship series and the sniping over Alex Rodriguez in the offseason.

Filet smoker benefits school's athletes

FILER — The Magic Valley Boxing Challenge will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 at Filer High School gymnasium. General admission is \$10 with ringside seats \$15. Proceeds go to Filer student athletes.

Court: City legally hampered protest

ATLANTA — The city of Augusta legally restricted a small protest last year against all-prole membership at the home of the Masters, a federal court ruled Thursday.

He'll probably retire

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Scottie Pippen said Thursday he will probably retire following an injury-shortened season in his return to the Chicago Bulls.

Weatherly remains in serious condition

CINCINNATI — Bengals cornerback Dennis Weatherly, who was injured in a head injury Thursday, three days after his car went off a highway ramp and struck a utility pole.

Stern says NBA revenues down, attendance up

NEW YORK — Attendance is up but revenues are down, commissioner David Stern said Thursday at an NBA Board of Governors meeting.

New investment group will purchase Suns

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns are expected to be sold to a new investment group this week, one of the team's current investors said Thursday.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Auto Racing: NASCAR, Nantz Cup, pole qualifying for Advance Auto Parts 500, at Martinsville, Va., SPEED, 3 p.m.
Baseball: Reds at Cubs, WGN, 1:10 p.m.
Marlins at Braves, TBS, 6:30 p.m.
Yankees at Red Sox, FOX, 6 p.m.

Area ski report

See Valley — The Falls 11-44 runs in 115 miles of 11 ski areas, including the new 11-44 runs in 115 miles of 11 ski areas, including the new 11-44 runs in 115 miles of 11 ski areas.

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SPORTS

Beckman gets through windy round

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Cameron Beckman handled the windy conditions at the MCI Heritage on Thursday, shooting a 4-under-par 67 for the highest leading score in the opening round at the Harbour Town Golf Links since 1992.

Beckman made a 16-foot birdie putt on his last hole, the ninth, for a surprisingly high number at the 6,375-yard, par-71 seaside layout that often yields spectacular rounds.

Two years ago, Davis Love III, the defending champion and a five-time winner of the event, opened with a 62. In 2001, Vijay Singh and Doug Dundy posted 65s to share the first round lead. The last time the opening-round leader had a 67 was in 1992, when Love grabbed the early lead and went on to win the event.

The problem Thursday was "winds that reached 10 mph.

"You feel that breeze out there," said Jonathan Byrd, who was tied with Heath Slocum, British Open champ Ben Curtis, Rod Pampling and Jay Haas at 68.

"If you're having trouble judging the wind, it makes it difficult," Byrd said.

Apparently, many golfers couldn't figure out the strong winds.

Boats bobbed in the rough water and whitecaps whipped around Callibogue Sound off the 18th green. Flags snapped against poles in the strong breeze.

"You see the flags blowing out there," Curtis said. "But not as bad as I thought it was this morning."

Nick Price, the 1997 winner at Harbour Town, was at 3-under 67 after making a birdie on the par-3 17th hole. But his approach to the famous No. 18 lighthouse hole from 208 yards stopped 30 yards short in a sand trap. Price made bogey and fell into large group at 69 that included Masters runner-up Ernie Els.

Els struggled while playing for



Cameron Beckman makes a birdie putt on the 9th green at the MCI Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links Thursday at Hilton Head Island, S.C. Beckman finished the day in the lead at 4-under-par 67.

the first time since his agonizing loss to Phil Mickelson at Augustus National last week. Els was steady enough with three birdies and a bogey, but felt drained just four days after the first major of the year.

Kerr shrugs off winds to share lead in Vegas
LAS VEGAS — Cristie Kerr

was in her element in the swirling winds, shooting a 3-under 69 Thursday to share the lead with three others on a breezy opening day in the Taka-fuji Classic.

Jackie Gallagher-Smith, second-year pro, Stacy Frammansadith and rookie Nadina Taylor of Australia also were 3 under on a day when gusting winds made the Las

Golf

Vegas Country Club course difficult.

Once Park, who took the year's first major title by her triumph in the Kraft Nabisco, opened with a 72. Aree Song, a 17-year-old rookie who finished second to Park in that tournament, shot 73.

Defending Las Vegas champion Candie Kung struggled to a 75.

Coisaerts leads by one after 65 in Seville

SEVILLE, Spain — Nicolas Coisaerts of Belgium birdied the last hole for a 7-under 65 and the lead after the first round of the Seville Open on Thursday.

Coisaerts, 21, is a shot ahead of Gregory Havret of France, who led for much of the day with a 66 that included a run of six birdies in seven holes on the back nine.

Ivo Giner of Spain, Gary Hines of Wales, and Jean Francois Remesy of France were tied at 5 under. A group at 4 under included Miguel Angel Jimenez, who is seeking his third victory of the year.

Coisaerts, who played several junior events in the U.S. including the Orange Bowl, had three bogeys in four holes at the end of the back nine, which he played first.

But he finished his round with 10 birdies, many with good putts of up to 22 feet.

"I seemed to be reading the breaks very well," he said.

Jean Van de Velde, who blew a three-shot lead at the final hole of the 1989 British Open at Carnoustie, shot a 71 in the last of his seven events under a medical exemption which he was given after a series of knee injuries.

He needs to finish 36th or better to regain his playing rights on the European Tour.

Sore knee jerks Serena from tourney

By Bruce Smith
Associated Press writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Serena Williams' comeback was cut short.

The six-time major champion withdrew from the Family Circle Cup on Thursday, saying her left knee is sore from practicing and playing too much after returning from an eight-month absence.

The announcement comes a day after Williams pulled out of the U.S. Fed Cup team's first-round match at Slovenia and raises questions about Williams' fitness with the French Open less than six weeks away.

She had knee surgery Aug. 1, then missed the U.S. Open and Australian Open, returning to the tour just last month.

The official diagnosis by the doctor was that he was shocked I was playing this many tournaments in the beginning," Williams said.

"He said normally when you're coming back from a procedure like me, you should play one week and then maybe take a week or two weeks off."

Williams won the first tournament of her return, at Key Biscayne, Fla. She played the next week at Amelia Island, Fla., losing in the quarterfinals, and then came to this clay-court tournament.

"She's playing it a little safe, but I think she tried to bite off too much to begin with. She needs to play five weeks in a row," ESPN analyst and former player Pam Shriver said.

"That's a lot when you haven't played in eight months and you have a surgically repaired left knee."

Williams beat Kelly McLean 6-1, 6-0 Tuesday in the second round. But the reigning Wimbledon champ withdrew about 1.5 hours before she was scheduled to play. Conchita Martinez on Thursday, saying she has been pushing too hard in recent weeks.

Williams said she should have stopped playing after last week's tournament in Florida. "But I was too excited by the fact I was coming back to Charleston, where she was a finalist last year."

Williams said she has not had her knee tested recently. "I feel confident that it's fine when the doctor was checking it out. The surgery site is 100 percent, and it's another part of the area of the knee that is kind of just compensating for the surgery site and it's, again, too many tournaments in a row," she said.

She said that sliding on the clay "was giving my leg a lot of problems."

But Williams said she plans to play in a French Open tuneup in Rome next month and said her rehabilitation would consist of running and strength work for her legs.



Serena Williams

Venus advances at Family Circle Cup

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) — Venus Williams, the highest remaining seed at the Family Circle Cup after her sister Serena withdrew, advanced to the quarterfinals Thursday night with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Marie-Cecile Lacoste.

Serena Williams, seeded second, pulled out before her match with Conchita Martinez on Thursday, citing a sore left knee. She had surgery on the knee in August and was off the tour for eight months.

The top three Family Circle seeds have now withdrawn for health reasons. Defending champion Justine Henin-Hardenne and third-ranked Amelie Mauresmo withdrew earlier.

Venus Williams, seeded fourth and playing in her first Family Circle, said she felt no pressure to win for the family because her sister is out.

"Sometimes it's easy to think of it that way — I love playing the same events with her. I love having her here," Venus said. "But in the end, I'm out on the court on my own and she's out there on her own."

Asked if she now should be considered the favorite, Williams laughed. "I don't know. I'm just a lone warrior."

Former champion Jennifer Capriati lost to Petra Mandula of Hungary 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-5 in Thursday's third round.

Capriati, the tournament's champion in 2001, is still trying to recover full confidence after

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being out with a back injury. She was moved all around the court by Mandula, who earlier had a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Marie-Cecile Lacoste.

Mandula pronounced it "definitely my biggest win."

"It's not that she was not that good. I was lucky or whatever," said Mandula, who is ranked 42nd. "I played good, I think."

Capriati said her back wasn't a problem.

"I felt like physically I wasn't getting fatigued at all," she said. "She played really well and was teasing off. I had a good rhythm (but) just didn't step up and win those. You know, key points aren't my forte. More pressure against Jelena Kostanic, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Dally Randriantiana.

In other matches, fourth-seeded Lindsay Davenport, who won her 40th career title last week in Amelia Island, Fla., beat Nicole Pratt 6-1, 6-1 and improved her season record to 22-2.

No. 8 Nadia Petrova defeated Alina Jikova 6-1, 6-4, and next four seeds, who won the tournament in 1994-95.

Vera Zvonareva, a 6-4, 6-0 winner over Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi, meets Venus Williams.

In the quarterfinals, Davenport meets Patty Schnyder, a 3-6, 6-1 winner over Elena Dementieva.

Zen for ten?

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

For Phil Jackson, this could be the perfect playoffs.

If the stars align and the earth rotates right, the Los Angeles Lakers could be in the first round, de-felty Jerry West in the second round and torment Sacramento, Dallas or Minnesota in the conference finals.

And then it could really get good.

For Act IV, he'd break Reid Auerbach's record of nine NBA championships by outwitting Larry Bird or Larry Frank.

Nothing could compare — except maybe an act for two in Katmandu with the lovely Jeanie Buss at his side.

Or maybe being the first \$10 million-a-year NBA coach and trucking his triangle offense to a new NBA city a place where the daily dispositions of Kobe, Shaq, et al, could be slotted safely in his past.

Jackson will be free to take his act elsewhere this summer because his agent, Todd Muesberger, and Lakers owner Jerry Buss (Jeanie's dad) broke off negotiations on a contract extension earlier this season. Buss was publicly professing his dislike for the so-called Zen Master.

Of course, that came after Bryant opened the season by ripping O'Neal as "childlike," "unprofessional," "selfish," "fat" and "jealous," then closed it by hitting two spectacular 3-point shots against Portland that gave the Lakers the Pacific Division title.

Jackson was still stunned by the latest turn of events as he spoke with reporters in Los Angeles on Thursday.

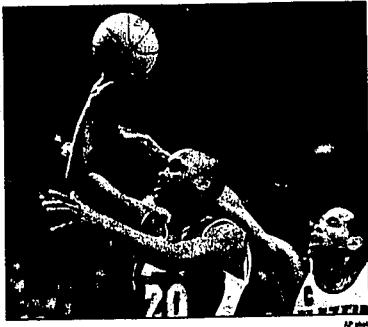
"It was a roller coaster ride to say the least," Jackson said. "And here we are. We'd sure like to get out players healthy and pumped."

The Lakers will begin their series against Houston on Saturday.

Does Jackson have another title run in him?



Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson answers questions about his team's chances in the playoffs at a news conference at the Healthouth Training Center in El Segundo, Calif., Thursday. The Lakers will face the Houston Rockets in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs on Saturday.



Los Angeles' Gary Payton (20) shoots while Portland's Derek Anderson defends during the first quarter Wednesday at the Rose Garden in Portland, Ore. The Lakers play their first game of the playoffs on Saturday.

one of four games scheduled that day along with Indiana-Boston, New York-New Jersey and San Antonio-Memphis.

Sunday's Game 5 is Milwaukee at Detroit, Dallas-Sacramento, New Orleans-Miami and Denver-Minnesota.

The Mavericks-Kings series figures to be a smorgasbord of offense, the league's two highest-scoring teams going against each other in a rematch of a seven-game series won last spring by Dallas.

The Grizzlies-Spurs series will introduce a substantial number of basketball veterans to a Memphis team that's an unfamiliar commodity to the casual fan.

The Pacers-Celtics series should give Indiana a chance to legitimize their talents to the folks outside of Indiana that Jermaine O'Neal keeps complaining about — the ones giving the Pacers no respect despite their 61 wins and 20-8 record against the more highly regarded West.

The other Van Gundy, Stan, brings in a Miami team that closed the season 17-4 to jump

up to fourth place in the Eastern Conference and earn home-court advantage against New Orleans, which left Jamal Mashburn off its playoff roster.

New York and New Jersey figure to have a series dominated by cheers for the Knicks, no matter where they play, and victories for the Nets, who are looking to make it back to the NBA Finals for the third consecutive year.

Minnesota finished with the West's best record and will try to make it to the second round following seven straight first-round exits, but the Kevin Garnett, Sam Cassell and Latrell Sprewell will have to get past rookie Carmelo Anthony and his Nuggets teammates who will be looking for a repeat of what NBA rarity — an eighth seed knocking off a No. 1 seed. It's happened only twice, but one of those teams was Denver a decade ago.

The Bucks, meanwhile, are stumbling into their series against Detroit after failing to win any of three games that would have given them the fourth seed and an easier first-round opponent. Milwaukee blew fourth-quarter leads all three times.

"Obviously, the Irish has left a bad taste in our mouth," Milwaukee coach Terry Porter said.

Jackson edited the post-season with a similar feeling almost a year ago after the Lakers were eliminated 4-2 by San Antonio in the second round, ending their string of three consecutive championships.

Minus Boykins, Nuggets begin playoff preparations

DENVER (AP) — Relishing their role as underdogs, the Denver Nuggets began preparations for the playoffs Thursday without one of their key reserves.

Point guard Earl Boykins missed Thursday's 90-minute practice after being poked in the right eye in Denver's 93-67 loss to San Antonio the night before.

Boykins is expected to be well, however, by the time Denver faces the Minnesota Timberwolves in the opener of the best-of-seven series Sunday.

"Earl will be fine," Nuggets coach Fred Hotelling said.

The Nuggets captured the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference with a 43-39 season that far exceeded expectations. Just a year earlier, the Nuggets were 17-65.

They were rewarded by being matched against top-seeded Minnesota (52-24), which ended the season by winning nine games in a row.

The Timberwolves won the season series 3-1.

"We played them tough at our place and beat them once," Bzdelick said. "We had an shot at beating them another time. But they're a great basketball team by a great player (Kevin Garnett)."

"We just have a very difficult task in front of us," he said.

The way Nuggets guard Jarry Brees it, the Timberwolves actually face more pressure. Making their eighth playoff appearance, they never have advanced past the first round.

"They've got a big monkey on their backs, having been out in the first round," Brees said. "Now they're a No. 1 seed. I'm sure no one will give us a chance. So it looks like the red carpet is laid out for them to go ahead and get to the second round. We've got nothing to lose."

The Nuggets, who like to push the pace and wear down opponents, aren't unhappy about the series schedule, which has two days off between each of his first five games.

VARSITY

Buhl, Wood River square off in SCIC softball showdown

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — This time, it's regional. Two of last year's best softball teams will meet in Hailey Saturday for a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference doubleheader when the Buhl Indians come to town to face the Wood River Wolverines. The Indians entered this year as the defending state champions and have made up for the loss of key seniors with quality pitching and a core group of young hitters that have played well. The Indians opened their season with a 12-3, (3-1 SCIC) record and seem to be gaining momentum as they mesh together, especially as a defensive unit.

"We've had a lot of young girls step up and contribute to the team," Buhl coach Steve Ordonez said. "They've backed up our pitching with good defense and have given them some run support."

The Buhl pitching duo of junior Whitney Ordonez and freshman Miranda Jucker has also been solid. Ordonez is 6-2 on the season while Jucker carries a 6-1 record. Despite only sulking up lone senior Megan Berks, the Buhl offense has been strong. Sophomore third baseman and catcher Brent Montgomery has been swinging the bat well all season.

"Buhl is a good example of the girls who have stepped up," Ordonez said. "She's only a sophomore but she's really hit the ball well and led us in that."

While the Indians' youth hasn't been a hindrance this far, Ordonez knows how hard his team will have to work in the latter stages of the season to keep momentum going.

"They could tighten up and let the pressure get to them," Ordonez said. "If they keep their confidence level up and don't let the pressure situations get to them, they should be fine."

Controversy causes Salmon High officials to consider new mascot

SALMON (AP) — Salmon High School is replacing its American Indian mascot, but it will still be the home of the "Savages." The Salmon Savages have been without a mascot since 1999, when the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and Media threatened to sue the school district for using an American Indian mascot and imagery on school signs and team uniforms. Student Council President Taylor Tibbitts said students are tired of going to tournaments without mascots. Last week, students narrowed the new mascot down to three possibilities: a grizzly bear, cyclone or caveman. The school will ask community and alumni to help choose which one best suits the school.

Baseball

Continued from D1
Christensen also had a big day, driving in four runs on 2-for-3 hitting. Sophomore infielder Blake Nielsen came in during the third inning and finished the game 2-for-2 with 3 RBIs. "Blake came in and played well for us," Federico said. "It's good to see a sophomore come in and make things happen." The loss drops Burley to 2-13 on the season. While any loss is hard for a coach to take, Palin knows his team will take something from this game.

"I'm not totally discouraged today," Palin said. "I think we learned something from this

Game of the Week

Buhl vs. Wood River

tournament, don't expect Saturday's games to lack intensity. "We have a lot of respect for them," Ordonez said. "But we also hope to do well against them. We can't let that friendship get in the way of our goals."

The season is young for the Wolverines, who were only 2-3 before their Thursday doubleheader against the Burley junior varsity team. Wood River has been hampered in the early part of its season by a slew of errors, something coach Chris Cey says can continue if his team expects to win big games.

"We've been error-loaded through the year," Cey said. "I don't think there's a game where we've committed less than four."

While the sloppy start is discouraging, Cey knows that his team has the tools, and the time, to turn the season around. "It's there for us, we just need to go out and do it," Cey said. "We're going to have to pitch well and have a low number of walks. It's those simple things that we haven't done yet."

Cey knows that the Wolverines pitching, and how his batters handle Ordonez and the Buhl pitching, will be critical.

"Ordonez is very solid," Cey said. "He pitches hard, but she pitches you well. We just need to hit it."

Baseball
Pocatello at Twin Falls
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Braves continue their week's homestand against the Pocatello Indians Saturday. The noon doubleheader will be important in the Region Four-Five-Six standings, as Twin Falls looks to make up for last weekend's conference loss against Highland.

"We can't afford another loss in conference," Bruins coach Mike Federico said. "We have to sweep through Pocatello to have a chance."

If the hot Bruin bats cool over the weekend, they will have to rely on aggressive base running and the experienced pitching rotation. If both the Bruins and the Minico Spartans pick up wins this weekend, it will be an all-out race between the rivals for the regular season conference championship.

Minico at Skyline
IDAHO FALLS — Minico will travel to Idaho Falls Saturday to take on Skyline in another important Region Four-Five-Six doubleheader. With the Spartans battling for position with Twin Falls and Highland, every conference win will be a big one from here on out.

The Spartans haven't posted the impressive offensive numbers that Twin Falls has so far this season, but have relied mostly on pitching and a lineup that is dangerous from the leadoff hitter to the ninth spot. If Minico can continue to get timely hits, it has the potential to come out on top of the conference standings before districts.

Track
Highland Invite
POCATELLO — The Burley and Minico track teams will take the long drive to Pocatello to compete in Saturday's Highland invite starting at 10 a.m. Both teams have been competitive all season, with the Spartans' strengths in the field and hurdles. The Bobcats, meanwhile, have been placing well in the distance events. Burley's Cole Jones has been solid in the discus and shot put while Minico's Matt Schenk has been a competitive long jumper and triple jumper. Both teams blew by Elko last Friday but will face tougher competition in Pocatello tomorrow.

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Filer's Ryan brings out big guns

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

FILER — With a pair of pistols, a rifle, and a shotgun, Filer junior David Ryan carries some big guns in the world of cowboy action shooting. But it isn't until Ryan steps on a baseball diamond when the avid shooter and Wildcat starting catcher unveils his biggest gun — a 33-inch long aluminum bat.

The three-year varsity player is hitting .540 this year and has already clubbed four home runs in the Wildcats' first 14 games. While Ryan's big bat has been a big reason why Filer is 12-2 on the season, the junior is quick to credit his teammates for the team's success.

"We're playing with a lot of heart and we're getting a lot of senior leadership," Ryan said. "Guys really want to play this year."

That passion for the game is something Ryan said has been lacking in the Wildcat dugout the last couple years, part of the reason Filer has been bounced from the District Four tournament by Kimberly the last four years.

"We just haven't come out to play and they've always been ready for us," Ryan said.

In fact, Ryan and the Wildcats are working on making the first trip to state in program history. This season looks to be Filer's best chance since 1958, when Ryan's older brother Andrew caught for the Wildcats.

"Remember my brother and the team sitting on the baseline, crying," Ryan said. "We don't want that to happen this year."

With a mix of solid hitting, aggressive base running, and a deep pitching staff, the Wildcats have all the tools to make a run at the championship. However, if the Filer bats start to cool, the Wildcats will have to tighten their defensive effort to win



David Ryan

close games. "We've been hitting the leather off the ball," Ryan said. "But I told the guys, 'It's our hitting that will win games and our fielding that will lose them for us.'"

No Filer player is under more pressure to play good defense than Ryan. As the starting catcher, he is part of every play, a far cry from last year when he mostly played left field.

"It's a challenge," Ryan said. "Left field wasn't near as intense as being behind the plate."

And catching probably puts Ryan in the best position to evaluate the ability of his team. "I think if we go to state there should be no reason why we can't take it," Ryan said. "Our team motto is, 'There's more der in the mouth.' We want our game to do the talking. I hope we're not peaking yet, but if we are, I hope we plateau and keep it going."

Off the field, Ryan competes in cowboys — action shooting with his dad, Steve, and is a cadet for the Twin Falls Police Department. He's also active in Filer

choir, football, and basketball.

Softball
Brittney Prigmore, Filer
Prigmore went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a walk, two RBIs, and four runs in Game 1 of the Wildcats' Tuesday road doubleheader against Wendell. The Wildcats swept the twin bill, 17-7 and 14-13, winning both games in six innings.

Track
Vanessa West, Jerome
West took first in both the shot put and discus throws during Wednesday's Farmers/Zions Bank Invitational Track Meet in Gooding. West threw the shot 36-feet-9.75 inches and sent the discus on a 119-5.5 ride. The Tigers girls finished first in the meet with a team score of 171 points.

Golf
Kevin Oden, Wendell
Oden led the Trojan boys golf team to a share of the title at Tuesday's match against Declo, Buhl, Magic Valley Christian and Oakley at Gooding Golf Course. Oden's score of 71 was good enough for first and helped the Trojan team tie Declo for first place at 330 strokes for the round.

Tennis
Jerome girls
The Jerome girls tennis squad swept Burley Tuesday, winning all five of their matches. Singles winners were Casandra Dean, Krista Ellis and Hailey Moore, while the teams of Ashley Blevins and Ashley Martin, and Lindsey Escover and Aftin Martens both pulled off two-set victories over the Bobcats.

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NASCAR

'Mr. Excitement' earns a ride

New sponsor likes Spencer's personality

By Keith Parsons
Associated Press writer

Jimmy Spencer earned the nickname "Mr. Excitement" early in his racing career for his hard-charging, rough-and-tumble driving style. He earned him well, too. He won back-to-back NASCAR Modified championships in 1986-87, then moved up through the Busch Series to what is now Nextel Cup. Along the way, he made his share of enemies on the track, and had notable run-ins with Ken Schrader and Kurt Busch.

Lately, Spencer only has lived up to his moniker of the track, since he started 2004 without a full-time ride. He drew criticism earlier this year when he questioned Toyota's entry into NASCAR through the truck series, saying it was Japan that "bombed Pearl Harbor, don't fear."

And last season, when he did have a job, Spencer was suspended for a race after punching Busch while he sat in his car in the garage. Spencer doesn't feel his antics cost him a ride. The team he drove for in 2003, Ultra Motorsports, lost its sponsor and had to drop its Cup program, and several others that had openings also failed to come up with financial backing for this year.

"A lot of teams are in that situation," Spencer said. "You'd have to ask other people."

Well, Larry McClure doesn't have a problem with "Mr. Excitement." The owner of one of



Driver Jimmy Spencer stands by his car on pit road prior to the start of the Nextel Series Samsung/RadioShack 500 race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas.

those teams looking for a sponsor, McClure fired Kevin Lepage after a poor start and hired Spencer, who finished 29th in his debut with the team at



Jeff Gordon, left, and Mark Martin, rear, drive past Jimmy Spencer (7) during the NASCAR New England 300 in this July 20, 2003, photo.

Texas about 10 days ago. "Quite frankly, I like his personality," McClure said. "Maybe he's said some things that other people didn't like, but that's just him. He says what's on his mind."

Spencer sat out five of the first seven races — he finished 24th in a one-race deal with the Winston Motorsports at Daytona — and that was the first time in his career he missed such a large portion of the schedule. In an effort to stay current on any technological changes, Spencer traveled to four events where he didn't have a ride. He hung out in the garage, talked to crewmen and with him. Brewer said and generally made sure his race was seen.

"I talked to some different people, tried to keep abreast of all the changes from last year to this year," Spencer said. "There's a big difference in the bodies on the cars and the tires, and I just want to make sure I didn't miss anything."

The run at Texas was hampered by running out of gas twice, and crew chief Tim Brewer took the blame.

"That didn't sit so well with him," Brewer said of Spencer. "But it was just an occupational hazard." That might also go for Spencer's demeanor off the track. He irritates NASCAR's chief executive officer, Mike Helton, and immediately after the accident, Spencer said, "If you mess with the bull, you get the horn." He later apologized.

Spencer's problems with Busch go back to a race at Bristol in 2002, when Busch bumped his way past Spencer for the victory. Later that season, Spencer nudged Busch into a spin into the wall at Indianapolis.

Their feud culminated last year at Michigan, where Busch admittedly rammed into Spencer to flatten one of Spencer's tires. After the race, Spencer waited for Busch to punch him, then punched him.

NASCAR suspended Spencer for the next race, which happened to be at Bristol. Judging from the reaction from fans, most of them sided with Spencer. Souvenir sales increased 40 percent at his truckside trailer, and when Busch won, his post-race victory celebration was marred by boos.

The fan support for Spencer carried over to his debut with McClure's team at Texas, several of them made a point of stopping by to commend the owner on his choice.

"I was surprised with just how much support we had there with him," McClure said. "It's amazing how popular our decision was. I think it's a good move for us."

Spencer thinks it's a good one for him, too. "It felt good to get back in the car again," he said. "We had a lot of little things go wrong but it was throwing pains. I think there's a lot of potential in this organization. We think we can be a top-10 team."

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Officials set sights on Seattle track — THIS WEEKEND'S RACES —

SEATTLE (AP) — Two sites near Seattle have been identified as possible locations for a NASCAR race track in the first formal proposal submitted. Marysville and Snohomish County officials said that an 80,000-seat Great Northwest Speedway facility would bring new jobs and an economic boost to the area.

The sites, each containing about 600 acres, are located east and west of Interstate 5 about 35 miles north of Seattle. Local and county officials met Tuesday with International Speedway Corp., the Daytona, Fla.-based company that owns 12-race tracks around the coun-

try and wants to build one in the Pacific Northwest. "They were very impressed," Marysville Mayor Dennis Kendall said. But the plan is expected to face competition from Thurston and Kitsap counties in Washington, and from Multnomah County in Oregon. ISM spokesman David Tilley said the Marysville proposal is the first to be submitted. But he said he doesn't know how long the siting process will take.

"We'll continue to look, we just don't have a timetable," he said Wednesday. "It's got to work for all involved."

He said the company is looking for a place in the Seattle or Portland areas. Criteria include roads, hotels, entertainment areas, transportation and room for expansion. The company hopes for three weekends a year of major motor sports, including a NASCAR Nextel Cup race, a NASCAR truck series race and an Indy Racing League event.

Drew Malinac, chief executive officer of the Oregon Sports Authority, said his group will make a proposal. Several sites within 90 minutes of Portland have been found, he said, but he would not disclose the locations.

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Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 1:10 p.m.); Sunday race (Fox, 11 a.m.)
That's all for the weekend. Spencer finished 29th in his debut with the team at Texas Motor Speedway on April 14. Sadler finished just two hundredths of a second ahead of Kahne for the eighth-closest finish in Cup history.

Last year, Jeff Gordon used the nose of his car to nudge Bobby Labonte out of the way on the first turn of the 487th lap and held on to win the Virginia 500 in Martinsville. Gordon has won three of the last four races at the track after taking the Subway 500 on Oct. 19.

Fast facts: Rookie Casey Kahne has three second-place finishes and a first-place showing in his third race. ... Rusty Wallace, who has a winless drought of 102 races, won five of the seven Cup races at Martinsville from 1993-96. ... Four drivers — Dale Jarrett, Mike Skinner, Stacy Compton and Mike Bliss — made their Nextel Cup debuts in Martinsville. ... Car owner Rick Hendrick has 10 wins at Martinsville — five each by Darrell Waltrip and Gordon.

Next race: Aaron's 499, April 25, Talladega, Ala.
On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

A look ahead
Nextel Cup schedule:
April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
May 2 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.
May 15 — Pontiac Performance 400, Richmond, Va.
May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 6 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
NASCAR Craftsman Trucks
May 16 — Ohio 250, Mansfield, Ohio
May 21 — Talladega 250, Concord, N.C.
June 4 — MBNA America 200, Dover, Del.
June 13 — O'Reilly 400K, Fort Worth, Texas
June 19 — O'Reilly 200, Memphis, Tenn.
NASCAR Busch schedule:
Talladega, Ala.
May 1 — 4800-PT-SHORECO 300, Los Angeles
May 8 — Charter 250, St. Louis
May 4 — NASCAR Busch Series 250, Richmond, Va.
May 23 — GoDicks Pumps ITT Industries 200, Nazareth, Pa.

NASCAR STANDINGS

NASCAR Nextel Cup Through April 15 Points

1. Kurt Busch, 1,032
2. Matt Kenseth, 817
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 993
4. Tony Stewart, 946
5. Elliott Sadler, 942
6. Jimmie Johnson, 923
7. Casey Kahne, 902
8. Kevin Harvick, 897
9. Jeff Gordon, 891
10. Ryan Newman, 834

Money

1. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., \$2,471,813.
2. Tony Stewart, \$1,973,038.
3. Matt Kenseth, \$1,493,335.
4. Elliott Sadler, \$1,422,905.
5. Kevin Harvick, \$1,343,720.
6. Casey Kahne, \$1,278,367.
7. Scott Wimmer, \$1,256,019.
8. Jeff Gordon, \$1,194,883.
9. Jimmie Johnson, \$1,155,229.
10. Dale Jarrett, \$1,103,986.

Busch Series Points

1. Michael Waltrip, 1033
2. David Green, 1025
3. Kyle Busch, 972
4. Martin Truex Jr., 969
5. Bobby Gordon, 968
6. Johnny Keller, 924
7. Johnny Sauter, 913
8. Bobby Hamilton III, 870
9. Tim Fedewa, 862
10. Johnny Benson, 829
11. Mike Bliss, 821
12. Kevin Harvick, 790
13. Ron Wood, 784
14. David Stremme, 783
15. Greg Biffle, 782
- (tie) Jason Leffler, 762
- (tie) Casey Kahne, 743
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9. Chad Chaffin, 262
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12. Bill Lester, 233
13. Ted Musgrave, 232
14. Tony Stewart, 229
15. Rick Crawford, 221
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17. Shane Sleg, 218
- (tie) Tracy Hines, 218
19. Steve Park, 206
- (tie) Steacy Martin, 206

line to win at the inaugural EasyCar 200 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway on March 13. Last year, Dennis Setzer passed Chad Reardon with 51 laps to go and held on through a series of late restarts to win the Advance Auto Parts 250, becoming the first truck driver to win twice on tight, narrow Martinsville Speedway.

Fast fact: Setzer won the 2002 race from the 33rd starting position. ... Carl Edwards, who trails standings leader Travis Knapp by four points, has two top-five finishes and his only career pole in a Hank Parker Jr., Tina Gordon and Rick Crawford were all hospitalized after an accident in Atlanta.

Next race: Ohio 250, May 16, Mansfield, Ohio
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WORLD

Australia will abolish Aboriginal affairs commission

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—The government announced plans Thursday to abolish Australia's commission on Aboriginal affairs, saying it has failed to improve conditions for the country's poorest, sickest and least-educated minority group.

In a sweeping reform of the government's indigenous policy, Prime Minister John Howard said he will introduce legislation

in Parliament next month to dissolve the 16-year-old Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

The commission, widely referred to as ATSIC, advises all levels of government on indigenous issues.

With 17 commissioners elected by Aboriginal voters and a budget of more than \$600 million, it administers government-funded projects

aimed at improving their way of life.

"We believe very strongly that the experiment in elected representation for indigenous people has been a failure," Howard said.

"We will not replace ATSIC with an alternative body."

Aborigines number about 400,000 in Australia, a country of 20 million.

They receive \$1 billion a year

in welfare and other payments — about \$4,500 per person.

Aborigines in many remote communities suffer health problems such as low birth weight and trachoma that are more commonly associated with developing nations.

Their life expectancy is about 20 years lower than the rest of Australian society, and substance abuse and domestic violence are rife.



A Bangladeshi family sits outside of their destroyed house Thursday after tornadoes tore through Mymensingh district, 70 miles north of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Tornadoes killed at least 48 people, injured hundreds and blew away thousands of flimsy huts.

Tornadoes kill dozens in northern Bangladesh

NETROKONA, Bangladesh (AP) — Tornadoes swept through northern Bangladesh, killing at least 55 people, injuring hundreds and blowing away thousands of flimsy huts, officials said Thursday.

The twisters hit nearly two dozen farming villages in the neighboring districts of Netrokona and Mymensingh on Wednesday night.

Most people were home after celebrating Pahela Baisakh, the Bengali New Year's Day, which features colorful parades and fairs.

Thousands were left homeless and spent the night in open fields, witnesses said.

"We lost everything," said Farukhan Burman of the hardest-hit village of Gazaria.

At least 35 people, including 700 injured in Netrokona, 80 miles north of the capital, Dhaka, officials said. At least 20 others were confirmed dead in Mymensingh, said rural council member Delwar Hossain.

Rescue workers said the death toll could rise because dozens of people were missing and close to 1,000 hurt, many of them seriously.

"There has been a stream of

injured people coming here. They have come with broken legs, hands or cuts in heads," said Nazul Islam Fakir, a doctor at Netrokona Medical College Hospital. He said medicine and doctors were being sent from the capital.

Eight bodies were found in the rubble of twisted tin roofs and trees in Mymensingh after a tornado swept through five farming villages in the region, said Delwar Hossain, a rural council member.

Four others died in the hospital and at least 100 were injured.

Reporters at the scene said almost nothing was left standing along the path of the funnel cloud.

Amiruddin Akhand, a 70-year-old farmer in Samunipara village, had just finished his evening prayer when the storm hit.

"As I left my prayer mat I heard a roaring sound and saw the roof of my house disappear in the darkness," said Akhand, tending to his injured son Abdul Hamid. "It looked like the world was coming to end."

Bangladesh, a delta nation of 140 million people, is often buffeted by tropical storms.

Israeli whistleblower has no regrets, brother says

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu believes his disclosure of Israel's nuclear secrets provoked an essential debate on nuclear weapons and has no regrets over the action that sent him to prison for 18 years, his brother told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Vanunu is due to be released Wednesday after completing his term for treason and espionage. He plans to go to court to challenge restrictions on his movement, to be imposed after his release.

Vanunu disclosed details and photos of Israel's top-secret nuclear plant and the country's reputed nuclear weapons arsenal to The Sunday Times of London in 1986. He subsequently was investigated in Europe by the Mossad intelligence agency and spirited to Israel for trial.

In an AP interview on Thursday a day after visiting Vanunu in prison, his brother, Meir, said Vanunu has no second

thoughts. "It is obvious that Mordechai regrets nothing in his action," he said.

Based partly on photographs that Vanunu provided to the Sunday Times, it is widely believed Israel has a large stockpile of nuclear weapons. The CIA recently estimated Israel has 200-400 nuclear weapons.

Israel has an official policy of "nuclear ambiguity," saying only that it won't be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East.

Meir Vanunu said his brother's action put an effective end to the policy. "Nuclear ambiguity — there's not much left of it," he said.

Senior Israeli officials have suggested that Vanunu may still have sensitive security information and could divulge it after his release, but Meir Vanunu denied that. "Mordechai spoke to the Sunday Times in 1986," he said. "Everything he had to say he said then."

Depressed elephant gets relocated

SANTA FE, Argentina (AP) — Veterinarians had to be called in to treat an elephant "depressed" about being separated from her circus troupe.

Messy was taken from the circus grounds last week after local authorities said her participation in the public shows violated a city ordinance.

The elephant showed signs of

distress soon after being transported to El Recreo, a town 300 miles north of Buenos Aires.

Veterinarians from the nearby Santa Fe Zoo were consulted and recommended that Messy be moved again. Authorities said they were looking for another place for Messy to stay while the circus tours over the next few days.

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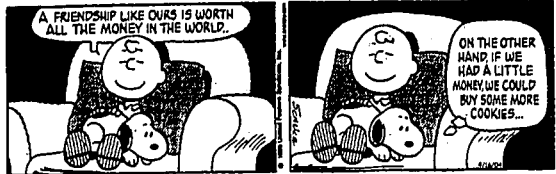
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|  <p>"Meow" is a short-haired, gray adult. Everyone's favorite cat!</p> <p>Shoshone Veterinary Hospital, LTD Dr. Ofer Itzhak, D.V.M. Dr. Katie Smith D.V.M. Dr. John Gallup D.V.M. Large & Small Animal medicine & surgery, Dairy & food, pet health care, Equine, & horses, dental, health products, boarding, after hours emergency service.</p> <p>Medicine & Surgery 508 N. Greenwood Shoshone • (208) 886-2352</p> |  <p>"Cisco" is a 4-month old border collie/cross male. He's ready to learn.</p> <p>ACE PRINTING is pleased to be a sponsor of this pet.</p> <p>208-733-8623 Fax: 208-733-8628 250 Main Ave. N. Twin Falls</p> |  <p>"Lulu" is a calico female adult who is purr-fect for any home.</p> <p>Sponsored by Linda Stevenson</p> |  <p>"Cici" is a female black pomeranian with a little age and a lot of love.</p> <p>"People for Pets" Adopt this loving animal at 139 6th Ave. West Twin Falls • 736-2299 www.magickink.com/web/petonline</p> |
|  <p>"Gus" is a neutered black lab male, housetrained and great with other dogs, cats and kids.</p> <p>Pump & Irrigation Sales • Service Parts • Supplies 324-3341 Jerome, Idaho</p> |  <p>"Jasper" is a declawed neutered silver Persian adult, your Fancy Feast replica.</p> <p>ARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL Small & Large Animals Dr. Bill Fultzer Mon-Fri: 8am - 6pm • Sat: 8am-1pm 24-Hour Emergency Service 678-1177 750 21st St. Heyburn (Allstate Rd)</p> |  <p>"Ginger" was recently adopted! She'd like you to come in and adopt a friend.</p> <p>Sawtooth Veterinary Services 988 W. Main Street • Jerome, ID 324-5151</p> <p>We proudly support Adopt-A-Pet Charles W. Schabacker, DVM James L. Gryan, DVM Aaron P. Coombs, DVM Complete medical, dental, diagnostic & surgical services</p> |  <p>"Catt" is declawed and spayed, tabby/white, slightly overweight and very affectionate.</p> <p>Green Acres Pet Center Affordable Pet Care at it's Finest! Adopt this pet & bring it to us for a free exam!</p> <p>M-F 7:30-6 SAT 9-3 868 Green Acres Dr. Twin Falls Located 1 block N. of Falls Ave. off Blue Lake Blvd. N. 734-2711</p> |

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

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By Scott Adams



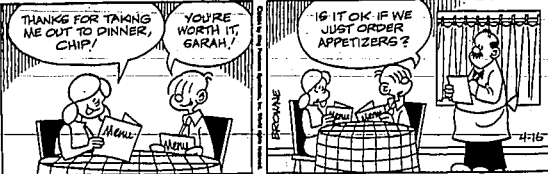
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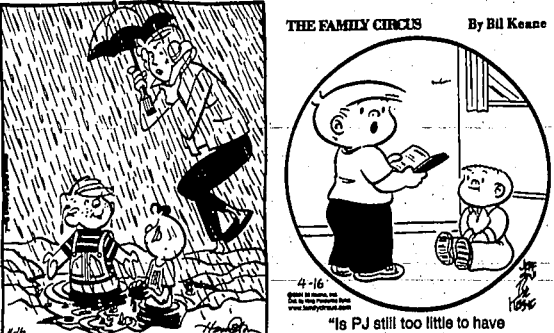
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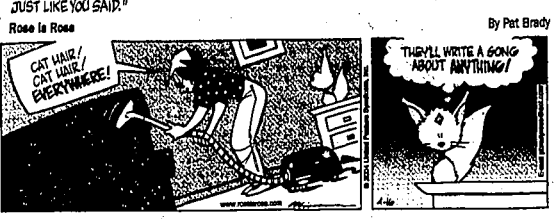
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By Pat Brady



By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



By Greg Evans



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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

March receipts boost budget

BOISE—Strong March tax collections have convinced Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief economist that revenues will hit the nearly \$2.1 billion by June that the governor counted on for his budget.

Tax receipts last month were \$7.5 million higher than projected, nearly double what preliminary figures in early April suggested. Higher personal income taxes, particularly paycheck withholdings, and strong premium tax payments from insurance companies were behind the revenue surge.

It reduced a cash deficit to just over \$24 million, and chief economist Michael Ferguson said Thursday that all of that and possibly more will be expected during the first three months of the state's fiscal year. He said the entire temporary shortfall was due to accelerated income tax refund claims that will not show up as earlier expected in April and May.

Kempthorne's budget plan contemplates a surplus of around \$70 million at the end of June that can be used to carry the state through the 2005-2006 budget year after the temporary penny increase in the sales tax expires in 15 months.

While Kempthorne has acknowledged the severe constraints that plan would impose on the state and the political problems it would cause lawmakers, he has argued that the economic recovery will be stronger than his plan anticipates and ease the financial crunch.

Landlord workshops explain housing

TWIN FALLS—Property owners, managers and landlords in south-central Idaho are invited to one of two free workshops Thursday at the Idaho Housing and Finance Association branch office at 844 Washington St. N., Suite 300.

"The workshops will focus on the informational briefing that all program participants must attend prior to receiving assistance," said IHFA branch supervisor Sunny Jensen. "Landlords, property owners and prospective landlords will be able to experience exactly what a program participant learns and hear just before they go out looking for a unit to rent."

The workshops will conclude with information about the Family Self-Sufficiency program and other programs administered by the association's Twin Falls office, Jensen said.

The two-hour workshops will be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and those planning to attend must call to reserve space: call IHFA's Twin Falls office at 734-8531, or toll-free at 1-866-234-3435.

IHFA administers Section 8 rental assistance on behalf of HUD. In 2003, IHFA administered over \$4.9 million in housing assistance payments to participating south-central Idaho landlords in the Section 8 program, benefiting 2,175 low-income households. To be eligible for rental assistance, households must qualify under HUD income limits and pay 30 percent of their adjusted gross monthly income for rent and utilities.

Bank reports solid first-quarter profits

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Solid growth in consumer lending as well as in investment and brokerage services boosted first-quarter profits at Bank of America Corp. after Wall Street analysts' expectations.

The Charlotte, N.C.-based bank, with Magic Valley branches, said Wednesday its net income totaled \$2.62 billion, or \$1.88 per share, in the January-March quarter, up 11 percent from the \$2.42 billion, or \$1.59 per share, a year earlier. Revenue rose 7 percent to \$9.69 billion.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had forecast earnings of \$1.80 per share.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Thrift store giant prospers

By Sarah Linn
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Fun, funky and eco-friendly—that's how Pacific Northwesters describe the region's thriving thrift store scene, which ranges from hipster secondhand stores to giant chains like Goodwill.

Retail revenue at the Goodwill's operations in Oregon and southwest Washington leads Goodwills throughout North America—bringing in \$62 million last year, according to company reports.

Goodwill officials credit the nonprofit charity's success in the region to aggressive sales campaigns, top executives, and redesigned stores. It's also helped by the fact that Portland is less cluttered than many other cities—the kind of place where secondhand merchandise is seen as cool.

"We're loose," said Mercedes Simone, 26, as she sifted through 400 pounds of used clothes, used to be the outlet for the Goodwill Outlet store in southeast Portland. "We're laid-back. We don't have to spend \$200 on a purse."

Simone, who sports a black newsboy cap she bought for 20 cents, used to visit the outlet every day as a "picker"—reselling her finds to upscale boutiques and dealers for overseas merchants.

Now she shops there a few days a week for herself and her two young daughters.

"There's definitely the regulars," she said. "They're like cows waiting for a trough to be filled."

Competition among thrifters, as they call themselves, can become so fierce that fights break out. Simone said. She's recently exchanged blows herself about eight years ago when a woman ripped a gray 1950s dress from her hands.



The latest face of Goodwill, known as the Superstore, offers customers neat rows of clothing, household appliances and toys running through the 18,000-square-foot space, flanked by a large book section and a tiny cafe in Portland, Ore., Friday. Goodwill considers the Superstore the flagship in its fleet of stores in Oregon and southwest Washington.

With its massive bins, concrete floors and harsh lighting, the warehouse-like outlet is the last of a dying breed. Goodwill officials say, essentially unchanged from the first stores that opened in 1927.

"But three miles down the road, shoppers can see the new face of Goodwill, a gleaming tile-and-glass structure known as the Superstore."

Neat rows of clothing, household appliances and toys fill the 18,000-square-foot space, flanked by a large book section, a tiny cafe and a section that sells new, generic-brand items such as snack food and soap. There's a colorful mosaic on one wall, "Goodwill Retrospective," by Mark Little.

Goodwill considers the Superstore, which opened in 1994, the flagship in its 170-tonomous fleet of 33 stores in Oregon and southwest Washington.

"They're not the typical thrift stores," said Tius Herman, who heads Goodwill's four-person marketing department in Portland. "They are contemporary. They are clean. They are open."

Each store follows the same basic setup, enabling customers to find shoes, furniture or kitchen wares quickly. Donated goods stay on the retail floor for a maximum of three weeks before being sent to outlet stores—there, the turnaround rate is a few hours.

Unsold clothing and shoes are shipped to developing nations. About 65 percent of the 121 million pounds of donations received last year by Goodwill's regional operations was salvaged or resold, said spokeswoman Dale Emanuel. That's good for a charity that sometimes takes in damaged donations, she said.

Many credit CEO Michael Miller with revitalizing the charity—and its sales.

Miller took the helm of Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette in 1996, bringing with him nearly a decade of experience in Goodwills in Milwaukee and Dayton, Ohio.

Under Miller's leadership, the Portland Goodwill has

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Jobless claims jump by 30,000

By Martin Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON—New claims for unemployment benefits increased last week by 30,000, the biggest jump in 16 months. Still, analysts said Thursday they believe the labor market has turned a corner, pointing the way to a sustainable economic recovery.

The Labor Department reported that there were 350,000 newly unemployed workers filing for jobless benefits last week. Only a week earlier, the number was 330,000, the lowest in more than three years.

The increase was far above the 7,000 rise in new claims that analysts had expected. It was the largest one-week gain since December 2002, when the country was struggling to rebound from the 2001 recession.

Analysts pointed to a number of factors that skewed last week's number. For one, it was the first week in a new quarter, a time when claims often temporarily surge.

Even with the increase, jobless claims remained below 350,000—a level generally seen as denoting an improving job market. Also seen as encouraging was the decline of continuing claims by 22,000, to 2.98 million last week. That was the lowest since July 2001 and an indication that unemployed workers are having more luck getting work.

The best indication of the job market's improvement was the

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U.S. acts to shut down tax fraud

By Albert B. Crenshaw
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—The government is asking a federal court to shut down what it charged is a wide-ranging system of tax fraud that has misled about 100,000 taxpayers into taking improper deductions and credits, and has cost the U.S. Treasury \$324 million in tax revenue.

The civil case, filed Tuesday in Los Vegas by the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service, accused the National Adult Defense Network (NADN), a group of related companies and 13 individuals of selling phony home-based internet businesses that promise thousands of dollars in tax credits under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The suit also seeks to bar the group and its 13 individual defendants from preparing federal income tax returns, and asks the court to order the defendants to turn over their

customer lists.

"The scale of this scheme is truly staggering," Internal Revenue Commissioner Mark Everson said in a written statement. "As we've said time and time again, people shouldn't fall prey to schemes and scams. No matter how slick the sales pitch, taxpayers should be wary of anyone promising to eliminate their taxes. There is no secret way to escape paying taxes, either through a home-based business or any other scam."

Scott McTiggett, a Las Vegas lawyer who represents NADN, said Wednesday he had not seen the government's complaint and could not comment. Paul Raymond, a Newport Beach, Calif., lawyer who represents two of the individuals, said his clients, without admitting wrongdoing, had agreed to a permanent injunction and permanent cooperation with the government.

Lawyers for other defendants did not respond to requests for comment left at their offices or

on their answering machines.

According to the government, NADN has been cheating both its own customers and the IRS. The company and related firms sold bogus Web sites, home-based businesses and incorporation packages that purported to entitle the buyer to big write-offs, the charges said.

After paying fees, customers are supposed to be able to claim to have a business with a Web site, and thus be able to claim tax deductions and credits for "modifying" the site to comply with the ADA, the government's complaint said.

The government said the group charges customers \$2,495 each to modify the Web site, plus a sham \$7,800 promissory note meant to inflate the total cost to \$10,475.

It said the network tells purchasers that they can claim \$5,000 ADA income-tax credits and \$5,475 business tax deductions.

In reality, according to court papers, purchasers never re-

ceived their own Web sites or their own ADA modifications. Instead, NADN was selling a single Web site over and over—17,000 times, the government said.

The supposed modifications to comply with ADA were made only once, though each purchaser was charged, and the activity did not qualify for a tax break, according to the court papers.

The government said that although the sites were sold as businesses, the sales pitches drop "any pretense that NADN is selling a real business and confirms that it is selling a purported tax credit wrapped in a so-called website."

More than two years ago, the Federal Trade Commission brought a complaint against NADN for allegedly failing to honor its money-back guarantee. FTC attorney Janice Charter said that case remains in litigation, but is awaiting the outcome of a bankruptcy filing last summer.

Prices surge as inflation returns

By Jerry Hirsch
and Tom Petruo
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—Inflation is back.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Wednesday that its most closely watched inflation measure rose 0.5 percent in March. And in the first three months of the year, the consumer price index surged at an annual rate of 5.1 percent—compared with the 1.9 percent pace it averaged throughout 2003.

Although most of the attention has been captured by the run-up in gasoline prices—they shot up 5.5 percent last month after climbing 2.5 percent in February—the biggest surprise was the 0.5 percent rise in January. The BLS data provide evidence that a growing number of goods and services cost more.

Consumers have noticed. "Prices have been going up steadily," said Joan Nicolle as she placed milk and eggs in her grocery cart at the Ralphs supermarket in Seal Beach, Calif.

Indeed, over the last six months, food has become steadily more expensive, according to BLS data. During that period, the year-over-year rise in seasonally adjusted prices for groceries has averaged more than 3.9 percent, the biggest sustained increase in eight years. That was about double the increase in prices for all consumer goods and services during the same period.

The BLS said the biggest inflation rate—which excludes energy and food costs—jumped 0.4 percent in March and was running at a 2.9 percent annual rate through the first three months of this year.

Just a year ago, the Federal Reserve was struggling with the question of whether the nation was headed into a deflationary cycle that would stifle economic growth and hope of an

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Delta, pilots head toward a showdown

By Harry R. Weber
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA—Delta Air Lines and its pilots union appear headed for a showdown over wage concessions after the nation's third-largest carrier reported another huge quarterly loss, warned of mounting debt and said radical changes might be needed to turn things around.

The Atlanta-based company has not been able to reach a deal with pilots to cut their pay during on-again, off-again talks over the past year, and both sides remained steadfast in their positions Wednesday as Delta posted a \$387 million first-quarter loss.

The situation puts Delta on a dangerous course. At its current rate of burning cash—\$500 million in the January-March period—the airline only has enough cash on hand to cover its obligations for a few months. The carrier also has \$20.6 billion in debt and a falling credit rating, making it more expen-

sive to borrow.

Airline industry analyst Ray Nield of Blyskal & Partners in New York said Delta is in no immediate danger of bankruptcy. But he said if the airline doesn't get an agreement on deep pilot wage cuts in the next nine to 12 months, there may not be any other alternative.

"There's no furniture left to sell," Nield said.

Delta chief executive Gerald Grinstein told analysts during a conference call Wednesday after releasing the airline's latest loss figures that "continued losses of this magnitude are unsustainable."

Highlighting Delta's heavy debt load, Grinstein added that "our balance sheet has been severely damaged, to the point of exhaustion."

At the end of March, Delta had \$2.18 billion in cash, down from \$2.71 billion at the end of December.

Grinstein said "dramatic and radical changes" might be needed to return the airline to profitability.

He refused to elaborate, say-

ing a review of potential options could last until late summer.

He has said previously the carrier would fight to avoid bankruptcy.

The company is seeking a 30 percent pay cut from pilots, who are offering only 9 percent and to forego a 4.5 percent raise they are due in May, the pilots union has previously said.

Pilots union spokesman Chris Renkel said he was disappointed by the company's firm stance on wage cuts.

"We have expressed our willingness to negotiate from the very start and have not shut the door on any kind of interim talks," Renkel said. "But their tenacity in sticking to their opening position does not provide a framework for moving forward."

Delta is under assault from low-cost carriers such as JetBlue Airways and AirTran Airways, which are expanding rapidly by wooing customers with inexpensive fares.

Delta has responded by selling cheap tickets, although it

cannot fly profitably at such levels because of its high operating costs—a problem that has been exacerbated lately by the high cost of jet fuel.

"Even an increase in traffic isn't the answer to our company's problems," Grinstein said.

Several analysts asked Grinstein Wednesday if he would consider raising cash through an initial public offering of stock in Delta's regional subsidiaries.

While suggesting that wasn't likely, Grinstein repeated that the airline hasn't ruled out any options.

Delta has lost more than \$3 billion and laid off 16,000 employees since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"In recent months, Delta has taken several steps to try and improve the airline's bottom line."

It started a food-for-sale program on some flights and launched a redesign of its uniforms for flight attendants, airport agents and other workers.

MONEY

Three-Hours

BOISE — Following is a list of businesses filed during March with the Idaho secretary of state's office...

- 3D Concessions LLC, Jenn Demery, 934 Grandwood Court, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
All American Printing, Kevin R. Christopheron, 4252 W. 1600 E., Burley, ID 83307.

Jobless

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Coming Saturday

It will print more of the newest news in Magic Valley business in Saturday's edition.

NEW BUSINESSES

- Byrnm, ID 83318.
B & F Modern Service, Clint Bering, P.O. Box 4263, Halley, ID 83335.
C & J Trucking, David B. Walters, 1020 Idaho Highway 75, Bellevue, ID 83313.

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Increased its retail revenue tenfold, earned six awards honoring retail excellence from Goodwill Industries International.

The retail success of Goodwill's regional operations has allowed it to expand its services programs, said Miller, who coordinated more than \$353,000 in 2002.

The regional Goodwill employed 1,059 people in 2002, and provided job-placement and training services for 5,299 others. Most have disabilities and special needs — what Miller calls "barriers to employment."

According to Herman, Miller has encouraged Goodwill to be more aggressive in attracting customers. More than 70 Goodwill uses the print, radio and television advertisements created by Portland's marketing staff.

The regional Club Goodwill program targets retailers and malls with glossy mailings about monthly deals and special sales. And an online auction house, www.shopgoodwill.com, competes with Web giants such as eBay.

Company research shows that the typical Goodwill customer is a 40-year-old married woman with about two kids and a household income of \$35,000.

Shoppers range from middle-class bargain hunters and families on a budget, to trend-savvy teens looking for retro threads.

In the olden days, the poor shopped at Goodwill and the rich donated, said Dave Baringer, vice president of marketing and communications for Goodwill in Portland.

"Now our average shopper and our average donor aren't that different," Baringer says. He himself occasionally buys merchandise from Goodwill — jackets and other clothing for his two teenage sons who "grow like weeds."

Goodwill's competitors say the Portland charity has raised standards — and interest — in the thrift store industry.

One of its biggest area rivals is the Bellevue, Wash.-based Savers Inc., which operates seven for-profit stores in Oregon and 27 in Washington state. Company officials say Savers uses many similar marketing techniques to draw in many of the same customers.

"Thrift shoppers tend to be thrifty," said Becky Henchman, senior communications manager for Savers Inc. "The nature of our business is that everything is one of a kind. It's not like you're going to find a comparison shopping for that one item."

Pacific Northwesters have few qualms about scouring retail outlets and upstarts second-hand shops for deals, said Tracy Webb, who owns the Red Light Clothing Exchange, a boutique in southeast Portland.

The store, which pulled in \$1.5 million last year, draws local customers and tourists alike with its vintage rock concert T-shirts, Levi's jeans and leather jackets. Britney Spears last month topped away \$490 worth of Red Light clothing, including a couple of suede coats and a floppy, 1970s-style hat.

"Vintage has never been so popular," she said. "That's what most people don't seem to understand."

Some veteran thrifters worry the corporate success of Goodwill's greater publicity are leading to higher prices and greater competition for hard-to-find treasures.

Already, Portland bargain hunter Steve Slocum says, thrift stores are putting their best-dressed items on the shelves.

"They are a little greedy at times," said Slocum, who estimates he spent \$15,000 on antiques, furniture and electrical equipment at Goodwill over the past three years. His inventory includes a \$300 kayak, a military flight suit, and several packages of brand new sandpaper.

"Tips to the Goodwill are about finding something unique and interesting and having fun," Slocum said. "There's always the chance I'll find something."

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645 Fawnbrook Ave. #254, Twin Falls, proposal to change name to Linda Sue Virgin has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being applicant wants her maiden name back. The petitioner's father has died and the names and addresses of the petitioner's near relatives are Barbara and Chuck Spence (Mother and Stepfather), 3550 New Meadows, Idaho 83654. Such petition will be heard at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on May 9, 2004, in courtroom number 5 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name. WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 28th day of March, 2004. By Gary Daw, Clerk PUBLISH: April 9, 16 and 23, 2004

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS DISTRICT CASE NO. CV-03-5204. The claim against the defendant arising from an automobile accident on or about 16, 2002, in front of 1842 Highland Avenue in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless you, if you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should immediately so notify so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. The nature of the claim against you is to quiet title. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: 1. The title and number of this case. 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you may pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above named Court. DATED This 18th day of April, 2004. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By Gary Daw, Deputy Clerk PUBLISH: March 26, April 2, 9, 16 and 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS Case No. CV-04-1577 NOTICE OF HEARING IN RE: LINDA SUE WILSON A Petition by Linda Sue Wilson, born on May 31, 1957 in Jamestown, State of North Dakota now residing at

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS Case No. CV 03-2004 ANOTHER SUMMONS SUSAN FITZPATRICK, Plaintiff, vs. SHAWN CHANDLER, Defendant. To: Shawn Chandler You have been sued by Susan Fitzpatrick, the Plaintiff, in the Magistrate Court in and for Twin Falls, Idaho, Case No. CV 03-2004. The claim against the defendant arising from an automobile accident on or about 16, 2002, in front of 1842 Highland Avenue in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless you, if you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should immediately so notify so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. The nature of the claim against you is to quiet title. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: 1. The title and number of this case. 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you may pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above named Court. DATED This 18th day of April, 2004. CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By Gary Daw, Deputy Clerk PUBLISH: March 26, April 2, 9, 16 and 2004

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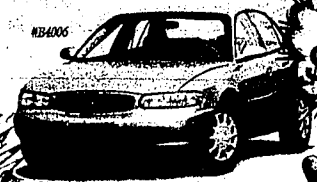
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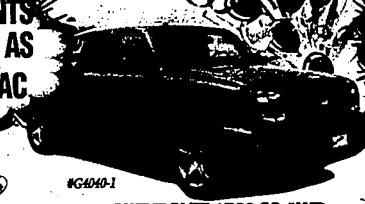
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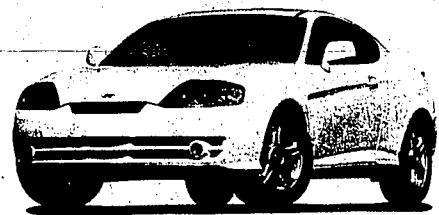
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