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DESERT DANCERS



A decked out sage grouse performs a courtship dance as the sun rises over a mating ground, called a lek, near Salmon Falls Creek.

Sage grouse put on a spectacular show

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

ROGERSON - Few venture deep enough into Idaho's sagebrush country to know its mysteries, such as the popping sound before dawn that can begin as early as January and continue well into spring.

From 75 mph on Interstate 84, the desert plains can appear a harsh sea of sagebrush that spews tumbleweeds into traffic. But set foot on the high desert at Brown's Bench above Salmon Falls Creek after an April rain, and the scent of sage hangs in the air. And one of few animals equipped to digest the potent shrub - the sage grouse - is out before sunrise to perform its stimulant, mating dance that can be heard on a still morning a mile away. Many fear it could vanish from the range like the buffalo.

"They really are the icon of what remains of the American West. The sage grouse is the one animal that represents what is left of the open Western landscapes, and when they are gone, that will

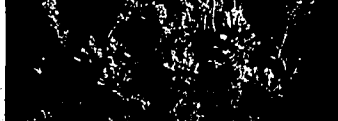
be gone," said Kent Christopher, a Rexburg school teacher who volunteers for the North American Grouse Partnership.

In the next year, researchers and Westerners will debate whether the grouse should be added to the endangered species list, some argue it's the only way to save the bird's habitat. Others such as Christopher say listing won't guarantee the bird's stability, but that a team effort and political resolve could.

The dance

Camouflaged under its black and brown mottled feathers, the sage grouse becomes nothing more than a set of blinking eyes on the landscape. But puffed out in full courtship display, the male bird's white breast is visible by the light of the full moon from many yards distance.

On a recent morning at Brown's Bench, two birds emerge on the lek - the meadow mating ground - followed by a third and a fourth. Then the rhythm begins. It's an "underwater" kind of swish, baloop, baloop, swish,



Whyling big sage is just one variety of sagebrush.

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Dave Mall

baloop, baloop, with a hollow "pop" popping out the second and third notes. The birds ruffle their white chests - the swish - and fill and release air sacs that hang from their breasts - the baloop.

"I'm always ready for them to start singing. Putting on the Ritzy," said Dave Musil, a biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. They've got their tuxedos

and black ties on."

The male grouse, which can weigh up to 7 pounds, are decked out in their best. Their brown tails are spread in decadent, speckled fans, flipped up in the back in pointed wedges. Their heads are crowned with plumes of feathers.

The dance is a back-and-forth strut across guarded territory complete with posturing and nose-to-nose contact between birds that dare to violate boundaries. Juvenile males know enough

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President Bush with Gen. Tommy Franks Dec. 28, 2001, in Crawford, Texas.

Bush said '01 meeting was about Afghanistan

General says they discussed plans for war in Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Following an important meeting on Iraq war planning in late 2001, President Bush told the public that the discussions were about Afghanistan. He made no mention afterward about Iraq even though that was the real focus of the session at his ranch.

"I'm right now focused on the military operations in Afghanistan," Bush told reporters after talks on Dec. 28, 2001, with top aides and generals.

A "war update" was the White House description of the news conference Bush held with Gen. Tommy Franks, who was in charge of the Afghan war as head of U.S. Central Command.

Details of the meeting's focus on Iraq have since emerged in a recent speech by Franks, who now is retired, and in a new book by Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward. The book says Franks summarized Afghan operations before turning to planning for war in Iraq - the point of the gathering.

In a Washington speech last month, Franks said he discussed with the president on that day the "growing storm" and the need to revise a long-standing military contingency plan for Iraq.

The meeting occurred while U.S. forces were in the heat of searching through the mountainous region of Afghanistan where Osama bin Laden had been hiding near Tora Bora. According to Woodward's book, the meeting of the war cabinet included Maj. Gen.

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Marines face tough times in Iraq

By Ron Harris
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

CAMP AL QAIM, Iraq - Lt. Jason Johnston couldn't hold back his frustration.

"I don't think the American people understand that this is full-blown guerrilla warfare," he said as he stood inside one of the cramped barracks housing scores of Marines in this remote outpost.

"This is the real war. Last year was a cakewalk." Johnston is one of the thousands of Marines who have returned to Iraq following only four months back in the United States after fighting their way from the deserts of Kuwait to Baghdad last year. They get

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Marine Pfc. Charles Koczan, 18, of Granger, Indiana, guards a detainee in a chicken coop Wednesday in Fallujah, Iraq. A high powered sniper rifle was found in the Iraqi man's car after he was stopped by Marines as he drove past their position in northwest Fallujah.

Two U.S. police officers die in Kosovo shootout

The Associated Press

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) - A Jordanian policeman opened fire on a group of international U.N. police in Kosovo on Saturday, killing two Americans before he was killed when officers returned fire. Ten American officers and an Austrian were wounded.

The shootout erupted when a group of correctional officers - 21 Americans, two Turks and an Austrian - were leaving the detention center after a day of training. They came under fire from at least one of a group of Jordanians on guard at the prison, said Neeraj Singh, a

J.N. spokesman.

The officers shot back in a gunbattle that lasted about 10 minutes. It was not immediately clear what prompted the Jordanian to shoot.

"As far as we know, there was no communication between the officer who fired and the group of victims," Singh said, adding that investigators looking into the incident were questioning four Jordanian officers.

The Jordanian government expressed regret for the incident in a statement and said it also was investigating the shooting. Jordan's official Petra

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Inside stress Why it's deadly. Monday

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Coming home Christian band comes back to T.F. Saturday

A new Fido Dye your dog. Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with rain showers developing. Highs near 64.
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy with a few additional rain showers possible. Lows near 38.
Tomorrow: Clouding back up with rain possible. Highs near 57.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Windy and cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.
Tonight: Cool. Rain showers mixing with snow late. Lows in the lower to middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 50s.

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BOISE

Seasonal temperatures, partly to mostly cloudy skies and isolated scattered rain showers likely today through Wednesday. Drier conditions moving in later in the week.

NORTHERN UTAH

Cool and cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers developing today. Snow at times with isolated showers possible Monday.

Weather forecast table for Boise, Northern Utah, and Idaho's forecast with columns for High/Low, Wind, and Precipitation.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast table for Twin Falls showing weather icons, conditions, and high/low temperatures for Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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Almanac table for Twin Falls including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

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Moon phases table showing New Moon, First Qr., Full Mo., and Last Qr. for April 2004.

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Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Bonanza, Carey, Elko, and Sun Valley.

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Moonrise and moonset table for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

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National forecast table for major US cities including Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, and New York.

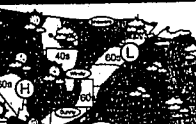
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U.V. Index table showing index levels for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

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World forecast table for major international cities including London, Paris, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Six Marines, scores of Iraqis die in fierce battle

Knight Ridder News Service
HUSAYBAH, Iraq - Six Marines were killed and scores of insurgent Iraqis slain in a fierce 14-hour battle Saturday between Marines and mujahedeen fighters who slipped into this town near the Syrian border.

Marines

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most of their U.S. news via the Internet, and they don't always like what they see.
'Who gives a damn about gay marriage or Martha Stewart?' said Johnston, a rifle platoon leader and 13-year veteran from Scottsdale, Ariz.

Saturday power outage hits T.F.

TWIN FALLS - About 600 Idaho Power Co. customers on the southeast side of Twin Falls went without power for about two hours Saturday afternoon.
A truck hit and knocked down two power poles on 3374 N. 3100 E., according to the Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center.

Bush

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Gene Renauart and, on video screens, Vice President Dick Cheney from Wyoming, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld from New Mexico, and, from Washington, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State Colin Powell and CIA Director George Tenet.

Corrections

Incumbent Stuart Tolman is running unopposed for the Murtaugh School District's Zone 5 position.
The Times-News regrets the error.

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Kosovo

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agency reported. The statement identified the Jordanian officer as Ahmed Mustafa Ibrahim Ali.
U.N. and local police officers sealed off the yard of the detention center, took pictures and marked the bullet cartridges with numbers.

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Police find dead body in ditch

CROOKSTON, Minn. (AP) — The body of college student Dru Sjodin has been found, five months after she disappeared from the parking lot of a North Dakota shopping mall, authorities said Saturday.

Sheriff Mark LeTendre sobbed as he told volunteers, "Dru is home." He later confirmed that authorities had found Sjodin's body.

Scores of volunteers had joined the search on Saturday for the 22-year-old University of North Dakota student, who was last seen Nov. 22 at the mall where she worked at a Victoria's Secret.

While a handful of Sjodin's relatives were searching through the winter, official searches had been halted in December because of severe weather and resumed this month.

Bob Heales, a private investigator who has coordinated search efforts for the Sjodin family, said the body was found in a ditch near a county road northwest of Crookston.

Volunteers had been near the spot "probably a dozen times," but the area had been covered with snow, he said.

Chris Lang, Sjodin's boyfriend, said he remembers searching the area, but "the drifts were 5 feet high."

"It just kind of feels numb," Lang said after learning Sjodin's body had been found.

"I woke up this morning, and I just knew for sure it was going to happen today."

"Now, I know she's been at peace for a long time," Lang said.

Lang was the last person known to have heard from Sjodin, when she spoke to him by cell phone after leaving work the afternoon of Nov. 22.

Convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 51, of Crookston, has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping Sjodin, of Pequot Lakes, Minn.

He was arrested in December and is jailed in Grand Forks, about 25 miles northwest of Crookston, on \$5 million bail.

Prosecutor Peter Wetde declined to comment Saturday. A judge has ordered lawyers involved in the Rodriguez case not to speak with the media.

Court confronts first major test of security

WASHINGTON (AP) — A few days after the Sept. 11 attacks, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia crowded into a chapel in Rome for a Mass honoring the dead. The next week, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wept as she stood at the site of the fallen World Trade Center towers.

The personal consequences of the attacks and their aftermath were swift. But it has taken until now for the justices to fully reckon with the legal ramifications. The court is poised to hear the first major cases to arise from the Bush administration's fight against terrorism.

"They become the most important cases because they are the first cases," said Steven Shapiro, national legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "The first cases always go a long way toward establishing the rules."

On Tuesday, the court hears from lawyers representing some of the more than 600 foreigners held captive and essentially incarcerated at a U.S. military prison camp in Cuba. The justices must decide whether the prisoners may challenge their detention and treatment in U.S. courts.

On April 28, the justices hear two cases testing the president's power to label American citizens "enemy combatants" and hold them in open-ended military

custody without charges or trial. Rulings in all three cases are expected by June. They will mark the high court's most significant statements in decades on the balance of security and liberty in wartime.

Historians have noted that the courts tend to give the president and other leaders greater leeway in times of war and give greater weight to civil liberties in peacetime.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, a "history buff," has written that "judges, like other citizens, do not wish to hinder a nation's war effort."

What Rehnquist and the court he leads say now will depend in large part on whether a majority of justices equates a war on terrorism with a traditional war that has a clearly defined end.

If so, the court could agree that fighting terrorism requires a reconsideration of government power and of the breadth of protection offered by the Constitution and the courts.

It has been more than a generation since the high court dealt with major wartime cases. The most relevant cases date to World War II, even to the Civil War.

"This question is whether they will essentially declare the Constitution silent when it comes to the war against terror,"

said University of Pennsylvania constitutional law professor Nathanleil Persily.

He predicts the court will chart a middle course — perhaps ruling against the administration in the case of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but siding with the White

House in one or more of the cases involving U.S. citizens.

Many of the Guantanamo captives are suspected Taliban or al-Qaida foot soldiers captured in or near Afghanistan; some may be victims of circumstance. Most have been held for two years or longer and

interrogated frequently. The administration has let some of the captives go and has begun the process of convening military tribunals to try others.

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NATION

Kerry enters a critical phase in his bid for presidency

By Mike Glover
Associated Press writer



Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., greets supporters as he arrives Friday at a rally in Philadelphia.

Kerry gets TV time

John Kerry took Saturday off from campaigning to prepare for a television interview. The presumptive Democratic presidential nominee was appearing today on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Network officials said the show's host, Tim Russert, was going to Miami, where the Massachusetts senator was spending a few days, for the hour-long interview. Russert went to the White House in February for a similar program with President Bush. That show was taped the day before its broadcast. Kerry's appearance today will be live.

just weeks before the nomination.

"To be where we are by April is pretty amazing," Meehan said. "All of our rivals are now out serving as surrogates."

Former candidate Joe Lieberman was to campaign with Kerry in Florida. During a New York campaign swing last week, Kerry met with Al Sharpton to discuss how to boost turnout among black voters.

Not only have former rivals come on board, but Kerry has mined the staffs for campaign talent.

Steve Elmendorf, once a top aide to Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-

Mo., is Kerry's liaison to labor. Karen Hicks, a former aide to Howard Dean, has signed on as deputy field director.

Unions stand behind Kerry's candidacy. Kerry, who last year took out a mortgage on his Boston house to keep his candidacy alive, has demonstrated considerable success in fund raising since he essentially wrapped up the nomination.

Kerry collected some \$50 million in the first quarter of the year; in just three days last week, he pulled in nearly \$15 million. Democratic National Committee officials estimate that between the party and Kerry they have roughly \$70 million available with fund raising continuing at a good pace.

Still, millions of voters know little about the Democrat.

"I found that even in the primaries, people in New Hampshire who'd been seeing television in Boston for 20 years didn't know I was a veteran," Kerry said at a recent fund-raiser last week.

The Bush-Cheney campaign has used ads to try to portray Kerry as a tax-and-spend liberal and a potential president who would be less decisive than the current commander in chief.

"I am not a redistribution Democrat," Kerry said. "I am not somebody who wants to go back and make the mistakes of the Democratic Party of '20, '25 years ago."



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NATION

Friends: Captured soldier stays calm under stress

BATAVIA, Ohio (AP)—A young Army reservist taken hostage in Iraq has what it takes to withstand the ordeal, friends say. Pfc. Keith M. Maupin showed what he was made of while practicing with a crew team on a local lake, a family friend said Saturday.

"One day his boat tipped over and he was still strapped in," David Black said. "He was under so long that his teammates were really worried. But he got out on his own."

"He's strong mentally, he's strong spiritually—he's going to be fine," said Maupin's uncle, Stephen Maupin, an uncle who lives in Lexington, Ky. He was relieved to see the videotape of his nephew.

"At least we know he's OK," he said. "It doesn't look like he's been tortured or beat."

Maj. Willie Harris, a public affairs officer with Maupin's unit, the 724th Transportation Co. based in Bartonville, Ill., said Maupin's immediate family would not be available for comment.

At Cincinnati's Glen Este High School, where Maupin graduated in 2001, yellow ribbons were strung along the chain-link fence surrounding the athletic fields as a baseball game was in full swing. Red, white and blue paper cups had been stuffed into the fence to spell out "USA (heart) MATT (heart) USA."

In Maupin's hometown of Batavia, a farming community of 2,400 people about 20 miles east of Cincinnati, hundreds gathered Friday night for a vigil in front of the county courthouse.

napped in a recent string of abductions.

Maupin, who has been in Iraq for two months, was the first U.S. serviceman and second American confirmed kidnapped.

He was surrounded by masked men who offered to exchange him for imprisoned Iraqi fighters.

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Pit bulls maul boy to death; dad may face charges

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—An 8-year-old boy was mauled to death by his father's four pit bulls, and prosecutors were considering charges against the father ranging from child neglect to murder.

Roddie Phillip Dumas Jr. was attacked in the fenced-in yard of his father's home Friday. Neighbors and a postal worker who heard the boy's screams rushed to the scene.

The boy's father, Roddie Phillip Dumas Sr., 29, and his girlfriend, were inside the house but did not come outside until the dogs had already severely injured the boy, officials said.

"One had him on his neck. Two had him on the side. And one had him on the leg," said Edward Threatt, a neighbor. "They were pulling on him just

like you do a rag doll." A letter carrier threw his mailbag and then a wooden block at the dogs, which then ran away, Threatt said. But neighbors and police said the father then came outside and told the letter carrier to get off his property.

The boy was taken to a hospital, where he died.

After searching Dumas' home, police charged him with

drug and firearms felonies. Prosecutors were considering additional charges ranging from child neglect to murder, although a murder charge is rare in such cases. Police said they want to find out why the boy was unsupervised and whether the adults in the house heard him cry for help.

Dumas was in jail Saturday on a \$233,000 bond.

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Woman sues Coors over son's death in alcohol-related crash

RENO, Nev. (AP)—The mother of a 19-year-old killed in a traffic accident is suing Coors Brewing Co., claiming that it promotes underage drinking.

Jodie Pisco, of Reno, contends Coors has failed in its duty to protect the country's youth from drinking. Her son, Ryan, was killed in 2002 after he drank Coors at a party and drove his girlfriend's car into a light pole at 90 mph, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Washoe County District Court, seeks unspecified damages.

It accused Coors of "glorifying a culture of youth, sex and glamour while hiding the dangers of alcohol abuse and addiction."

Laura Sankey, a spokeswoman for Golden, Colo.-based Coors, said that although she could not comment on pending litigation, the company "doesn't want underage consumers—period."

"Tragedies like this further reinforce why the fight against underage drinking and drunk driving must continue," Sankey told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

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WEED 25 MILLION ACRES, ANYONE?

Botanists attempt to replant range

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BUHL - Imagine weeding 25 million acres of open range.

That's a garden plot of about 39,000 square miles, nearly the size of Kentucky.

Out of about 75 million acres of public rangeland in five Western states including Idaho, about 25 million acres are infested with cheatgrass, said Mike Pellant, coordinator of the Bureau of Land Management's efforts to restore native range habitat in the Great Basin. "The way I look at it, the job security is good," he said.

But the good news, Pellant said, has been that people are pulling together to meet the challenge.

Cheatgrass, also called June grass, is a non-native, invasive weed imported to the West more than a century ago that has taken over and altered the range's natural fire cycle.

"It forms such a dense, continuous mat that fires just flash across the landscape," said Katie Fite, a Boise biologist with Western Watersheds Project, a critic of the government's rangeland management practices and opposed to public lands grazing.

But cheatgrass is the one thing all sides of the range debate can agree on. It threatens the diversity of the high-desert, including sagebrush, a sage grouse nesting site. Sagebrush provides nearly all of the bird's food during the winter, nesting habitat in the spring, and cover from predators year round.

"(Cheatgrass) loves fire. Sagebrush does not," said Pat Diebert, a sage grouse expert with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Wyoming. "Most species of sagebrush take years to come back."

The historical fire cycle spanned 70 to 100 years, said Joe Bussell, who heads up range rehabilitation for the BLM in Shoshone. Today it's more like once a decade.

Soil disturbances across the range, including historical overgrazing, depleted native ground cover and somewhere in time cheatgrass and other invasive weeds moved in.

Today frequent, widespread fire



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Jan Gurr, a range technician, walks through a garden where experts are studying sand penstemon, one of 15 native forbs, or flowering range plants, that researchers are trying to propagate for range rehabilitation.

leaves land managers pressed to replant burned areas before cheatgrass and other noxious weeds take hold, but up until recent years there have been many seeding options and the limited native seeds that are available can be expensive.

In 1999, about 1.7 million acres of rangeland burned in the Great Basin, and another 1 million acres burned in 2000, Pellant said.

"We basically bought all of the native seed the market offered, and then we bought all of the crested wheatgrass until it was gone," he said. For years, crested wheatgrass was it. It's a non-native grass that can out compete cheatgrass. It has been cheap and available, and cows will eat it.

"Native stands are wonderful forage," said Rob Rogerson, an Eden rancher involved in sage grouse habitat recovery in the Shoshone Basin south of Twin Falls.

"Crested wheatgrass seedings are

going to produce the most pounds per acre, but it (creates) a monoculture. Sage grouse aren't going to do well with that," he said.

The BLM is working on the Great Basin Restoration Initiative that includes bringing more native seeds on the market with a research budget of about \$1 million a year supplied by a number of federal agencies, Pellant said.

It's a challenge even for the greenest of thumbs.

Researchers have identified hundreds of species of forbs across the Great Basin, said Nancy Shaw, a botanist at the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station in Boise. The BLM has contracted with native seeds, particularly forbs or non-woody flowering plants, that have been largely unavailable for range rehabilitation.

of 15 forbs have been identified for seed research, Shaw said. Botanists must find the flowering plants in the desert and eventually come back to collect seeds when the plants are ready.

"If you're not there at the right time, you've missed the whole crop," said Ann DeBolt, also a Forest Service botanist.

Seeds have been collected from about 500 desert sites.

DeBolt planted a test garden of sand penstemon near Buhl with seed collected from 14 sites in several states. From nearly each site, 125 seedlings were planted, for a total of 1,750 plants. To top it off, two other test gardens like it have been planted in other areas.



Courtesy U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station, Boise, Idaho. Sand penstemon.

The Buhl site on Idaho Department of Fish and Game land near the Snake River offers a sandy location to test the plant, which could offer an option for reseeding in sandy areas on a farm.

In another project, botanist Julie Hilly with the BLM in Shoshone received about \$14,000 from the state BLM office for research. She collected four types of seeds and contracted with a Colorado grower - local growers didn't bid for the contract - to test seed viability on a farm.

Range restoration would benefit not only the sage grouse, but wildlife such as antelope, deer, elk and other birds, Hilly said.

So many birds, they darkened the sky ...

Sage grouse today may need federal protection

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

ROGERSON - Half a century ago, there were so many sage grouse on Brown's Bench that they blacked out the sun when they took flight for Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir in the canyon below.

"They would actually darken the sky. It was like clouds coming over," remembers Lynn Messman, a Twin Falls retiree who hunted the birds when he was a kid in the 1950s.

Today the population is struggling to the point that the federal government will consider during the next year whether the greater sage grouse found in 11 Western states needs protection under the Endangered Species Act.

That could mean big changes in restrictions and rules for public land uses such as ranching, off-road vehicle recreation, mining, private wild farm development on public lands such as Brown's Bench, and more.

Listing sage grouse couldn't stop range development, said Pat Diebert, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Wyoming. But it could require terms and conditions that minimize habitat losses. In some sensitive areas development could be restricted.

Land managed by the Bureau of Land Management would be affected to the greatest extent, because it produces most of the sage grouse's high desert habitat, said Pat Mehlprou, with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver.



A group of male sage grouse show off their fanned tails during a courtship display on Brown's Bench above Salmon Falls Creek.

Listing could affect practices on private ground that are funded by federal programs, such as farm aid, she said.

Clouds of grouse

In his lifetime, Messman doesn't expect to see clouds of grouse return, but he hopes the numbers will make a

strong rebound. Today they are better than they were in the mid- to early-1990s, when he said there were few grouse to be counted.

"I got my first sage grouse when I was 12 years old," Messman said. "I've got pictures where eight or 10 people would have their limit by noon."

A big feast was prepared back at camp, and although the appeal of sage grouse meat is debated, prepared properly it's delicious, he said.

Idaho's sage grouse population has experienced an upward trend in the past five years but overall the population has declined during the past 30 years, said Tom Hemker, who heads up the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's upland bird program.

Estimates of the range-loca population decline across the West range from 35 to 90 percent, Diebert said. Most experts lean toward a population loss of about 50 percent, he said.

Settlement uprooted sagebrush

Biologists say loss of sagebrush habitat has caused the birds' decline.

Sagebrush and native plants lost to wildfire, the invasion of cheatgrass and other weeds, conversion of sagebrush to farmland, livestock management, mining, herbicides and even development of Columbia River Basin dams that flooded sage grouse habitat have contributed to losses, Diebert said.

"You can't say it's any one particular cause," he said. Environmentalists critical of public land management target overgrazing by livestock as a significant cause and remaining threat to habitat depletion.

Grazing remains the dominant land use on the range, said Katie Fite, a Boise biologist with Halley-based Western Watersheds Project. Listing the sage grouse would define allowable grazing limits and hold the BLM accountable for them, she said.

"The only way to control this is to have the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Endangered Species Act involved," Fite said.

Range recovery

Ranchers are well aware of the issue and some are involved in working groups that aim to address habitat issues.

Ranchers kicked off the Jarbridge Sage Grouse Working Group, said Marc Brackett, who runs cattle in southern Twin Falls County.

"We felt there were a lot of proactive things that could be done," he said. The group has been fencing off watering holes to keep cattle from trampling down areas that otherwise could serve as wet meadows for sage grouse. Water is piped to a watering trough instead and is cleaner for livestock, Brackett said.

"The ranchers need to deal with it. If they don't and the bird is listed, it very well could change the way they do business," said Rob Rogerson, an Eden rancher who runs cattle in the Shoshone Basin south of Twin Falls.

Rogerson is a member of the Shoshone Basin Sage Grouse Working Group.

It has been meeting for about 10 years and continues work on a proposal to maintain livestock forage while

improving habitat for sage grouse.

The working groups include partnerships such as Messman's and government employees. Brackett and Rogerson said environmentalists have been invited to the local meetings but have chosen not to attend.

One of the biggest criticisms leveled at working groups has been speed. Things have been slow for a number of reasons, Rogerson said. First rapport had to be established, then learning about differing viewpoints took time. Now it's a matter of building consensus.

Efforts under way to restore habitat will be coordinated by the Fish and Wildlife Service when it makes its decision.

Many sage grouse advocates such as Kent Christopher, a Rexburg school teacher and member of the North American Grouse Partnership, would prefer that listing not require listing or come down to a polarized debate between ranchers and environmentalists.

A falconer, sage grouse were among the reasons Christopher said he moved to southern Idaho. Birds of prey hunt the grouse's importance to desert health.

"I would hate to see them listed, because they can be saved and they can be helped," he said. "And listing a bird does not mean that it is going to help. I think a much better course to listing the birds is to rally enough social and political resolve to deal with the problems. I want these birds around when my grandkids are here."

Grouse

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to be there but not enough to display. Mustil explains, and the "chess" wanderers get bounced across the lek by territorial adults. The more experienced of the lesser males take to showing on the edges of the leks. They look like dancing white-tailed ptarmigan.

Female grouse tend to show up at the leks in "bachelorette groups," Mustil said. They are hard to see, moving across the meadow in shadowy pods. They don't come to the leks but to choose a couple of the dominant males to handle most of the mating, despite all of the eligible candidates.

At about sunrise, about 20



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Here are two forms of sage grouse droppings. The pellets are from "regular" digestion. The other represents the sage grouse's ability to process the nondigestible oils in sagebrush leaves.

and casts yellow and gold streamers across the meadow, illuminating the birds' white breasts.

Digesting sagebrush

During the spring, Mustil and crews of Fish and Game biologists forgo normal sleeping schedules to track the busy grouse. Female hens are trapped in the field, not by spotlight or blaring rock n' roll. It stuns them into stillness so they can be fitted with radio collars to monitor nesting success.

A typical female sage hen has just one chance for nesting success a year, which makes first-time success critical to the

population's health - even though sage grouse live up to six or seven years, which Mustil says is unusual for a game bird.

Other biologists are out before dawn to count birds on leks for population estimates. The grouse leave the strutting ground dotted with droppings that include rolled pellets that dry a tan color.

Mustil calls them cigarette butts, which are accompanied by "tar," another type of dropping that looks like an oily mass.

"There are only a few animals in the world that can do it," said Pat Diebert, a sage grouse expert with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Wyoming.

The pronghorn antelope, also a resident of southern Idaho, is another. The oils in sagebrush leaves are so potent, they generate the desert's sage aroma, she said.

Sage grouse rely almost exclusively on sagebrush for their winter diets, but they require a diverse landscape to live in the spring. They need a variety of grasses and plants that draw insects for protein for chicks. Grasses and shrubs provide nesting material and cover from predators.

About seven or eight leks are known on Brown's Bench, which in places still offers a habitat diverse enough for the sage grouse and their broods.

Today the range in many areas has been overtaken by cheatgrass with crested wheatgrass.

The wheatgrass has been a cheap and available option for competing with weeds, but it has created a monoculture across the desert, and biologists say it is of little value to sage grouse.

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Descendants of Confederate sub crew gather for funeral

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Thousands of men in Confederate gray and Union blue and women in black hoop skirts and veils escorted the crew of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship, to their final resting place Saturday.

In what has been called the last Confederate funeral, the coffins of the crew members, draped in Confederate flags, were taken to Charleston's Battery and placed in a semicircle, a wreath set in front of each. Then, a column of the uniformed re-enactors stretching a mile and half took the crew of the Hunley, which sank outside Charleston Harbor, to their final resting place in Magnolia Cemetery. It took the column more than an hour to file into the cemetery.

Nancy Burbage, a member of the South Carolina Hunley Commission, said it was a testimony to the crew that so many people had come to pay tribute to "eight Americans who died for a cause they believed in so long ago."

There are some who have scoffed at our efforts to pay tribute to these men saying that because they were Confederates, they don't deserve so high an honor," said Ronald Wilson, the commander in chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "It is our duty to respect and remember these individuals."

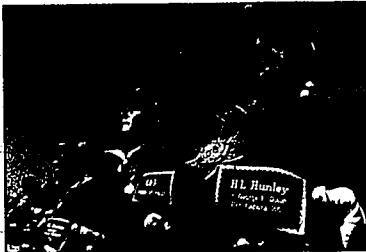
The coffins were to be taken by horse-drawn caissons from the Battery about five miles to Magnolia Cemetery, where the remains will be buried.

Fourteen Southern governors were invited to the ceremony, but declined to attend. Most cited scheduling conflicts, but some observers speculated they may be wary of the political implications of attending an event with thousands of Confederate re-enactors.

The hand-cranked Hunley made history on Feb. 17, 1864, when it rammed a spar with a black powder charge into the Union blockade ship Housatonic.

But the sub never returned from the mission. It was found off the South Carolina coast nine years ago and was raised in 2000 and brought to a conservation lab at the Charleston Naval Base.

About 40 relatives of Hunley crew members were in Charleston Saturday.



Claude Turberville, from Mobile, Ala., holds a C.S.A. Medal of Honor Saturday for L. George E. Dixon at The Battery in downtown Charleston, S.C., before he marched to Magnolia Cemetery for the burial of the crew of the H.L. Hunley.

Erma Busbey Ditman of Silver Spring, Md., said she learned about 12 years ago that she had a relative aboard the Hunley. She is the great-granddaughter of crewman Joseph Ridgeway who was born on Maryland's

Eastern Shore. "It's been very emotional. My father died when I was a little girl and I knew almost nothing about father's family when I was a child," she said. "For me, it's finding my family."

Teton County No. 1 for wealth

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — For the fourth time in six years, Teton County — gateway to Yellowstone National Park and home to the likes of Vice President Dick Cheney — is the wealthiest in America.

Teton's average adjusted household gross income in 2002, the latest year for which data is available, was \$107,694, or 2 percent higher than runner-up Fairfield County, Conn., according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Other high-income counties were Marin, Calif.; Somerset, N.J.; and Morris, N.J. in Col-

orado, Clear Creek and Douglas counties ranked sixth and seventh, respectively.

Rounding out the top 10 were Hunterdon, N.J.; Westchester, N.Y.; and New York, N.Y. Since 1997, Teton County's per-return income has ranked either first or second among the nation's 3,140 counties. The county also was tops in per-capita income in 2002, the IRS said.

Many wealthy people move to Jackson for its myriad outdoor activities and culture, real estate broker Bob Graham said.

"You can go through the long

list of deep powder, good golf, world-class fly fishing, the museum, the symphony," he said.

The list is not paramount, though. "It's second only to the enormous tax advantage the state of Wyoming offers," Graham said. Wyoming has no personal or corporate income tax and relatively low property taxes thanks to revenue from mining.

Others may delight in the cultural amenities of New York, the state of Marin County or the Hollywood glitterati of Aspen, Graham said, "but it's going to cost you dearly."

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Authorities search for weapons

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. (AP) — Dozens of federal, state and local law enforcement agents searched a warehouse near Oakland International Airport Saturday for weapons including rocket launchers, officials said.

Federal officials would not reveal the exact nature of the investigation, but they said the search was not related to terrorism.

"We seized a few documents. Other than that, it's an ongoing investigation," said Mari McKee, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. "We will continue to look until all investigative leads are exhausted."

The men who were detained for questioning Friday have all been released, McKee said.

About 200 agents from a dozen different agencies took part in the raid, which began around 4 a.m. Friday and continued Saturday. On Friday, authorities barred aircraft from flying over the site for three and a half hours while they took over the 12-acre, five-building warehouse complex in San Leandro.

The search warrant for the investigation was under seal, but U.S. Magistrate Edward Chen told The San Francisco Chronicle: "The warrant was for a bunch of devices for rockets that could be launched from military vehicles and (for) some M-16s," semiautomatic assault rifles used by the U.S. military.

Federal officials confirmed Saturday that rocket launchers and other military weaponry were among the items sought by authorities.

"One reason we had so many personnel was because of the types of items we were looking for," McKee said Saturday. "Because it's military weaponry, there is significant concern."

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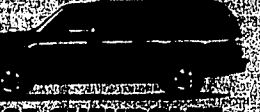
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Iraqi civilians carry water donated by U.S. Marines in Fallujah, Iraq, Saturday, taking advantage of the ceasefire between the Marines and insurgents to venture out during the ongoing siege. A group of 42 civilians, some carrying white flags, approached a Marine outpost in Fallujah asking for food, water and cigarettes. Marines from the 1st Battalion 5th Marine Regiment gave them supplies.

Fallujah negotiators see signs of progress

FALLUJAH (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi negotiators reported progress in talks aimed at easing the fighting in Fallujah, while the besieged city saw its quietest day yet.

Gunfire was nearly completely halted on Friday night, and the quiet continued through Saturday. A nominal truce in place since April 11 had been repeatedly shaken by nighttime battles as both insurgents and Marines dug in.

Talks toward ending the standoff were to resume Monday — but the top U.S. military negotiator suggested their continuation depended on continued quiet.

"I can't stress enough how key it is for the cease fire to hold over the next 24 to 48 hours," Maj. Gen. Joseph Weber, the top U.S. military negotiator, said. Negotiations outside Fallujah focused on strengthening a

fragile truce, allowing residents access to hospitals and arranging the return of tens of thousands who have fled the city.

The two sides are also working on a way to carry out the handover of the killers of four American civilians whose slaying and mutilation sparked the Marine assault on Fallujah, launched on April 5, a representative of the Iraqi Governing Council at the talks said.

"We have a mechanism for that, and when we conclude our talks we will announce that," Hashem al-Hassani told reporters after six hours of negotiations ended.

"I think we made tremendous progress in the negotiations. The coming days will give us an indication of whether we are going to succeed totally. I'm hoping that it will go in that direction," he said.

U.S. troops trade gunfire with rebels for second day

The Associated Press

U.S. troops skirmished for a second day with militiamen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. His aides said Iraqi-led mediation aimed at resolving a standoff with the Americans had broken down.

Militiamen attacked two U.S. Humvees outside Najaf, sparking a battle, witnesses said. Al-Sadr loyalists also fired mortars at the Spanish army base in the city, but there were no casualties.

A senior Shiite cleric warned Saturday that the standoff could deteriorate "into a war that will have terrible effects... a war that will not be in the interest of anyone, especially coalition forces."

Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Taqi al-Modares, a moderate cleric, said that if U.S. forces move to capture al-Sadr, it would "incite stronger anger" among Iraq's majority Shiite majority.

U.S. commanders have said they have no plans for the time being to move on Najaf, the holiest Shi-

ite city, where al-Sadr is located in his office. Some 2,500 U.S. troops deployed this week to the outskirts of Najaf on a mission to kill or capture al-Sadr.

A top al-Sadr aide, Jabir al-Khalifi, said negotiations by Iraqi politicians had ended because of U.S. conditions that the cleric's al-Mahdi Army militia be disbanded.

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Crisis of violence produces leaders with fewer U.S. ties

By Hamza Hendawi Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A new batch of Iraqi leaders has sprung up in the latest spasm of violence in Iraq — people with grassroots support but few or no ties to the U.S.-led occupation.

The new players include an association of Sunni clerics, "the Prince of the Marshes" from southern Iraq and an outspoken Shiite woman dentist.

The rise of these new figures is largely at the expense of politicians with links to the U.S.-led occupation. Their arrival comes as Iraqi leaders are wrangling over who will make up a government due to take power from U.S. administrators on June 30.

On that day, the U.S.-appointed Governing Council — a 25-member body that has served as Iraq's interim government since July but failed to win the trust of many Iraqis — will

likely be dissolved. U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who was asked to come up with a plan for Iraq's transition, has proposed the council be replaced by a caretaker government of "men and women known for their honesty, integrity and competence."

Brahimi did not say who he had in mind.

But many Iraqis are starting to see those qualifications in the new rising stars: the Islamic Clerics Committee — a Sunni group — and Shiite Governing Council members Abdul-Karim al-Mohammedawi and Salama al-Khatibi.

Vehemently anti-occupation, the Sunni committee was formed a year ago but had been sidelined by the newly powerful Shiite clergy. For months the committee has struggled to give a voice to Iraq's Sunni Arab minority, demoralized by its loss of

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Iraqi civil defense corp members guard the center of Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday, after at least three mortars hit a busy commercial district of Baghdad, killing a Sudanese man.

U.S.-trained Iraqi forces fail to support U.S. troops in fight

By Matthew Schofield
Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In Ramadi, U.S. troops gave two-way radios to Iraqi forces, not for communications, as they claimed, but so they'd know when their allies were phoning Marine positions to the enemy. In Sadr City and Najaf, Iraqi police asked permission from Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr — the man they were expected to capture or kill — before they reported to work.

In Fallujah, at least two Iraqi battalions refused to join the fight against insurgents. Coalition forces fighting for the hearts and minds of Iraqis are struggling even with those on their payroll, those who are supposed to be standing shoulder to shoulder with them. Iraqi politicians say the situation was predictable and is going to get worse.

U.S. and coalition officials insist that the situation hasn't deteriorated, that Iraqi units formed only after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime — are too raw to be counted on. They are developing U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt

this week. "It was clear over the last couple of weeks that the progress we had hoped to have been made thus far in the Iraqi security forces is not as far along as we would have expected. That will take some time. It will take some equipping. But that's why the coalition forces remain here and will remain here for a long period of time."

It's not as simple as training and equipment, according to Iraqi officials.

Iraqi opinion polls show a decreasing level of comfort with the direction of post-invasion Iraq. When asked what polls conducted this weekend would show about American popularity, pollster Sadoun al Dulame put his head in his hands.

When asked about Iraqi defense forces, government spokesman Hajim al Hasanani joked, "What defense forces? We don't have any."

But he knows they do. The coalition spent millions of dollars recruiting, training and

paying police officers and members of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, who combined number more than 200,000. In the past months, the police have born much of the brunt of insurgent attacks, with an estimated 350 killed.

But Hasanani said having large numbers and good training meant little. "Our society is shattered," he said. "It isn't that the soldiers who run away or join with the other side aren't good soldiers. It's that they don't yet believe in Iraq as a cause, and they do not believe at all in the cause of the coalition."

Nor should they, some add. They point to Article 59 in the Transitional Administrative Law, a sort of pre-constitution, that begins: "The permanent constitution shall contain guarantees to ensure that the Iraqi Armed Forces are never again used to terrorize or oppress the people of Iraq."

The article states that Iraq will take part in the multinational peacekeeping force and will fight terrorism. But many Iraqis aren't convinced the issues in Fallujah, Ramadi and Najaf are about terrorism.

"Those fighting right now are Iraqis," said al Dulame, the executive director of the Iraq Center for Research and Strategic Studies. "They want the coalition out, but they are Iraqis. We hated Saddam because he used the army that was supposed to protect our people against us. Many here do wonder: How is this different?"

Al Dulame said not only was the current situation predictable, but that he wasn't alone in predicting it.

"They are being asked to kill their brothers on orders from a foreign government," he said. "To many Iraqis, they are heroes, not cowards, to refuse."

And having Kurdish militia members attached to the 36th Battalion at Fallujah was a mistake, al Dulame said, one that inflames old hatreds between Kurds and Sunnis and gets the rest of the nation thinking about ethnic divisions again.

The military warned that civilians found on the closed sections "may be considered to be anti-coalition forces" and come under U.S. fire. Kimmitt said civilians would be redirected around the closed sections.

"There are many ways to get into Baghdad and many ways for getting out of Baghdad," he said.

Attacks by gunmen at the western, northern and southern entrances to the city have targeted key military supply lines, forcing the repeated closure of the main Baghdad-Amman road through the violent western district of Abu Ghraib.

Some in Iraq have done much more than refuse to fight alongside Americans. Nowhere has this been as evident as for the Marines in Ramadi and Fallujah.

Among those killed by Marines in Fallujah were many wearing police equipment. In Ramadi, a Knight Ridder photographer with U.S. troops witnessed Iraqi police and soldiers among those who twice ambushed a Marine company, which killed 14 Marines in one week.

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U.S. closes major roads into Baghdad for repairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military closed down two major highways into Baghdad on Saturday in the latest disruption caused by intensified attacks by anti-U.S. insurgents. Sections of the two highways, north and south of the capital, were closed off to repair damage from a mounting number of roadside bombings. Commanders suggested the routes remained vulnerable to attacks by insurgents who have been targeting U.S. military supply lines. "We've got to fix those roads, we've also got to protect those roads," Army Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt told reporters

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its position of power under Saddam.

The current crisis has boosted the committee's fortunes and influence.

The Sunni clerics have used their leverage to win the release of some 20 foreign hostages snatched in a wave of abductions that accompanied this month's violence.

Images of the smiling clerics embracing freed hostages have been beamed daily by Arab satellite TV stations widely seen in Iraq, and the releases have won thanks from foreign embassies.

The committee says it has no contacts with the abductors, arguing that its "patriotic" anti-occupation stance persuades kidnappers to heed their appeal for the release of captives not directly involved in military operations.

At the same time, the clerics' gains have become the hero of residents of Fallujah. It has organized aid convoys into the city, and its main mosque in Baghdad is a refuge for residents fleeing the city.

The committee has been sharply critical of the Marine surge of Fallujah and the reportedly high death toll among civilians there.

In the course of a year, we took Iraq by storm and won the trust of everyone," spokesman Mohammed Basbar al-Faidhi said in an interview. "The Americans have sidelined us because we don't accept that their presence here is legitimate. This stance gave us leverage in the street because people began to see that what we speak what is on their minds."

Iraq's dubbed Al-Mohammedawi the "Prince of the Marshes" for leading a resistance movement against Saddam in the southern marsh region of Iraq for 17 years. He was imprisoned for six years under Saddam's regime.

Al-Mohammedawi, 45, bearded and often wearing a traditional Arab robe, has suspended his membership in the Governing Council this month to protest U.S. policies in Iraq. He also has played a key role in efforts to mediate an end to the standoff between U.S. forces and al-Sadr, whose militia has clashed with U.S. and other coalition forces this month.

His Hezbollah - unrelated to the guerrilla group of the same name in Lebanon - was founded in 1994 and cooperated with U.S. and British troops in the closing stages of the invasion of Iraq last year.

But his frustration with U.S. policies appears to be pushing him away from the U.S.-led coalition.

"I will not go back to the council until we enter a constructive discussion about Iraq ... to achieve what the Iraqi people really want and to stop the bleeding in all Iraq," al-Mohammedawi said. "I call on

everybody to use the voice of wisdom and avoid violence."

Al-Khufaji, a Shiite professor of dentistry at Baghdad University, is another rising star on the Iraqi political scene. She joined the Governing Council in December, replacing another Shiite woman who was assassinated three months earlier.

Her conservative dress - a black chador that covers her entire body except for the face - makes her an exception among professional women in Iraq, most of whom wear headscarves or no traditional Islamic covering at all.

She said in an interview that she objected to military solutions to the standoff with al-Sadr or the fighting in Fallujah.

"Murtada al-Sadr has a large following and many supporters on the streets," she said. "The Americans' insistence on his arrest came as a surprise to many Iraqis since they are not used to seeing this happening to icons of their society."

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Israeli attack kills top Hamas leader

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli missile strike killed Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi as he rode in his car Saturday night, hospital officials said. Rantisi's son Mohammed and a bodyguard also were killed in the attack.

The militant Hamas leader was one of Israel's top targets after it had assassinated Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin in an airstrike last month.

Rantisi's car was hit with missiles Saturday evening on the road outside his home, leaving only the burned, destroyed vehicle. After the explosion, Israeli helicopters were heard in the area.

Rantisi was taken to the hospital in critical condition, his body pocked with bloody wounds and blood streaming from his head and neck, and rushed into emergency surgery. He died five minutes after arriving at the hospital, officials said.

Palestinian officials lashed out after the Israeli strike. "We condemn in strongest possible terms this Israeli crime of assassinating Dr. Rantisi. This is state terror, and the Israeli government is fully responsible for the consequences of this action," Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said.

Witnesses said there were three people in the car at the time of the explosion. Five pedestrians were also wounded, hospital officials said.

The bodyguard was identified as Akram Nassar, 35. Rantisi's dead son was 27-year-old Mohammed, hospital officials said. Rantisi's wife was in the car, but her condition and location was not known, hospital sources and Hamas said.

Crowds gathered at the hospital were mourning and angry, with people crying and beating their fists against the wall. Some prayed silently, while others read from the Quran.

Shooting was heard in the center of Gaza City and people were chanting Rantisi's name.

"This blood will not be wasted," said Ismail Haniyeh, a Hamas leader at the hospital. "We are not going to give up."

Rantisi was Hamas' top leader in Gaza and one of the most hard-line members of the militant movement who rejects all compromise with Israel and called for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Israel had previously tried to kill Rantisi on June 10 when three Apache helicopters fired at least seven missiles toward his car in a crowded Gaza thoroughfare, reducing his vehicle to a scorched heap of metal. Rantisi escaped with a wound to the right leg. Two Palestinian bystanders were killed.

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Lost Valentino movie found in Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — A copy of Rudolph Valentino's silent film "Beyond the Rocks" has been found in the Netherlands, becoming the only known existing print of the 1922 classic, the Amsterdam Film Museum said Saturday.

The film is "basically complete and basically undamaged," said Film Museum historian Jan van den Brink.

"Beyond the Rocks," directed by Sam Wood, was the only film in which Valentino starred opposite another silent era legend, Gloria Swanson.

Van den Brink said the film was found in the estate of a film collector from the city of Haarlem. The collection came into the museum's possession four years ago.

"Because (the collector) was worried they would be stolen,

he took the different reels and hid them in different warehouses," the historian told Dutch television.

"We literally had to root through 2,000 canisters to find out what exactly was in them," he said.

"Beyond the Rocks" was the 24th of Valentino's 32 films, and no negatives or prints were known to exist until now. The Italian-born movie idol died in 1926 at age 31.

The melodrama is about a woman forced to marry an older man. The woman then falls in love with Valentino's character, Lord Bracondale, on her honeymoon. In the end, the husband dies and the young lovers are united.

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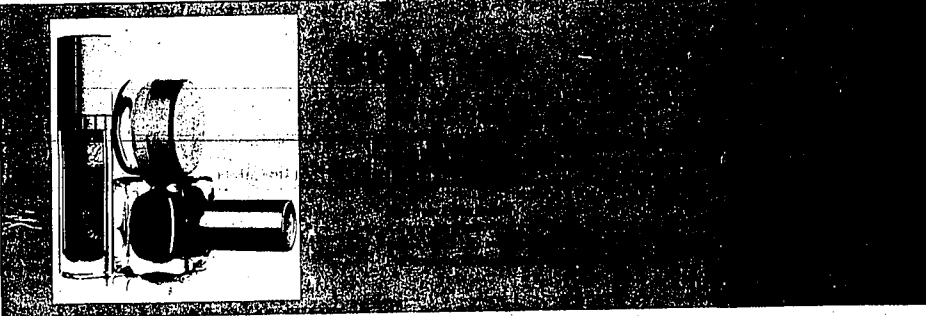
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YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's junta reopened Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition party headquarters on Saturday, a month before a convention will start drafting a new constitution

for the country. The reopening of the National League for Democracy was the latest in a series of steps the government claims will bring democracy to the country, and government critics called the

move encouraging. But they cautioned that it would ultimately be pointless unless Suu Kyi is released from house arrest and questioned whether Myanmar's headline leaders are really heeding inter-

national criticism or are just trying to deflect it. It's good that the office is reopened," Myint Wei, treasurer for the National League for Democracy, told The Associated Press.



An elderly man looks through newspapers as a pedestrian passes by in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Wednesday, Tajikistan, ravaged by a 1992-97 civil war, has seen a limited economic recovery in recent years but remains plagued by poverty.

Warlords set example in Central Asia towns

By Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press writer

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — With former Islamic warlords cutting their beards and trading combat fatigues for business suits, a one-time battleground in Central Asia is being transformed into an oasis of relative stability.

Having recovered from a 1992-97 civil war that killed as many as 100,000 people, Tajikistan presents a stark contrast to neighboring Uzbekistan, which exploded last month in a paroxysm of suicide bombings and other violence.

Its stability bolstered by the presence of Russian border guards and some 14,000 Russian troops, the country also proved open to compromise and accommodation unlike Uzbekistan and other ex-Soviet republics in the region.

It's the only such republic with an Islamic party represented in parliament and former warlords embedded in officialdom.

It sets a good example to a world searching for ways to defuse terrorism and Islamic militancy, said William Paton, coordinator of U.N. agencies in Tajikistan.

"Here we have a war that took place where the opposition was Islamic, and a satisfactory compromise was made," he said.

Muhammad Kabiri is one of the leaders of the Islamic Renaissance Party, the core of the wartime opposition, now holding two seats in the 63-seat Tajik parliament.

He is critical of the government but insists that "no circumstances could force our party to take up arms again."

The civil war in this Wisconsin-sized country of 6 million was so traumatic that Tajiks appear determined not to let it happen again, said U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke.

"It creates a kind of split of compromise, so that instead of throwing people in prison or shooting them on the street because you disagree with them there really is a tendency to sit down here and talk," he said.

Tajikistan nonetheless faces severe problems that can undermine stability.

It is one of the world's poorest countries, its economy based on cotton, foreign aid and a lone aluminum plant.

It is exposed to corruption by being one of the main transit corridors for opium and heroin from neighboring Afghanistan.

The border guards, mostly Tajiks under Russian officers, can't choke off the flow and the frontier could be just as porous for militants from Afghanistan.

But foreign officials in Dushanbe, the capital, no longer have to spend most of their time working behind locked doors.

"Back around the end of the war we had snuff killed here," Paton said. "That just seems like ancient history to us now."

The latest violence in Uzbekistan stoked fears in the West of a tide of Islamic extremism in the region.

But few Tajiks

felt threatened. "Such things can't happen here," said Shifo Niatbekov, a young lawyer. "We have more democracy and freedom of the press compared with neighboring nations."

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EDITORIAL

County should remember painful credit card lesson

Less than a year after county commissioners discovered the felonious misuse of a county credit card, Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley is proposing expanded use of credit cards by his deputies.

The idea is a recipe for disaster. If anything, the county needs to curtail employee's use of credit cards — not expand it. Touseley's suggestion to give deputies their own plastic was just one of his recent recommendations to commissioners. He also wants to the county to contract with a physician and a dentist to provide services at the jail.

Our view: Sheriff Wayne Touseley's proposal to issue more county credit cards is too risky. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

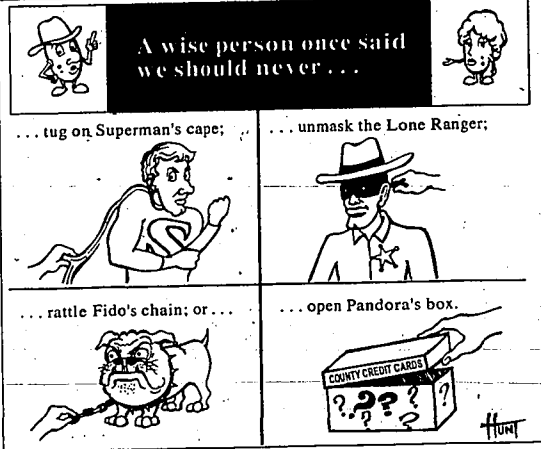
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Touseley has a legitimate goal on the medical issue. He hopes to save the county indigent fund perhaps \$200,000 a year by reducing inmate health-care costs. The county currently spends about \$350,000 to \$400,000 annually for inmates' medical and dental needs. Touseley says contracting with practitioners would cut practitioners costs in half.

He also his plan would save deputies the time spent taking inmates to outside dental appointments. (Physicians already visit patients in the jail, but dentists don't.) Competitive bidding for medical and dental services appears to be a sound approach.

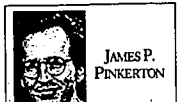
use purchase orders, or they reimburse employees for their receipts. In some cases, they issue a cash advance before a trip. Commissioner Tom Mikese's idea for a prepaid debit-style card is a practical compromise. Such cards would give traveling employees the convenience of plastic, while limiting the county's financial exposures. County officials put new credit card controls in place last year after learning that former Clerk Bob Fort had stolen more than \$60,000 in cash advances. Officials may be confident those measures will prevent future abuses, but those who want to deceive may simply become more creative.

The best way to prevent misuse of credit cards is to stop handing them out.



Bush finds U.N. relevant, after all

President Bush is known for his "straight talk," but he just threw a curve — a flip-flop, actually. Exhibit A is the United Nations.



Algeria, also a former under-secretary-general of the League of Arab States, now special adviser to Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

It hasn't changed, but Bush has. In his speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Oct. 12, 2002, the president said that the world body would be "irrelevant" if it did not open a new war resolution. The U.N. Security Council refused and, of course, Bush went to war anyway.

Indeed, his official U.N. biography cites his participation in "Algeria's independence struggle" against France during 1956-61. So, if Ibrahim's background is one of Arab nationalism and anti-colonialism, what does that suggest as to his innermost feelings about the U.S. occupation?

Now, in the wake of the worsening violence in Iraq, Ibrahim is the man the president is turning to for help. Indeed, Ibrahim isn't just helping the Americans; he is leading them.

This sequence of events delighted neoconservatives in the administration. For example, Richard Perle, the former chairman of the Defense Policy Board, wrote on March 22, 2003, just as the Iraq war was beginning, "Saddam Hussein's reign of terror is about to end. He will go quickly, but another problem was a parting irony he will take the United Nations down with him."

That is, the money wasn't being used for food, but for Saddam's wasteful extravagance. And so, the Journal concluded, Iraqis should ask if they "can trust the U.N. to play a major role in the future of their country."

When a reporter asked, "Mr. President, who will we be handing the Iraqi government over to on June 30th?" Bush answered: "We'll find that out" soon. That's what Mr. Ibrahim is doing. He's figuring out the nature of the entity we'll be handing sovereignty over.

In the minds of these neocons, the United Nations is a hotbed of anti-American and anti-Israeli feeling. And, of course, they're not entirely wrong. But the right-wing critique of the U.N. went further. It wasn't just the world's opinion that was a problem, these critics said; another problem was the U.N. bureaucracy.

So it must've been a Maalox moment for the Journalists when Bush put the U.N. at the center of his Iraq policy Tuesday night. In his opening statement, he lauded "international institutions ... for stepping up to their responsibilities."

That may still happen, of course. But in the meantime it looks as if America's armed forces will be used after June 30 to defend a deal hammered out by an Arab nationalist working for the U.N.

And, once again, they had a point. The United Nations' Oil for Food program — in which the U.N. served as a middleman, overseeing exports of Iraqi oil in return for selected non-embargoed commodities — has long been an ongoing scandal.

That he added, "We're working closely with the United Nations envoy, Lakhdar Brahimi ... to determine the exact form of the government that will receive sovereignty on June 30th."

So it looks as if the U.N. is still relevant, after all.

James Pinkerton is a Neusday columnist.

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LETTERS

Hansen will help achieve success for district

We need to vote for Randy Hansen. Randy's leadership results from his communication and negotiation skills. He surrounds himself with experienced individuals who help him share their knowledge and help him achieve success. He also generously gives his time and resources. He proved this through his involvement and generosity to the Twin Falls Western Days, Varsity Football, and the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay. He served on the Idaho and National Auto Dealer councils and received the Idaho and National Time Magazine Quality Dealer awards. His leadership and generosity were also manifested when he served as a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, coached several little league baseball teams and donated a car to the Twin Falls High School graduation party from 1985-2003. When we sold the Chevrolet and Cadillac franchises, it shifted our family into a different phase of life. It has given Randy more time to focus his passion and energy on political interests. Randy's current campaign committee consists of hard-working and experienced individuals. He communicates and negotiates with them and they achieve success. He also continues to generously give of himself. He will lead District 24 the same way. Your best Republican choice on Tuesday, May 25, is my husband, Randy Hansen. KATHY HANSEN Twin Falls

Don't compare Fallujah victims with Hussein sons

In response to Linda Parrish's letter of April 8: I am not sure of your definition of barbarism. You call the act of killing two men who sowed enough bloodshed and death barbaric? I disagree. Uday and Qusay deserved the death they suffered as they hid and fired shots at American soldiers. I think I will call it justice. On the contrary, the deaths of the four American contractors were unjustified. They were there to help rebuild Iraq and establish a new life for the Iraqi people who have suffered under the rule of Saddam. I will, of course, agree that the display of the American bodies was horrific. But I have no such problem with the pictures of Saddam's sons. We must look at the motivations of the displays. Uday and Qusay were shown in picture to give the Iraqi people the knowledge that they were no longer under the rule of a tyrant, to give them a sense of hope. The bodies of the Americans, however, were shown purely out of hatred. There is a difference, and most people understand that difference. And the next time you refer to the president of the United States, have some respect. Refer to the office, position and the man in the manner deserved. Call him President Bush. He has earned it. The office has earned it. Maybe then you can get some respect too. ADAM COX Tacoma, Wash. (Editor's note: Adam Cox is a resident of Rupert and is attending college at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.)

Lawyers keep putting hits on health care

I am an attorney, and I am ashamed of what my profession is doing to health care in America. Malpractice lawsuits against physicians — many of which involve cases where no negligence occurred — are causing exorbitant increases in insurance premiums.

The broken lawsuit system is driving up the cost of health insurance. Forcing many excellent physicians to leave the profession. Yet virtually all legislative efforts to tame the abuses of the system are blocked by the trial lawyers' lobby.

My wife is an obstetrician-gynecologist. As is true for most Connecticut obstetricians, her medical malpractice insurance premium for one year is more than \$80,000. This premium is expected to increase by several thousand dollars every year. If she seeks to change jobs or retire, she will need more than \$150,000 to maintain lawsuit protection against all past patients — who retain the right to sue for at least 20 years.

Without such insurance, just one lawsuit could devastate our family's assets. Merely paying for a legal defense is not easily covered by the \$100,000 — even if she wins the case. Those who bring such frivolous lawsuits suffer no penalty

claims take five years — longer if they go to trial. A large share of the lawsuits have no connection to actual malpractice. Many medical malpractice lawsuits are initiated not because of negligent medical care, but because a baby was born with a tragically debilitating condition despite proper medical care. But the injury presents a story that a skilled trial lawyer can use to sway a jury's sympathy against the supposedly rich and uncaring physician. For instance, among the "fact" victories that made former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards a multimillionaire were cases he brought against doctors and hospitals for babies born with cerebral palsy. Independent, peer-reviewed research shows that nearly all cerebral palsy cases have nothing to do with the birth procedure, including many cases that have resulted in huge damage judgments. Many of those opposed to lawsuit reform blame insurance companies for the large premium increases, alleging that the companies want to avoid money from bad investments. This is a myth. In fact, virtually all the insurance industry's investments have been in conservative bond funds, the fluctuations of which are in-

too modest to account for the vast increase in premiums. By contrast, studies convincingly show that damage judgments — especially for the intangible "pain and suffering" — have been escalating far ahead of any national factors such as inflation. Connecticut's physicians face some of the highest medical malpractice premiums in the country. Yet both of Connecticut's U.S. senators voted in February to block a modest reform that would have capped pain and suffering verdicts in obstetric lawsuits at \$250,000. This reform would have still allowed plaintiffs to be compensated for all medical care and lost wages, pain and future care caused by any medical malpractice. That such a modest reform cannot get past the trial lawyers' lobby should be cause for alarm among those who wish to preserve the quality of America's obstetric medicine, and among those who expect fairness in our civil justice system. Both are at risk as long as the broken malpractice lawsuit system remains immune to reform. Lawyers created this broken system, and they now bear responsibility for helping to fix it. Henry Kopel is an assistant U.S. attorney.

LETTER

State still plays politics in water allocation

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has put forth a decree to penalize only the groundwater pump permit holders in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Blaine and Minidoka counties. They requested all pumps with 1962 water right or later be shut off. Many of these wells were here long before the thousands of others drilled into the Snake River aquifer all the way to Island Park. This decision is biased in favor of eastern Idaho. First-in-time first-in-right doctrine is the logical remedy for everyone because the problem is all inclusive and represents the entire Snake River Basin Aquifer.

After the "call for water" was made, one can easily see the political maneuvering to shut off irrigation wells in a few counties. Along with concerted efforts of surface water recharging, why not include all eastern Idaho. First-in-time first-in-right doctrine is the logical remedy for everyone because the problem is all inclusive and represents the entire Snake River Plain Aquifer from Island Park to Thousand Springs in this decree? Start with 1990 or later drill dates and pull them out of the ground. If that doesn't raise the water table appreciably in two years, then go back another 10 years to January 1980 drill dates and pull them too. Keep going until the supply equals the demand. This is the common sense approach to ensure older water right holders obtain their full water right. How slow that IDWR policy now pits neighbor against neighbor.

We all know the IDWR was totally irresponsible for decades in over allocating permits, probably by as much as 100 percent.

This policy, with the Idaho State Legislature ultimately in control, resulted in the over-proportion of underground water rights in over hundreds of wells across the entire Snake River Plain Aquifer, many of these in eastern Idaho. This policy now threatens the Twin Falls Canal Co.'s water right with respect to spring water near American Falls as well as Hagerman area water rights. This was good for commerce across the aquifer, but an abysmal long-term water management plan.

A year ago, critics of the Iraq war warned that toppling Saddam would lead to his replacement by Islamic fundamentalists. That may still happen, of course. But in the meantime it looks as if America's armed forces will be used after June 30 to defend a deal hammered out by an Arab nationalist working for the U.N.

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MARK BULTCHER Twin Falls

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OPINION

New dogs are welcome on Twin Falls' police force

In response to "Rager row comes joins police force":

What is John Hansen thinking? What kind of "problems" could happen in a few minutes' wait? Oh, I know - you could get busted for drugs! If a person gets pulled over for speeding or a broken tail light and a police dog is on its way, they should have no problem waiting to be searched. So you're late for work, you get to tell your boss that you got pulled over and were able to see a police dog in action. How cool is that? Obviously you are innocent because you're not sitting in jail.

I believe that police dogs are essential in the fight against crime and drugs. The police officer has the brains (among other abilities) and the dog has the nose (among other abilities). I understand that not every one likes dogs, but the more we stand by our law enforcement now the less we have to worry about our children getting into drugs in the future.

I stand by Tim Green, Black and the rest of the Twin Falls police department. Keep up the good work and let those dogs do their thing!
DANIELLE MIFFLIN
Bellevue, Mont.

Rock damage from truck was not appreciated

Thanks. You cost me \$1,000. I can understand people whom I know throwing rocks at me, but I don't even know you!
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Thanks again!
BRAD MINOR
Hagerman

Weaver silently endures unfair public criticism

In the March 28 edition of *The Times-News* was an article about interviewing candidates for the upcoming election for Jerome County sheriff.

In the interview, some of the candidates said that the 2001 drug raid in Eden where three men died would not be an issue in their campaign.

The last of that same article went on to say the incident spawned a series of lawsuits that haven't gone anywhere. A magistrate judge refused the case and later a federal district judge refused to reopen the case.

What this information tells us is that the search warrant was properly executed by law and constitutional standards; also that the deadly violence was not instigated by officers of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

The emotional trauma that Sheriff Weaver had to endure when he saw two of his fine young deputies shot to death, plus being wounded himself, would be indescribable.

He also had to bear the harsh criticism of the news media that must have driven daggers of pain into his heart that was already suffering because of the incident.

I wish to thank Sheriff Weaver for doing his job properly, for

withstanding the painful loss and for suffering silently through the unreasonable public bashing he received.
JEROME CAPPS
Jerome

LaPray, rape convicts, earned their jail stripes

I'm appalled to see the faulty logic paraded through this paper in an attempt to justify the predatory conquests of young males who know nothing of being men. Toby LaPray is not a victim of some vicious reverse-Darwinian disease which forces him to walk on four legs instead of two. He is capable of exercising his own free will, and he has. He knew the consequences, and he chose to violate probation. Now he is living with the consequences of his actions.

Unfortunately, the consequences of sex with teenage girls extend beyond legal punishment for the offender. Teen pregnancy takes a toll on our society in many ways. It often

results in the unruly mother ending her education, which adversely impacts her ability to provide for her young child. Unable to collect child support from the deadbeat dad, the mother goes on the state welfare rolls, causing every taxpayer to pay a price for this careless sex act. This is the end product of behavior which some now seek to sanction by Idaho state law.

In our society, we pass laws to discourage people from acting in ways that will harm other individuals or the community at large. Other harmful consequences of teenage sex include social diseases and psychological harm to the child being raised in a less-than-ideal home environment, wondering where his or her father is.

Some seek to justify irresponsible teenage sex if the victim consents. The underlying premise of our current law is that a young teenage girl is not mature enough to give consent. This doesn't mean she doesn't know what she wants. It means

she's not insightful enough to foresee the adverse consequences. However, instead of protecting those who are not yet mature enough to protect themselves, the enabling actions of young male predators like Toby LaPray would be a loosening of the law.

As a society, who should we protect? The predator or his prey? The societal benefit to be found in protecting the young teenage girl is obvious. Where is the societal benefit in protecting the predator? I fall to see where anyone benefits from the proposed new law, except for those young boys who desire to live like animals in their pretensions to manhood. Twin Falls is lucky to have a prosecutor who understands the need for this law to be appropriately applied. Keep it up, Mr. Loeb!

SYDNI LARSEN
Stafford, Va.
(Editor's note: Sydni Larsen is a former resident of the Magic Valley)

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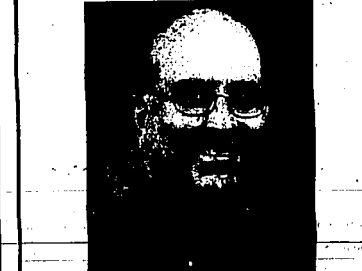
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WORLD

In Mexico, few remember or care about 'El Alamo'

By Ricardo Sandoval
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY — Maybe it was because "The Alamo" opened in Mexico during one of the nation's busiest holiday weeks, when the biggest concern is the tan line, not a movie's story line.

Maybe it was the anticipation that this telling of the 1836 battle between 187 Texas rebels and an overwhelming Mexican army in San Antonio would be different, perhaps closer to actual history, than the mushy John Wayne version of 1960.

Or, maybe, it was just that Mexicans, after 163 years, have finally forgotten the Alamo.

Whatever the reason, the predicted anti-American buzz around the screening of "The Alamo" here has not materialized. There are no anti-Hollywood demonstrations in front of the U.S. Embassy. Mexico is not preparing a World Court petition to get Texas back.

Movie theaters showing "El Alamo" here were half full during the film's opening week, as millions of Mexicans stayed away from work during the traditional Easter vacation. For those who went to the movies, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" was the week's dominant flick, according to the government film agency.

One film agency estimate said "The Alamo" was less popular in its first week than the Mexican opening of the 2003 horror title "Underworld."

Some political analysts had predicted that the movie would spark another round of U.S.-bashing by nationalistic Mexicans. But only a handful of stinging editorials and harsh judgments from critics have made their way into the pages of Mexico's newspapers.

One reader of the Mexico City daily newspaper Reforma did angrily wonder how the Interior Ministry could have allowed "The Alamo's" screening in Mexico.

The film is propaganda, financed by the state of Texas, which apologizes for supposed heroes who were actually no more than mercenaries in the service of the U.S. government working to seal a Mexican border, said a Mexican editor. Juan Carlos Navarro Vasquez said in a letter.

Perhaps a little controversy in Mexico would have helped. The film's first-week take in U.S. theaters was a lukewarm \$9.2 million, or one-tenth of its estimated production cost.

Unscientific samplings of Mexico City audiences yielded surprisingly upbeat assessments. "It's solidly based on historical facts as I know them," said Daniel Sanchez, a 28-year-old computing instructor. "Eighty percent of the movie is good. I'd recommend it to my friends. The other 20 percent, the last part of the movie where the Texans easily defeat the Mexicans (at San Jacinto), becomes the focus of the movie."

"That is where the movie becomes more of the same from Hollywood: Americans good, Mexicans bad."

Audiences also tended to agree with the filmmaker's portrayal of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana as a power-hungry snob who viewed his troops as little more than cannon fodder. In one showing, the audience let out a collective snicker when the general angrily tells subordinates that he wants to crush the Texans so that future generations of Mexicans do not have to "beg for favors from the powerful Americans."

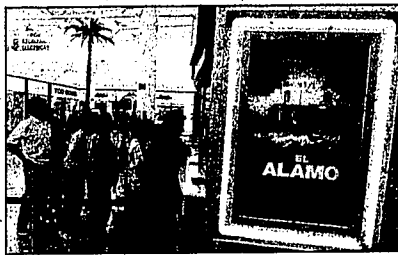
Mexican history books do not treat the general kindly. He was a veteran of the Mexican war for independence from Spain, but during his time as president he almost lost the state of Zacatecas and the Yucatan peninsula to up-

risings. Then, upon losing at San Jacinto after the Alamo massacre, Gen. Santa Ana sold off Texas in exchange for his life.

Mexicans love to hate Gen. Santa Ana, yet they are ambivalent about the Alamo. More and more, the battle is seen as just an irrefutable part of history.

"That's how that history was written, by the victors," said Saul

Rojas, a 52-year-old store owner as he emerged from a showing last week on Mexico City's south side. "The Texans won. Mexico comes out badly in the movie, but the Texans are shown with flaws as well. As a Mexican I can only say that what's done is done. Texas is not ours today, but that doesn't mean I can't like this movie."



Mexicans line up to buy tickets for 'The Alamo' movie in Mexico City on Thursday. The movie depicts Mexico's most reviled traitor, one of its most humiliating defeats, and events that eventually led to the loss of half the country's territory.



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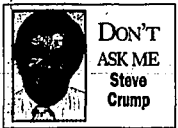
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A guy has to sofa for his art

Twenty years ago, a group of *Times-News* reporters lived together in a coldwater flat popularly known as "Couch City."



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

It was so called because most of the furniture in the apartment consisted of divans, sofas and Chesterfields in various stages of extravagant disrepair.

Couch City was a popular party venue because, (A) empties could always be stashed under the cushions, and (B) if you weren't in condition to drive home, you simply slumped where you were sitting.

Some of the sofas in Couch City were legendary for their endurance, outlasting three or four Super Bowls and at least two bachelor parties.

Cruelly, when the last member of that particular generation of reporters moved on, the couches were left to their fate. They may be in the landfill now, or they might still be in use somewhere, in a trailer or under outdoor carpeting and a small, working TV set sitting on top of a bigger TV that's busted.

The issue arises because I said goodbye to my own beloved sofa last week. I'd owned it for seven years, snacked on it, watched sports on it, fallen asleep on it during "Survivor XXXIII: Revenge of the Bug-Baters." It was the most redoubtable piece of furniture this guy could ever have.

More to the point, that couch was the hangout of choice of my dog, who sat atop the back and surveyed her kingdom through the living room window.

Petunia, a 10-year-old Lhasa apso, can't do that anymore. I bought a new couch, and when she jumps on it, the dog sinks into the cushions and disappears.

And, me, well, I was afraid even to eat Cheetos on the damned thing.

As far as I can tell, my couch is indestructible, but I didn't want to be the first to discover otherwise.

So mostly, Petunia and I just sat in other chairs around the living room and admired the new couch from a distance.

It's gorgeous, but it has no character — at least not yet. I wonder if I made a mistake.

The old sofa had both legs broken off in back and was supported on one end by an old Monark Ward catalog and on the other end by a copy of "Home Repair Manual."

The cushions had been shredded by Petunia jumping up and down to bark at the neighbors, and my friend Victoria's dog Annie had chewed holes in both arms.

I've discovered that couch for several years with slipcovers, but slipcovers couldn't camouflage the fact that the frame was fractured. Eventually I went to the Home Depot, bought a three-quarter-inch plank and stuffed it under the cushions.

"The effect was sort of like trying to nap on pillows laid end to end on a hockey rink."

"For years, I've walked around like Gracho Man in "Chuck Soup" my back in various stages of spasm."

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It took more than three years to strip down and "rebuild" the 1987 Chevy pickup Bob Maxwell already had rebuilt once.

But that is just part of the fun. Orlan Stearns' 1966 Chevy Chevelle with 42,000 original miles also is on its second reconstruction.

This time it got a coat of viper red paint rather than pastel yellow, which was the original color of the classic car passed down through his family starting with his grandmother.

Full firs and sanded up and tricked out chrome polished to a high gloss finish filled the Eldon Evans Expo Center at the College of Southern Idaho for the annual car show Saturday.

The Magic Valley Early Iron Club packed the Expo Center with 120 cars that span the 20th Century. The show continues today.

Stearns' former "granda car" had a six-cylinder engine and a three-speed on the column — not much of a power house for car buffs.

She bought it almost new and used it only a bit before his parents' inherited it.

He handed it down to Stearns.

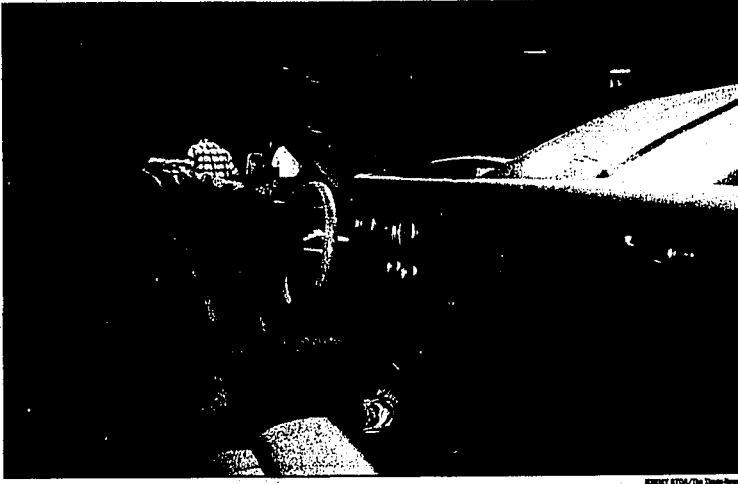
"I covered it up and didn't do anything with it for 12 years," he said.

He rebuilt it for the first time 15 years ago and kept the original yellow paint job.

After a second rebuild, today it's shiny red with a roaring 454 engine and four speed manual shift.

It's air conditioned with bucket seats and kept the original wheels.

"I've constantly got a project."



Bob Maxwell, of Twin Falls, sits in his newly restored 1987 Chevy during the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show Saturday. Maxwell stripped the truck and rebuilt it from scratch, spending around 2,000 hours on it during the past three and a half years. This is the Chevy's first public appearance. The car show continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Expo Center.

Car show continues

• **What:** Magic Valley Early Iron club is holding its 28th annual car show packed with 120 cars.

• **Where:** The Eldon Evans College of Southern Idaho Expo Center in Twin Falls.

• **When:** Today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Cost:** Tickets are available at the door. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 6-12, and \$4 for senior citizens.

I'm building a '47 Ford convertible street rod and '61 Chevy Impala bubble top," he said. Classic cars are his hobby,

owned his '67 Chevy. He rebuilt it once and then sold it to a friend who drove it for 13 years.

By the time Maxwell decided to buy it back, it was ready for another makeover that took three and a half years.

"Some people are what I'm going to call hot rodders," Maxwell said.

Rather than vintage restoration, hot rodders let their imaginations run to rebuild,

he said. He stripped the Chevy down to the frame, lowered the cab 3.5 inches, narrowed the body, installed a 454 engine, custom dashboard, and custom glistering aluminum bed cover.

The Chevy's new color? An eye-popping lime-pear.

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Retiring sergeant shares memories

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Oh, the stories he can tell after being a police officer for 28 years.

Cassia County Sheriff's Staff Sgt. Dave Tracy couldn't decide how to select which of those stories he should share with a reporter in his waning days with the department. Tracy retired at the end of his shift Friday, completing a career he began in 1975 in Burley.

"I've seen about everything, except cannibalism," he said without cracking a smile.

The first story that jumped to mind was a double homicide in 1979. Two Arab men who were in the process of opening a business in Burley were shot point-blank in the backs of their heads on Main Street.

Police had a suspect, Tracy said, and made arrests. But they didn't have enough evidence to hold the suspects, so the men were released.

Later, police learned the suspects were part of a group that had been involved in an assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan and Iarnell Prime Minister Menachem Begin. One of the suspects in the Burley murders was later found dead in "shallow grave" near Las Vegas.

The case, Tracy said "still haunts me." It's the 1995 death of Krieger Klinger. The 14-year-old girl disappeared from her family's Burley home Feb. 28. Her body was found on the bank of the Snake River 13 miles upstream from Burley on April 15. She had been stabbed in the heart and her throat was cut.

Even though investigators were "never able to get any decent information" in that case,

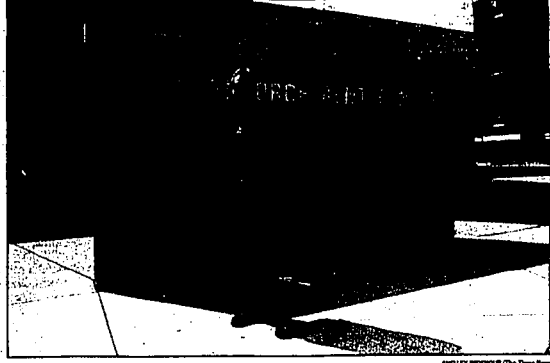
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"An officer has to do his job, but still maintain a relationship" with the citizens, he said.

Police officers also need to keep learning, Tracy said, from each crime they handle.

He also remembers fondly his 30-day assignment with the FBI drug task force, which he mostly landed because of his ability to speak Spanish. That stint helped officers make 15 arrests and seize \$100,000 in cash along with vehicles and other assets.

Tracy also has been assigned to the attorney general's task force for special crimes.

Any case that involved children always was especially hard, Tracy said. Three of Tracy's own children have died in

somewhat tragic ways. Those losses are the main reason he retired when he did.

"There's not much that's more important than your family," he said.

In spite of several job offers, Tracy doesn't plan to work soon. He's got a 3-year-old daughter, a 4-year-old son, a 13-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old daughter at home who he plans to spend time with. The two younger children have been counting the days until they will stop going to daycare and instead stay home with their dad.

Tracy also has a 25-year-old son who is a college student. He's done it all in his 28 years — starting out as a patrol officer

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Democrat challenges Simpson

The Associated Press and The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Former Democratic State Sen. Lin Whitworth on Saturday formally kicked off his challenge against Republican Mike Simpson for Idaho's 2nd Congressional District seat.

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When Congress passed the Patriot Act, ... this nation started down a road that, ... will lead to the loss of individual freedoms.

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— Lin Whitworth, running for Congress

The union leader from Pocatello launched his campaign in Boise from the statehouse and continued making stump speeches across southern Idaho through the day, including a stop in Twin Falls at the Buzz Langdon Visitor's Center next to the Perrine Bridge.

The 70-year-old retired rail-road engineer told supporters the Patriot Act championed by the Bush administration would erode hard-won civil rights, including gun ownership.

"When Congress passed the Patriot Act following the tragic events to Sept. 11, I believe this nation started down a road that, if left unchanged, will lead to the loss of individual freedoms our founding fathers fought and died for," Whitworth said in prepared remarks.

Whitworth also said he's against the Bush administration's effort to reclassify support of Bush plan to redefining who is eligible for overtime pay.

Recycling centers abound in Magic Valley

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If all businesses and residents of the Twin Falls and Burley areas recycled their outdated, Diox (Best-Deal) directories, the books would stretch a distance of 23 miles — from Twin Falls to Shoshone.

In 2003, an estimated 7 tons of outdated directories were recycled and kept out of the landfill dumps in Twin Falls, Burley and the surrounding area residents.

Community recycling options available year-round include:

- Burley — Pacific Steel & Recycling, 320 W. Main.
- Halley — Blaine County Resource Recovery Center, 110 Ohio Gulch Road.
- Twin Falls — Magic Valley Recycling, 114 Market Ave., and Pacific Steel & Recycling, 1959 Highland Ave. E.

- Station, 4200 N. 900 E.
- Burley — Milner Butte Landfill, 1050 W. 400 S.
- Carey — Transfer Station, 1675 S. 1800 E.
- Jerome — The Gap Transfer Station, 1178 Highway 25.
- Malta — Transfer Station, 2450 E. 1760 S.
- Oakley — Transfer Station, 985 S. Worthington.
- Rupert — Mindokota County Transfer Station, 325 N. 400 W.
- Shoshone — Lincoln County Transfer Station, 120 N. Highway 75.

- Twin Falls — Hub Butte waste disposal site, 2900 N. 2800 E., and transfer station, 2186 Orchard Drive E.
- Wendell — Transfer station, 2743 Highway 48.

Additional recycling information is available by contacting your local recycler or solid-waste provider or accessing the Directory Recycling link at DexOnline.com.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Wyoming ranchers deal with brucellosis

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Business is a bit leaner these days at Joe Forstrom's feedlot. Since the federal government imposed stringent testing requirements on Wyoming cattle in February after discovering a herd infected with the livestock disease brucellosis, Forstrom has seen some customers take their money to feedlots in Nebraska or Colorado.

He can't put a dollar figure on it, but Forstrom has lost several sales at his small Pine Bluffs feedlot after buyers learned that it takes days for the Wyoming cattle to be tested.

"A lot of buyers that come in, when they come in to buy cattle, they don't want to buy that day. They don't want to wait," he said. "The heat buyers pass on Wyoming cows because of it."

Federal and state officials have worked since the 1930s to eradicate brucellosis from livestock. But from time to time, the mala-

dy which causes cattle to abort their calves and humans to contract chronic fatigue symptoms, resurfaces. In Wyoming, a herd of elk is suspected of infecting two cattle herds over the winter. The federal government quickly lifted the state's "brucellosis-free" status and required extensive testing.

"When I sell a bull, he has to be brucellosis-tested if he goes out of state," said Mark Teichert, manager of the Wyoming Herdford Branch east of Cheyenne. And that's our primary source of income, is feed stock."

"It's just tightened all the controls on the interstate commerce where Wyoming cattle are concerned," he said. There's more paperwork required, health permits, etc.

Bob Elliott, a Cheyenne livestock broker, said the new requirements are hindering his ability to sell Wyoming cattle

through auction barns.

"If an animal is not brucellosis-vaccinated, the veterinarian there does an inspection and he limits the places we can go," said Teichert. "The vet will say it can only go to a feedlot. It limits the scope of your marketability."

The requirements are a hassle but probably won't cripple any operation, said Bill Shane, a Pine Bluffs veterinarian.

"It shouldn't eliminate any movement. It shouldn't eliminate any sales, but it should result in some extra inconvenience and expense," he said.

Gathering and testing herds "puts stress on the cattle, stress on the people, increases labor time," he said.

Stressed cattle tend to lose weight and don't fetch as much money, while ranchers incur the costs of transportation and equipment costs.

"Before, when we were a bru-

cellosis-free state, we just did a visual inspection," Shane said. "We didn't have to do this testing."

Shawn Madden, co-owner of Torrington Livestock Commission, Wyoming's largest sale barn with 250,000 to 310,000 cattle per year, said his operation is testing substantially higher numbers.

Illegal workers in Heber City could get deported

HEBER CITY, Utah (AP)—Up to 700 soup manufacturing plant workers could face deportation after a customs investigation revealed they were working under fraudulent identification, federal investigators say.

David Ward, special agent in charge of Immigration and

Customs Enforcement in Provo, said about 60 percent of the workers at Bear Creek Country Kitchen had used fraudulent Social Security numbers on their job applications.

The workers were employed by Bear Creek, Ward said.

SERVICES

Shirley LaRae Arriaga of Hagerman, celebration of life from 2 to 4:30 p.m. today at the Hagerman American Legion Hall (Demary Funeral Home).

Thomas Wayne Meade of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Emerson Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. Paul, viewing one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel).

Loons M. "Tody" Kaufman of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Irene M. Petersen of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hansen American Legion Hall (Demary Funeral Home).

Evelyn Doris Fowler of Twin Falls and formerly of Ocean Park, Idaho, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; viewing is planned following the service.

June W. Towle of Tucson, Ariz., memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Manor at Midvale, 6250 S. Commerce Court, Tucson (Evergreen Mortuary and Cemetery, Tucson).

Justita Janelle Jenny Jordan of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Edythe M. Lyle
BUHL—Edythe M. Lyle, 96, of Buhl, died Friday, April 16, 2004, at Senoma House in Twin Falls.
Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

George A. Carrico
GOODING—George A. Carrico, 57, of Gooding, died Friday, April 16, 2004, at his home.
The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Gooding. Cremation arrangements will follow the service. Burialment will take place on a later date at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. A gathering for family and friends will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Schubert House, 641 Main St., Gooding. Family and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Demary's Gooding Chapel. A complete obituary will appear on a later date.

Elaine Carter LaGrange
HAGERMAN—Elaine Carter LaGrange, 81, of Hagerman, died Friday, April 16, 2004, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding. Arrangements will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Newell F. Morgan
TWIN FALLS—Newell F. Morgan, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at his home.
Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Audrey Eileen Abbott
TWIN FALLS—Audrey Eileen Abbott, 81, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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Robert Francis Benoit - Twin Falls



Robert (Bob) Francis Benoit passed on at his home surrounded by loving family Thursday morning, April 15, 2004, after a courageous battle with ALS. Lou Gehrig's disease. Bob was born Oct. 16, 1930, at Boyd Hospital in Albert (Ab) George St. and Florence Grace Hill Benoit. He was the third of three children born to Ab and Florence. Bob graduated from St. Edwards Parochial School and then Twin Falls High School in 1948. Bob was a life-long member of St. Edwards Catholic Church. On March 26, 1951, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna Hewlett. Bob and Donna have three children, Teresa (Kelly Hamlett) of Twin Falls, Ted Boise and Lisa (Steve Wirsching) of Port Hueneene, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Donna of 53 years; his children and five grandchildren: Ben, Heather, Rosanna Benoit and Robbie Benoit, all of Twin Falls, and Abby Wirsching of Port Hueneene, Calif.; and two great-granddaughters, Kyrle and Andrea Benoit, all of Twin Falls. He is also survived by his brother, Albert George Benoit Jr. (Ruh) of Billings, Mont.; his sister, Genevieve (Van) Van Dera of Mountain View, Calif.; another-in-law, Linda Sheehan (Eleanor) of Burley; a very special longtime buddy, Richard Noh (Caryann), (Harry Noh's boy) of Twin Falls; many

Dad was a master wood worker and spent many hours in his shop making wonderful "things" for his family. Some of his most memorable times were coaching Ben and Robbie in football and track, sharing a birthday with Rosanna and listening to her adventures. Since Abby and Angie always lived far away, he always loved hearing about their excellent grades, school adventures, water polo and soccer practices; and traveling to see them.

At Dad's request, a private open house remembrance will be held for family and close friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at the family home. Instead of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation at Boise, Idaho. Donations may be sent to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Special thanks to Dr. Richard Hammond, Cindy Toler RN, Allen Stevenson RN, Bob Ploss, Kammey Har, Helen Arrington RN, and all the others who helped us care for Dad who were here for his and our every need.

Although you are at rest Dad will be helpful, we will always miss you and will never forget the things you have taught and shared with us in our lives.

You will always be in our hearts and thoughts. And we love you so! Donna.

cousins, nieces and nephews; and a close family friend, Duane Moon.

Bob was a very dedicated letter carrier, both city and rural, for 44 years. He loved his postal routes, postal patrons and fellow carriers. He was also troop commander in the Idaho National Guard from 1951 to 1965, and won many state awards including the Harris trophy for his troops' excellence.

From Florence G. Hill Benoit: "The clock of life is wound but once and no man has the power to tell you just when the hands will stop at a late or early hour."

Now is the only time you own. Live, Love and Tell with the will. Place no faith in tomorrow for the clock may then be still."

Doris R. Mai - Filer

Doris R. Mai, 61, of Filer, passed away at her home on Saturday, April 17, 2004, with her loving husband by her side.

She was born July 16, 1942, in Buhl, Idaho, the daughter of Bill and Norma Linnell Hatfield. On Aug. 4, 1974, in Carson City, Nev., she married Stanley Mal. Together they enjoyed camping, riding motorcycles and ATVs. She was a longtime member of the Magic Valley Trill Machine Association.

Doris was a blonde-headed fireball, who was always full of energy. She was an unselfish giving person who enjoyed people. She managed the Mall Plaza on Main Street in Twin Falls for many years. Doris will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are her husband, Stanley Mal of Filer; her mother, Norma Hatfield of Buhl;

along with two brothers, Darrell Hatfield of Declo and Bill Hatfield of Buhl. Her father preceded her in death.

A memorial service for Doris will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at the Buhl Methodist Church. The family requests memorial be made in Doris' name to the charity of one's choice. Cremation was under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Hazel E. 'Shorty' Bay - Wendell



Hazel E. "Shorty" Bay, 87, a resident of Wendell, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at his home in Wendell.

H.E. "Shorty" Bay was born on Oct. 30, 1916, in Mt. View, Mo., the son of Alfred and Mahvaine Bay. He was raised and educated in Jennings, Okla., where he resided until moving to the Magic Valley area in 1957, where he has since resided. He married Hilda H. Morris on Dec. 3, 1941, in Maramee, Okla. Shorty served during WW II in Italy with Co. A, 126th Mt. Engineers. From the time Shorty moved to the Magic Valley area, he was employed by Nielson & Miller General Contractors until he transferred to the 2 + Ranch, southeast of Wendell, where he resided from 1961-1966. He then moved into Wendell, where he was then employed by Clear Springs Foods from 1972 until his retirement in 1992. Shorty was the first employee to retire from Clear Springs Foods.

Shorty loved the outdoors. He was always ready to go camping and fishing, day or night, rain or shine. He loved playing 31 and Mexican Train Dominoes, where Saturday



and one grandson were passed peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11:50 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at the Wendell Cemetery with military honors—Thousand Springs Post No. 2974, VFW, Wendell. Funeral and cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the Cancer Society.

Directors cast budget fix aside

MOSCOW (AP)—A pay lag proposal introduced last week as a short-term fix to growing financial problems at the University of Idaho has fallen out of favor with the administration, Provost Brian Pitcher said Friday.

The move could theoretically have saved millions in fiscal year 2005 by deferring one paycheck for university employees from fall semester until the end of the person's employment.

But university accountants concluded that the long-term impacts would not be worth the short-term benefits, officials said.

The program would eventually become burdensome since the lag check would be paid at a future, almost certainly higher, pay rate.

Instead, a new proposal would impose a 5 percent one-time holdback for each academic department.

Department heads could decide themselves how to come up with the 5 percent reduction, Pitcher told the school's Faculty Council during a special meeting.

A mandatory furlough program involving staff and faculty would be a likely alternative to outright layoffs, he added.

The University is facing increasingly dire money problems, officials say. State appropriations have not kept pace with rising costs and enrollment, and the State Board of Education recently denied a student fee increase. The combination has left a new \$5 million funding gap.

Friday was the deadline for nominations to a "vision and resource task force," which will form budget recommendations.

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Salad bar and milk served every day.
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Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Turkey dinner
Friday: Cheese nachos

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Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Willie Sits
Tuesday: Turkey
Wednesday: Muffins
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Cinnamon rolls
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Soft shell tacos
Tuesday: Turkey and noodles
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich
Friday: Cheeseburgers

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Turkey gravy and noodles
Tuesday: Sausage pizza
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Ham and beans

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Sloppy joes
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Idaho haystacks

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SCHOOL DISTRICT
Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Cereal
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken patty
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Ham and potato soup
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Soft tacos

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Roast beef
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Italian sausage pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles
Wednesday: Sloppy joes
Thursday: Potato bar
Friday: Chicken fillet

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Beef wrap
Wednesday: Sloppy joes
Thursday: Potato bar
Friday: Corn dog

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: French dip sandwich
Wednesday: Hart
Thursday: Chili fried pie
Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Taco
Tuesday: Meatball sandwich
Wednesday: Ham sub sandwich
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Cheeseburger

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Tuesday: Meatball sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Deli turkey sandwich
Friday: Pepperoni hot pocket

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
Milk served daily.

Monday: Turkey sandwich
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Chicken noodle soup

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Roast beef and cheddar sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos supreme
Thursday: Cheese melt
Friday: Pizza

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Monday: Turkey gravy
Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese
Wednesday: Baked potato
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Chicken patty sandwich

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken fried steak
Tuesday: Hot dog
Wednesday: Beef and bean burrito
Thursday: Deli turkey sandwich
Friday: Nachos supreme

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Breakfast is served daily.
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Tuesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Chicken tenders
Friday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles
Wednesday: Barbecue beef
Thursday: Cheese pizza
Friday: No school

BLISS SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Stoumboli
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Chicken burger
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Hamburgers

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Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.

Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Ham and scalloped potatoes
Wednesday: Burritos
Thursday: French dip
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Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Egg roll
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Chicken burger
Friday: Veggie soup

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Monday: Quesadilla, salad bar, spicy chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, potato bar, pita pockets
Wednesday: Finger steaks, salad bar, popcorn chicken
Thursday: Corn dog, salad bar, burrito
Friday: Chili

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Spring cheese
Wednesday: Banana bread squares
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Waffle sticks
Lunch menu
Monday: Fish nuggets
Tuesday: Taco
Wednesday: Beef ravioli
Thursday: Turkey pot pie
Friday: Chicken on a bun

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Ragu
Wednesday: Banana bread squares
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Breaded chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Barbecue beef on a bun

JEROME SCHOOLS
Milk served daily.
Monday: Ham and cheese pocket
Tuesday: Beef nachos
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: No school

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Ham
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Hashbrowns

Lunch
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Hoagie sandwich
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Cheeseburger
Friday: Nachos

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Cheesebake
Wednesday: Chicken patty
Thursday: Soft taco
Friday: Peanut butter and grape jelly sandwich

WENDELL SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Soft taco
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Subway sandwich

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Monday: Pizza or cheese square
Tuesday: Chili or barbecue
Wednesday: Turkey and cheese or ham and cheese
Thursday: Hamburger, cheese-burger or burrito
Friday: Taco or corn dog

MINIDOKA SCHOOLS
Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Toast tarts
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Popcorn trout
Wednesday: Baked cheese sandwich
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Spaghetti

CASSIA SCHOOLS
Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast on a bun
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Toaster pastry
Friday: Breakfast combo
Lunch menu
Monday: Baked potato special
Tuesday: Enchilada
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket
Friday: Sausage

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Former weapons production site will be refuge

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (AP) —

Once known as the most contaminated square mile in the nation, part of the former Rocky Mountain Arsenal opened this weekend as a national wildlife refuge.

Rolling prairie where defense workers for four decades produced deadly sarin, mustard gas and napalm is now home to more than 300 species from white pelicans to foxes to bald eagles.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton, preparing for Saturday's opening of the first phase of the refuge, said Friday the project will serve as both a habitat and an oasis of open space in the rapidly urbanizing Denver suburbs.

"It is a wonderful legacy," Norton said.

Not everyone is convinced that opening the site to the public is a good idea.

The arsenal is a federal Superfund site, still undergoing a cleanup expected to cost \$2.2 billion.

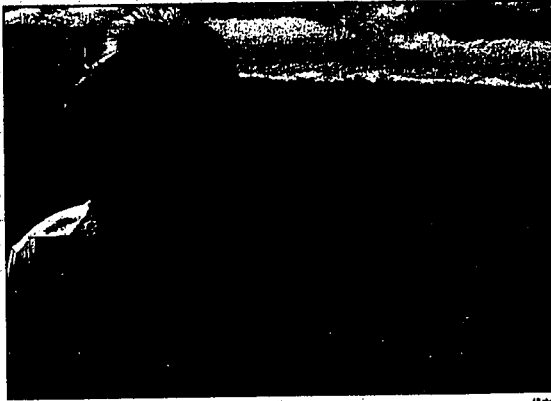
Ten grapefruit-sized sarin gas bomblets were found during cleanup in 2000 and 2001, four years after historic tours of the facility had begun. "Just six weeks ago, another canister designed to hold sarin in a weapon called an Honest John rocket was found, though it contained only water."

"That site should never have been and should never be open to the public," said Adrienne Anderson, a University of Colorado professor and environmental activist.

"We are worried. I think it just doesn't make sense to have people near a hazardous waste cleanup site while the cleanup is going on," said Sandra Horrocks, chairwoman of the arsenal committee for the Colorado branch of the Sierra Club.

However, other environmental groups support the program.

Stephen Turbit, director of the Rocky Mountain Reserve Center of the National Wildlife Federation, said the eagles and other wildlife are the best possible barometer of the ecosystem at the arsenal site. "And they are



Interior Secretary Gale Norton surveys the landscape of the Rocky Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, during a visit to the site Friday near Commerce City, Colo.

doing just fine."

"Our assessment is that this is the best and highest use for that land; a wildlife oasis in the middle of the concrete jungle of Denver," said Turbit.

The arsenal sits on 17,000 acres of rolling grassland about 10 miles northeast of downtown Denver. Perched at the foot of the Rocky Mountains with commanding views of the Denver, the area is dotted with small manmade lakes.

As reporters toured the area, deer ambled across empty roads and tumbleweeds blew past.

Opening to limited public use this weekend are 5,000 acres of the refuge. Walking trails will give access to about 2,000 acres, and tram tours will take visitors to the other 3,000 acres.

An additional 10,000 acres are slated to become part of the refuge by 2011, though some of that area will be closed to the public as eagle habitat.

The most seriously contaminated area, about 1,000 acres, will be permanently controlled

by the Army.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is working on similar plans to make the former nuclear weapons plant at nearby Rocky Flats into a wildlife refuge.

Norton, who as Colorado attorney general pursued a lawsuit against the federal government that resulted in state

health standards being applied

at the site, said the open areas are safe for the public.

Officials noted that more than 500,000 people have been through the area on tightly controlled public tours for historical purposes since 1996 and there have been no problems.

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Young Hispanics connect with culture through quinceaneras

NAMPA, Idaho (AP) — The pastel dresses were altered and carefully pressed, and the wax flowers were twisted into delicate coronas. The dancer had been choreographed, the invitations sent and hours of practice ensured everything would run smoothly.

There was nothing left for 14-year-old Yvette Garcia and nearly 40 other young teens to do but anticipate the start of their Quinceanera Gala.

"I'm excited but I'm nervous about not speaking loud enough or rushing through it," Garcia said a few days before the event. "I'm still practicing, and I think it's going to be fun."

Historically, quinceanera celebrations marked a daughter's 15th birthday and signified she was ready for marriage.

But Graciela Fonseca and others with the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho have turned the event into something much more.

"It's a really important time in a young person's life to become more productive in staying in school and going on to college," said Fonseca, who helps run the program. "So with the traditions, we do training as to life skills and a little bit of theater and arts and cultural training."

The Stay-in-School Quinceanera Program, open to middle school boys and girls, culminates with the gala, when students wearing tuxedos and gowns dance an elaborate waltz, read original poetry and perform stylized theater before an audience of parents and friends.

Garcia, like many of her Hispanic friends, will have an individual quinceanera celebration in October when she turns 15. But her mother encouraged Garcia to take part in the program as well after learning about it through her school.

"At first I was thinking to quit the program because I was embarrassed because I didn't know all the people around me. But my mom cheered me on and told me don't quit, because it was worth my time. Now I thank



Nick Ramirez, 14, right, spins Jessica Castaneda, 14, while practicing a traditional waltz April 10, in Nampa, for the upcoming Quinceanera Gala.

her for it," Garcia said.

In the program, the East Valley Middle School student learned about the struggles of teen pregnancy and the dangers of dropping out.

The students discussed culture and respect, and experimented with expressing themselves through writing and art.

"It makes me feel that I could do whatever I want if I put my mind into it," Garcia said. "It makes me respect myself more and don't put myself down as much. The guys learned to be more respectful of women too, and that gang colors don't really matter."

Jorje Pena, the center's executive director, turns every possible moment with the teens into a lesson on respect. Rather than being bored or defiant, the students have blossomed under his high-discipline approach.

"They're all in their shell right now, and it helps them get out of their shell, build confidence. In the process, they get to know their culture," Pena said. "They learn to be part of the community and to protect the community, and that's what the quinceanera is all about."

The youth are drawn to the program because they know it will prepare them for their individual quinceaneras, said Lisa Sanchez, a writing instructor with the program.

In some regions, quinceanera celebrations can be as elaborate as a wedding, with special church services, engraved invitations, live music and catering.

"It's an indigenous tradition that over the years had a European influence, and the big dresses and a special mass were added, with a court of 14 best friends and escorts," said Sanchez. "The community all comes together to sponsor the cake, the food, the music. If I asked you to pay for a quinceanera cake, you would be honored and become a co-madre or co-mother to this child because it's an elevated level of friendship."

But besides being ready for one big day, Sanchez said, the center's program prepares the teens to become responsible, productive adults.

There are so many challenges growing up Hispanic, and a lot of them are systemic. This is a chance for them to say, "I come from a really great culture and this is an asset, not something to overcome," she said.

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Kimberly schools prep for Day of the Child

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School District is preparing for Day of the Child activities...

City and school festivities will begin at 8 p.m. in the middle school with pizza served until about 8:45 p.m.

At that time entertainment will be provided by students from the three schools until about 8 p.m., middle school Principal Jeff Jones announced.

Fourth-grade students in Christie Willford's class were honored with a visit from Idaho history pioneer...

Other Kimberly School Board business included: Large grant — The board voted to accept the 21st Century Grant written by Kathleen Nobb to benefit the after-school program.

The grant will award \$100,000 the first three years and will reduce to \$60,000 the fifth and final year.

The program provides additional tutoring and learning opportunities after school in addition to activities on Saturday morning.

This program also will offer English as a Second Language and GED classes for adults...

Meal prices increase — The board approved a recommendation for menu changes...

Band trip — Board members agreed to pay for the transportation costs of a band trip to Logan, Utah, on May 7-8.

Inspection — An annual safety inspection showed only minor problems that have been corrected.

One of the infractions concerned the safety attire of the school guards...

However, the weather warned the day of the inspection and guard removed the heavy coat...

Without bright clothing, Wasko noted.

Making a difference

Woman founds Christian-based crisis center

OLDTOWN (AP) — To this day, Deborah Barker feels the pain only a mother knows.

A pain that once plunged her into despair when her seven-year-old son was killed.

Out of that pain "From Despair To Hope" was born, a Christian-based ministry for families in crisis.

Barker and her husband Ben, are parents of a methamphetamine addict.

They heard the call to reach out to the mothers, fathers, sons, uncles, brothers and sisters of users and abusers...

"When I realized I had to face my son's addiction, I found I was all alone," Deborah said.

Her husband explained it in terms of focus. "Many times the focus is on the user, not the family that is destroyed in the process," Ben added.

The Barkers joined forces with Jennifer Pillo, also a parent of an addict and founder of her own ministry.

A year in development, the group's purpose is to kick away the pain that the addict has pushed it past \$150 million.

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Danny Graebel, 11, also known as The Pillsbury Doughboy, takes his turn at the World Alpine Pond Skimming Championships in Vall, Colo.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following: Larry Dustin Rodriguez, 25, 339 Craven Drive, Twin Falls; providing false information to a police officer; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; \$200 bond; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$1,500 bond.

Richard Herman Martin, 44, 573 S. 600th, Heyburn; burglary; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$20,000 bond; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; \$500 bond.

R. Jay McDaniel, 38, 240 Railroad Ave. E. Haysen; driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; \$250 bond.

Miguel Guadalupe, 39, 629 Broadway Ave. S., No. 12, Buhl; rape; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$50,000 bond.

Ricardo Valderama-Chavez, 33, 1401 Washington St. S., No. 5, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; waived consent; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$10,000 bond; petit theft; possession of paraphernalia; driving under the influence; failure to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty to counts one, two and three; pleaded innocent to count four; sentencing set for May 11; \$500 bond.

Juan D. Myers, 21, 140 S. 400 W., No. 50, Buhl; disturbing the peace; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for April 23; \$5,000 bond.

Nicole L. Baker, 20, 207 No. 3 Wishing, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; public defender continuing; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 29; \$5,000 bond.

Allen Pyle Hadselton, 47, 527 1/2 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; \$300 bond; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$1,500 bond.

Stephanie M. Ortiz, 21, P.O. Box 3082, Halsey; probation violation - petit theft; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 4; released under own recognizance.

Terry Keith Hillman, 46, 439 Rose St. N., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$1,500 bond.

Neil Hymus Gibby, 25, 506 Gem Drive, Kimberly; driving under the influence (more than two within five years); public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$2,500 bond.

Rupert Kay Baker, 32, 923 Third St., Buhl; failure to appear - petit theft; public defender appointed; had previously pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing rescheduled for July 6; \$5,000 bond.

Angela Janet Thornton, aka Angela Gardner, 45, 580 E. 400 N., Jerome; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, contempt of court - criminal; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; \$500 bond.

Robert Jason Serna, 30, 248 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; probation violation - sexual battery of a minor; public defender appointed; denied/pleading set for April 23; \$25,000 bond; probation violation - burglary; public defender appointed; denied/pleading set for April 23; \$25,000 bond.

Leonard P. Looney, 32, no address listed; Glenn Perry; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; released under own recognizance.

James Donald Foster, 55, 3120 Gooding St., Boise; driving under the influence; possession of a controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; released under own recognizance.

Anthony R. Wilkinson, 21, 312 Fourth Ave. E., No. 2, Twin Falls; probation violation - domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; released under own recognizance.

Chad Aaron Purviance, 32, 3200 N. 1520 E., Buhl; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; released under own recognizance.

Carerone D. Watts, 26, 112 Eighth Ave. S., Buhl; violation of a no contact order, domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; posted bond.

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Cynthia S. Johnson, aka Cynthia Massey, 45, 1045 Mammoth, Gooding; driving without privileges, failure to appear - contempt; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; \$1,000 bond; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; had previously pleaded innocent; pretrial conference rescheduled for May 10; \$5,000 bond.

Raymond Joseph Homolka, 24, 1227 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls; probation violation - child abuse; burglary; public defender appointed; no plea entered; denied/pleading set for April 19; \$20,000 bond.

Anthony R. Wilkinson, 21, 312 Fourth Ave. E., No. 2, Twin Falls; probation violation - domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; released under own recognizance.

Justin Ray Rattibun, 22, C-S 2160 E. 332d, Filer; felony; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$15,000 bond.

Andrew M. Berg, 28, 250 S. First St., Buhl; probation, violation - possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 20; \$10,000 bond.

Justin Ray Rattibun, 22, C-S 2160 E. 332d, Filer; felony; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$5,000 bond; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 11; \$1,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for April 23; \$5,000 bond.

Gary L. McKehey, 40, 131 Elm St., Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for May 4; released under own recognizance.

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Boise students compete for national award

BOISE (AP) — Students from Mountain View High School in Mesa, Ariz., answered all but one question about the Lewis and Clark expedition correctly in one of 10 competitions of the U.S. Academic Decathlon National Finals Super Quiz Relay competition.

At each question, Ben Burnham, of the Arizona team, would grab his head with a painful expression or drop his head to the table as if the answer escaped him.

"He picks us," said teammate Kyle "Jay" White, who has watched Burnham act in previous tests. "He gets them all correct."

Each year a different state hosts the Academic Decathlon, which was founded in 1901.

This year Boise, Idaho, is host

to 370 students from 40 states and British Columbia. Students compete against each other in categories including art, economics, essay, interview, language and literature, mathematics, music, science, social science and speech.

California, which led last year's national finals champions, scored 38 points in the super quiz and placed second. The team had one less member than Arizona.

Missachusetts and Wisconsin schools tied for third with 37 points.

Centennial High School in Boise represented Idaho, and answered 28 of the 44 questions correctly in Friday's competition.

Department rounds up pay increases for low-wage workers

LEWISTON (AP) — The 2 percent pay raise authorized by the Legislature earlier this year is so small for low-wage workers that the Idaho Transportation Department is nearly doubling it.

Employees who qualify for 2 percent merit raises approved by the Legislature this year will get a minimum of 25 cents per hour increase, Susan K. Simmons, director of the administrative services division, told members of the Transportation Board meeting

in Lewiston Thursday and Friday. Under the 2 percent authorization, the lowest paid employees, such as a clerical worker who starts at \$7.41 an hour, would get a 14 or 15 cent increase, she said.

A total of 250 employees will qualify for the minimum 25 cents, she said.

A recommendation on their compensation probably will be made at the board's June meeting in Boise.

ISU raises \$152 million from private donations

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University has raised more than \$152 million in private donations, the largest capital campaign for higher education in the state history, campus officials announced Friday.

Nearly \$30 million of the funds are earmarked for completion of the I.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center, which state needs to raise another \$5 million for completion next year.

ISU President Richard Bowen said the campaign drives results surpassed his most optimistic expectations. "Originally a \$40 million goal was what I was thinking," Bowen told about 50 people gathered for the announcement. "That we surpassed \$102 million in three years is an extraordinary feat."

The campaign began in 1999, and at that time foundation members expressed a goal of

\$102 million. On March 31, as the drive ended, a \$1 million donation by Pocatello businessman Arlo Larson and his wife, Jackie, pushed it past \$150 million.

The final \$2.5 million was given by ISU Foundation President Jim Rogers. Bowen and Rogers said some of the funds would be used to supplement faculty salaries for the next several years.

"One of our great assets is the faculty of this school," Rogers said. "It's immoral to underpay our professors."

Other money from the campaign will go toward scholarships, new facilities, teacher training opportunities and technology programs.

More than 75,000 gifts were pledged during the campaign, from \$10 telephone pledges to a \$10 million endowment for scholarships at ISU's College of Business by an anonymous donor.

Crump

Continued from B1 painting hanging in the garage. "You're Playing" — Lisa Foley. "It's work of um, art that no woman would ever tolerate in her house."

But now it hangs proudly over my new couch, and the place looks like home again. The bulldog in the painting is

sitting on a sofa, and hiding eyes underneath the cushions. Sometimes art imitates life, and other times it inspires it. Poker Friday night?

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3227 or write to him at scrum@magicalvalley.com.

WEST

Alaska village residents call 'bleeding' Jesus statue a miracle

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A statue of a crucified Christ in the Yukon River village of Marshall is causing a stir after villagers claimed it started bleeding.

The statue began leaking from classic stigmata points on Sunday or Monday and has continued to do so, according to witnesses at the Yupik village of 360 people.

The "miracle of Marshall" began during midnight Easter services at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, said resident Maureen Fitka-Larson. She belongs to the local Russian Orthodox church but has been visiting Immaculate Heart every day this week to pray and watch the statue.

"You wouldn't see it dripping or anything, but over a period of time," Fitka-Larson said. "You go up and check it the next day, you notice."

It is unclear if the statue had any painted blood as part of its original design and church officials could not be reached for comment Friday. But Fitka-Larson said the new blood has dripped noticeably on the statue's tunic.

Word of the bleeding crucifix quickly spread up and down the river this week and, by Thursday,

pilgrimages already had begun. A spokesman for Hagerland Aviation Service in nearby St. Marys said the company flew several charter flights over to Marshall this week for people wanting to see the statue.

Religious statues and icons that allegedly bleed or weep pop up regularly all over the world. They are dismissed by nonbelievers as hoaxes, and the church usually keeps its distance from any claim of miracles.

The Fairbanks Diocese on Friday sent copies of a letter signed by Bishop Donald Kotter to parishes, saying a diocese representative visited the village "and this person reports (along with other members of the village) that they could not tell if anything did or did not happen."

"I will continue to gather information and will proceed slowly, carefully and prayerfully," Kotter wrote.

"Basically that's all we know," the bishop said later. At the request of parishioners, Reverend Max Isaac of the village Russian Orthodox church, went to view the Catholic crucifix. He didn't get too close, he said, "but between Sunday and (Wednesday), I did

notice that even more color was evident."

The village is "a melting pot of emotions" over the crucifix, Isaac said. There are some people who are scared, some people are glad. I can only say we've had an increase of telephone calls from many different villages throughout Alaska and in this region.

Isaac and Fitka-Larson rejected the possibility that someone in the village might be doctoring the statue so it appears to bleed. "Nobody, out of respect, would go into the church and do this," Fitka-Larson said.

She has accepted the miracle and believes the blood is a message from Jesus.

"I think in his own way he is trying to tell us something — to go to church more, to pray more, to love more," she said.

Man asks to remain out of prison to sell Olympics tickets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man who has admitted obtaining fraudulent loans to buy large blocks of tickets to the 2002 Winter Olympics asked to remain out of prison so he could sell tickets at the upcoming Athens Olympics.

"Mr. Douros wants to step up now and pay off the balance because, quite frankly, it's the honorable thing to do, and he's an honorable man," Savage said.

Federal prosecutors objected to Douros' request, and U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Greene rejected what he called a "creative and unusual motion."

Douros had lined up two investors willing to front him enough money to repay the bank and offered to pay for a

government representative to travel with him, Savage said.

Instead, Douros was sentenced to 21 months in prison beginning in mid-May.

Douros, owner of Salt Lake City-based Ticket Broker, pleaded guilty in September 2002 to one count of felony bank fraud.

Douros applied for 14 vehicle loans through Central Bank loan officer Troy Stringham, who allegedly inflated the value of the vehicles in order to receive more cash back.

The loan amounts were purposely kept below \$40,000 so Stringham could approve them without oversight.

Two citizens' Utah car dealer and an ATV dealer, were involved in the scheme but never criminally charged.

Stringham was sentenced earlier this week to restitution and 30 months in prison. Prosecutors said Douros turned nearly \$500,000 profit during the 2002 Olympics.

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— Denver coach Jeff Bzdelik, about Nuggets rookie sensation Carmelo Anthony

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Name the only brothers to throw no-hitters in major league baseball.

...answer below

IN BRIEF

YMCA plans Youth Sports Day on May 15

TWIN FALLS—The YMCA will be holding a youth sports day for children 5-12 years-old Saturday, May 15 from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enrollment is limited and registration closes Thursday, May 13.

Children will be able to experience a variety of sports including: basketball, tennis, aquatics, fly fishing, volleyball, baseball and soccer in one morning.

Lunch will be provided for each child. Also, a guest pass for that afternoon for the entire family to swim at the Y/City Pool from 1-4 p.m. will be given.

The cost is \$10 per child which includes morning sports, lunch and a guest pass.

USPTA professional gives tennis lessons

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho baseball team had every chance to cement itself as a serious contender for the Sun Belt Athletic Conference title this past weekend.

Instead, the Golden Eagles spoiled their opportunity, beating Salt Lake Community College 9-5 in Game 1 before losing to the Bruins in Game 2, 4-2 Saturday at Walker Field.

The loss, coupled with a split in Friday's doubleheader against SLCC, keeps CSI (29-14-1 overall, 19-9 SWAC) in third

Pleasant Valley GC announces results

KIMBERLY—Scott Stanger and Brian Parks tied for first place at the most recent men's league night at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course near Kimberly. Results follow:

Gross score — 1. (tie) Scott Stanger and Brian Parks, 34; 3. Stacy Buck, 35.

Net score — 1. Kevin Ulley, 26.5; 2. Dave Stout, 27.5; 3. (tie) Randall Brewer and Marilyn Molyneux, 28.5.

Long Drive — Kirby Nebeker. Closest-to-the-pin — Stacy Buck.

Pleasant Valley GC has league openings

KIMBERLY—The Pleasant Valley Golf Course currently has openings for both its mens and womens golf leagues. Men's night is Wednesday at 6 p.m. and the Women's night is Thursday at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 423-5800.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bob and Ken Forsch, both of the St. Louis Cardinals, held the Philadelphia Phillies helms, on April 16, 1978. Ken, of the Houston Astros, did the same to the Atlanta Braves less than a year later.

Bulldawgs drop season opener, 37-20

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

RUPERT—Madison Lionz quarterback Troy Dougherty put his pads, his helmet, and the rest of his gear in a duffel bag and led his children through the Minico High School parking lot after his Lionz handed the Magic Valley Bulldawgs a 37-20 loss in their Rocky Mountain Football League season opener.

But a son and daughter weren't the only things Dougherty led Saturday night. The former NCAA Division III All-American for Grinnell (Iowa) College and 2003 RMFL MVP connected on 24-of-34 passes for 238 yards and five touchdowns, torching the Bulldawgs defense.

"We've got a quarterback that's just heads and tails over most of the competition,"

Madison coach Rick Hilder said. "He's just such a great player to have leading this team."

The Bulldawgs helped Dougherty out too, missing a slew of tackles that led to extra yardage—for the Lionz—receivers.

"We missed a lot of tackles and dropped a lot of balls tonight," Bulldawgs coach Dennis Hakes said. "We played better in the second half, but those things really hurt us."

While everyone, including the Madison coaching staff, expected to see the Bulldawgs open the game in their spread offense, Hakes' team came out in the "Power I" formation, looking to run. But after four carries, starting fullback Cory Kaynes went down with a

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Eric Larsen/The Times-News
Magic Valley Bulldawgs Dee Jay Stanger returns a kickoff against Madison during the Bulldawgs' 37-20 loss to the Lionz at Minico High School's Spartan Field Saturday night.

Pacers' paste Celtics

Alleged cheap shot motivates Indianapolis

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS—With all the big names in the Indiana-Boston playoff series, seldom-used Brandon Hunter might have had the biggest impact in Game 1.

The Celtics' rookie forward appeared to take a cheap shot at Indiana star Jermaine O'Neal in the second quarter, igniting a rally by the Pacers that made the difference in their 104-88 victory over the Celtics in Game 1 of their first-round series Saturday.

Hunter entered the game early in the second quarter and immediately tangled with O'Neal under the Pacers' basket, drawing a foul for pulling O'Neal to the floor.

"They had a young, strong player throwing an MVP candidate on the floor, and it looked like he was doing it intentionally," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "I reacted and our team reacted. I think that raised their level of angst a little bit."

O'Neal got up and yelled at Hunter and Ricky Davis, drawing a technical foul. The confrontation fueled a 24-7 Pacers run, and they never looked back.

"That's what I was a factor," Carlisle said of the scuffle. "You don't like to see some guy coming in the game that looks like he was put in there to go rough up your best player. I don't think it's right... I disagree with that kind of basketball. It got all of us going."

Following the skirmish, the Pacers used their big run to take a 65-43 lead at halftime. And this time, they refused to let a big lead slip away.

Last year, Pierce scored 21 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter of Game 1, allowing the Celtics to overcome a 16-point deficit and win on their way to eliminating Indiana in six games.

Pierce scored 11 points in the first quarter, but Ron Artest didn't let him get off to the rest of the game. One of the favorites for defensive player of the year, Artest held Pierce to 1-for-10 shooting in the final three periods.

O'Neal had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Artest also scored 24.

Pierce went 8-for-10 from the free throw line and finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

"They play good team defense," Pierce said. "They go up 20, and then you find yourself forcing a lot of things trying to get back in the game."

Every time Pierce went to the bench, the Pacers went on a run.

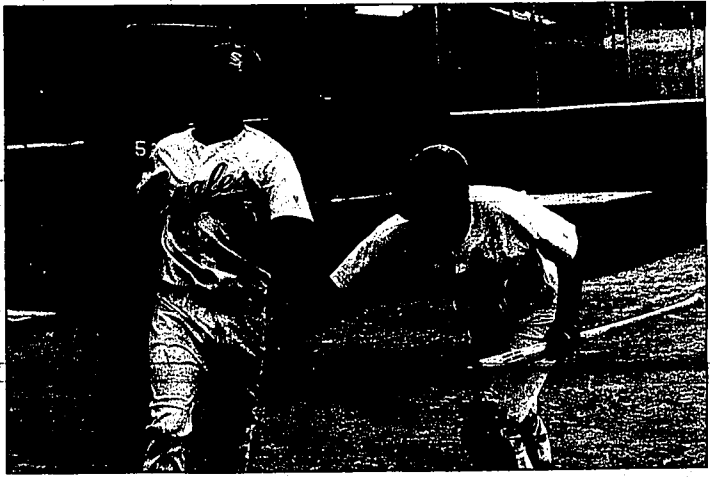
Al Harrington added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers, a strong statement to those who questioned his play-off capabilities. Game 2 is Tuesday at Indiana.



Lakers face Houston

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CSI baseball ends on sour note



Jeremy Stota/The Times-News
Mitch Stachowsky, right, congratulates Zach Aakhus (4) as he crosses the plate during the first game of a doubleheader against Salt Lake Community College Saturday. CSI won the first game 9-5.

Losses ground Golden Eagles in third place

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho baseball team had every chance to cement itself as a serious contender for the Sun Belt Athletic Conference title this past weekend.

Instead, the Golden Eagles spoiled their opportunity, beating Salt Lake Community College 9-5 in Game 1 before losing to the Bruins in Game 2, 4-2 Saturday at Walker Field.

The loss, coupled with a split in Friday's doubleheader against SLCC, keeps CSI (29-14-1 overall, 19-9 SWAC) in third

place in the league standings. A sweep of Salt Lake this weekend would've pushed the Eagles into a first-place tie with Dixie State College.

CSI kicked the ball around on defense for four errors and failed to connect with SLCC starting pitcher Nicholas Ison's slider in Game 2.

"Right now, we're a bunch of guys that have a lot of fight in them, but they just seem to do the wrong things at the wrong time," CSI head coach Jim "Skip" Walker said. "...No question, his slider was nasty. But it's our mentality in trying to pull that thing. And I don't know

how you can hit a ball that's going away from you."

The Eagles, which trailed 4-2 since the top of the fourth inning, had a chance to win in their last at-bats.

Sean VanElderen, who homered last week against Colorado Northwestern Community College, has four long balls on the season, came to the plate with two men on and one out. He appeared to get the meat of the bat on a Mark Hardy delivery, driving left fielder Justin Soletto to the edge of the warning track. Unfortunately for VanElderen and the Eagles, the fly ball came just a few feet shy

of clearing the fence.

(VanElderen) has really turned into one heckuva hitter and one heckuva player," SLCC head coach D.G. Nelson said. "In this one guy I didn't want up in that situation."

CSI grabbed a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second inning on Mitch Stachowsky's double to the right-field cove, scoring Willie Cratic from first base.

Salt Lake tied it at 2 with a run in the top of the third inning before grabbing the decisive 4-2 lead in the fourth. With Nick Orill on second and Carter on first, Kinton Anderson singled

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Flyers eliminate defending champ Devils

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—Robbert Esche stood in the crease, raised his arms and jumped while teammates mobbed him. Martin Brodeur put his head down and slowly skated off the ice.

Esche again outplayed

Brodeur, and Danny Markov scored on a long shot with 5:23 left, helping the Philadelphia Flyers eliminate the defending Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils with a 3-1 victory in Game 5 of

their first-round series Saturday. "It was exciting," said Esche, who started his first playoff series. "I could feel the ice shake. I didn't think the crowd could get that loud. I didn't think anything could get that loud."

Markov's shot from just inside the blue line sailed by

defenseman Colin White, past Brodeur, hit the left post and went in, a fitting way for the Flyers to end years of frustration against the Devils, who won three championships the previous nine years.

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Women runners: From 'exclusion to exclusive'

Boston Marathon was once an all-male event

The Associated Press

BOSTON—Kathrine Switzer lined up for the 1967 Boston Marathon as just another runner looking for a challenge.

Four miles in, she became a pioneer.

Issued a starting bib for the all-male race only because she entered under the name "K. Switzer," she became the event's first official female competitor. But to finish, she had to get past a race official who tried to tear her num-

ber off as she ran.

"I didn't understand the issues. I just loved running," she said this week after returning to Boston for the 100th edition of the race on Monday.

"I didn't realize until later that they were the same issues other women were fighting for," she said. "I put it together in the next 22 miles."

That incident changed my life. It gave me the inspiration to do what I want to do."

What Switzer wanted to do was create athletic opportunities for women. Her lobbying paid off when the Olympics added a women's marathon for the 1984

Games, and her impact will be felt again in Boston this week.

In the biggest change for the Marathon since it officially went coed in 1972, women will get their own start—their own race, essentially—when they begin the 26.2 mile trek from Hopkinton to Boston 29 minutes ahead of the men.

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Syracuse University student Kathrine Switzer (261) is shown being chased by a jacketed race official during the running of the Boston Marathon on April 19, 1967, in Hopkinton, Mass. Switzer, who entered the all-male race under the name 'K. Switzer,' was forced out of the race.

SPORTS

T.F. softball sweeps Mountain View

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Bruins improved to 9-5 overall this season with a non-conference sweep of Mountain View on Saturday, 5-0 and 7-2.

Twin Falls won their first game 5-0 thanks to a five-run third inning. Justine Williams had a three-run double to make the score 4-0 before Jayme Harrison plated her with a double of her own.

Jennifer Hahnhorst and Harrison each finished 2-for-3. Belinda Turley got the Game 1 win for the Bruins, allowing five hits in six innings.

In Game 2, Twin Falls did its damage early, scoring three runs in each of the first and third innings. Williams, who finished the game 2-for-4, delivered the big hit in the first—a bases-clearing double.

Harrison won 2-for-3 in the contest. Marilee Johnson was 2-for-4 and Kara Gambel went 1-for-2 with an RBI. Cassie Gonzalez recorded the Game 2 win. Twin Falls travels to Skyline Thursday for a doubleheader.

Local sports

Jerome at Highland, rained out

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Minico at Skyline, rained out

IDAHO FALLS—The Minico at Skyline baseball doubleheader was rained out Saturday. No makeup date was announced.

Wood River 25, Mountain Home 1, five innings

WOOD RIVER 14, Wood River 14, Preston 10

HAILEY—Wood River scored 15 runs in the first inning to blast Mountain Home 25-1 in five innings Saturday. Tyler Thackeray threw nine innings in the first inning got the Wolverines (11-2) rolling. Steve Durkin added a triple while Dan Canyon connected on a double.

Wood River (2-0 SCIC) plays at Filer Tuesday. Both games count as Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference games.

In another game scheduled for Saturday but played Friday night, Wood River defeated Preston 14-10. Kellen Kinghorn hit a three-run home run while Paisley, Steve Hansen and Grady Femling each hit doubles.

Pocatello at Twin Falls, rescheduled

TWIN FALLS—The Region Four-Five-Six baseball doubleheader between Pocatello and Twin Falls High was rescheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at TFHS field due to rain Saturday morning.

Tennis

Dual meets rained out

TWIN FALLS—The dual meets scheduled between Burley and Bonneville; Minico and

Preston baseball standout receives head injury during Wood River game

By The Idaho State Journal and The Times-News

POCATELLO—Idaho State football recruit Todd Parker spent a second-straight night in intensive care at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello Saturday, one day after being struck in the head by a batted baseball.

"He's still there in intensive care," Preston baseball coach Mike Hansen told the Idaho State Journal. "He was having problems with bleeding."

Parker was Preston's starting pitcher Friday against host Wood River. The game's third batter, senior Joe Paisley, "crushed a ball right off (Parker's) forehead and temple," said Hansen.

The line drive off the aluminum bat struck Parker out but he soon regained consciousness, Wood River coach Lars Hovey told The Times-News.

He did have trouble staying awake, Hovey added.

Parker's parents, Mark and Amy Parker, took their son to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum, where a CT scan revealed internal bleeding, Hansen said.

Parker was then taken to Portneuf Medical Center at a Highland; Twin Falls and Highland; Twin Falls and Pocatello; and Minico and Pocatello were rained out Saturday.

No makeup dates were announced.

Basketball

Local players lead South to all-star game wins

COEUR D'ALENE—The South rose again for the very first time. The South boys and girls basketball teams won the inaugural Idaho High School All-Star Games over teams from the North in Christiansen Gym on the North Idaho College campus Saturday.

The girls won 89-69 and led by juniors Whitney Clark and her 16 points, including 3 three-pointers. She was named MVP. Michelle Skyles was the squad's head coach.

The boys won 109-104 led by 18 points from Twin Falls High guard Graham Stanley, including four 3-pointers. Eric Snavely of Fruitland was named the game's MVP. He scored 16 points. Cary Coda of Borah was the winning coach.

Buhl Amateur Peterson leads after first day

BUHL—Eric Peterson carried

lifeflight helicopter.

The bleeding was not serious enough to operate, which Hansen said, "It's something the doctors are watching for. They didn't think they had to."

Parker was alert and has been up.

He was unavailable for comment Saturday, but spoke with Paisley Friday night when the Wolverines center fielder called about his condition.

"He was having a tough time when he's up," Hansen said. "Todd's a good kid. He's an infectious person to be around with a great personality."

Parker will sit out the remainder of the baseball season, Hansen said.

"Doctors already told him they feel if he's been on the field for a couple of months, he'll be ready for football in the fall," Hansen said.

Idaho State coach Larry Lewis was made aware of Parker's status Saturday night. When Lewis announced the 6-foot, 180-pound, defensive back/wide receiver on signing day last February, Lewis was effusive in praise of Parker.

Parker, a four-sport letterman, has received more than 2,000 receiving yards and scored 20 touchdowns in his career with the Indians.

a first-round 70 to lead after the first day of the Buhl Amateur golf tournament at Clear Lakes Country Club in Buhl.

The event concludes with 18 holes today.

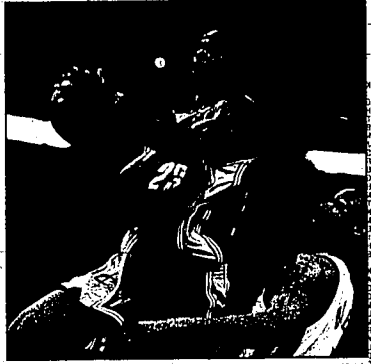
Marc Rhoades and Rich Stanwood are tied for second with 715 followed by Bret Rupert, Chris Inglis, Pat Inglis and Gilbert Livas Jr. with 722 in the championship flight.

Jake Harr and Jason Dobis are tied for first place in the first flight, followed by Steve Linn and Michael Bell with 74 and "Brid" Crossland in third with an 78.

Glenn Eastman, Jeff Newsum, Ed Kinyon and Kenny Anderson are tied for fourth place with 80.

Chuck Schmoeger leads the third flight with a 709 followed by Tom Skeen and Randy Kolash in a second-place tie with 81s.

Gary Bolvoin, Marc Sutton and Pat Elkin are the top three golfers in the fourth flight with scores of 77, 78 and 79, respectively. Ken Hutchison leads the fifth flight with an 85 followed by Ron Thompson with an 89.



Cleveland Cavaliers guard LeBron James (23) drives toward the basket past Miami Heat guard Carlos Butler during the second half April 9. A source says James will be awarded the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award.

Source: NBA's James claims rookie award

NEW YORK (AP) — LeBron James, the super-hyped phenom who went from high school to the pros and kept the Cleveland Cavaliers in playoff contention until late in the season, has beaten out Carmelo Anthony in voting for the NBA's Rookie of the Year award.

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14-year-old Adu scores first professional goal

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Freddy Adu's first professional goal didn't help D.C. United win.

The 14-year-old, who joined Major League Soccer this season, scored in the 75th minute of Saturday's 3-2 loss to the MetroStars.

"It's a great feeling to get my first goal, but it's a little unfortunate to do it on a losing day," Adu said. "I didn't get a chance to celebrate because we lost. Hopefully, this will lead to bigger and better things and there will be plenty more to come."

Adu, the youngest player in a major U.S. pro league in more

to reach 40 points, James scored at least 30 points 19 times.

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Ruiz wins ugly fight with sudden punches

NEW YORK (AP)—For most of 11 rounds Saturday night, it seemed John Ruiz and Fres Oquendo would never hit each other. When Ruiz finally did manage to land a few serious blows, an ugly fight was suddenly over.

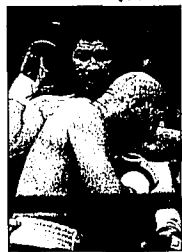
A fight boomed loudly from the opening round for a lack of action came to a crashing close late in the 11th round when Ruiz landed a series of head punches that stopped the fight. Wayne Kelly to stop the fight.

Oquendo had taken about six punches to the head but was still on his feet and his corner protested the stoppage. But the fight went into the books as a TKO at 2:33 of the 11th round.

"This is bad for boxing," Oquendo said. "They stopped a great fighter in the last round."

The end of the fight was stunning only because the previous 10-plus rounds were fights that were more holding, clinching and posing than any real action.

"It's my job to protect the safety of the fighters. He took five or six shots and failed to



John Ruiz, left, of Methuen, Mass., and Fres Oquendo, of Puerto Rico, trade punches on Saturday.

defend himself," Kelly said. "He said he was fine after the fight and he was. But if he had taken three more shots he wouldn't be."

By the end of the 10th round, an unofficial count showed the rushing touchdown on the night.

"I'll take us a game to get it together, we just need to get better," Hakes said.

The win gives the Lions a 1-0 record and drops the Bulldogs to 0-1 on the season. For Hilder and his Lions, the win is a good sign for a team that is essential in playing together for the first time.

"We only returned two guys on defense, so we weren't sure of ourselves," Hilder said. "With

referee had been different to separate the fighters 62 different times, and the crowd of 15,195 at Madison Square Garden boomed almost from the opening bell until the end.

"He was taking it," Ruiz said. "But I knew sooner or later he was going to give up."

The fight between Ruiz and Oquendo was billed as the first between two Latinos for the world lightweight title. But it turned out they had more in common with the way they both fought than the fact both had Puerto Rican parents.

Both had held and mauled and held and mauled some more. When they weren't holding, they were posing in the center of the ring, seemingly unable to pull the trigger on any punches.

"He was moving around a lot and I tried to run and chase him down," Ruiz said.

As the rounds wore on, and the boeing got even louder, Kelly implored the two fighters to do something.

"You got to start boxing," Kelly told them midway

through the fifth round.

Before the final series of punches, the only real action came at the end of the ninth round when Ruiz landed two three punches to Oquendo's head.

Ruiz, who earned \$450,000, said he was willing to face any of the top fighters in a division decimated by the retirement of Lennox Lewis. Next week, Wladimir Klitschko fights Corrie Sanders for the title vacated by the retirement of Lewis.

"I want to unify the title," Ruiz said. "I will fight anyone."

Both Lewis and Mike Tyson were in attendance, though Lewis left after the seventh round of an increasingly bad fight.

Tyson drew cheers and standing ovations from some of the same fans who were booing the fighters in the ring.

"This is the worse fight I've ever seen," a fan yelled loudly during the sixth round. "I want my money back."

Ruiz, 240, improved to 39-4-1 with Oquendo, 222-5, fell to 24-3.

Bulldawgs

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kick injury, severely altering what the Bulldawgs could do.

"We wanted to just run over them, but when we lost our starting fullback, that really hurt us," Hakes said.

Bulldawgs quarterback Mike Manning did his best to lead the Bulldawgs to victory, but struggled completing 8-of-27 passes for 157 yards, two touchdowns, and two interceptions. Manning also rushed for a team-leading 37 yards and one

so much turnover, we didn't know what we'd have, but it was good to come out, get this experience, and come away with the win."

Madison receiver Buck Mouser had a big game, catching seven passes for 98 yards, while Cole Mingers led the Bulldogs with 103 receiving yards on four catches, including a 49-yard grab and scamper to the end zone in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldawgs will host the Pocatello Predators next Saturday, while Madison travels to Helena for a game against the Titans the same day.

Madison Lions 37, Magic Valley Bulldogs 20

Madison Lions 37, Magic Valley Bulldogs 20. The Lions defeated the Bulldogs 37-20 in a game played at Madison High School. The Lions scored 17 points in the first quarter, 10 in the second, 7 in the third, and 3 in the fourth. The Bulldogs scored 10 points in the first quarter, 7 in the second, and 3 in the third.

CSI

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to right field off CSI starter Mitch Woolf (7-3), who was batting the stomach flu. Orgill easily beat a throw home but in the process, ran into Stachowsky, the CSI catcher. Orgill's knee hit the back of Stachowsky's head, temporarily knocking him unconscious.

With Stachowsky out, catcher Tom Carter came around to score.

Stachowsky remained in the game after a brief delay.

Game 1, Southern Idaho 9, Salt Lake CC 5

TWIN FALLS—CSI's Jeremy Thomas drove in Eric Cantoni and Zach Akhush with a two-RBI single to left field in the bottom of the sixth inning to break open a 5-1 tie.

"I always love when my top of the lineup gets on (base)," Thomas said. "They usually do it all the time. Sometimes, they're a little slow, but I have faith in them."

Thomas finished the game 2-for three RBIs.

Charlie Strandlund (2-1) earned the win, finishing the

game after entering in the sixth. He allowed two hits and walked a batter but failed to give up a run. Starter Josh Madson pitched 2-3 innings, giving up four runs, only one of which was earned. He also allowed four hits and one walk while striking out two.

CSI's starting pitcher, Matt O'Connell, pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up three runs, two earned, and one walk while striking out four.

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Marlins at Braves, TBS, 11 p.m. White Sox at Devil Rays, WGN, 11 p.m. Pirates at Mets, WPIX, 11:30 a.m.

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TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, May 6, at the Turf Club. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Jerome Rec offers youth baseball, softball, T-ball

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District will offer youth softball and boys basketball and T-ball for boys ages 5-15 (May 1, 2004 cut-off). Registration is April 19-23.

Clear Lakes CC plans ladies twilight league

BUHL - The first meeting for the ladies twilight league at the Clear Lakes Country Club will be Tuesday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m.

UCLA gymnastics win title with record score

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SPORTS

Lakers edge Rockets on O'Neal dunk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The playoffs arrived. The Lakers were threatened and Shaquille O'Neal bailed them out.

O'Neal's only basket of the second half, a dunk off an assist by Kobe Bryant with 11 seconds remaining, provided the winning points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 72-71 victory Saturday night over the Houston Rockets.

The Lakers shot 25 percent in the second half (10-of-40) and 32.9 percent overall, and were outrebounded 51-41. Bryant emerged with the victory when Jim Jackson missed an open 3-pointer from the left corner just before time expired.

With the Rockets leading by one point and the shot clock running down, Bryant tried a 3-pointer despite having two defenders on him and missed everything. But O'Neal snatched the ball out of the air and rambled it into the basket while being fouled by Yao Ming, who committed his sixth personal.

O'Neal missed the free throw his 10th failure in 14 attempts from the foul line — and the Rockets got the rebound and called timeout. Steve Francis drove around two defenders but ran into O'Neal, forcing him to pass the ball to Jackson in the corner. The shot hit the rim and bounced away as time ran out.

O'Neal scored 16 of his 20 points in the first half and also had 17 rebounds. Bryant took just one shot in the first half and finished with 16 points, five rebounds and six assists, shooting 4-for-19 from the field.

Francis led the Rockets with 18 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Jackson and Maurice Taylor added 11 points each. Yao Ming had 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Cuttino Mobley also scored 10.

Game 2 will be played Monday night at Staples Center.



Los Angeles' Shaquille O'Neal takes the ball out of the hands of Houston Rockets' Yao Ming during the first quarter of their first-round Western Conference NBA playoffs Saturday in Los Angeles.

before the best-of-seven first-round series moves to Houston for the third and fourth games.

Derek Fisher and Kareem Rush made 3-pointers — the first points of the game for both — to give the Lakers a 58-55 lead, and Rush made another 3-pointer to make it 63-59.

Jackson scored the game's next five points to put the Rockets on top, but two free throws by Fisher and another pair by Bryant gave the Lakers a 67-64 lead.

A free throw by Francis and a jumper by Taylor tied it at 69, and after O'Neal missed two foul shots, Francis made a pair with

2:02 left to give the Rockets a two-point lead.

O'Neal's free throw with 1:30 left drew the Lakers within one, and there was no more scoring until his decisive dunk.

NETS 107, Knicks 83 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd took his anger out after being shoving to the court by a backup guard, and Jason Collins knocked Tim Thomas out of the game on a flagrant foul in the fourth quarter.

Kidd channeled his annoyance at being sent sprawling by Frank Williams into a 14-point,

13-assist performance. Kerry Kittles hit his first six shots and scored 20 points as the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions shot nearly 60 percent in the first half and used their defense to put the game away in the second half, holding New York to 28 points.

SPURS 98, Grizzlies 74 SAN ANTONIO — Whatever happened in the regular season means nothing at playoff time. The San Antonio Spurs had been saying that for two days, and they went out and proved it Saturday night.

The leading NBA champions gave the Grizzlies a harsh initiation to postseason play, getting 25 points from Tim Duncan and taking control early in a 98-74 victory.

The Spurs used their size advantage to produce easy inside baskets from Duncan and Robert Horry, while their relentless defense made Pau Gasol a non-factor while holding Memphis to its worst shooting percentage of the season.

Eighteen of San Antonio's first 25 points came in the paint, and the Spurs ended up with 50 points inside.

"Even when they pressured, we were able to push it up and get inside this defense," Duncan said. "If we move the ball and attack like that, we should do great."

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Monday night in San Antonio. Memphis, which entered the league in 1995 as the Vancouver Grizzlies, never made the postseason or won more than 28 games in its first eight seasons.

San Antonio led 49-34 at the break, and the lead grew as large as 28 before the Spurs' regulars sat down for the night.

Gasol, the Grizzlies' leading scorer, went 3-for-11 from the floor and finished with 14 points.

Murder for hire?

Arrest of teammate shocks Blues players

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A day after St. Louis forward Mike Danton was charged in an alleged murder-for-hire scheme, his Blues teammates were still having trouble fathoming the news.

"It's beyond shock," forward Doug Weight said Saturday as players cleaned out their lockers. "I don't know what to say."

According to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Illinois, Danton, 23, and 19-year-old Katie Wolfmeyer tried to hire someone to kill an acquaintance of the hockey player. Danton was arrested at the airport in San Jose, Calif., after the Blues were knocked out of the playoffs by a loss to San Jose on Thursday.

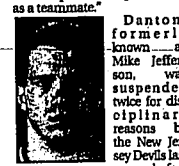
Danton and Wolfmeyer face federal charges of conspiring and using a telephone across state lines to set up a murder. According to the criminal complaint, Danton told Wolfmeyer that a hit man from Canada was coming to kill him and asked her if she knew someone who would kill the person for \$10,000.

The complaint alleges that Danton was trying to kill a male acquaintance whom he had fought with Tuesday over Danton's "promiscuity and use of alcohol." The complaint said Danton feared the acquaintance, who is not identified, would talk to St. Louis Blues management and ruin Danton's career.

Weight said what Danton does in his personal life is his own business and shouldn't have been a problem for the team.

"Let's preface it by saying who knows what the situation is," Weight said. "There's rumors of what went on and who exactly was involved with this so-called thing."

"I'm not jumping to conclusions but you know what, hypothetically I think it would be fine. I'd like to think people are bigger than that and look into the person as a person and not as a teammate."



Mike Danton, formerly known as Mike Jefferson, was suspended twice for disciplinary reasons by the New Jersey Devils last season before being traded to St. Louis last June. He had seven goals, 12 points and 141 penalty minutes in 68 games this season — all career highs — with the Blues.

In one game, although he was at a decided disadvantage, he tried to goad Vancouver tough guy Todd Bertuzzi into a fight.

"I don't know a tougher guy than him, I don't know a guy that goes in the corner and gets killed and that will drop his gloves with a guy who's 40 pounds heavier in a flash," Weight said. "He's tough as nails."

Some teammates were hoping the arrest was just a misunderstanding.

"He brings a great presence to the dressing room, so it's just real tough to see him go through this," defenseman Bryce Salvador said. "I really do feel like he's family. It's unfortunate, because he's a great guy."

Larry Brown's title quest starts vs. Milwaukee

ALBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Larry Brown found basketball nirvana in his first season with the Detroit Pistons — a collection of talented players willing to listen, learn and play hard.

After six years in Philadelphia, where Allen Iverson's toughness and attitude gave him headaches, Brown enjoyed what was a relatively stress-free season.

The Pistons are the 10th team Brown has coached during a 32-year career that has taken him to the NBA, ABA, college — and the Basketball Hall of Fame.

His 933 victories in the NBA rank seventh all-time; he was coach of the year in 1978 and led the 76ers to the 2001 finals; he led Kansas to the 1988 NCAA title; and he'll coach the U.S. Olympic team in Athens this summer.

Brown has never won an NBA title. Some think Detroit — with its record-breaking defense and addition of Rasheed Wallace — gives him a shot at completing his coaching resume.

The Bucks: One of the surprise teams in the league this season, were 41-41 under former NBA standout Terry Porter.

The Bucks will be without rookie point guard T.J. Ford, who is out with a bruised spinal cord. Keith Van Horn, acquired from New York in February, will probably come off the bench in the playoffs for the first time in his career because he injured his right hand earlier this month on a dunk.

While Milwaukee stumbled at the end of the season, the Pistons were impressive down the stretch, winning 20 of their last 24 games.

Detroit gave up a league-low 84.3 points a game, the third-lowest scoring average in NBA history. It set a league record by holding 11 opponents — including five straight — under 70 points and 36 in a loss to less than 100.

No. 4 Miami Heat vs. No. 5 New Orleans Hornets.

Season series: Miami, 3-1. Records: Miami (42-40) vs. New Orleans (41-41).

Series preview: Their 0-7 start has long been forgotten by the Heat, which rode former Clipper Lamar Odom to its first winning record in three years. The versatile forward was the only player

in the league other than Kevin Garnett to average at least 17 points, nine rebounds and four assists. The Hornets were 19-26 after a 22-13 start, but in the East that was almost enough to get them home-court advantage.

In the playoffs, they'll be without injured forward Jamal Mashburn.

Coaches' playoff records: MIA: Stan Van Gundy (0-0); NO: Tim Floyd (0-0).

Prediction: Heat, 4-3.

Western Conference No. 4 Sacramento Kings vs. No. 5 Dallas Mavericks.

Season series: Dallas, 3-1. Records: Sacramento (55-27) vs. Dallas (52-30).

Series preview: When these teams met in an entertaining conference semifinal series last season, the outcome turned on a knee injury suffered by King forward Chris Webber. His injury, which knocked the forward out of a matchup won by the Mavericks in seven games, is still a concern as the Kings try to reverse a late slide that cost them the Pacific Division crown. With Webber sidelined for the season's first 58 games, the Kings

were 44-15. Since his return, they're 11-12.

Coaches' playoff records: SAC: Rick Adelman (60-55); DAL: Don Nelson (69-41).

Prediction: Mavericks, 4-3.

No. 1 Minnesota Wolves vs. No. 8 Denver Nuggets.

Season series: Minnesota, 3-1. Records: Minnesota (58-24) vs. Denver (43-39).

Series preview: The knock on the Timberwolves is that they've never won a playoff series. But they've never had this kind of depth and firepower, nor MVP candidate Kevin Garnett playing at such a high level.

Plus, newcomers Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell are playoff-tested veterans. By carrying the Nuggets into the playoffs, Carmelo Anthony may have nudged past or at least pulled even with LeBron James as the top rookie, but he's taken them as far as they'll go this season.

Coaches' playoff records: MIN: Flip Saunders (7-22); DEN: Jeff Bredelick (0-0).

Prediction: Timberwolves, 4-1.

NHL

Continued from C1 "I couldn't see the puck, so I was looking high," said Brodeur, who hardly resembled a reigning Vezina Trophy winner in the series. "Next thing I knew it was at the bottom of the circle and I had a foot to rest."

Alexei Zhemnov also scored for Philadelphia, which advances to the second round for the second straight year. Sami Kapanen added an empty-net goal in the final seconds.

Scott Niedermayer scored the only goal for New Jersey. New Jersey had been Philadelphia's nemesis for years, beating the Flyers in the conference finals in 1995, and 2000 when the Devils rallied from a 3-1 series deficit.

But after starting the season series 0-2-1, Philadelphia won the final three regular-season

games against the Devils, and four of five in the playoffs.

"Because they are the Devils, because they are so hated in Philadelphia," it's rewarding to Primeau said.

Esche finished with 31 saves, and allowed nine goals in the series on 155 shots. He wasn't named the starting goalie until after the season ended, beating out veteran Sean Burke for the spot.

Red Wings 2, Predators 0 NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ray Whitney and Steve Yastremski scored goals 50 seconds apart in the opening two minutes, and Detroit won its first-round series against Nashville with a Game 6 victory.

Robert Lang had two assists, and Curtis Joseph stopped 15

shots to earn his 16th career postseason shutout and first with Detroit.

The Red Wings improved to 8-0 in potential clinching games, dating to the 1998 Stanley Cup finals. They finished off the Western Conference first-round series in style by leading for 11:51 of the final 120 minutes to end Nashville's first foray into the playoffs.

Avalanche 5, Stars 1 DENVER — Peter Forsberg had a goal and two assists, and David Aebischer stopped 21 shots to help Colorado beat Dallas and close out the first-round series in five games.

Colorado had lost five straight potential clinching games, including three consecutive in a first-round loss to Minnesota last year.

Milan Hejduk scored for the third straight game and rookie Marek Svatos had three assists for Colorado, who's taken them as far as they'll go this season.

Coaches' playoff records: MIN: Filip Saunders (7-22); DEN: Jeff Bredelick (0-0).

Prediction: Timberwolves, 4-1.

Marathon

Continued from C1 world championships have completely separate races. But changing Boston, the longest-running — of the world's — long runs, came a little more slowly, the millennium edition and on security in the mcs following

the Sept. 11 attacks. "Traditions are hard to change in Boston. That's a fact," said Guy Morse, the executive director of the Boston Athletic Association, which organizes the event. "So we made sure we were sure."

Still attached to the traditional moon start, the top female runners will leave Hopkinton at 11:31 a.m. television coverage begins at 11:30. The elite men will leave 29 minutes later,

which should get them to the finish line in Boston's Back Bay about 10-15 minutes after the women's winners.

One of the odd twists of the timing is it splits the elite women from the thousands of female recreational runners who will follow the men across the starting line. Only those who qualify for prize money will be eligible for prize money. But race organizers believe the change brings many more

advantages — primarily safety. With the women running their own race, the lead truck for the men and other media doesn't have to weave among the men who fall off the pace. In the past, the trucks couldn't join the women's race until it passed the hole. She pulled that put Ingham, seven miles in, after the crowd had thinned, so TV coverage will be complete, and less cluttered.

Kerr survives shaky finish, wins playoff

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Cristie Kerr rolled in a 3-foot par on the seventh playoff hole Saturday to beat rookie Seol-An Jeon in the TakedaJiff Classic.

The win, Kerr's second since joining the LPGA Tour in 1997, didn't come easy.

She finally was able to pull out the victory after squandering a four-shot lead when she bogeyed four of the last six holes of regulation, including missing a short putt on No. 18 that would have won it.

Kerr closed with a 1-over 73 to match Jeon (69) at 7-under 209 in the 54-hole event.

Kerr and Jeon, a 22-year-old from Seoul, matched pars for the first six extra holes. Jeon finally made the first critical mistake when she hit her second shot on the par-4, 412-yard 16th for over the green.

Her next shot struck a tree limb and dropped short of the green, and she then chipped 35 feet below the hole. Kerr was on the fringe with her second shot, then two-putted for the title.

After Jeon just missed an 18-foot birdie putt on the sixth extra hole, Kerr could have won it with a 14-footer. But she left the putt about 3 inches short.

Jeon put the pressure on when she made a 15-footer for par on the fourth playoff hole, but Jeon, 174, was still behind, but Kerr then knocked her 6-footer in for par to keep the playoff going.

Gloria Park (67) finished third at 6 under, and Mi-Hyun Kim (70) was another shot back. Heather Daily-Donofrio (72) finished fifth at 4 under.

Golf

the rough just behind the green. She chipped to 6 feet and made the putt, then waited as Kerr putted.

In-Bee Park, an amateur who was in the event on a sponsor's exemption, closed with a 71 to tie for eighth at 2 under. Candie Kung, the 2003 winner, was never in serious contention after opening with a 75 and finished far back at 6-over 222.

Ted Purdy leads at MCI Heritage HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Ted Purdy moved into position for his first PGA Tour victory, shooting a 6-under 65 to take a four-stroke lead over Heath Slocum in the MCI Heritage.

Purdy had a 12-under 201 total. He won the First First Arkansas Classic last year on Nationwide Tour and qualified for the PGA Tour by finishing 15th on the Nationwide money list.

Slocum shot a 70, Stephen Ames (69) and Patrick Sheehan (69) were five strokes back at 7 under, and Ernie Els (68) was 6 under along with Fred Funk (69), Jay Haas (70) and Kevin Na (70).

Morgan cards 66 at Blue Angels Classic

MILTON, Fla. — Gil Morgan shot his second straight 4-under 66 in windy conditions to take one-stroke lead over Tim Jenkins into the final round of the Blue Angels Classic.

Morgan, the SBC Classic winner last month and Champions Tour money leader this season, has 23 victories on the 50-and-over tour. Jenkins shot a 65, and Gary Koch and Wayne Levi were three strokes back after 67s over The Moore course.

Curt Schilling stifles Yankees in second meeting

BOSTON (AP) — Curt Schilling jumped into the Yankees' Red Sox rivalry with some flair.

Schilling overpowered New York and shut down Alex Rodriguez, leading Boston to its second straight win over the Yankees, 5-2 Saturday.

Rodriguez went 0-for-4 for the second straight day and grounded into a double play with two on in the seventh.

The AL MVP nearly traded to Boston last December before Texas sent him to New York. He is hitting just .171.

Schilling (2-0), acquired by the Red Sox in November, struck out eight and allowed six hits and four walks.

Mike Mussina (1-3) also struggled in the second game of the four-game series, forcing in Boston's first two runs with a bases-loaded walk and hit batter. Mussina, previously 10-5 in Fenway Park, allowed four runs — three earned — seven hits and four walks in just five innings.

The Yankees have just 12 hits in their first two games of the highly anticipated series, the first between the teams since Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer won Game 7 of the AL championship series last October.

Manny Ramirez hit his 350th homer in the fifth, putting Boston up 4-1.

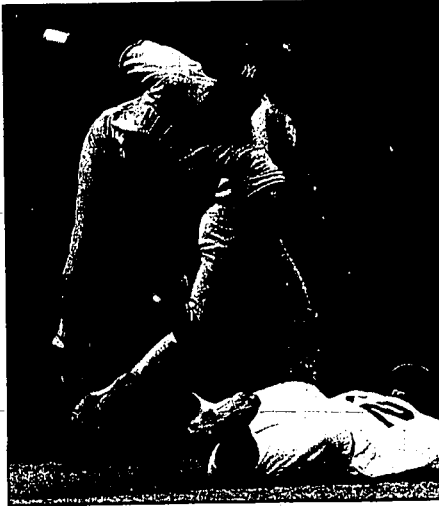
Orles 5, Blue Jays 3

TORONTO — Larry Bigbie lit a go-ahead homer in the ninth of Justin Speer (1-1), giving Baltimore its third straight win. Brian Roberts followed with a double and scored on a single by Miguel Tejada.

B.J. Ryan (1-0) pitched the eighth, and Jorge Julio completed the six-hitter for his first save. Toronto's Josh Towers, who hadn't pitched since spring training, gave up three runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings.

The Blue Jays fell to 0-5 at home and 3-9 overall. Toronto also started the 1978 and 1981 seasons 3-8.

Tigers 6, Indians 1
CLEVELAND — Mike Maroth



Boston Red Sox's Mark Bellhorn, right, slides safely into second with a stolen base as New York Yankees' second baseman Enrique Wilson lunges at an errant throw from catcher Jorge Posada during the eighth inning at Fenway Park, Saturday. Boston, Saturday, Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter is seen backing up the play. Bellhorn advanced to third on Posada's throwing error. The Red Sox won 5-2.

worked out of three jams for his second win this season.

A 21-game loser a year ago, Maroth won his fourth straight decision. He struck 10 hits in 7 1-3 innings.

But Maroth struck out Jody Gerut with the bases loaded in the third, got out of a two-on, one-out jam in the fourth and escaped a first-and-third no outs jam in the fifth.

Detroit, which lost an AL-record 119 games last year, improved to 7-4. The Tigers didn't get their seventh win last year until May 7, when they were 7-25.

Gerut, a .338 career hitter against Detroit entering the game, finished 1-for-5.

Jason Davis (0-1) gave up three runs, five hits and four walks in 5 1-3 innings.

Five players had two hits each for the Tigers.

White Sox 4, Devil Rays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Scott Schoeneweis allowed an unearned run and five hits in 6-2 3 innings to lead the Chicago White Sox over Tampa Bay.

Schoeneweis (1-1) made his second start of the season. The left-hander had made 98 consecutive relief appearances since June 25, 2002, before his start for the White Sox April 8.

Damazo Marte threw two scoreless innings for his first save, completing a six-hitter.

Victor Zambrano (3-1) failed in his bid to become the major league's first four-game winner, allowing three runs, six hits, five walks and two hit batters in seven innings.

Twins 8, Royals 4
MINNEAPOLIS — Henry

Blanco had a two-run double and an RBI single and Lew Ford added two RBIs to lead Minnesota to its fourth straight victory.

Carlos Beltran homered for the fourth straight game and Mike Sweeney hit a three-run shot for Kansas City, which has lost five in a row.

Kyle Lohse (1-2) allowed six hits and four runs in six innings. Kevin Appier (0-1), activated off the disabled list to pitch for the first time since Aug. 26, allowed six hits and seven runs in three innings.

Kansas City loaded the bases off reliever Terry Mulholland with one out in the eighth, but J.C. Romero came in to retire pinch-hitters Mandy Lopez and Ken Harvey.

Romero then got the final three outs for his 2nd career save and first since Sept. 29, 2002.

Rodriguez, Sheffield still hitless in series

BOSTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez slammed down his helmet, pined at the dirt and gave it a few good kicks.

A day after throwing a paper cup in frustration, it got worse for him. The All-Star who left Texas eager to play in big games, went hitless again at Fenway Park, grounding into a key double play Saturday in the New York Yankees' 5-2 loss to Boston.

"When you've been stinking up the place like I have, it's good to get out your emotions," Rodriguez said. "I've been consistently bad."

At 0-for-8 with only one ball out of the infield in two days, it's hardly the way the reigning AL MVP and home-run champ hoped to join the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry.

"Right now, he's scuffling," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I don't think he has been the hitter he's going to be, where he hits balls on the button. I think there's still an adjustment period he's going through. And, unfortunately, now it counts."

"It sort of piles on more responsibility, which obviously doesn't make it easy," he said. "But there's nothing we can do for him."

Gary Sheffield and Javier Vazquez, two of New York's other big offseason acquisitions, haven't done much better. Sheffield is 0-for-6 so far in the four-game series, which started with Vazquez giving up three home runs in a 6-2 defeat Friday night. All three prominent Yankees newcomers said the sellout crowd for the opener was as loud as they've ever heard.

Rodriguez, Sheffield and Vazquez all have had plenty of success in their careers. Then again, there's always a persistent question when someone comes to play for George Steinbrenner: How will they do under the pressure of New York?

"The beginning of the season is different for a lot of players, not just Alex," new Boston manager Terry Francona said.

Curt Schilling, meanwhile, is relishing the rivalry. Part of the reason he was drafted to get traded from Arizona to Boston during the winter was an opportunity to pitch against the Yankees, when even games in April take on a bigger aura.

"There was a lot of energy in the park," Schilling said. "I'm looking forward to being the rah-rah guy the next two days."

Rodriguez was in no mood to celebrate.

In a rare display of emotion for the neatly composed star, Rodriguez threw a paper cup down on the dugout steps Friday night after he got a bad jump and was caught stealing in a crucial spot.

Saturday's outburst was equally out of character. The Yankees trailed 4-1 in the seventh when Rodriguez came up with runners on first and second and one out. Facing Mike Timlin, Rodriguez worked the count to 3-1.

But then Rodriguez over-swinging a bunt, which he grounded and hit a grounder to third baseman Bill Mueller, who tagged the bag and threw to first for an inning-ending double play.

As he crossed first base, Rodriguez changed his helmet to ground.

"As 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' played during the seventh-inning stretch, he wandered toward second and eventually made his way to third, taking a few kicks along the way.

"Sometimes, you need to let it out," he said. "That's fine with Torre. When things don't go well, it's OK to blow it off," he said. "There's nothing to be embarrassed about."

Major League Baseball

All Times EDT											
AMERICAN LEAGUE											
East Division											
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Baltimore	6	4	.600	-	2-6	W3	22	42	0-0		
Boston	4	5	.444	1.5	2-5	L2	32	24	0-0		
Tampa Bay	5	5	.500	1	2-5	L1	54	0-1	0-0		
New York	5	6	.455	1.5	2-5	L2	32	24	0-0		
Toronto	3	8	.273	3.5	5-7	L2	0-5	3-3	0-0		
Central Division											
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Chicago	7	4	.636	-	2-7	W1	30	44	0-0		
Detroit	7	4	.636	-	2-7	W1	33	41	0-0		
Minnesota	7	4	.636	-	2-7	W1	42	33	0-0		
Kansas City	7	7	.500	1	2-6	W4	41	33	0-0		
Cleveland	4	8	.333	3.5	2-7	L5	42	25	0-0		
West Division											
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Oakland	7	3	.700	-	2-7	W1	42	31	0-0		
Anaheim	6	5	.545	1.5	2-6	W2	43	24	0-0		
Seattle	2	8	.200	5	2-8	L1	0-4	2-4	0-0		
NATIONAL LEAGUE											
East Division											
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Florida	8	3	.727	-	7-3	L2	5-1	3-2	0-0		
Atlanta	6	5	.545	2	2-6	W2	5-3	1-2	0-0		
New York	5	6	.455	3	4-6	L2	2-3	3-3	0-0		
Philadelphia	4	8	.333	3.5	4-6	L1	3-1	1-5	0-0		
Montreal	2	9	.182	8	2-8	L8	1-5	1-4	0-0		
Central Division											
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Houston	8	4	.667	-	2-8	W2	3-3	5-1	0-0		
Chicago	6	4	.600	-	2-6	W1	4-2	2-2	0-0		
St. Louis	6	5	.545	1.5	2-6	W1	3-2	3-3	0-0		
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	1.5	2-6	W2	2-1	4-4	0-0		
St. Louis	6	6	.500	2	2-6	W2	3-6	3-0	0-0		
Milwaukee	6	7	.462	2.5	2-6	L2	1-2	5-5	0-0		
West Division											
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Los Angeles	8	3	.727	-	2-8	W4	4-2	4-1	0-0		
San Francisco	5	6	.455	3	2-6	L3	2-3	3-3	0-0		
Arizona	4	8	.333	4.5	4-6	W2	2-4	2-2	0-0		
San Diego	4	8	.333	3.5	2-6	L3	1-1	1-2	0-0		
Colorado	4	7	.364	4	2-7	L3	1-3	2-1	0-0		
1st game was a win											
AMERICAN LEAGUE											
Saturday's Games											
Baltimore 5, Toronto 3	Detroit 6, Cleveland 1										
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 2	Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 1										
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 4	Texas at Seattle, late										
Oakland at Anaheim, late											
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Chicago White Sox (Luzina 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 0-2), 11:15 a.m.											
N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 0-1) at Boston (Lowe 1-0), 12:05 p.m.											
Kansas City (May 0-2) at Minnesota (Grasinger 0-1), 12:10 p.m.											
Texas (Dressa 0-0) at Seattle (Phiro 0-1), 2:05 p.m.											
Oakland (Zito 1-1) at Anaheim (Weaver 0-1), 6:05 p.m.											
NATIONAL LEAGUE											
Saturday's Games											
Philadelphia 6, Montreal 3	Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Mets 1										
St. Louis 8, Colorado 4	Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2										
Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 4	Home 4, Florida 1										
Houston 14, Milwaukee 5	Arizona at San Diego, late										
Sunday's Games											
Florida (Penny 1-1) at Atlanta (Hampton 0-1), 11:05 a.m.											
Pittsburgh (Benson 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Soo 0-1), 11:10 a.m.											
Montreal (Verges 1-1) at Philadelphia (Wad 1-1), 11:05 a.m.											
Milwaukee (Cappone 1-1) at Boston (Cameron 2-0), 12:05 p.m.											
Cincinnati (Linnings 0-1) at St. Louis (H.Williams 0-0), 12:15 p.m.											
Colorado (P.Wilson 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Maddox 0-2), 12:20 p.m.											
Arizona (Sperka 0-1) at San Diego (Estan 1-0), 2:05 p.m.											
Los Angeles (Weaver 0-1) at San Francisco (Tobias 0-0), 2:05 p.m.											

Cardinals enjoy McGwire homecoming

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals celebrated Mark McGwire's return with a few home runs.

Scott Rolen homered on consecutive at-bats and had four RBIs, Albert Pujols also connected and the Cardinals rallied from a three-run deficit to beat the Colorado Rockies 6-4 Saturday.

McGwire, who threw out the ceremonial first pitch, was given a pregame standing ovation by the crowd of 46,471.

It was his first appearance at Busch Stadium since retiring after the 2001 season.

Rolen has never hit more than 31 home runs in a season, but leads the major leagues with 23 RBIs and has seven homers.

Jason Marquis (1-1) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings to help the Cardinals win their second straight after a 1-6 start in home, their worst since 1973. Todd Helton led the two-run homer off him in the third.

Shawn Estes (2-1) entered with a 1.29 ERA and had winning 2-0 for the first time since winning his first four decisions in 1997.

He lasted 4 1-3 innings, giving up seven runs and 10 hits.

Phillies 6, Expos 3

PHILADELPHIA — David Bell, Pat Burrell, Philadelphia Polanco and Bobby Abreu homered to help hand Montreal its sixth straight loss.

Kevin Millwood (1-2) gave up three runs and seven hits in seven innings and struck out seven to win his fifth straight decision against the Expos.

Roberto Hernandez and Billy Wagner finished, with Wagner getting three straight outs for his fourth save.

Philadelphia won its third straight following a 1-6 start.

Pirates 2, Mets 1

NEW YORK — The Redman doubled leading off the eighth, scored on a sacrifice fly by Jason Kendall and Pittsburgh won its second straight consecutive game against New York.



Mark McGwire, former St. Louis Cardinals slugger, throws out the ceremonial first pitch, while holding his 28 month old son Max, before the start of the Cardinals baseball game in St. Louis Saturday against the Colorado Rockies. McGwire was making his first public appearance at Busch Stadium since his retirement following his 2001 season.

beat Mike Cameron's throw to the plate.

Mike Johnson and Solomon Torres retired the final two hitters in the eighth and Denny Reyes got the ninth for his fifth save.

Reds 3, Cubs 2

CHICAGO — Kerry Wood blew a one-run lead in the ninth and Cincinnati took advantage. In another emotional game at Wrigley Field.

Wood (2-1), who heaved a batting helmet and gloves onto the field, was ejected in a heated exchange with plate umpire Eric Cooper.

Willy Mo Pena then doubled in Adam Dunn with the go-ahead run and two outs.

He struck out six and walked three.

Ryan Wagner (1-1) pitched the eighth for the win and Denny Reyes got the ninth for his fifth save.

Braves 4, Marlins 1

ATLANTA — Chipper Jones and the Atlanta Braves are

first start for Los Angeles.

Lima (2-0), beat the Giants for the first time in five starts dating to 1999, allowing two runs and six hits in five innings. Two of his three walks were to Bonds.

Lima joined the Dodgers as a non-roster invitee after going 8-3 in 14 starts with Kansas last year.

He has made three relief appearances for Los Angeles.

Astros 14, Brewers 5

HOUSTON — Richard Hidalgo hit a pair of two-run doubles and drove in four runs, and the Houston Astros beat the Milwaukee Brewers 14-5 Saturday night for their sixth win in seven games.

Craig Biggio and Mike Lamb hit three-run homers for the Astros, who are 3-3 at home and 5-1 on the road.

Jeff Bagwell had a solo shot, tying Hidalgo for the team lead with four homers.

Lima has 19 RBIs, second in the major leagues behind Scott Rolen of St. Louis, who has 23.

Biggio's first-inning double was his 520th, tying him with Ted Williams for 30th on the career list, one behind Dave Parker.

Brandon Backe (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 innings to win in relief of starter and former Citi stand-out Brandon Duckworth, who was ejected to 4-1 lead and left after four innings ahead 7-3.

Matt Kinney (0-2) gave up seven runs, five hits and five walks in three innings; his ERA rising to 9.42.

Milwaukee, which dropped to 4-4 against Houston this season, made a season-high four errors that led to five unearned runs.

Scott Podsednik homered twice for the Brewers, the second multihome game of his career. Brady Clark hit a two-run homer, and Keith Ginter had a solo shot.

Podsednik homered on the second pitch of the game, but Houston took a 4-1 lead in the bottom half on Jeff Kent's sacrifice fly. Hidalgo's first double and a run-scoring error by shortstop Bill Hall on Lamb's grounder.

Clark's homer pulled the Brewers to 4-3 in the second, but Biggio hit a three-run homer in the fourth and the win was on.

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Chargers - the team parity forgot

Team hopes to avoid another Ryan Leaf disaster

By Bernie Wilson Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO - Standing at a podium in a party tent six years ago, San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos gushed about the team's new quarterback, obtained with the second pick in the draft.

"He's the future," said Spanos, who couldn't make it

any clearer the leathard going to New York to exercise such a high pick. Quite frankly, this man will solve all those problems for the next 15 years, and I told him that."

Cop The Chargers had judgment called in merely the worst judgment call in franchise history. That QB, of course, was Ryan Leaf. As the Chargers repeatedly discovered during his disastrous three years in town, his last name might as well have been Grief.

Leaf is long gone from the NFL, but his blimp-like shadow still hangs over the Chargers, the team parity fogot.

How else to explain why other teams routinely go from worst to first, while the only thing this one does with regularity is lose?

The Chargers are 43-85 since their last playoff appearance in 1995, and for the second time in four seasons, they own the top pick in the draft. By going 4-12 in Marty Schottenheimer's second year as coach, they surpass even the Cincinnati Bengals in futility.



Former Mississippi player and two-time Heisman finalist Archie Manning, right, and his son Eli, also a Heisman finalist at Mississippi, are shown together Saturday, San Diego, the team parity fogot, is carefully considering whether to draft the younger Manning.

And perceptions die hard. Just like in 2001, fans are wondering if the Chargers are unnerwed about using this pick on a quarterback - and paying a huge signing bonus - because of the Leaf fiasco.

Team officials practically bristle at the suggestion, insisting they're not.

But the fact remains the Chargers passed on taking Michael Vick with the first pick in the 2001 draft. They traded down to No. 5 and ended up with LaDainian Tomlinson, one of the NFL's premier running backs. But while Vick led Atlanta into the postseason two years later, the closest Tomlinson has gotten to the playoffs is watching them on TV, like all Chargers have for the last eight seasons.

San Diego, by the way, is 17-31 since getting Tomlinson.

Fast forward to 2004, and the Chargers still need a quarterback. "We're looking, and our quarterbacks know that," general manager A.J. Smith said before free agency opened.

The Chargers didn't sign one then. Now, for the third time in seven years, they have a chance to take a franchise QB in Saturday's draft.

Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning, son of Archie and brother of Peyton - the No. 1 pick in 1998, ahead of Leaf - is the top-rated player.

The Chargers recently went on a QB tour, working out Manning, Ben Roethlisberger of Miami of Ohio, and Philip Rivers of North Carolina State.

There's an uneasy feeling among fans that no matter what the Chargers do with the No. 1 pick - use it or trade

down in order to acquire additional picks - they'll somehow mess it up. Again, worries based on the Leaf fiasco.

The New York Giants, holding the fourth pick, covet Manning and have inquired about the No. 1 pick. Maybe the Chargers think they can trade down and still get Rivers. They also like Iowa tackle Robert Gallery, but if they trade down, it's highly unlikely he'd still be available.

San Diego's quarterbacks are Doug Flutie, Drew Brees and Chad Lemon.

Flutie, 41, has become a 5-foot-10 circus act, pulling out an occasional thrilling win, but otherwise going 7-14 in three seasons. Brees, the so-called quarterback of the future, was benched for five games last year and is 4-16 in his last 20 starts. Lemon has yet to take an NFL snap.

The Leaf blunder was just one of a staggering number of bad personnel decisions by the Chargers over the years.

Of the 24 players taken in three drafts by the Butler-Smith regime, seven are gone. No definitive judgments have been made on three second-round picks: Brees, guard Tomlu Fongoli, and receiver Reche Caldwell.

Worse, of the 20 players drafted from 1998-00, only two remain. To move up one spot in the 1998 draft to get Leaf, Benhard sent his '98 and '99 first-round picks, his '99 second-round and two players to Arizona. In the same draft, he sent his 2000 first-rounder to Tampa Bay in order to take Michael Ricks, another bust, in the second round.

"I'm not going to cast judgment on Bobby Beathard except to say that there should be more players here than there are to form a base," Smith said.

Phoenix select UConn guard with No. 1 WNBA draft pick

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) - Connecticut's Diana Taurasi became just the second guard to be the top pick in the WNBA draft when she was selected first overall by the Phoenix Mercury on Saturday.

Taurasi led the Huskies to their third straight NCAA title earlier this month, averaging 19.3 points on the way to earning Final Four most outstanding player honors for the second straight year. The point guard averaged 15.0 points, 4.5 assists and 4.3 rebounds for her college career.

"It's a lot closer to home than Connecticut is," the Chino, Calif., native said. "My parents will get a better opportunity to go out there. It's a new city with new teammates, new surroundings. I'm excited."

She said former teammate Swin Cash told her about the difference in going from a NCAA powerhouse to a struggling franchise. Cash was selected second overall in 2002 by the Detroit Shock, who finished 9-23 in her first year before winning the WNBA championship last year.

"I talked to Swin, who obviously had the biggest shock when she went from her senior year going 39-0 to her first year in the pros where I think she lost her first 15 games," Taurasi said. "She said it's going to be hard, but you've got to keep positive."

Former Connecticut teammate Sue Bird, 2002's top pick, is the only other guard to be selected first.

The Washington Mystics selected Alana Beard from Duke with the second pick, and the Charlotte Sting followed by taking Stanford's Nicole Powell.

The Connecticut Sun picked Minnesota's Lindsay Whalen at No. 4, and Arkansas' Shameka Christon went to the New York Liberty with the fifth pick.

Beard, a 5-11 guard-forward, received the inaugural women's John R. Wooden Award last week and was the AP's player of the year. She scored 2,687 points while at Duke, making her the school's career scoring leader - for men and women.



Diana Taurasi

Beard, just the second three-time AP All-American, was also the first player in NCAA men's or women's history to get more than 2,500 points and 400 steals.

Beard said she was excited about playing with Mystics star Chanique Holdcraft.

Fowell, who played everywhere from the point to the post, led the Cardinal last season in scoring (20.2), rebounding (11.1), assists (4.1) and steals (5.9). She set Stanford's single-season record with 346 rebounds.

The Minnesota Lynx had the next two picks, and had hoped to get local favorite Whalen, but instead selected Kansas State's Vanessa Hayden.

Rounding out the first round, it was Houston's Chandi Jones to Phoenix at No. 8; Ebony Hoffman from Southern Cal to the Indiana Fever with the ninth pick; Georgetown's Rebekkah Brunson to the Sacramento Monarchs at No. 10; Duke's Iciss Tillis to the defending champion Shock next; Georgia's Christi Thomas to the Los Angeles Sparks with the 12th pick, and Purdue's Sherika Wright to Detroit with the 13th and final pick of the first round.

Venus reaches tourney final

Williams relies on strong serve

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - Venus Williams beat Jelena Kostanic of Croatia 6-4, 6-1 Saturday at the Family Circle Cup, finishing on a strong serve to reach her first final of the year.

She will next play Spain's Conchita Martinez, who defeated Switzerland's Patty Schnyder 6-4, 6-3 in the other semifinal. The players at times taunted each other across the net, and Schnyder refused to shake hands at the end of the first set, leading to a walkover.

Williams was playing in her first semifinal of the season and first clay-court event. She struggled with unforced errors in the first set but had no trouble in the second. Kostanic led the court with a tantrum at the end of the first set, claiming a cramp in her hip.

"It wasn't that painful," she said. "You know it's there and it made me scared a little."

The fourth-seeded Williams is the highest seed left after the top three seeds, including sister Serena, withdrew with lingering injuries and illness. Williams said her goal entering the tournament was simply to stay healthy.

"I don't feel any pressure," she said. "I just want to play better with each match."

She wasn't at her best Saturday, with 34 unforced errors and five double faults. But she hit 65 percent of her first serves, which were consistently more than 100 mph. She won almost 80 percent of the points off her first serve and only 26 percent off her second.

This was Kostanic's first semifinal in a Tier I event. "My concentration was going up and down," she said. "Experience was helping this match."

Kostanic tried to mix her shots against Williams, including several drop shots. "When I'm playing good, my drop shots are really - pretty good and a lot of people struggle with them," she said.

Williams seemed a little perturbed at having to chase down so many balls at the net. After Kostanic lobbed over Williams following a drop shot, Williams responded with a 111 mph ace and a 110 mph serve that Kostanic couldn't return, making it 4-1 in the second set. She won the next two games easily to end the match.

Crawford hangs on to win Martinsville truck race

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) - Rick Crawford held off Dennis Setzer during a two-lap sprint to the finish Saturday at Martinsville Speedway, making a midrace gamble with his tires pay off for his third career victory.

Crawford pulled away on two restarts in the final 34 laps, then had to do it again after Steve Park hit the wall with just over three laps to go in the NASCAR truck series race.

Because series rules provide for a two-lap green flag finish, Crawford had to wait until the 253rd lap to do it again.

Crawford started third and was racing up front when he stopped for tires and fuel with 10 laps to go. Many of the leaders didn't stop until 17 laps later, giving them fresher tires for the run to the finish.



Venus Williams volleys to Jelena Kostanic of Croatia on Saturday during a semifinal of the Family Circle Cup in Charleston, S.C. Williams won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1.

Busch knows where to look for Martinsville clues

MARTINSVILLE, Va. - Like many drivers, Kurt Busch's reaction to his first laps at Martinsville Speedway was less than complimentary.

The track was tight, difficult and unlike any he'd raced on. But like a driver with designs on someday being a champion, Busch did the logical thing: help himself get better. He allowed Jeff Gordon's example.

"I think it was '95 when he said he had to work on his short-track program," Busch said of Gordon, a four-time series

champion now regarded as possibly the best short-track driver in the Nextel Cup Series.

Gordon will start from the pole for the third consecutive Nextel Cup race on the 528-mile oval in Sunday's Advance Auto Parts 500. He'll also be seeking his third consecutive trip to Victory Lane at the track.

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Stadnik: A huge man in a tiny town

PODOLIANISL, Ukraine (AP) — At age 33, Leonid Stadnik wishes he would stop growing. He's already 8 feet, 4 inches.

Recent measurements show that Stadnik is already 7 inches taller than Radhouane Charbib of Tunisia, listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the tallest living man. He's also gaining on the 8-11 Robert Wadlow, the tallest man in history.



Yet for Stadnik, the prospect of becoming a record-holder would be little comfort.

"My two-year-old suit's sleeves and pants are now 30 centimeters (12 inches) shorter than I need," said Stadnik. "My height is God's punishment. My life has no sense."

Stadnik's height keeps him confined to this tiny village 130 miles west of the capital, Kiev.

"Taking a public bus for me is the same as getting into a car's trunk for a normal person," he said.

Stadnik's unusual growth began after a brain operation at age 14, which is believed to have stimulated his pituitary gland. Since then, life just keeps getting harder.

Although he once was able to work as a veterinarian at a cat farm, he had to quit three years ago after his feet were frostbitten because he wasn't able to afford proper shoes for his 17-inch feet.

This month, he finally got a good pair, paid for by some local businessmen. Their \$200 cost was the equivalent of about seven months' worth of the tiny pension that Stadnik receives in the economically struggling country.

Stadnik sleeps on two beds joined lengthwise and moves in a couch through the small one-story house that he shares with his mother Halyna.

His weight of about 440 pounds aggravates a recently broken leg, and he suffers from constant knee pain.

Despite his aches, he tries to keep himself busy with the usual routine of country life. He works in the garden, tends the family's cows and pigs, and helps neighbors with their animals.

To relax, he cultivates exotic plants and pampers his tiny,



Above, Leonid Stadnik, 8 feet, 4 inches tall, a Ukrainian veterinarian, holds a door as his mother, Halyna, looks on Friday in the village of Podoliansl, Ukraine's northwestern Zhytomyr region, 132 miles west of the capital Kiev. Stadnik, 33, said to be the world's tallest man, is still growing up.

Left, Stadnik tries to dial a cell phone.

blue and yellow pet parakeet with his huge hands.

Bronyslav, a neighbor who refused to give his last name, described Stadnik as the "most unselfish, diligent man of a pure soul." His friends, in turn,

treat him with the same sort of soft good humor.

"They're trying to organize a trip for him to the Carpathian Mountains to show him that "here's something in the world taller than you," Bronyslav said.

Actor says he wanted to wear a dress in movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Slave to women's fashion that he is, David Duchovny jokes that he wishes he could have put on a dress for the new drag-queen comedy "Connie and Carla."

"I was kind of disappointed when I saw I was going to be the literal straight guy," said Duchovny, who co-stars with screenwriter Nia Vardalos and Toni Collette in the movie. "That there wasn't going to be that scene where I come out in a dress, which I was hoping for, lobbying and campaigning for."

Duchovny plays the brother of a drag queen who finds himself oddly attracted to Vardalos' character — a singer hiding out from mobsters by posing as a man in a drag-queen revue.

Before he became a star as FBI agent Fox Mulder on "The X-Files," Duchovny had some experience with women's clothing, playing another FBI guy on "Twin Peaks."



David Duchovny
Duchovny brought in a tape of himself in women's clothes on "Twin Peaks" for his co-workers to watch while making "Connie and Carla."

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Country singers compete for studio contract

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The viewer-voted talent show "Nashville Star" offers hope to all the whiskey-voiced singers out there, says Lynyrd Skynyrd front-man Johnny Van Zant. "I think it's great," said Van Zant, who belted out "Sweet Home, Alabama" on the USA network show with the rest of the Skynyrd crew recently. "On 'American Idol,' if you can't sing higher than a bird, you can't be on there, really." The contestants, who are competing for a Sony Music Nashville recording contract,



Johnny Van Zant

long been a favorite of country audiences. Van Zant says the link makes sense.

paid homage to the classic Southern rockers — by performing "What's Your Name."

With their blend of rock, blues and country, Lynyrd Skynyrd has long been a favorite of country audiences.

Van Zant says the link makes sense.

People in the news

Skynyrd's music isn't much different from contemporary country.

"These days most of these country artists grew up listening to Lynyrd Skynyrd," he said.

"If Skynyrd came out today, I think it would be a country act. If you go to a Skynyrd concert, people are not only listening to rock, they're listening to country, too."

Miss France draws criticism over show

PARIS — She's worn a beauty queen's crown and the political hat of President Jacques Chirac's party.

Now, Elodie Gossuin is drawing fire for appearing on a French reality TV show.

The former Miss Europe and Miss France, who was elected to a regional council last month, should give up her official pay while holed up on a French farm for the TV show, rival politicians said.

"Celebrity Farm" features 12 personalities from sports, theater and other careers who are locked up in a farmhouse in rural France for up to 70 days.

Gossuin, 23, was elected to a council in the northern Picardy region last month on a list of candidates from Chirac's Union for a Popular Movement party.

Rivals accuse her of shirking her official duties and making a mockery of politics by appearing on television.

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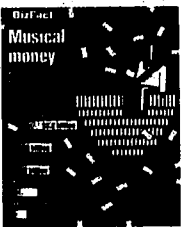
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Students gather for econ summit

TWIN FALLS — Scores of southern Idaho high school students will assemble on the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium floor, at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday for a semi-annual Region IV International Economic Summit.

Sponsored by the Idaho Council on Economic Education, the summit teaches students how to implement economic theories and concepts they learn in the classroom. The all-day activity often features authentic costumes, flags and speechmaking.

Bryan Matsuzaka, event organizer and Idaho Small Business Development Center director, said student teams will represent countries from throughout the world, with each team developing a strategic plan to increase that country's standard of living. During the summit, teams negotiate trade alliances, prepare and discuss trade issues, and reach for scarce resources to reach their goals.

For information, contact Matsuzaka or Pam Reich at 732-6450 or bmatsuzaka@csi.edu or preich@csi.edu.

CSI offers physician coding class

TWIN FALLS — Introduction to Coding, a physician coding class offered at the College of Southern Idaho, will be held from 6 to 8:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 8 through 24.

Instructor Shawn Hiler will teach the fundamentals of disease and the procedure coding for physician services. The class allows students to apply the principles of diagnosis and procedure coding. Those who complete the class can move on to medical coding.

For information, contact any CSI academic adviser at 732-6350 or the CSI Health Sciences office at 732-6700.

CSI surgical tech program ranks high

TWIN FALLS — The Liaison Council on Certification for Surgical Technologists presented the surgical technology program at the College of Southern Idaho for ranking among the top 10 percent of the nation's surgical technology programs.

The Liaison Council presented its 2003 Merit Awards to schools at which more than 90 percent of the program graduates who attempted the National Certification Exam were successful. In 2003, 100 percent of CSI's surgical technology graduates passed the exam.

Certified individuals must demonstrate knowledge of a broad range of surgical procedures, aseptic technique and patient care.

For information about CSI's program, contact Janet Milligan at 732-6706 or at jmilligan@csi.edu.

Magic Valley builders slate trade show

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Builders Association will hold its Builders Trade Show 2004 from 8:30 to 5 p.m. in the Showhome Room (below the Ballroom), at 205 Showhome St. N.

Highlights include building industry exhibits, appetizers and beverages, a no-host bar, raffles and prizes. Anyone in the home-building industry is invited to the free event. Participants can find out about the Magic Valley Builders Association, visit members of the home-building industry and see their displays.

For information, call Cyndie Woods at 736-8991 or send e-mail to myvba@magiclink.com.

Teen jobs

It's time to start the elusive summer hunt



Bulh seuler Ryan Hilliard works as an umpire for youth baseball through the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation department. The department hires many teens throughout the summer for various sports.

To be successful in landing work, youths need to know where to look

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Looking for a summer job? Get out there now, teenager, and start the search.

Employers need workers for the summer, but finding those jobs can take more than just looking for "help wanted" signs in store windows, said Pam Petersen, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional manager. Employers right now are figuring out what they'll need in May. While summer jobs can mean more than flipping burgers at a fast-food joint, you need to know where to look — and what to look for.

Use the Labor Department

Some employers post their job openings at Job Service. In Twin Falls, look for Job Service on North College Road. The agency also has offices in Burley and Halley.

While the Magic Valley Job Service office doesn't specifically list summer jobs, the service is a good place for teenagers and students to start the job hunt, Petersen said.

Workers of any age can register at Job Service. Petersen said, just stop in and talk to a Job Service employee, learn how to use the Internet to search the Job Service database and register for notification of job openings. When you've got a good idea

of what kind of job you want, groom yourself appropriately and go in and ask for applications, Petersen said. Be open to a variety of work schedules. Submit applications — even if the positions aren't open yet.

Use an old faithful source — newspapers

Teens can always turn to an old standby for the summer job hunt — newspaper classifieds.

The Times-News' classified advertisements start to fill up in spring with a range of summer job openings. Restaurants advertise for servers, dish washers and host duties. Families look for nannies and baby sitters. Legal and accounting offices need fill-in employees for filing and clerical work when regular employees take summer vacation. Farms and ranches look for rock-pickers, harvesters and milkers.

The sports section might also be a good place to look for teens interested in working for the parks and recreation department. Summer recreation sports start in late May and early June, said Eli Roberts, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation supervisor.

Parks and Recreation is taking applications now for a range of positions, including referees, umpires, groundskeepers and Dierkes Lake lifeguards, Roberts said. The department typically hires about 30 to 40 employees each summer, paying from

Child labor laws for nonagricultural occupations

- During the summer (June 1 through Labor Day), 14- and 15-year-olds may:
 - Work after 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Work a maximum of eight hours per day.
 - Work a maximum of 40 hours a week.
- When school is in session, 14- and 15-year-olds may:
 - Work a maximum of three hours per day until 7 p.m.
 - Work a maximum of 18 hours per week.
- 14- and 15-year-olds may NOT perform any of these work duties:
 - Manufacturing or processing anything.
 - Working inside freezers.
 - Public messenger.
 - Mining.
- Using power-driven machinery or hoists.
- Cooking or baking.
- Running food grinders or slicers.
- Loading or unloading trucks or trains.
- Window washing requiring ladders or scaffolding.
- Occupations connected with the transportation industry, warehousing, communications or public utilities. (But 14- and 15-year-olds may work in offices of those businesses, performing clerical duties.)
- 16- and 17-year-olds may NOT work in areas declared hazardous by the secretary of labor. A few of those hazardous jobs are:
 - Logging.
 - Slaughtering.

Although youths under 18 are not allowed to operate vehicles as part of a job unless the driving is incidental and occasional, driving can't be the major part of the job.

Minimum wage is \$5.25 per hour. But that law doesn't apply to someone under 16 years old working part-time or at odd jobs not exceeding four hours per day with any one employer. New employees under 20 years old may be paid \$4.25 per hour during their first 90 consecutive calendar days of employment with an employer.

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

minimum wage up to \$7.50 per hour, she said. Applicants must be over 15, and workers can put in anywhere from five to 40 hours per week.

Twin Falls' municipal pool hires mostly teens to take shifts as lifeguards, swim instructors and front-office workers. Applications are available at the department's office on Maxwell Avenue and at City Hall, Roberts said. And stopping

by the office and chatting with the employees there before applying might give you a leg up on the competition.

"We kind of like to see and talk to the people who come in," Roberts said. "Experience is good too, if they've got it."

Ask your counselor
High school students looking for summer work can often find help from their school's counseling staff. At Jerome High School, work-based learning coordinator Linda Amross acts as an intermediary between employers looking for workers and students looking for jobs.

As high school training these days becomes more focused on developing real-world work skills, students can gear their

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Alaska, Nevada, Wyoming offer job opportunities

Idaho lost jobs in five categories during February

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — For 10 years, Bryan Davis has trudged through dusty construction sites and prepared new Las Vegas homes for insulation.

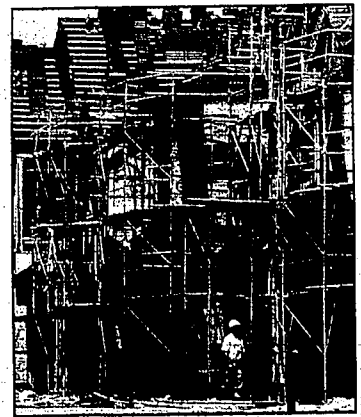
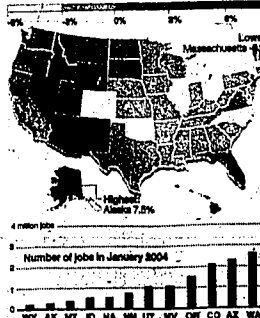
Before residents even move in, he's off to work in another neighborhood. He is never unemployed.

Life is good for construction workers in Nevada, the fastest-growing state in the country, where homes are cranked out in assembly-line fashion. In the past three years, construction jobs here have increased by 16,000 or almost 19 percent, according to estimates of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But Nevada is a bright spot in a national economy that has lost 2.2 million jobs since President Bush took office in January 2001 — the worst job-creation record of any president since Herbert Hoover. The western counties of Magic Valley

Head West for golden opportunities

In the past three years, Western states had a job loss of 0.6 percent, less than half the national rate of 1.6 percent. Percent change in job growth, Jan. 2001-Jan. 2004



A Las Vegas construction worker heads to the jobsite at a new housing development Thursday.

compiled from staff reports

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Geoffrey Barbro

TWIN FALLS — First Federal Savings Bank hired Geoffrey Barbro as a loan officer at its Falls West office. He began his banking career 20 years ago in California. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from National University in San Diego. Throughout his career, Barbro has held positions as system analyst, operations officer, internal auditor and branch manager. Barbro, originally from Olean, N.Y., has been married for 36 years and has two children.

Heather Barrett

TWIN FALLS — While attending the Jones Lang LaSalle Annual Management Conference, Heather Barrett, Magic Valley Mail specialty consultant, was awarded the firm's 2003 Specialty Leasing Excellence Award. Jones Lang LaSalle manages 63 regional malls nationwide, including Magic Valley Mall. Barrett has been licensing Magic Valley Mall space to specialty licensees since 2000.

Ryan Horsley

TWIN FALLS — California-based AuctionArms.com Inc. announced its top 100 sellers for March. Included in that list of sellers of firearms and firearms accessories was Ryan Horsley of Red's Trading Post in Twin Falls. Bob Lancaster, executive vice president of sales and marketing at AuctionArms, said in a statement, "Ryan became one of the earlier sellers at AuctionArms.com in March of 2000, about the time when eBay decided to refuse firearms auctions and we became the preeminent Internet site for auctions of firearms. Since then Ryan... has become one of our best on-line sellers with 217 positive customer feedback entries." AuctionArms.com said it has over 200,000 registered buyers and seller customers and features over 25,000 auctions in progress at any point.

Frank Batcha

HAILEY — A Hailey physician, Dr. Frank Batcha, is traveling to Ghana, West Africa, to provide medical assistance to a remote village. Batcha left Saturday on a 12-day medical expedition to Bambo, Ghana, organized by the Small Village Foundation, a Boise-based nonprofit organization. Batcha is a family practice physician at the Hailey Medical Clinic. He attended medical school at Northeastern Ohio State University College of Medicine in Rootstown, Ohio, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Brown University and attended post-graduate school at Kent State University. He serves as a physician in the Idaho

Army National Guard and as team physician for several sports teams, including the Sun Valley Suns hockey team. In Africa, Batcha and others will treat patients who have never before seen a physician, said Jeannine Smith, founder of the Small Village Foundation. Batcha will use donated supplies to treat patients with a wide range of medical conditions.



Commercial truckers

TWIN FALLS — The Motor's Overland Side by Side Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced three April 2 graduates. Each received a Class A commercial driver's license with all endorsements. They are Anthony Stader of Rupert, who is now employed with Gem State Trucking in Twin Falls; David Goodman of Albion; and Javier Corona of Rupert.

Tim Sanders

BURLEY — Tim Sanders is a new sales associate at Goodwin Biotechnology Inc. in Burley. Sanders has six years' experience in automotive sales and previously worked for Hertz car sales in Twin Falls. He has sold new and used models for Chrysler, Ford and Dodge. He also worked as a therapeutic preschool teacher for the state of Nevada and drove truck delivering heavy equipment for SNE Equipment. He graduated from Victor Valley High School in California and attended University of Nevada Las Vegas, studying social work.

Anita Jones

RUPERT — Anita Engstrom Jones, a licensed clinical counselor and marriage and family therapist, shared the counseling issues of Idaho with more than 3,000 other mental health professionals during the American Counseling Association's annual convention March 31-April 4 in Kansas City, Mo. Jones has been the treatment supervisor at the Idaho Youth Ranch in Rupert for five years. She is one of 10 counselors nationwide appointed to the ACA Task Force, which is responsible for development of prevention, intervention and enhanced supervision ideas to be shared with members around the world. The American Counseling Association is a not-for-profit professional and educational association.

Cable ONE increases Internet speeds

TWIN FALLS — CableOne.net said its local high-speed Internet service will treat customers who have never before seen a physician, said Jeannine Smith, founder of the Small Village Foundation. Batcha will use donated supplies to treat patients with a wide range of medical conditions.

"We're increasing speeds by 300 percent," said Mark Wolfe. Internet business manager. "That means streaming video and audio will be quicker than ever, and customers will immediately notice faster response times." The faster speed doesn't mean higher prices for customers, Cable ONE said. Cable ONE offers several levels of high-speed Internet service. Its most popular service, now features speeds up to 3,000 kbps, a hundred times faster than dial-up and significantly better than most DSL offerings, the cable company says.

"With our bundled package of services, high-speed Internet users can take advantage of significant savings on both digital television and high speed," Wolfe said.

CableOne.net also offers customer support by telephone, around the clock.

The local Cable ONE office can be reached at 733-6230, or visit www.cableone.net online.

Company specializes in event planning

TWIN FALLS — Three of Hearts — Event Planning, a new business associated with Leah Dow, will begin handling events May 1 and is currently accepting events beginning at that date or later.

The business was licensed earlier this year, Dow said.

Dow has a bachelor's degree in communications with emphasis in advertising and public relations from Jacksonville University and an

associate's degree in culinary arts management from the College of Southern Idaho.

Her company will coordinate the planning and executing of events such as weddings, funerals, birthday parties, office parties and meetings, bachelor parties, family reunions and others. The business has a Web site at www.threeofhearts.com and can be reached at 734-0174.

Dow said she plans a grand opening when Three of Hearts is confirmed for a storefront location.

Medical Discoveries files patent application

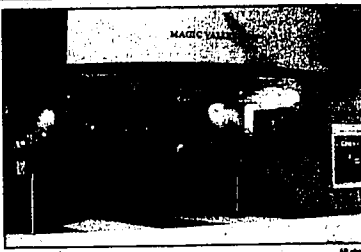
TWIN FALLS — Medical Discoveries Inc. announced it has filed a provisional patent application on sepsis for MDI-P, its proprietary drug.

In current preclinical trials, MDI-P is being evaluated for use as a surgical prophylactic or therapeutic agent for sepsis, as part of required research for an investigational new drug application for MDI's primary target, HIV/AIDS.

However, in order to be qualified as a sepsis therapeutic agent, MDI-P would be also required to undergo another complete clinical development — a process which may take many years and require substantial investment, the company said.

In another development related to the coming IND application, Medical Discoveries announced the signing of a contract with Goodwin Biotechnology Inc., of Plantation, Fla., for the determination of complete Chemistry, Manufacturing and Control documentation on MDI's proprietary electrolysis device, as well as the resultant MDI-P solution. At the end of this project, expected to take several months, MDI should have Current Good Manufacturing Practices qualification for the device and the solution, both of which are required prior to launching clinical studies on humans.

The Goodwin work will become an important part of MDI's investigational new drug application for conduct of Phase I clinical studies in HIV at Harvard Medical School, the company said.



Magic Valley Bank added a full-service branch inside the Jerome Wal-Mart store.

Magic Valley Bank opens branch in Jerome

JEROME — Magic Valley Bank now has a full-service branch office in Jerome, located inside Wal-Mart. "We're very excited about opening in Jerome," Phil Bratton, Magic Valley Bank president, said in a statement. "We're pleased to provide our Jerome customers with the convenience of a local branch, and we look forward to offering personalized banking services to everyone in Jerome County."

Magic Valley Bank in Jerome will have expanded office hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The branch has three teller windows and a 24-hour ATM. Owned by shareholders throughout Magic Valley, the community bank has offices in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome. A member of FDIC, Magic Valley Bank serves agrigusiness, small businesses, individuals and communities.



At Hruza Insurance Agency's ribbon cutting, from left, are owner David Hruza, Pat Campbell, Steve Thompson, Audrey Netwirth, Carleen Clyville, Lisa Hruza, Laurie Rasmussen, Dawnelle Allred and Christina Toyt.

Insurance agency holds ribbon cutting

RUPERT — Hruza Insurance Agency held a ribbon cutting to commemorate its grand opening at its new location of 601 S. Oneida Ave. in Rupert.

The business was previously at 949 S. Oneida. The phone number is 436-4420. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

David Hruza is the owner and agent. Laurie Rasmussen also works in the

office as an agent. "The business specializes in insurance and investments, retirement planning, and financial planning. It is an independent business but works with Mutual of Omaha. It offers a range of insurance and investments: auto, farm, home, health, life, disability, long-term care, bonds, Medicare supplements, commercial, crop, workers' compensation, annuities, investments, mutual funds, college savings plans and financial.

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Cattle prices ride high U.S. firms do more with less - employees, that is

TWIN FALLS — Rebounding cattle prices have nearly reached the high level producers were smiling about before the sporadic encephalopathy hit Washington state in December.

A year ago, prices started their record-setting climb when borders were closed to Canadian cattle after officials found BSE in a herd in Canada.

Since the confirmed case of BSE in the United States, markets saw only a short-term dip before resuming an increase.

"The cattle market overall is very strong," said Stenson Clontz, Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. auctioneer.

He quoted a good active call cow market with prices ranging in the mid \$40 to low \$50 per hundredweight.



CALVIN BOONER/The Times-News

These cattle, photographed on a Twin Falls County ranch just after the discovery of the discovery of BSE in a Washington state cow in December, will bring a good price at market. Cattle prices suffered only a small setback following the BSE discovery and have continued in the up-tick mode cattlemen were enjoying before the discovery.

Officials aren't surprised at sugar allotment cut

TWIN FALLS — Sugar production officials say they aren't surprised by the U.S. Agriculture Department's decision April 9 to officially reduce the fiscal year 2004 overall allotment quantity for sugar sales in the United States. USDA has cut the allotment from 8.55 million tons to 8.25 million tons.

"It's pretty much what we had expected," said Dave Budge, vice president and treasurer of Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Boise.

The move formally eliminates 300,000 tons of the original allotment set Aug. 13

that the USDA held back Sept. 30 when it appeared the market was oversupplied with sugar.

The USDA regulates domestic and imported sugar supplies to stabilize sugar prices under the U.S. sugar program, which is operated at no cost to taxpayers.

MVCA president looks to the year ahead

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls veterinarian Gary Lewis tackled another title in his name in March when he was elected president of the Magic Valley Veterinarians Association.

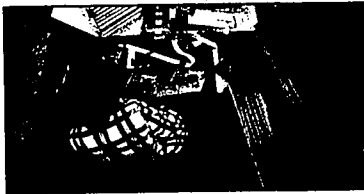
Lewis, a MVCA member for five years, said his background in animal health and his inter-

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

et in issues facing cattle producers will help him serve the local association in the coming year.

Lewis treats both large and small animals at his facility, Valley View Veterinary Clinic, but the majority of my business involves producers," he said. "If I can help keep them in business, it helps keep me in business."



Lydia Mananga assembles nail guns at Paslode, a maker of cordless tools, in Libertyville, Ill.

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Shouting over the whine of pneumatic screwdrivers, Phyllis Patrick points to changes in the assembly line that twists around her, evidence of a labor market starting to thaw.

In a plant where workers were asked last year to take time off without pay, managers have posted eight hours' overtime on the scheduling board for the coming Saturday. At stations alongside Patrick, a handful of temporary workers have been added as orders for the plant's cordless nailguns climbed. And now word is spreading down the line that TW Paslode — which pared its work force here from about 200 to 150 even as it increased production — is set to hire 14 new full-timers.

"We could always use a few more," the safety-goggle-clad Patrick says, turning back to a workbench where she's testing motors in the partially assembled nail guns.

The pickup at Paslode's plant, 45 minutes north of Chicago, is good news in an economy that has been very slow to generate new jobs. But it comes with a big asterisk: These are about the only new jobs that Paslode's parent, a \$1 billion manufacturing conglomerate that prides itself on a running lean, sees adding anytime soon.

"Why would you be hiring people right now?" says John Brookler, vice president of investor relations for the parent company, Illinois Tool Works Inc., which has shunk its U.S. payroll from about 35,000 to 28,000 in the past three years.

"If you still have a ways to go before (manufacturing) capacity is filled," he says, "where are the jobs going to come from?" Variations of that question loom over an economy that is down about 2 million jobs since early 2001. Despite a government report showing the United States added 308,000 jobs in March, many analysts continue to puzzle over the logic of employers' hiring decisions in an economy that by most measures — from soaring corporate profits to rapid growth in output — is in high gear.

As election-year politics heat up, much of the public's attention has focused on "offshoring" — the decision by U.S. companies to send work to countries such as India and China — as the culprit in the lack of new employment.

But the truth behind the short supply of new jobs, hinted at by changes at companies such as ITW, is more complicated. In a nutshell, businesses have figured out how to do more — produce more goods, services and profits — with fewer full-time workers. Even as the economy grows, many companies are reaping the benefits in part by rethinking the way they utilize people.

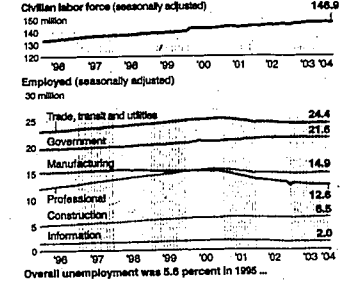
Part of that is outsourcing, sending some of the work they do to firms and workers who will do it cheaper, both inside and out of the country. Some economists estimate outsourcing overseas accounts for perhaps 10 percent of the jobs lost.

But businesses also are responding to increasing demand by relying more on temporary workers, freelancers and contract workers. Many work off payroll and without benefits — and aren't tracked in the most closely watched set of government jobs figures.

Employers also are harnessing technology, streamlining

Labor slowdown: a short supply of new jobs

The economy has been slow to generate new jobs even as the labor force has continued to grow, affecting millions of Americans from textile workers to computer programmers.



Overall unemployment was 5.8 percent in 1996 — 6.4% 4.9% 4.5% 4.2% 4.0% 4.7% 5.8% 6.0%

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Job picture

The U.S. labor market by the numbers:

- 2.72 million: Jobs the economy lost during downturn in late 1990s
- 759,000: Jobs the economy has gained since late August.
- 1.96 million: Net loss of jobs over past three years.
- 308,000: Jobs the economy gained in March.
- 108,000: Average number of jobs gained per month since August.
- 2.78 million: Young people and immigrants who entered job market in past three years.
- 150,000 a month: New jobs needed to keep pace with labor-force growth.

and automating operations to reduce the need for labor, and some are pushing remaining workers to do more. Those changes mean they often can respond to increased demand without hiring.

"What employers have really discovered is ... you can have just-in-time employment," says David Wyes, chief economist at Standard & Poors in New York. "That's what this really is — I use the workers when I need them. I don't use the workers when I don't need them."

New jobs are essential to sustaining an economy that is far from static. The United States needs to gain about 150,000 jobs each month just to keep pace with the growth of the labor force, economists say. Since the economy began losing jobs in early 2001, about 2.8 million people have joined the

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labor force, including new college and high school graduates and immigrants.

The economy has added jobs for seven consecutive months, but the March gain is the first time it has significantly outpaced that break-even figure.

The reluctance to hire full-time workers has almost certainly been exacerbated by the rising expense of adding employees in an era of skyrocketing health-care costs, as well as lingering concerns about the solidity of the rebound.

These concerns will ease over time, and employers are likely to convert some of the jobs now staffed with temps to full-time positions. But the new approach to employment is likely to be more permanent, analysts say.

The change is evident to both workers and employers, although the two groups see it through different lenses.

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YOUR BUSINESS

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MONEY FOR DEVELOPMENT

■ The United Way of South Central Idaho recognized local businesses Campaign 2004 Gem Award winners for contributions made to the United Way during this year's campaign.

- Diamond Award, for participation above \$10,000: Best Buy Costco (No. 1 in the campaign, sixth year); Clear Springs Foods Inc.; College of Southern Idaho faculty, staff and students; First Federal Savings Bank; ComAg; Lambda West; Foods Inc.; United Parcel Services; US Bank.

- Emerald Award, for participation above \$5,000: The Bon-Macy's; Idaho Power; Longview Fibre; Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; Target; The Times-News; Twin Falls School District, teachers and staff; Wal-Mart; Wells Fargo Bank.

- Sapphire Award, for participation above \$1,000: Albertsons; Bank of America; Benoit, Alexander, Harwood, Higgs and Butler; Brite's Doctor; BTK Technologies; Cactus Petes Resort and Casino; Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC-Volkswagen; Cooper Norman and Associates; DL Evans Bank; FedEx; Free Furniture and Appliance Outlet; The Home Depot; Falls Brand/Independent Meat Co.; Intermountain Gas Co.; INEHL/BBWI; J.C. Penney; Magic Valley Bank; Oberhelman Insurance; Premier Insurance; Queen; Regence BlueShield of Idaho; Smith's Foods; Washington Federal; Washington Mutual; Zions Bank.

- Opal Award, for outstanding increase in giving: Regence BlueShield of Idaho; College of Southern Idaho faculty, staff and students; Wal-Mart.



Mike Atchley, on behalf of the Mini-Cassia Association of Realtors, presents a check for \$500 to Bob Shepard of the local economic-development association at a recent luncheon meeting. Shepard spoke to attendees about the Mini-Cassia economy and what they can do to help.

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■ Every 15 minutes someone dies from an alcohol-related collision, say organizers of a program conducted at Twin Falls High School on April 6-7 by the Twin Falls Police Department and sponsored by the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

The program is designed to dramatically show teenagers the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol. Twenty students and four

teachers participated in the year's program at Twin Falls High. One by one, students were taken from class and their obituaries read to the student ed from friends and family for two days, giving fellow students, friends and family a glimpse of what it might be like to lose someone to an alcohol-related accident.

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New jobs are essential to sustaining an economy that is far from static. The United States needs to gain about 150,000 jobs each month just to keep pace with the growth of the labor force, economists say. Since the economy began losing jobs in early 2001, about 2.8 million people have joined the

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West

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 is a similar bright spot, with heavy construction and overall job growth.
 The West has fared slightly better than the rest of the country, led by job growth in Alaska, Nevada and Wyoming. From January 2001 to January 2004, the West's job loss was less than half the national rate, and the West accounted for the top five states in job growth.

"It's some testament to the West that in general the states have done a little bit better," said Richard Wobbeckind, an economist at the University of Colorado-Boulder. "It shows they have a little bit more balance than they did in the past."

February saw a slight upturn in jobs in the West that exceeded the national improvement from the month before, but the pattern was typical for that time of year. The 13 Western states added 161,500 jobs, a 0.6 percent increase, topping the country's 0.4 percent growth. All but one Western state had increases — Wyoming lost an estimated 300 jobs. Alaska had the most robust February growth rate at 1.4 percent, or 4,100 jobs.

Colorado had the most dismal job report — down 97,300 jobs or 4.4 percent the last three years. The recession and dot-com fallout hit that state hard — a 28.7 percent loss in information jobs. Colorado, Oregon, Utah and Washington each lost jobs in six of nine categories, mostly because of layoffs in construction, information and manufacturing. California and Idaho had losses in five categories.

Jobs in manufacturing, information, natural resources, mining, trade, transportation and utilities are hard to come by in the West. Colorado, Oregon, Washington and California are the worst places to look for a job.
 Utah had a meager job growth of 0.1 percent, but that's little consolation to electrician Boyce Christensen of American Fork. He's been out of work since November and has only worked 12 months in the past two years.

He used to earn \$23 an hour, but now borrows from his mother and retirement savings to make his mortgage payments. Food comes from a food pantry. He took away all advances from his four children and they no longer get birthday presents.

"I stay busy," said Christensen, 39. "I'm doing yard work, planting my garden so I've got some food to eat."
 Christensen blames his unemployment on outsourcing of jobs and Bush.

"I honestly think if we get George Bush re-elected again we can just wipe the whole middle class off the United States," he said.
 One reason the West had more jobs than the rest of the country is because it is less reliant on manufacturing than

the Midwest, said Jeff Chapman, analyst for the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. Washington, Colorado and California still had substantial losses in that category, but the West's job diversity helped it avoid even more.

So where are the jobs? Go West, and put Nevada and Wyoming at the top of the job hunt. Those states added jobs during the last three years in seven of nine sectors. Alaska, Arizona and Hawaii weren't far behind — six of nine industries adding jobs between January

Job figures for Western states

There are changes in job growth among 13 Western states over the past three years, as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

State	Jan 01	Jan 02	Change Percent
Alaska	264.8	284.7	19.9 7.5
Arizona	2,239.4	2,303.0	63.6 2.8
California	14,513.5	14,290.0	-223.5 -1.6
Colorado	2,709.1	2,111.8	-597.3 -21.9
Hawaii	546.9	571.3	24.4 4.5
Idaho	549.3	589.2	39.9 7.3
Montana	379.8	390.8	11.0 2.9
Nevada	1,033.8	1,099.2	65.4 6.3
New Mexico	739.8	767.1	27.3 3.7
Oregon	1,581.7	1,541.3	-40.4 -2.6
Utah	1,069.2	1,069.8	0.6 0.1
Washington	2,670.9	2,629.4	-41.5 -1.5
Wyoming	202.1	192.4	-9.7 -4.8
Total West	28,033.3	27,861.8	-166.5 -0.6
Total US	131,384.9	129,261.8	-2,123.1 -1.6

2001 and January 2004. Leisure-hospitality and government are the main sources of new jobs. Every Western state except Colorado showed growth in hospitality jobs. Only Montana lost government jobs. Many jobs are fueled by the huge population boom in the West. From 1990 to 2000, the region had the largest growth in the country — a 19.7 percent, to 63.2 million people.

"Population growth is probably the No. 1 factor that creates a dynamic economy," said Lee McPheters, associate dean at Arizona State University's business school. "What is making the West still more dynamic than the rest of the country is people are willing to come to the West and start anew, per se."

It's not gangbusters, he said. But it's better than most places. But economists say the industries doing well are ones that don't pay well. "There's jobs being added in leisure and hospitality in those states," Chapman said. "The jobs that pay better — manufacturing and information — those haven't rebounded."

After being out of work since May 2003, Steve Brooke, a site acquisition specialist and right-of-way agent, finally decided he had to leave Colorado because there were no jobs in telecommunications. He's blown through his savings, lived on credit cards and taken a truck-driving job to earn money for Christmas.

He blames outsourcing of jobs and overspending by telecommunications companies. "They were just trying to build out so much faster. There's just so much fiber out there, nobody's using it. They just all ran out of money."

He has started a new job in San Diego, but the effect of his unemployment lingers. "I was once doing really good," Brooke said. "I had about \$30,000 in savings and no debt. Now that's not the case. We're about the opposite. I've got about \$30,000 in debt."

Job numbers can be difficult to figure

Just how does the government count?

NEW YORK (AP) — At a time when the truth of the job market is difficult to ascertain, the government's monthly employment numbers sometimes do as much to confuse as to clarify.
 Take last month, when the Labor Department reported that the number of jobs on company payrolls increased by 308,000 — at the same time the unemployment rate went up.
 Both numbers may well be correct but, to make sense of all the data, it helps to understand the way the government counts.

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 It does not count those who have gone back to school because they can't find a job, or those who have taken a part-

time job for less pay. It does not include people who, unable to find work, have set themselves up as home-based consultants. And it does not count people who have given up looking.

If all those people were included, the Labor Department's own figures show, the figure would be 9.9 percent. Economists say the true rate of people without a job is probably about 7 percent or 7.5 percent.

The number of people working — at least the figure most closely watched by economists — is based on a survey of employers' payrolls. In March, that figure showed the economy added 308,000 new jobs, rising

to 130.55 million. Overall, the United States has lost about 1.96 million jobs in the past three years, but March marked the seventh consecutive month that jobs have increased.

So how can jobs be up and more people be unemployed at the same time? As the economy improves, more people without jobs are coming back off the sidelines to look for work, the government says. But since they hadn't been looking previously, they hadn't been counted as unemployed.

Which leads to a paradox: Gradual improvements in the job market that drive up the unemployment rate.

What politicians say about jobs

What the politicians have to say about job creation in the United States and the movement of American jobs overseas:

"You ask any business leaders here, they can tell you what it's like to try to manage during the recession. There's uncertainty, the workers are getting anxious, sometimes you have to lay some people off. Recession is tough for a country to deal with."
 — President Bush, March 31, at a speech to the Appleton, Wis., Chamber of Commerce.

"The president does nothing to create good-paying jobs here at home, even as he squanders an additional \$1 trillion over the next 10 years on additional tax cuts for those who need them least."
 — Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on March 10.

"If a company is torn between creating jobs here or overseas, we now have a tax code that tells you go overseas. And that makes no sense. And if I am president, it will end as soon as possible."
 — Sen. John Kerry, March 26, in Detroit.

"We're returning to a 'Goldlocks' economy that is growing just right. The economy is growing at a fast pace and creating new jobs, but not so fast as to burn itself out."
 — Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, on Feb. 10.

"Thirty jobs here, 30 jobs there — all around the country, small businesses are expanding because there's a sense of optimism about the future of this country. Look at what we've overcome."
 — Bush, Feb. 26, in Louisville, Ky.

"There are 8.2 million Americans out of work today; 2 million of them have been out of work for six months or longer. It's not their fault they can't find jobs. We need trade and tax policies that reward companies for creating jobs in America — not for shipping American jobs overseas. We need to help workers who are hurt by outsourcing, and make sure they get access to health care, and job training, while they get back on their feet."
 — Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., on March 23.

"We remain focused in this administration on the special individuals that are going through the painful period of their life without a job to make sure we have programs to assist them."
 — Commerce Secretary Don Evans in a March 12 CNBC interview.

"If you look at the kinds of jobs people are getting, and you also look at the difficulties people are having to make ends meet and you look at the jobless, the outsourcing that has taken place, the numbers of jobs lost, and you go to Ohio — 230,000 jobs lost, 170,000 manufacturing jobs — those folks are hurting."
 — Kerry in April 7 interview with Fox News.

Teens

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 summer jobs toward a permanent field of work. For instance, working at a restaurant for a summer can either turn you off from the service industry — or inspire you to research culinary schools.

Nina Schwarz, financial aid adviser and work-study coordinator for the College of Southern Idaho. Lots of CSI students who claim Magic Valley as a temporary home during the school year also live and work in the area during the summer, she said.

the summer, students who are eligible for work-study have a number of opportunities open to them for summer employment, Schwarz said.
 Work-study jobs range from grounds and building maintenance to computer lab supervision to working at the CSI fish hatchery.

found in the Taylor, Evergreen, Canyon and Aspen buildings, Schwarz said.
 Students looking for paid and unpaid internships are encouraged to visit the CSI advising office for help, Schwarz said. These positions can range from on-campus office work to jobs in other states, she said.

"We have people calling us all the time telling us about [jobs for students]," Amrossa said.

The CSI advising office maintains a job board for students looking for work-study positions. These positions are open to those who qualify through financial aid, and money earned goes toward tuition costs.

"We've had quite a few students come in looking for work this summer," she said.
 For those who don't qualify for work-study, off-campus summer jobs are posted around campus on a number of job boards. These boards can be

"I just recommend stopping by our office — we can help," Schwarz said.
 Times-News business writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 735-3238 or mhinds@magicvalley.com.

CSI students need work, too
 High school students aren't the only ones looking for summer jobs in Magic Valley, said

While the number of work-study jobs does scale back in

Jobs

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 Consider the experience of Peggy Shea, a project manager and graphic artist who lost her job in a layoff at Cisco Systems more than a year ago. Shea, who lives in Scotts Valley, Calif., has been unable to find a new full-time job despite an exhaustive search.

to consider picking up for three-to-six month assignments out of state, including one that urged her to sell her home even though the posting practices have encouraged many workers to retrain. But, unlike in the late 1990s when acquiring computer skills was seen as a sure bet for landing a job, figuring out where the new opportunities will be now feels like a gamble, a former Agnes Feldman, a former

factory worker, will graduate in July with a two-year degree in business administration from Mitchell Community College in Mooresville, N.C. Feldman lost a job on the line at a compressor factory three years ago, when Matsushita Corp. of America moved production to China. She found, then lost, another job at an auto parts plant when Eaton Corp. shifted work to Mexico early last year.

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 At the end of six months, what do I do? You don't just pick up like a vagabond or a gypsy and move around every six months.

But since the start of the year, she's logged roughly 16 weeks of work as a freelancer for a company whose own staff is overwhelmed, but whose budget allows only outside expense without any addition to payroll. The company's no-hire policy is at least partly rooted in its effort to boost the running tally of revenue-per-employee that it shows investors, she says.

"OK," at the end of six months, what do I do? She said, "You don't just pick up like a vagabond or a gypsy and move around every six months."
 The evaporation of once-dependable jobs and the uncertainty built into new hiring practices have encouraged many workers to retrain. But, unlike in the late 1990s when acquiring computer skills was seen as a sure bet for landing a job, figuring out where the new opportunities will be now feels like a gamble, a former Agnes Feldman, a former

Now she's looking ahead to graduation, wondering what she'll find out there, trying to answer the very question that brought her to the point: Will there be new jobs to replace the old ones?
 "It's supposed to be picking up, but yet, there are still a lot of people who are not finding jobs," Feldman says. "Right now, it frightens me that I will become one of those people."

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 — Peggy Shea, who has been urged by companies to accept three-to-six month assignments out of state

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Call: 731-5369 for info.

Your new career is waiting for you.

Check out pages D11-14 for exciting new career opportunities and information on the Times-News Online Career Fair

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EMPLOYMENT

GENERAL
Openings for Satellite sales reps and certified installers
Call 888-664-2222*

GENERAL
Part-time possibly full-time house manager position. Call Walker Center 854-5451 ask for Julie or Marilyn.

GENERAL SALESPERSON
with construction experience cover the entire Magic Valley area. ACCOUNTANT experience with QuickBooks. Send resume to 1263 Overland Blvd ID 83318*

GRAPHIC ARTIST
Needed for Portrait Studio. Mac & Photoshop experience req. hours and wages negotiable. Will be a negotiable. Send resume to P.O. 2723 Twin Falls, ID 83303*

GRAPHIC DESIGN
The Times-News is looking for an individual with experience in computer graphic design to work in our Twin Falls office. The successful candidate will design advertisements and possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish, along with production and creative design skills are essential. Qualified applicants will have an Associates Degree in Computer Applications, Computer Graphics, Graphic Arts or the equivalent. Experience with Macintosh computers using QuarkXPress and Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop.

* This is a full-time position with benefits including:
• 401k
• Health insurance
• Paid vacation
• Tuition assistance
Qualified candidates send resume to: Audrey Kent-Schmitt The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 or email resume to kent@magicvalley.com*

HAIR STYLIST
Current opening for a talented stylist. Part-time/Full-time in fun, busy salon. Hourly wage \$7.59 + bonuses + paid vacation, + medical/dental plans + management opportunity. Call 734-8235.

HOUSEKEEPER/Nanny
for 2 kids, ages 9 & 12, 4 days/week, 7 hrs/day, year round. Send resume and refs. to P.O. Box 722, Rupert, ID *

INSTALLER
Exp. HVAC installer required. Contact Jon at 208-788-0079*

INSTALLER
For Security/Fire Alarm Co. Benefits & wages good. For more info, call 208-324-5996, or 208-734-6100*

INTERPRETER
Need Interpreter for Spanish language. PT. Apply in person at Psychiatric Services 163 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls*

LABORER
Asphalt laborer. CDL required. Call 208-733-8539 or 308-3820

LABORERS
Immediate openings Twin Falls area for Heavy Duty positions in food processing, all shifts for sanitation, processing, packaging, and trim line. For application & interview call 735-5002 or apply directly at 632 Blue Lake St

Looking for a job?
Log on to www.jobvillage.com for the Southern Idaho Online Career Fair April 18 - 30*

MAINTENANCE
Entry level maintenance general/labor positions, digging, fence repair, concrete work. Full-time long term. Apply at 808 Starling 665 Blue Lake Blvd. Call 734-4473*

MANAGER
Management team, to run a small Moon chain. Fax salary, refs. exp. to 801-868-8110*

MANUFACTURING
Barclay Mechanical in Paul, ID is hiring experienced Welders and Millwrights. Apply in person. All applicants subject to pre-employment drug testing*

MANUFACTURING
Company is accepting applications for the following full-time position:
Packaging, Plastic Fabrication, Production material handler. Company benefits, employee health, dental, life insurance, vacation, paid holidays, and 401k plan. Applications available at Spears Manufacturing Plant Security Office 21st May 1st, Sandgline Jerome, Idaho (208) 324-8101

MECHANIC
FT. evening diesel mechanic for local trucking company. Must have good benefits. Wage DOE. Send resume to 731 Gold Course Rd. ID 83338*

MECHANIC
Industrial Mechanic for a resort in a busy Idaho locale. Trouble shooting, maintenance, and repair. 2-3 Years experience preferred. Call 734-8235 to schedule an interview*

MECHANIC
KUBOTA TRACTOR MECHANIC in Elkton, Twin Falls, Ore. exp. rebuilding manual trans., front ends, & general maintenance for New Holland Equipment. 50 hour work week. Call Dan at Northern Nevada Equipment for info. 775-777-3092*

MECHANIC
Lube tech/mechanic for Class 5-8 trucks. Must be highly motivated. Excellent tools, wage DOE. Vacation health benefits. Call: Shop Foreman P.O. Box 347 Twin Falls, ID 83303*

MEDIA MARKETING
The Times-News / Ag Weekly is accepting applications for a full-time marketing support person. This position will be responsible for updating visual projection elements and inserting news releases for weekly as well as managing multiple mailing lists and databases.

MEDIA MARKETING
This is a great entry-level position in media distribution and marketing. Ideal candidate will possess a working knowledge of basic marketing principles and regulations and have good keyboarding skills. Must be computer literate, have good attention to detail and work well under pressure. If interested, please send resume to: Janet Goeke @ the.net EOE

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NEW HIRING:
• UNIT MANAGER Leadership opportunity in our skilled care unit for quality-oriented RN. Competitive salary/benefits in a mission-driven environment.
• RN's Full Time Night Shift 6pm-6am
• SICK AND HOLIDAY PAY
• Paid Camp Days for Good Attendance
• 401K Retirement Plan
• Health, Dental, and Optical Insurance
• College Tuition Assistance (Scholarship)

BRIDGEVIEW OFFERS:
• \$2000 Sign on Bonus
• Two Week Paid Vacation
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• Paid Camp Days for Good Attendance
• 401K Retirement Plan
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BRIDGEVIEW
1828 Bridgeview Blvd Twin Falls, ID 83301 or call 208-736-3933

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MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS Care Center
Public Relations Marketing Representative
We are looking for someone with these qualifications:
• Excellent marketing experience and/or a degree in marketing or related field
• Excellent communication & people skills
• Professional Appearance
• Creative person
• Excellent skills in planning & organization
If you have what it takes to develop, plan & lead an international marketing program, send me your resume with a cover letter to: Twin Falls Care Center 674 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301*

MEDICAL
Nursing
Join our team and enjoy your profession again!
Sunbridge for Twin Falls is a 158-bed skilled nursing facility and affiliate of Sun Healthcare Group, Inc. has the following opportunities available:
CNA's All shifts available. New pay for up to 10% increase. A background in geriatrics is preferred.
Come to our facility and meet our friendly staff. We offer competitive salary, health/dental/benefits, 401k and W/H/S programs. Management position are promoted with 100% pay.
Please apply in person at 640 Filer Ave W. Twin Falls, ID or 208-734-8545.
SunBridge HealthCare
EOE Drug Free workplace.*

MEDICAL
RN's Full or Part-time with \$2000 sign on bonus
We offer:
• Paid Vacation
• Sick & Holiday Pay
• Health/Welfare/Dental & Disability Insurance
• 401k
• Fun Employee Programs
Don't miss out! Join our professional team!
Please apply in person at: Twin Falls Care Center 674 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83303
Medical Director

MEDICAL
Blaine Manor Immediate openings CNA's
Part-time or full-time
Must be certified. Blaine Manor is a 25-bed skilled nursing facility. Applicants must be dedicated to providing quality competitive salaries with excellent benefits.
Director of Nursing Blaine Manor P.O. Box 927 Halley, ID 83333 208-578-3438*

MEDICAL
Nursing Director to provide clinical leadership for a 4-clinic family practice located in Twin Falls, Idaho. Must have a current Idaho RN license, 2-3 years supervisory management experience, outstanding, independent, clinical skills. Competitive salary and excellent benefit package. E-mail piklenko@thalid.org or send CV & references to: James Schroeder, CEO, 794 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301 EOE*

METAL
Welder/Shop Foreman Needed to maintain Fabrication MIG, TIG, and Stick needs at least 10-15 years experience. Self motivated, some travel. Resume req. EOE. Send resume to info@carboinc.com or fax 324-7114*

MISCELLANEOUS
Highly motivated Superintendent. Full-time position available. Experience with operation of road equipment and road maintenance helpful. Must have a C.D.I. license and be self-motivated. Please submit resume with references to: West Point Highway Dist. 421 N. Highway 1 Wendell, ID 83355. This year we'll be back. Classified, 733-0031

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MEDICAL
CNA position open. Call 731-3366 for info.*

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MEDICAL
Part-time RN. Home Health. Apply at 147 Main Ave. E. Call 208-733-8600.*

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Part-time secretary. 12:30-3:30 Mon-Fri. Prior experience desired for busy PT office. Call 734-7335 to schedule interview*

MISCELLANEOUS
Earn Extra Money Set your own hours, for appointment 1-866-277-1147 Avon Independent Rep*

PRINTING OPERATOR
The Times-News is looking for a press worker with experience in Ubrante press, 4-color process, camera work and plate development and registration.
Must be knowledgeable on working around heavy machinery safely and be familiar with mechanical maintenance & adjustment. Additionally, the ability to work well with others, to stand and walk the majority of the work shift, and climb ladders is necessary.
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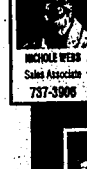
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Are good drywallers hard to find?

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One of the reasons Tim James has a hard time keeping drywall workers: His drywall company is a drug-free workplace.

"They call and as soon as they hear we are drug free it is the last time we hear from them," said James, owner of Tim James Drywall Inc.

Gregg Skuza has had the same experience. Skuza Drywall Inc. often gets people who call, enthusiastic about starting work. But when he tells them to get a drug test they call the next morning with an excuse, saying they can't make it.

Often workers just don't show up.

"It puts us in a bind," Skuza said. "You get a lot of jobs going and you need everybody to be there."

That creates an opportunity for other Magic Valley job seekers. Both James and Skuza have had a hard time, especially in the past two years, keeping enough drywall workers.

"I could easily put another two people on today," James said. "People move on. I'm always replacing them."

Sometimes a drywall worker will work for a while but then James receives a notice that the worker owes back child support.

"We start withholding money and that will be the last time you see them," he said. At least two or three times a year he has had to hire more help.

Skuza has had five or six come and go in the past year and a half.

That turnover adds up to opportunity for local workers willing to stick with the job.

The requirements of the job are fairly simple, James said.

"Just keep coming to work every day. That is the biggest



Scott Vincent works on a drywall project for Gregg Skuza's drywall company. Drywall contractors say they often have a hard time finding good help.

requirement," he said. Drywall workers are not required, but are encouraged, to buy their own tools.

The work is steady. In the 27 years James has been in the business, he has not had a period of time when there was no work.

"An employee can make good money with just showing up on time," said drywall worker T.J. Ringling, who has been working for James for about five years.

The work is fairly easy and a college degree is not necessary, he said. "A basic knowledge of geometry is helpful in order to be able to measure and cut various angles. And a drywall worker also has to be able to lift heavy weights. A piece of Sheetrock can weigh up to 120 pounds. Ringling got into drywall

work because he got tired of working on the dairy that his parents owned. But he was shocked at the large turnover in drywall workers.

"On the dairy people were there for years and years," Ringling said. "Here they come and go. Drywallers always go for greener pasture. There are not very many dependable people in drywall."

"Sometimes a worker will quit but come back after a while and is nearly always hired back," he said.

"You can't fire them," Ringling said. "You need the help."

James has one employee who has worked for him for 13 years, but Ringling said it is rare to have someone work in drywall that long.

Skuza recently hired two apprentices who, he said, show

up on time and work well.

"Before that I had a miserable time," he said. "They would never show up and had bad work ethics. I caught one guy sleeping."

Now Skuza has 10 people working for him full time.

"Over a period of time people filter in that work out," he said.

Skuza pays between \$7 and \$20 per hour, depending on experience, while James pays by the piece.

Scott Vincent, a drywall worker since 1976, has worked for Skuza since 1990.

"It takes a special attitude — one that is interested in doing a good job," Vincent said. "What we do is what the people see."

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Taking a chance on a risk-taking applicant

By Carol Kleiman
Chicago Tribune

Q. I'm a small employer who also uses the human resources hat, which is why I'm now interviewing people for a job opening I have.

What do you think of an applicant who leaves a voicemail message suggesting we go to lunch on our second interview? I emptied not to call him back.

A. That's pretty nervy and shows you he's a real risk-taker. If you're in the market for a risk-taker — and can get past the boldness — you've found him. I hope he offered to treat.

Q. I'm 49 years old and have a master's degree with a solid 20 years of experience. At a recent job interview, the hiring manager, probably in her late 30s, asked me how I would feel about reporting to someone younger than me.

I dealt with it with humor and pleasantly replied that I had worked for younger managers before and it was never a problem. But I resented the question. What can I do about it?

A. You could pursue it legally if you want, but I don't think it's worth your time or money. I'm glad, however, that you have a sense of humor; it comes in handy during a job search.

Q. When I started my sales job three years ago, I was told that regardless of my experience or previous salary, all employees had to start at the bottom of the pay scale.

Recently my company took over a competitor and brought in their salespeople at a higher rate of pay than I am making now.

When I asked about it, I was told "you can't expect them to be

work for less than they were making and that they have experience." How come the experience of the new employees counted, and mine did not?

A. You are a victim of what is called "salary compression," where new hires are paid more than current employees, usually at about the existing market rate for these workers — and also of a lot of double-talk. You only hope to find a similar job elsewhere, at the higher salary.

Q. I work hard and smart in my full-time job but know that being a woman and a minority are two strikes against me. So I've started my own consulting business.

It's my dream child, done on my own time, and no one at work, including my boss, knows about it. But my business is limited by a lack of money — which is why I keep my day job.

I have thought about quitting my unrewarding job to focus on my business, but I've just learned I'm pregnant and fear financial ruin. I wonder if I should just go ahead and quit — or should I wait it out?

A. You might be safer in the short term to stay where you are and run your business as best you can.

Your present employer probably also offers health insurance and since you're pregnant, you're going to need it.

So hang in there until your baby's born. Now is not the best time for you to make such a move.

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Job searches require time management

By Amy Lindgren
Knight Ridder News Service

I was flying in the door the other day after a morning of meetings and just ahead of an afternoon of company tours, when I paused to put myself on the back. I was being so productive.

Instead of accepting an invitation to eat lunch with the people I had been meeting, I was going to spend those 40 extra minutes taking care of small tasks at my home office.

And so I did. I returned three calls, paid two bills, balanced one of my company's bank accounts and packed my briefcase for an evening class. Forty minutes later, my lunch of cheese and crackers in hand, I was off to my next commitment.

If I was being more reflective, I might regret the hurried pace of that day or the missed opportunity to dine with colleagues. Nope. Call me shallow, but I rarely regret days in which I get a lot done. Instead, I want to share some of my thoughts about time management as it relates to job search.

The first thing that I notice about underperforming job searches is that they are usually starved for time. The culprit might be a lack of organization, a lack of commitment to the search or even a misunderstanding about which job search tasks to take on.

It's a case of being overwhelmed and underwhelmed at the same time. You know there's a lot to do, but you don't know exactly what to do.

As an antidote, job seekers often fall back on the easy steps of job search — e-mailing résumés or scanning the want ads over and over. At least you're getting something done, you think.

Actually, you're probably not getting anything done. As harsh as that may sound, it's better to face the situation straight on. Real job searching involves analysis, strategy, planning and action. Remove one of those steps and you're heading toward the "oblivion" of mindlessly

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repeating steps that haven't paid off in the past.

So where does time management fit in? On two levels: long-term timeline management and the daily use of your minutes and hours.

Start by setting a longer timeline for your job search. When do you need or want to be employed? That matters because a three-month job search is conducted differently than a six-month job search. In a longer timeline, you might focus on developing networking contacts or building key skills through coursework. A shorter timeline will demand more contacts per day and a broader range of target jobs.

This is a point that often draws irate e-mail from very frustrated job seekers. Many feel it's not in their power to make a date to be re-employed.

They have been sending out résumés and not getting a reply and so they send out more — and still don't get replies. How can you control the timeline when you can't even get a response?

If you are in this camp, consider that you may be in a strategy slump.

You've been focused on doing more of the same thing instead of analyzing why it isn't working. Also, remember that if you absolutely, without exception, had to be working by next week, you would find a way. The job might be crummy, the commute terrible and the wages dismal, but if something essential depended on it, you would make that job.

The fact that you are not feeling so desperate is not the point of this column. Instead, I'm hoping you will see that job search is not a matter of time so much as it is a matter of time management. And time management is something you can control.

So now, if you have your re-employment timeline in hand, count backwards from the goal employment date. How many weeks or months do you have? How many contacts will you make each day?

Consider that it's very common to make 100 contacts to get 10 responses and that it can take all 10 of those responses to get one interview. So if you think you might need 10 interviews to get a job in your field, you might need 1,000 contacts.

Ouch. That's a lot. Suppose you have 12 weeks. That's about 85 contacts a week or 17 a day. Some of those will be responses to ads, others will be cold calls, others will be drop-in visits to drop off a résumé.

Remember those 40 minutes I snatched from my lunch schedule? That's how you'll get this done.

Set out a list of contacts each day and figure out how you will make them. Some might happen in the car while you're dropping off kids, others in the late evening when you get a chance at the computer.

At the end of every four weeks, stop. What's working and what isn't?

Adjust your approach and get started again.

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Struggling workers hope to bail when economy improves

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — In his former job, Mike McGuire's workload grew with every round of a medical and dental benefits administrator, he took on increasing responsibility during the last few years as management layers were peeled back. The stress was getting to him. So, when a headhunter called, he jumped.

His former boss tried to entice him to stay with stock options and other perks. "Yeah, all of that," McGuire said.

But as the saying goes, it was too little, too late.

As the job market begins to loosen, companies could find that the years of retaining their best employees with merely the promise of a job are a thing of the past.

Having been socked with three years of cost cutting, salary freezes and layoffs, some survivors are polishing off their résumés and preparing to bolt.

Employees intending to leave their posts as soon as the job market opens up are at the highest level in four years, according to WorkTrends 2004, an annual survey of more than 10,000 U.S. workers.

The report, by Minneapolis workplace research firm Gantz Wiley, was released in February.

"There is a weariness of it all from the survivors of the layoffs," said Scott Brooks, executive consultant and research director for Gantz Wiley.

To be sure, the productivity gains posted over the last few years are good for the economy.

But those gains have come on the backs of professionals, many of whom are operating in

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a sort of shell-shocked haze while their companies exact as much as they can.

The economic downturn forced McGuire 37, to take on longer hours, more work and more stress as the company went through several rounds of layoffs.

When he came to the company four years ago, he was responsible for two call centers. By the end he was in charge of call centers across the country and what had once been his boss' job — the entire telecommunications side of the operation.

He also ended up running all Web-based customer-service functions.

"Your focus gets pulled in so many directions that you don't produce the quality product the customer is looking for," he said. Like other professionals, he had had enough with multiple jobs and 60-hour workweeks.

The squeeze on workers is evident in the numbers. Overtime hours are inching up

and wage increases have been declining. Workers' wages and benefits grew a measly 0.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2003 — the smallest quarterly increase in a year.

"White collar professionals have had to work longer hours, in part, because all businesses have had to do more with less," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for Wells Fargo Bank.

But relief may be in sight. After making stunning gains over the last three years, productivity actually started to slow in the final quarter of 2003.

As productivity slows, that translates to the creation of jobs in the face of rising demand, said Sohn, who recently heard from Silicon Valley executives that for the first time in nearly four years, tech workers are job-hopping.

They're not the only ones. McGuire landed a job at Minneapolis-based U.S. Bank where he is senior vice president of 24-hour banking and financial sales, overseeing the bank's sales and customer service functions.

The new job offers the opportunity to move up the ladder at a much larger, growing and more established firm. And, with most of his experience in the financial services industry, it was exactly what he wanted.

As economic conditions tighten, companies need to figure out ways to keep their choice employees on board, either with challenging opportunities or better pay and flexibility, experts say.

Otherwise, like McGuire, they'll be out the door.

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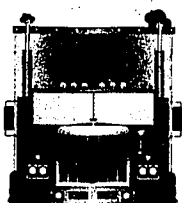


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Visit the employer's websites, email your resume online, check moving costs, calculate cost of living adjustments in new communities, and find out why these employers feel you should consider working for their organizations.

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At the online career fair, it doesn't matter if you stay in your pajamas to email resumes or visit a booth at midnight. You'll have 24 hours a day all week to visit each virtual booth and learn about their job openings.

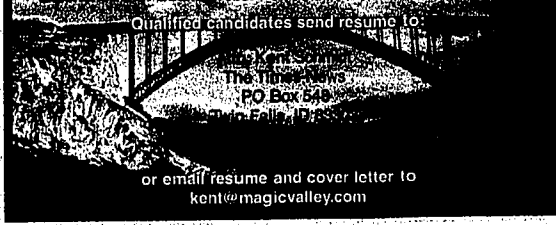
GRAPHIC DESIGN

The Times-News is looking for an individual with experience in computer Graphic Design to work in our Twin Falls office. The successful candidate will design advertisements and possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish. Strong typing and creative design skills are essential. Qualified applicants will have an Associates Degree in Computer Applications, Computer Graphics, Graphic Arts or the equivalent. Experience with Macintosh computers using QuarkXPress, Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop is essential. This is a full-time position with benefits including: 401k, Health insurance, Paid vacation. Please do not apply unless you have extensive experience with QuarkXPress.

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Mary Karren, Human Resources
The Times-News
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- Beauty Salon - Hairstylist

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- Bike Rental Technicians

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- Small Engine Mechanic
- Lift Operators
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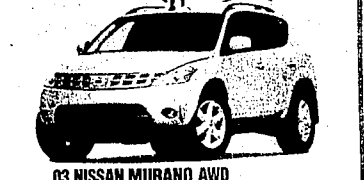
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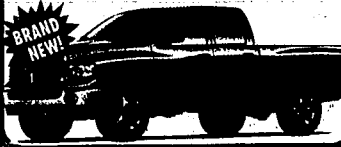
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The outcome depends on your income

The stats are in. According to Parade magazine's annual report on "What People Earn," the 2003 median weekly salary in the United States was \$620, or \$32,240 a year. Adjusted for inflation, that's slightly below 2002. The outlook, Parade says, points to a growing economy, and a job market laboring to catch up.

Now that we all have our taxes filed, we know where we fit into the charts.

You're probably not where you want to be, unless you are one of those people who write "CEO" after their names, and have managed to stay out of jail. Figures show that America's big company CEOs averaged more than \$10 million in compensation last year - 370 times more than the average hourly worker - and earned median cash bonuses of \$605,000.

Among the more regular types, an Oklahoma police officer earned \$38,200; an Alabama schoolteacher earned \$44,000; and an Ohio carpenter earned \$25,300.

On the higher end of the pay scale, an Ohio health-care administrator earned \$68,000; a North Carolina CPA earned \$100,000; and a Florida attorney earned \$105,500.

Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant earned \$13.5 million; Beverly Hills actress Halle Berry earned \$15 million - and New York real estate mogul Donald Trump earned \$100 million.

All the way at the other end, an Iowa chef earned \$16,500 and a New York coffee shop clerk earned \$8,000.

Some people didn't mind making less. Janet Kay, who earned \$20,000 as a dog walker in Falls Church, Va., told Parade that her job is stress-relieving, satisfying and pleasant.

But sometimes the animals can earn more than their masters. Saratoga Springs, N. Y., thoroughbred Funny Gide had to pay taxes on \$2 million last year. Often, it seems like the common man - or beast - just can't win. I remember hearing a comedian on TV say that his definition of entertainment is standing outside at midnight on New Year's Eve and watching his car depreciate \$2,000 right before his eyes.

I once clipped a story about a book titled "Zenvesting: The Art of Abundance and Managing Money." The author talks about maintaining a healthy relationship with your money, and even developing some sort of spiritual connection with it.

I don't think I've ever been spiritually connected to money. In fact, I'm not very connected to my money at all. And I pretty much gave up on being rich when I figured out that the only way to really save money is to never have kids, and I already had two of those.

Almost daily I receive press releases about making money: "How to make \$50 an hour screwing in light bulbs." Or, "Want to earn \$100,000 parking cars?" Or, "Hoping to make money on the Internet?"

One press release introduced me to a woman who lectures on permission marketing, subscriber online surveys and how Internet innovations can change your life and make you some money. I quickly surmised that computer illiterate types like me should probably forget about earning millions in cyberspace. I didn't even understand the language.

More helpful is Parade's list of "Hot Jobs for 2004 College Graduates," which include human resources manager, accountant, nurse and physical therapist.

The key is to find a need and learn how to fill it. Or, as the old joke goes, a man who was charged \$20,000 for a 20-minute surgical procedure and demanded a full breakdown of the costs was told that the surgeon charged \$150 for the incision and \$19,850 for knowing where to cut.

I think it's best just to be thankful for what we have.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

"There were 160 students at Shoshone High School when we went there, and at least 20 cases of (multiple sclerosis), including three deaths. What are the odds?"



Fred and Nita Trenkle, who grew up in Shoshone and have moved back to live, wonder why so many residents of the small town contracted multiple sclerosis.

The MS mystery

Coach wonders why his Shoshone neighbors got sick

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - He draws squares on a sheet of legal-sized paper, a map of the town where he grew up.

On some of the squares he draws X's - and in some cases, a couple of X's. "There were 160 students at Shoshone High School when we went there," said Fred Trenkle. "And at least 20 cases of (multiple sclerosis), including three deaths."

"What are the odds?" Trenkle, the winningest men's basketball coach in the history of the College of Southern Idaho, is on the trail of a mystery. His wife, Nita, is among the MS victims who grew up in Shoshone; so is her sister and a dozen friends of the Trenkles.

Until now, the causes were speculative. MS, a crippling auto-immune,

Know anyone with MS?

Do you know someone who lives - or once lived - in the Magic Valley - and was stricken with multiple sclerosis? Contact Fred Trenkle, men's basketball coach at Southern Idaho State College, at Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Fred Trenkle would like to hear from you. Trenkle is among a group of Shoshone residents gathering data on MS that might interest the Scripps Research Institute in San Diego in doing further study on why there appear to be so many cases of the degenerative, neuro-muscular disease in Lincoln County and perhaps elsewhere in south-central Idaho.

If you'd like to share your information, call Trenkle at 888-2166 or Mary Kay Bennett at 888-2237.

neuro-muscular disease that tends to strike adults in the prime of life, keeps its secrets well.

But in five years as the head basketball coach at San Diego State University, from 1994-99, Fred made some contacts that he hopes will help crack the mystery.

Through a newspaper article, an MS expert at the prestigious Scripps Research Institute in San Diego found out about Trenkle's interest in MS, and wanted to know more.

"I asked him if he could get more information on the number of cases of MS in that area, and he seemed eager to do that," said Dr. Michael Oldstone, a specialist in MS.

Through the weekly Lincoln County

Journal in Shoshone and The Times-News, the Trenkles began asking folks who had MS and grew up in the Magic Valley - or used to live here - to call him. In the past couple of weeks, the phone has rarely stopped ringing.

"I'll talk to them as long as they want to talk," said Trenkle, who's 55. "It's interesting how many people who have MS have ties to this area, especially to Shoshone, Gooding and Filer."

Trenkle will eventually turn his information over to Oldstone, who says it's too early to tell what he'll do with it. "We're always interested in learning more about the incidence of MS," Oldstone said in a telephone interview from his San Diego office. Shoshone, population 1,200, had a

few hundred more people when the Trenkles were growing up there in the 1960s. Statistically, MS strikes 1 to 3 people out of every thousand in the United States.

There is an shortage of potential causes heretofore, Trenkle believes.

"The thing these Shoshone cases seem to have in common is that the people were here between 1960 and 1966," he said. "Did something in the groundwater cause it? Something in the (Wood) river? Could it be radiation from either open-air nuclear explosions at the Nevada Test Site or from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, 75 miles northeast of Shoshone? Was it the railroad? Sheep? Pesticides?"

There was no Environmental Protection Agency in the early '60s. DDT and other now-banned pesticides were in common use, no one monitored what was dumped into the Wood River and there was little or no outside oversight of the INEEL, which is located uplope from the Magic Valley and at the other end of the Snake River Plain Aquifer, from which south-central Idaho gets most of its water.

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Weekend workshop focuses on moms, daughters

"Mothers of daughters are daughters of mothers and have remained so in circles joined to circles since time began."

-Signe Hammer

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Learn how to talk to your mother. Or your daughter.

"Voyage to Womanhood," a one-day workshop to be presented by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center next Saturday, is a chance for mothers and daughters to gather together to find out more about each other in a neutral setting. It's designed for girls 10-13 as an opportunity to learn and share discussion about issues important to the overall health and well-being of teens on the threshold of womanhood.

Susan Courtney, the hospital's women's health services coordinator, will facilitate the event.

"Sometimes what we find happens is the girls will ask questions they are not asking their mothers," she said. "But, they'll ask questions in front of their mothers that they wouldn't necessarily ask their mothers."

Courtney says mothers and daughters enjoy "having a chance to talk about tough subjects in a controlled setting where they are not emotionally

To learn more ...

• **What:** Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will sponsor "Voyage to Womanhood," a one-day workshop for 10-13-year old girls (up to 15 may be admitted under some circumstances) and their mothers. Girls also come with grandmothers, friends and their moms, foster mother, or if none of these are available, a surrogate mom for the day will provide mothers and daughters.

• **Where:** Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

• **When:** Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$20 per mother/daughter, can be reserved by phoning 732-3241. Lunch will be included, and some scholarships are available.

distressed with each other. It opens up channels of communication for later, according to Courtney.

Wendy Bell, who attended the November 2002 session, said she liked having someone else explain things to her now-11-year-old daughter Whitney.

"It seems like moms and daughters that have good communication can talk about things - which we do," Wendy said. "But sometimes it's 'Oh Mom - we don't talk about that.'"

She says that in this environment with other moms and daughters, they felt comfortable with information being presented by the speakers.

"They talked about not necessarily the physical changes the girls will go through, but emotional changes, things to be ready for, and how to take care of your outer body and

your inner body as well. Your nutrition," Wendy said. "And just pointing out that your emotions are going to be changing - and just a big world of change is on the horizon."

For Whitney, besides finding out about such things as the harmful effects of smoking and what to do for acne if it happens, it provided another kind of learning experience.

"I thought that my mom didn't really go through the same things that I was going through," she said. "But now I know that she did. And that could help."

She says they are able to talk more to each other now. Courtney hopes to give the moms and girls some tools that can make it easier to discuss issues such as boyfriends, the right time to start doing a little kitting and how to progress

How to get off the couch

If you spent the winter on the couch, you were not alone. About 25 percent of all Americans do "little or no physical activity," according to a recent report from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But spring is here, and it's time to get back out there. Here's how:

• **First, consult with a professional.** To be safe, see a doctor or fitness expert to find out if you have any limitations.

• **Set reasonable expectations and attainable goals -** and be patient. It may take two to three months to start seeing results.

• **Mimic the sport you are getting in shape for.** Do wind sprints, for example, if your sport requires fast acceleration. If you don't have major aches and pains after it, start walking three to four times a week. Then try a light jog.

• **Rest. Plan the days that you aren't going to work out, and enjoy the down time.**

-Source: Baltimore Sun

FAMILY LIFE

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The good, bad and ugly of cat scratching

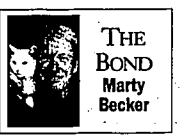
First your cat disembowled the couch. Then he started putting microglyphics on the antique furniture with his claws. Why are cats so darn destructive?

In the cat's mind, they're not. Cats have a strong, natural desire to make that need — to scratch. It is an inherited, normal behavior and it's not just for waking up in the morning (you know, that whole stretch and yawn thing).

Cats scratch for a lot of reasons. An important one is to condition their claws. Scratching removes that old dead outer layer to be replaced by new growth. Think of it more like a snake shedding its skin rather than sharpening a kitchen knife. In fact, so important is this nail-sheath shedding function that when an old cat becomes arthritic and stops scratching effectively, its nails can overgrow, curl around and injure its toe pad. You should closely examine to feet of old cats and manicure their nails when they no longer can.

Cats scratch as a visual and olfactory marker. Scent from glands in their paws leave a tell tale sign that says, "I live here!" And even when the scent is gone, the visual mark remains for some time to see.

The instinct to scratch begins at about one month after birth. A cat normally chooses a prominent vertical object to scratch and return again and again to the same location — in the wilds, this would be a favorite tree (but in our homes, might be the corner of the now-not-so-valuable settee you just saw on "Antiques Roadshow") to scratch, the front claws are withdrawn and extended alter-



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nately, gripping the surface. Even cats without claws will still go through these motions.

Scratching is important to cats, so rather than try to stop them from scratching, we need to provide them with something they will prefer to scratch on and reduce the attractiveness to cats, so rather than try to stop them from scratching, we need to differentiate between "constructive scratching" and "destructive scratching." Our goal should be to teach a cat, starting as a kitten, to scratch appropriately by finding an object for them to scratch that is mutually acceptable, for example ... a scratching post or cardboard.

First and foremost, the constructive scratching surface needs to meet your cat's needs and preferences. Some cats prefer free standing scratching posts, sleeping perches and climbing areas (make sure they're stable) whereas others like a scratching surface that is hung on a piece of furniture or on a door.

Whatever their choice, cats prefer a material that is loosely woven so that their claws can hook into the fabric and tear the fabric using long longitudinal strokes, like sisal, cardboard, wood or wood composite surface.

Often carpet is too durable, won't tear or the cat's claws

and, then the cat will refuse to use it. But, unless the scratching post is completely destroyed, don

Woman drowns in sorrow after a traumatic swimming party

DEAR ABBY: I am so mad! My husband doesn't understand my feelings and told me to write and ask for your opinion.

We threw a swimming party for our son's fifth birthday. We invited a few of his closest friends from kindergarten, along with their parents, and his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

I went inside to change my clothes and ran smack into a burglar. He tied me up with cords from the window blinds then he used one of my husband's ties to gag me and left me squirming on the floor. I was bound so tightly I couldn't work my way out of the room.

I figured someone would come looking for me. I am an extrovert, and I was sure my absence would not go unnoticed. I wriggled around for what seemed like an eternity before anyone came looking for me. In reality, it was 45 minutes of misery before my husband walked in, trailed by his children.

My family and our guests had not noticed I was missing before that time Abby. I was crushed. They have tried to explain it away, but I am mortified. I can't seem to get over this. My family thinks I am making too much of it, but I find myself breaking down all the time. I don't even think I should go to work or this and get my life back on track.

—ALL TIED UP
IN PALM SPRINGS

DEAR TIED UP: You have my sympathy, and there is a name for what you are experiencing. It



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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is post-traumatic stress disorder. It often occurs in people who have survived a disaster, such as an earthquake, flood, car accident or being a victim of a crime. The feelings of anger, you are aiming at your family and friends should appropriately be aimed at the burglar who invaded your home, hog-tied you and violated your sense of security.

But no more time elapses. I urge you to ask your doctor to refer you to a psychotherapist who specializes in PTSD.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Danny," is obsessed with his cousin's little daughter, to the point where he thinks she is his (and acts like she's his, too). If Danny doesn't see her often enough, he says he'll be "with-drawn" and doesn't live near us, so it's expensive getting her here. Danny is out of work at the pres-

ent time, and doesn't consider the fact that I'm the one earning the money.

I love an older child from another relationship, and I would love for Danny and me to have one of our own. However, he says we can't afford another child. It hurts me that he wants his cousin's child, but not mine.

Danny accuses me of being jealous. Am I overreacting? —RESENTFUL IN ILLINOIS
DEAR RESENTFUL: Money may be tight now, but you and Danny could benefit from marriage counseling. Your questions are valid, but the person providing the answers should be your husband — in the presence of a referee. His attachment to his niece does seem excessive.

DEAR ABBY: My live-in boyfriend of 12 years won't let me visit my never-married girlfriends on the East Coast. He says they're man-haters, which has some validity. But these are long-time friends who share important interests, and I do not. How can I manage his feelings and have my freedom, too? —MANAGING HIS FEELINGS

DEAR MANAGING: You're asking the wrong question. His feelings are his feelings. His insecurities are his insecurities. You can't fix him; only he can do that.

He is only your live-in — not your husband and not your ward. The question you should be asking yourself is why you are allowing him to dictate who you can and cannot visit.

Teach bored 5-year-old how to play on his own

Q: My 5-year-old son is a real people person. Several times a week he cries because he wants someone to play with him. He really hates playing alone.

I see aside 30-45 minutes each day to play one-on-one with him. He also has opportunity to play with his cousin 1-2 times a week, and he attends preschool three mornings a week. He is truly not starved for playmates. But it is very distressing for me to have him get so sincerely distressed so often. After dinner, my husband plays with him until bedtime. Even on weekends much if not most of my husband's time is spent playing with him.

As you can see, he is not starved for attention either. Is there some way I can teach my son to play on his own without his getting so upset so often?

A: Burton White — child psychologist, researcher and author of "Teaching a Happy Unspoiled Child" (Fireside, \$13.00) — has said that the prime indicator of good developmental health in a 3-year-old is the ability to entertain himself, without the need for parental attention, for long periods of time.

According to this criteria, your son is two years behind the curve. Indeed, a 5-year-old who is getting this much one-on-one from his parents is not starved for attention; rather, he is addicted to his parents' attention. It's high time you and your husband



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stopped being this capable child's playmate. What you have described is a family situation that is all-too-typical today: A family in which the children never or rarely (at best) see the parents in the roles of husband and wife.

By pretending to be a victim, your son has effectively wedged himself into the marriage. In between you and your husband. In effect, and especially from your son's point of view, you are no longer married. You are his mom and dad (and I'm putting purposeful emphasis on the possessive nature of the word "his"). It's obvious that you both are there to perform whatever function he demands of you, whenever he demands it. Under the circumstances, the two of you are not even functioning as mom and dad. In reality, you've become your son's servant, and your husband is playing the role of his butler. As a good friend of mine would say, "That just ain't right." When you and your husband are together in the home, the majority of your attention needs to be on your marriage.

not on your son.

You're going to need to put some limits on the amount of time either of you will play with him, and this is not going to go over well. If you are determined to not make him upset, then I would suggest that there is no solution just resolve to doing whatever you need to do, both of you, to keep your son from ever getting upset for the 13 years between now and his going off to college — that's if he decides your son may come to give up these state-of-hills.

If you decide that your marriage is in fact a twosome, not a threesome, then you and your husband need to sit down with your son and tell him that you're going to help him learn to entertain himself. In that regard, and for the time being, he can have 30 minutes of your one-on-one time during the day and 30 minutes of his dad's one-on-one time during the day. Every week on Monday, the time will be reduced by 5 minutes until there is no time other than a book or two to bed him, an occasional spontaneous playmate and the like.

Let me assure you that if this goes on, I will only get worse.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at *affirmative Parenting*, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 268, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:
Monday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, vegetable salad, bread, dessert

Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, roll, fruit salad blend

Thursday: Lasagna, green beans, french bread, tossed salad, fruit cobbler

Friday: Chicken ala king over noodles, carrots, Jell-O salad, plum pudding, cookie

Activities:
Today: Dance, 2-5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting
Exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood Pressure
Wednesday: Quilting
Foot Clinic

Elks Card Club
Board Meeting
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Center Pinochle
Friday: Blood Pressure
Lunch Bingo
Exercise Class
Quilting
Saturday: Center Closed

West End

Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Menus:
Today: Chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Chili crackers, salad, fruit, dessert

Tuesday: Scalloped potatoes, ham, salad, beefs, bread, dessert

Wednesday: Cook's Choice
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, roll, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Cards, 8-9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Bingo, 7-9 p.m.
Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Jackpot trip, leaves center at 4:30, leaves Jackpot at 10 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

223 Main St.

Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Menus:
Tuesday: Pork chow mein
Thursday: Calypso chicken

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Menus:
Monday: Pork chow mein over rice, oriental veggie, fruit, cookies

Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian veggie, pickled beets, fruit, cinnamon rolls

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, Calif. blend veggie, curly fries, fruit salad, carrot cake

Thursday: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, Jell-O, fruit, apple cobbler

Friday: Pork patties, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit, cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Gem state Fiddlers, noon

Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Birthday dinner

Ageless

Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Menus:
Monday: Manwich on a bun, hashbrowns, glazed carrots, tossed salad, fruit, cookie

Wednesday: Potato bar, rolls and butter, pudding
Friday: Hamburger enchilada, cauliflower, tossed salad, cherry shortcake

Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Beefy noodles, veggie, coleslaw, bread, cake

Tuesday: Ham, cheese, macaroni, veggie, penny carrot salad, muffin, dessert

Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, oriental veggie, plums, bread, carrot cake

Thursday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, green beans, bacon bits, cranberry Jell-O, roll, spice cake

Activities:
Monday: Mexican train, 2 p.m.
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Hearing clinic, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Massages, 10:15 a.m.
Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting and sewing, 9:30 a.m.

Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
Linda Norris, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Hand/foot, 2 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Food and Fiddlers
Dance, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Monday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3. Non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Menus:
Monday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Pork roast
Friday: Spaghetti and meatballs

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donations for seniors are \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day.

Menus:
Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, salad, fruit, cookies

Thursday: Trout treasures, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, mixed veggie, fruit cocktail, cake

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Tuesday: Tuna noodle casserole, five-way mixed veggie, fruit salad, banana nut bread, hot dinner rolls

Thursday: Ruben sandwich, pea salad, deviled eggs, apple pie

Friday: Baked potato bar w/ broccoli, chili, cheese, sour cream, green onions and salsa, lime Jell-O surprise, hot rolls.

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Scrapbooking, 10 a.m.

Snack bar 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Monday: Sausage gravy, bis-

culis, Calif. mixed veggie, mashed potatoes, ginger w/ lemon, tomatoes, pickles and onions, french fries, apricot pie

Thursday: Cheese burger w/ lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and onions, french fries, apricot pie

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken and golden corn stuffing, hot rolls, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, no-bake banana pie

Wednesday: Bacon/queiche Lasagna, blueberry biscuits, hashbrowns, pink prairie salad, peanut butter cookie

Friday: Teriyaki roast beef w/ gravy, whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, green salad, apple pie w/ ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Hagerman Hot Springs Trip
Tuesday: Aquatic forum, 10:30 a.m.

Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Elko trip, 7 a.m.
Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Elko return trip, 7 a.m.

Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Volunteer appreciation day

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenn

Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 365-0051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Pork chops, stuffing and gravy, peas and carrots, apple sauce, tossed salad, bread

Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mushroom, gravy, whipped potatoes, country mixed veggie, bread

Thursday: Oven fried chicken, cheese potatoes, beets, carrot/raisin salad, bread

Activities:
Monday: Hearing clinic, 10-12 a.m.
Tuesday: Gem meet, 11 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.

Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m.
Cop meeting follows

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 a.m. on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$5.50, children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Menus:
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, salad, fruit, dessert

Wednesday: Cheese ravioli, cauliflower, garlic bread, cookies

Friday: Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, roll, dessert

Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday: Art class
Quilting, 1-3 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Menus:
Monday: Salad, fish, burger and fries, veggie, sherbet

Tuesday: Salad, ham and beans, corn bread, fruit, Jell-O

Wednesday: Birthday and anniversaries
Thursday: Macaroni salad, french dip, fries, carrots, mousse
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Today: Jackpot trip, leaves Rupert center at 10 a.m.; \$10 each.
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

SHIBA assistance, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Menus:
Monday: Barbecue ribs, cheddar potatoes, mixed vegetable salad, apple bread pudding

Tuesday: Sausage bean soup, hard roll, coleslaw, mixed fruit, chocolate pudding

Wednesday: Italian meatballs, parmesan noodles, green salad, cookies

Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, broccoli, Clara's salad, roll, apple pie

Friday: Ham dinner, scalloped potatoes, winter veggie, dinner roll, pineapple, pumpkin/cranberry bars

Activities:
Monday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Organ lessons
Hearing aid assistance, 11 a.m.
Night pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Yard sale inside center, 8 a.m.

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T.F. Public Library celebrates National Library Week

TWIN FALLS — A contest, readings, displays and a big used book sale are part of the Twin Falls Public Library celebration of National Library Week, April 19-24.

Starting Monday, preschoolers through ninth-graders are invited to draw their vision of the "Library of Tomorrow." The entries will be displayed and the public can vote for their favorites during the week. The winning entries will be announced at 5 p.m. Saturday and included in the "literary time capsule" to be placed in the library's vault that day with instructions not to be opened for 50 years.

From 1-2 p.m. Tuesday will be a Volunteer Appreciation Tea in the program room. The library will honor its many volunteers and welcome any potential volunteers.

From 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday will be an open house/reception in the main floor to honor local authors and books as part of the Magic Valley Reads/Twin

Falls Centennial project. The evening will start with professor James Armstrong of Boise State University presenting a video, "Culture of Reclamation," which includes poetry, a historical narrative and photographs of the area. Light refreshments will be served.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday is the Twin Falls Public Library's Foundations used book sale in the lower-level program rooms. The collection of used books for sale exceeds the number of books available in past years. There will be paperbacks, hardbacks, first editions and collectibles available. Most paperbacks are 50 cents and hardbacks are \$1. Many of the titles are current bestsellers.

To donate, there is a drop box in the lobby of the library. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday the foundation used book sale continues with half-price books between 3-5 p.m.

During the week, historic photographs from the library's Idaho Room will be displayed

on the main floor. In the library's lobby, the Twin Falls County Historical Museum has featuring stories about and items of the early women of Twin Falls. By the library's Idaho Room, the Heritage Committee of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission is exhibiting Alex Kunkel's collection of historical postcards and books.

All week, library patrons may enter various drawings for gifts. The drawings are "I checked out materials at the Twin Falls Public Library," "I read a Magic Valley Reads/Twin Falls Centennial book and/or attended one of its literary events" and "I filled out a questionnaire about the library's expansion plans."

The drawing winners will be announced on Saturday.

Twin Falls Public Library is located at 201 Fourth Ave. E. Delegates information about the events, call Susan Ash at 733-2964, ext. 118 or 100.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Andres Manuel Garcia, son of Monica and Adolfo Garcia of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 5, 2004.

Waylan Albert Koehn, son of Sherril Regent and Jeffrey Dale Koehn of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Kalea Lee Delgado, daughter of Kami Lee and Bobby Delgado of Hazelton, was born Wednesday, April 7, 2004.

Morgan Beth Furtado, daughter of Terry Lynn Campbell and Frank Joseph Furtado of Jerome, was born Wednesday, April 7, 2004.

Lizette Kathryn Prescott, daughter of Janet Lynn and Andrew Thomas - Clive Prescott of Jerome, was born Wednesday, April 7, 2004.

Quaid Scott Deadmond, son of Dana and Scott Alan Deadmond of Jerome, was born Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Kalan Stephan Hife, son of Kim Carl Cizek and Alan Brian Hife of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Destiny Elaine Beede, daughter of Kimberly Jeanette and Scott Lee Beede of Filer, was born Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Malakai Richard Brune,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call 735-3278

son of Terrie Morgan and Richard Thomas Brune of Hazelton, was born Saturday, April 10, 2004.

Trinity Michelle Jones, daughter of Crystal Mary Ann and Justin Alan Jones of Jerome, was born Saturday, April 10, 2004.

Samuelk Muirdock Crawford, son of Cheryl Ann and Ian Gabriel Crawford of Kimberly, was born Sunday, April 11, 2004.

Emily Grace Miller, daughter of Amy Jo and Noah P. Miller of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 11, 2004.

Jagger Michael Butler, son of Callie Leann Gott and Kori E. Ruher of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 11, 2004.

Kail Lynn Johnson, daughter of Bobbie Jo and Aric James Johnson of Shoshone, was born Sunday, April 11, 2004.

Lucero Guadalupe Vazquez, daughter of Maria

Guadalupe and Jose Vazquez of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 11, 2004.

Sadaf Masroor, daughter of Shahin Zaremla and Saied Masroor of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 11, 2004.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center
Trea Michael Ray Watts, son of Michael Watts and Sheila Hasenback of Jerome, was born Tuesday, March 23, 2004.

Andrew Dylan Dumas, son of David Dumas and Becky Falconberg of Jerome, was born Sunday, April 4, 2004.

Armlah Jocelyn Eaner, daughter of Michael and Emma Eaner of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Chlara Gayle Glauner, daughter of Randi Gayle Glauner of Wendell, was born Friday, April 9, 2004.

Adalid Farfan II, son of Adalid and Kaylin Farfan of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 12, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Carter Jonathan Munsee, son of Michael and Sheril Munsee of Burley, was born Monday, March 22, 2004.

Joe Anthony Luna, son of Jose and Emeraldina Luna of Burley, was born Thursday, April 8, 2004.



Andrew Rigby



Nicholas Tiller



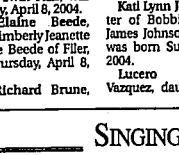
Anthony Ranallo



Jill Dalton



Katie Haffner



Laurel Moore

Gooding delegates head to Boys, Girls State

GOODING — The American Legion Post 30 has announced delegates to Gem Boys State and Springing Girls State. Boys State will be held June 6-12 at Albion College in Caldwell. Girls State will be held from June 13-19 at Northwest Nazarene in Nampa.

These programs are only open to high school juniors and seniors and show the workings of government.

The three boys and three girls are all from Gooding High School Gooding High School. They are Andrew Rigby, Nicholas Tiller and Anthony

Ranallo. The girls are Jill Dalton, Katie Haffner and Laurel Moore.

Delegates from Blits had other commitments and could not attend this year, according to the post.

For more information on these programs, call Gorman-DePaul Koonce at 934-8687.

SINGING FAMILY



The Nelsons will appear in concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church, 1110 8th St. in Rupert. The group includes Kelly Nelson, her husband, Jason Clark, and her daughter, Amber. Tickets are not required, but an offering will be taken. For more information, call Mike Johnson at 878-9130.

Photo courtesy: MRC 2004/04

SERVICE NEWS

Local marine heads for deployment to Iraq

Lance Corporal Kyle V. Williams of the U.S. Marine Corps left Miramar, San Diego, Calif., Feb. 21 for his second deployment to Iraq from 29 Palms, Calif.

Williams, son of Randy and Kathy Williams of Twin Falls, graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2001 and attended the Col-

lege of Southern Idaho. He enlisted in the military police in May 2002.

Air Force sergeant Gertiser is deployed

Air Force Staff Sgt. Stephanie S. Gertiser is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The sergeant is an information management craftsman with eight years of military service.

She is the daughter of Bryan and Susan Brown of Hunt, Texas. Her father and mother-in-law, Dennis and Joy Gertiser, reside in Twin Falls.

Reynaga-Garcia returns home from Iraq

Maine Corps Lance Cpl. Versayn G. Reynaga-Garcia, son of Nelida Garcia of Glens Ferry, recently returned from a rotational deployment on board the USS Peleliu, home ported in San Diego, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Reynaga-Garcia is a 1999 graduate of Glens Ferry High School and joined the Marine Corps in April 2000.

Reynaga-Garcia's unit conducted humanitarian assistance, security and stabilization missions in Iraq.

Local student goes overseas on program

Aurelia Drackett of Halley will spend the spring 2004 semester studying in Florence, Italy, through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad.

The Florence program, established in 1959, enrolls more than 600 students each academic year. Students may study art history, studio art, architecture, Italian language and culture or take a wide range of courses in the liberal arts. Many

students live with local families and visit historic sites in Rome, Venice, Assisi and other destinations.

Drackett is a junior majoring in advertising at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo.

Syracuse University is located in Syracuse, N.Y.

Jerome student travels for spring service project

Trent Becker of Jerome was among 230 students, faculty and staff from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa,

who traveled across the United States and around the world for the college's annual Spring Service Projects Feb. 28 through March 9.

Teams traveled to Lithuania; Honduras; Nicaragua; the Netherlands; Spain; Bulgaria; S.C.; New Orleans, La.; Pasadena, Calif.; Neon, Ky.; Jonesboro, Ark.; Lindale, Texas; Mendocino, Miss.; and Chicago, Ill.

Team members raise their own travel funds through their families, friends and churches and fund raisers on campus and in the community.

Volunteer Connection sponsors family fun night

SHOSHONE — The Volunteer Connection and Adventure Club Inc. is sponsoring a Family Fun Night, including a professional photographer to offer family pictures, potluck dinner and if weather permits, outdoor family basketball and volleyball. Film production information and indoor family games will also be presented.

The event will be held from 6-9 p.m. May 7 at the old high school gym on Greenwood Street.

Participants are asked to bring a potluck dish and a basketball. Milk and homemade root beer will be provided. Family pictures will cost \$14 for first sheet, \$12 for second sheet and \$10 for third sheet.

For more information, to volunteer or to set up game booths, call Janet Russell at 806-2961.

Friends of the Burley Library reorganizes

BURLEY — Friends of the Burley Public Library is reorganizing.

Friends of the Library is a national organization formed by volunteers who understand the needs of special programs at the library, organizers say. The group helps to raise money to fund these events, such as weekly story time for preschoolers and babies and a summer reading program.

People can become a member by donating \$10 or more to the organization.

The first meeting for Friends of the Burley Public Library will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the library meeting room, 1300 Miller Ave.

Business will include discussion of changes and to elect new officers. There will be family activities for children before and during the meeting.

For more information, call 878-7708.

Minidoka County Fair Board seeks assistance

BURLEY — The Minidoka County Fair Board is looking for a superintendent for the baked goods department for the 2004 Minidoka County Fair, Aug. 2-7.

No experience is needed. Applicants must be available Aug. 2-3.

Any groups or organizations who are looking for service projects also can call the Minidoka County Fair office.

For more information, call 436-9748.

Workshop offers advice on going to college

TWIN FALLS — People considering taking a college class are invited to a "Back to School" workshop through the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho, from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday.

Participants will learn about the services available at CSI, financial aid resources and college procedures. Participants also will explore the myths that prevent adults returning to college from reaching their goals.

The free workshop is designed for any person who is considering college classes full or part time and unsure of where to start or what resources are available.

For more information, or to register for the workshop, call 733-6680 or 1-800-680-0274 ext. 6680.

Gooding hospital hosts diabetes education

GOODING — The Diabetes Education Program at Gooding County Memorial Hospital is offering a complete program of diabetes instruction on basic survival skills to comprehensive educational services.

A registered nurse and registered dietitian, who is also a certified diabetes educator, help participants complete the program, which is recognized by the American Diabetes Association and requires four to five hours for each participant.

Staff members work individually with each client for one hour per session on making lifestyle changes to improve their health status, as well as learning techniques to assist in reducing elevated blood sugar and improving diabetes control. They meet at the Diabetes Edu-

cation office, 438 Idaho St.

Clients can be referred to the program by their doctor or by self-referral. The first 20 new clients who enroll will receive a free home glucose monitor.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the Diabetes Department at 934-4433, ext. 148.

Keystone Club returns to Magic Valley

TWIN FALLS — The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley has announced the return of the Keystone Club.

A meeting will be held for all teens who want to join at 4:45 p.m. Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club, 999 Frontier Road in Twin Falls.

This club is an opportunity for teens, ages 14 to 18, to get involved with their community and learn valuable leadership skills.

For more information, call Jason Ruiz, unit director, at 736-7011.

Buhl Community Ed offers more courses

BUHL — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association is offering several spring classes at the Buhl High School, 525 Sawtooth Ave. "Mosaic Garden Globe" will be held from 6-9 p.m. April 28 and from 7-9 p.m. April 28 in the Buhl High School Art room.

The cost is \$10 plus \$22 for

materials for the class.

"Hiking and Backpacking" will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. and run for two weeks on Wednesdays starting April 27 in the Buhl High School, room 122. The cost is \$8 plus \$3 for food. The course will cover what is needed when hiking, backpacking and camping and how to use it.

For information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

Wood River Quilters share craft of quilting

WOOD RIVER — The Wood River Quilters will meet for open quilting from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding County Extension Office 441, 201 Lucy Lane at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

Guest are welcome. The purpose is to share the craft of quilting, complete unfinished projects and enjoy the company of other quilters.

For more information, call Phyllis Kochert at 934-8046 or Ann Jensen at 934-4241.

Filer resident celebrates birthday with open house

FILER — Elene Maxfield Anderson will celebrate her 80th birthday from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the McCandless' home, 2268 E. 4200 N. Filer.

Her children, Clifford Maxfield, Cedar City, Utah; Denton Maxfield and Bob Maxfield,

both of Twin Falls, and Andrea McCandless, Filer, are hosting the open house.

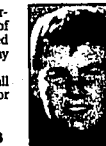
Family and friends are invited to attend. The family requests no gifts. For directions, call 326-4085.

Scout receives Eagle award at ceremony

KIMBERLY — Cody Funk, son of Brent and Chaele Funk of Hansen, will receive his Eagle Scout award at 7:30 p.m. April 28 at the Church of Jesus Christ 20th Century.

Cody is a member of Latter-day Saints Hansen Ward Building, 222 Birch St. S. in Kimberly.

Cody, 16, a sophomore at Kimberly High School, has received 21 merit badges. For his Eagle project he put up a sign to identify the Weidner Farm for the LDS Church. He is from Troop 89, led by LaVere Lee, Craig Giles and Dave Allen. Cody plays football and basketball.



Cody Funk

It's a strange world of marriage laws

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

From their home on the coast of Washington state, Sheri Stritof and husband Bob (who were married, divorced, and remarried) compile information for an online site on the legalities of marriage from state to state.

On a recent weekday, not surprisingly, the issue "Under the Spotlight" was same-sex marriages, particularly the New Mexico attorney general's quick action, with the help of a local sheriff, to block 30 gay couples from obtaining marriage licenses.

For people fearful that homosexuals, if permitted to wed, will "redeem marriage," the site (marriage.about.com) reveals something shocking: Marriage is not uniformly defined now.

In Florida, Georgia and Alabama, for instance, it's legal to marry your cousin. In Delaware, it's not.

The legal age to marry without parental consent in Mississippi is 21. In New York it's 18.

Most states require that both the bride and groom show up for the wedding, Texas doesn't. You can marry "by proxy" if ill, out of state, or in prison, though Sheri Stritof warns: "It depends on the prison."

Last fall, the Stritofs, who for years have conducted workshops on family issues and relationships, wrote "The Everything Great Marriage Book: Practical Advice to Ensure an Exciting and Fulfilling Relationship."

Lately, the pair have received a lot of questions about the legality of getting married via videophone. "I can't find anything in the laws that actually prohibit or allow it," Sheri Stritof said.

The couple's state-by-state listing of marriage requirements turns up other oddities.

Michigan, for example, permits "secret marriages" in which no record of the union is open to public inspection. Instituted in 1897, the "secret marriage" law enabled judges to record an earlier false date on the certificate: a courtesy largely extended to young, pregnant brides who didn't want their children to carry the stigma of illegitimacy.

Some states don't officially recognize secret marriages, but they are done a lot, Sheri Stritof said, noting that California law also provides for "confidential marriages." These days, Stritof often hears from couples wondering how they can marry quickly and secretly, due to some financial or separation issue, and yet still have a big family wedding later.

I got an e-mail from a couple that said every year they go to a different state and get married again. The goal is, by the time they're together 50-some years, they've gotten married in every state.

— Sheri Stritof, author of 'The Everything Great Marriage Book'

"The legal way to do it is to be up front with the (wedding) officiant and say: 'We're already married. Here is our certificate. Can you just perform the marriage and keep your mouth shut?' That's the right way to do it," she says.

Some people don't listen,

though, and end up obtaining a second marriage certificate, usually in another state. "The second marriage isn't really considered valid," Stritof said.

Most couples just take a chance that the double-knot won't unravel later.

"The states don't even follow

up on bigamists so much anymore," Stritof sighed. "The chances of getting in any trouble are slim."

That's because there is no nationwide database on marriages.

"I got an e-mail from a couple that said every year they go to a different state and get married again," Stritof said. "The goal is, by the time they're together 50-some years, they've gotten married in every state."

In Florida, meanwhile, Stritof hears from seniors who live together but don't want to marry for fear of surrendering rights to the pensions or social security benefits of their deceased spouses. Some lament that they can't join certain country clubs because they can't prove they're legally married.

Said Stritof: "They want to know where they can get a phony certificate."

If someone is good enough to be in your wedding, then that someone deserves a better gift. Clockwise from top: Reebok Men's NBA Player Replica Road Jersey (\$45); Sall Duffie bag (\$68) at Banana Republic; Plug n Play Pro Man (\$19) at Wal-Mart; Executive Decision Maker fortune teller (\$150); Recycled Bicycle CD Rack (\$88) at uncommon goods.com; Legendary John Denver box set (\$22).



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Gifts for the groom's altar egos

The Washington Post

Put down the engraved flask. No more key chains, cuff links or beer mugs. Attendants deserve better—and groomsmen do better. Finding a gift for a best man or usher can become an eleventh-hour ordeal or land on the already long-to-do list of the bride. That is unacceptable. If someone is good enough to be in your wedding, then that someone deserves a better gift.

There are so many products out there that guys are interested in—there's no reason to rest

on the clichéd gifts," says Lisa Arbetter, executive editor of Cargo, a men's magazine. Instead of ties or golf gear, she says go for the Radio Shack—a device that acts like a TIVO for the radio.

Think about the individual: For the carnivore, a meat thermometer and gift certificate for the Niman Ranch meat. For the sports junkie, a personalized NBA replica jersey or tickets to a game.

Or to make sure the men in the bridal party are presentable, buy each of them a certificate for a hot father shave.

ENGAGEMENTS

KLEBS-THOMAS

TWIN FALLS — Dan and Connie Klebs of Wadena, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Teri Klebs, to Ryan Thomas, son of David and Sandra Thomas of Twin Falls.

Klebs and Thomas will finish their studies at the College of Southern Idaho and transfer to Idaho State University in the spring of 2005.

The wedding is planned for Friday, April 23, in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will be held from 7 to 9



Ryan Thomas and Teri Klebs

p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Thomas residence, 1777 W. Wildflower Lane.

RASMUSSEN-DEAN

RUPERT — Keith and Laurie Rasmussen of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann Rasmussen, to Gregory Paul Dean, son of Dennis Dean of Heyburn and the late Sheryl Dean.

Rasmussen is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School and a 2003 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho.

Dean is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School. He currently is serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Wedding Barn in Rupert. A reception to honor the couple will



Melissa Rasmussen and Gregory Dean

be held following the ceremony at 8 p.m. at the same location. The couple will reside in Boise.

WEDDINGS

PRUETT-THOMPSON

TWIN FALLS — Tracie Ann Pruett and Timothy Edward Thompson, DMD, were married Saturday, April 3, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Sue Pruett and Gayle and Scott Milken, all of Twin Falls. The bridegroom is the son of Ray and Barbara Thompson of Seattle, Wash., and Patricia and Charles Perry of Twin Falls.

The ceremony was officiated by Ray Thompson, father of the bridegroom, and Greg Heeling, pastor of the church.

Theresa Caywood, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Henk Heeling, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Aaron Thompson, Nathan Thompson and Scott Thompson, sons of the



Tracie and Timothy Thompson

groom, and Larry Strain, stepbrother of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is employed at SOS Staffing Services.

The bridegroom maintains a private dental practice in Twin Falls.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

ESKELSEN-BURNHAM

RUPERT — Eiray and Jolyn Eskelsen announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah RayEi Eskelsen, to Willard Perry Burnham, son of Keenan and LaVisa Burnham of Jerome.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School and a 2001 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She served an LDS mission in Osorno, Chile. She is employed at Blip Printers in Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of Jerome High School and has attended CSI. He served an LDS mission in Santo Domingo West, Dominican Republic. He is employed as an apprentice electrician at Gieszen Electric in Twin Falls.

The wedding was held Saturday, April 17, in the Logan LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Jerome 1st and 3rd Ward LDS Church, 825 E. Ave. B.



Willard and Sarah Burnham

Jerome. A second reception will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Rupert 3rd and 10th Ward LDS Church, 526 S. F St., Rupert.

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Horse and horsepower

Farmers demonstrate the old days' old ways

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Bill Rosenof rebuilt the motor on his 1967 Sears garden tractor in 2000, after someone took out a spark plug and dropped a nut into an engine cylinder.

Rosenof opted to overhaul that old Suburban.

"It was useful yet," the Twin Falls farmer says. "It had some usefulness, I figured. Somebody else would have figured it was junk."

Sure, the '67 garden tractor — with motor and exhaust pipe not far from the driver — is a "kind of noisy" affair, he admits. But it's a nice little tractor, and it does a good job.

Sure, the three-point hitch is manually operated. Rosenof's 72-year-old arm furnishes the lift power. But he's quick to add: "I don't mind it. It's not that hard to work."

Rosenof says most tractors like his have been put out to pasture already.

But he puts the '67 Sears tractor, with plow, cultivator and corrugator, to use in his garden rows of potatoes, corn and beans. He'll use it, he says, "as long as it runs." He's got newer tractors, too, but the old one has its place.

A place of some pride.

Rosenof invited to put his '67 Suburban through its moves at a Twin Falls demonstration of old farming methods, staged Saturday by about 30 or 40 people from a local antique tractor club and its counterpart for draft horse and mule enthusiasts.

"I'm sure we're going to pull interest from several of the older generation who actually farmed that way," says Edith Harmon, one of the organizers.

But the two clubs hope their Farm Day demonstrations will also draw the curious from all ages and all walks of life.

Collaborating for the first time to show farm work powered by both horses and antique tractors, organizers say their exhibition is particularly appropriate in the centennial year of a city founded on irrigated agriculture.

Like Rosenof, many of the others who spend time teaching local folk about the farming methods of years past tend to talk about the difficulties — stubborn machinery quirks, for example, and dreadfully long days of labor behind a horse team. But also evident is their admiration for the outdated ways.

Rosenof, Chuck Steinmetz, 82, of Eden and Cotton Riley, 72, of Richfield — all former farmers — met at a reporter in City Park recently, each carrying a handful of old farming photos. Among them was a packet of historical society pictures of early Idaho agriculture.

That packet inspired instant, animated conversations. The three men explained stuff to each other. Named machines. Explained over the size of haystacks and the smarts of a horse team. (To them, the latter



Bill Rosenof still uses his 1967 Sears Suburban tractor to plow and cultivate. It's a great, old tractor, Rosenof says.

was evident by what gear was not in use) recalled similar machines they or their dads used. Related their farming injuries and near misses. Agreed those are good pictures.

When Saturday rolls around, Riley expects to drive another man's pair of mules to show off horse-drawn equipment such as a corrugator, plow and corn-stalk chopper.

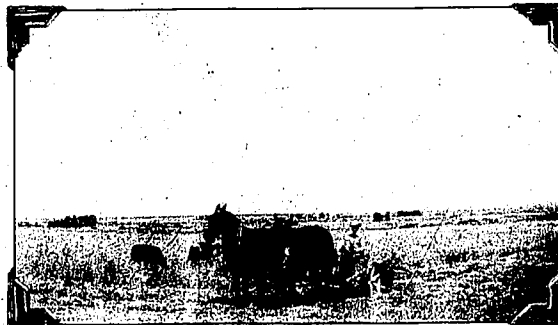
Riley drove his first four-horse team pulling a two-bottom plow at age 10. That day, his dad told him to take the reins while he broke for a drink.

"He never came back," Riley says. The boy unhooked the team at noon and went in for lunch, where he found his dad.

"He said, 'You just as well keep plowing,'" Riley says. "From that time on I had graduated up to the big hitch."

Riley farmed around Richfield until 1965, before spending 22 years as a cowboy for the Camas Cattle Association north of Fairfield. After tractors became commonplace, he always kept a team for corrugating and haying.

When a fellow plowed with a team, he says, he hit the field at 7 a.m. sharp and worked steadily to finish just a few acres per day.



In about 1950, Cotton Riley clips a Richfield pasture with a team of registered Percheron mares. "They were probably the best pair of pulling horses that I would ever want to drive," Riley says.

"You didn't be fooling around. You had to work," Riley says. "No coffee in town like a tractor man."

And a farmer can turn off a tractor, leave the key and trust the tractor to stay put. Not so a team, he says. If you go into town, the team might well go to the neighbor's.

Steinmetz — a collector of re-

stored 1935-62 Oliver tractors, and the third-generation proprietor of a farm west of Eden — has his own hard-work tales.

On Saturday, he plans to drive a 1952 Oliver pulling the old international "tumble bug" that he bought second-hand in about 1970. The tumble bug, a two-bottom, two-way plow, was made in the early 1940s.



In March 1984, Richfield farmer Cotton Riley, left, and his son Jack, right, drive Riley's cattle-feeding team through four feet of snow dumped by late-spring storms.

Farm Day

The Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers Association with the Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association, plans a Farm Day this week to demonstrate a few of the farming methods that greened Magic Valley fields in years past.

What? There will be antique tractors and equipment, horses and horse-drawn equipment, with plowing, discing and harrowing being done. There will be stationary engines on display also," said Edith Harmon, wife of the tractor club president.

This is the first year the two clubs have collaborated to do farm work with both horses and old tractors, she said.

The presidents of the two clubs

are friends and had this idea of the combined work day.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Off Pole Line Road East in Twin Falls, behind Bridgeview Estates.

Admission: It's free. And feel free, too, to ask questions of anyone who's standing around.

"You never know. Somebody might have an answer," Harmon said.

When you arrive: Park in the area marked for cars, then get out and walk around for good views of the demonstrations.

But don't get closer than 20 or 30 feet to the horses and tractors as they work, Harmon advises.

Coming Thursday

Thursday's Centennial page will feature a variety of pre-1940 farming photos from around Magic Valley.

For that, thank the generous Times-News readers who are sharing selections from their old scrapbooks this year.

my arm off pulling that trip rope," Steinmetz says, with that typical mixed memory of pain and pleasure. "It was a real unique plow at that time. You could put it on any tractor that didn't have a three-point hitch."

A rocky field was the bane of the tumble bug plowman.

Hit a rock with that plow, Steinmetz says, and the spring-loaded hitch would trip the tractor continue across the field and the plow stay put in the ground. If the trip rope was still hooked to the tractor, it would pull the plow out of proper timing. And with the weight of dirt on the plow, and the tongue too low to rehook, a fellow had better be carrying a jack on the tractor.

"If you were in rocky country, it was a good idea," Steinmetz says. Farm for enough years and you learn where the rocks are, he adds.

The hassle of rehooking and re-tying after the tumble bug hit a rock, he says, was "the one thing I hated about that plow."

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