

NATION

Bush's use of language aids image

By Dana Milbank
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With skillful use of language and images, President Bush and his aides have kept the American public from turning against the war in Iraq despite the swelling number of U.S. casualties there.

Even with the loss of more than 700 U.S. troops in Iraq, recent uprisings against the U.S.-led occupation there, a dwindling number of allies and the failure to find weapons of mass destruction, a majority of Americans still believe going to war in Iraq was the right thing to do. By 52 percent to 41 percent, Americans trust Bush more than Democratic challenger John Kerry (Mass.) to handle the Iraq situation, according to a recent poll.

Analysis

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Political strategists and public-opinion experts say a good part of this resilience of public support for Bush and the Iraq war stems from the president's oratory. They say Bush has convinced Americans of three key points that strongly influence overall support for the war: that the United States will prevail in Iraq; that the fighting in Iraq is related to the war against al-Qaida; and that most Iraqis and many foreign countries support U.S. actions in Iraq.

At the same time, the administration has limited damaging images of the cost of war in Iraq. While the president has met privately with the families of many of the war victims, Bush has not attended any funeral for fallen soldiers, and until last week administration barred the public release of images of flag-draped caskets.

Bush's opponents say he is building support for the Iraq war — and himself — by deceiving the public. "He has not leveled with the American people about the true cost of the war, how long we'll be there, or the number of troops that will be needed," said Kerry spokeswoman Stephanie Carter. "Americans would rather see sound policy rather than just positive rhetoric."

But others say that while support for the war has eroded, Bush deserves credit for keeping the bottom from falling out of Administration rhetoric — and more importantly, the reality that Bush is very resolved and is not afraid to show it — has undoubtedly helped support the war. "The fact that he has not wavered, helped support the war," said Peter Feaver, a Duke University political scientist who served on President Clinton's National Security Council. "Moreover, administration rhetoric is tailored to address key features of public opinion — not only the public's concern for success but even the specific indicators of success that resonate with the public."

Bush's chief campaign strategist, Matthew Dowd, said "it's hard to say" how much the president's rhetoric shapes public impression. But he said support for the war would definitely have slipped further if Bush had wavered.

"He shows resolve and the public wants resolve," Dowd said.

Dowd also said Bush has been aided by a Kerry position on Iraq that mixes support for the war with criticism of Bush. "The public has decided (Iraq) has problems, but whose vision do we support," he said. "Kerry has supported either no viable or no acceptable alternative." This is not to say support for war in Iraq (for Bush) is robust. Although 51 percent say the war in Iraq was worth fighting, that is down from 70 percent in April 2003.

U.S. attempts to decrease number of Fallujah fights

Knight Ridder News Service

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Still weeks of Humvee patrols in pursuit of an elusive enemy, Marine Lance Corporal Don Gray was spilling Saturday for face-to-face battle with the shadowy resistance fighters who have frustrated U.S. forces.

"If we fight them, we will kill them," said Gray, 20, whose 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment has spent long days and dark nights finding booby traps but few fighters in towns west of Fallujah. "I want to kill them so that we don't have to come back in two months, two years, five years, 10 years."

Gray was among hundreds of Marine infantrymen massing at this dusty former Iraqi military base to rest and shower, itching to get on with the fight that in three weeks made April the deadliest month for Americans since U.S. forces set foot in Iraq 13 months ago.

But with ground and air forces in place for attack, it is still uncertain when, or if, an all-out urban assault on this unruly city of 250,000 Iraqis will come. U.S. officials are still pursuing two other efforts to defuse the crisis: short of house-to-house urban combat. On one hand, they are offering millions of dollars to help rebuild the city in an effort to coax Iraqis to join them in disarming the insurgents and policing the city. On the other, they are conducting selective strikes aimed at thinning the ranks of the insurgents.

Early Saturday, Marines called in AC-130 "Spectre" gunships and killed about 30 Arabs at an encampment along the Euphrates River after two people were spotted setting up a mortar.

"I can rubble that city and reduce it to crushed stone and walk over it quickly. But that is not the ideal, it may be the worst thing to do," said Col. John Coleman, chief of staff of the 30,000-strong 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, in charge of military operations across



Marines of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st and 2nd Platoons, crowd around combat cameraman Lance Cpl. Sean Cook, 21, center, from Cincinnati, Ohio, as he shows them a combat video that he shot about an hour earlier of 2nd Platoon's Saturday ambush on insurgents in northwest Fallujah, Iraq.

Anbar province, where Fallujah is located. "I don't want to be owing Fallujah with some Marines downtown who are getting potshots everyday because we took no Iraqis with us."

Signs abound at this base of both war preparations and cautious negotiations.

Hundreds of 1st Marine Division infantrymen who have been arrayed across the province rumbled under cover of darkness this weekend into Camp Fallujah, six miles outside the city, turning a portion of the base into a huge parking lot of amphibious assault vehicles, tanks and armored Humvees, their men showering and resting up for their next orders.

Stocks of everything from food and fuel to ammunition and fresh water are being hoisted after several weeks in which guerrilla attacks disrupted supply lines.

Fresh fruits and vegetables turned up at the Marine chow hall for the first time in weeks this weekend to help feed the building infantry forces, who have been living on vacuum-packed field rations.

Marine engineers were rolling

out razor wire as the finishing touch on a rugged 750-man detention facility to sort out and interrogate suspects captured in any offensive.

When the Army was in charge just over a month ago, the prison accommodated 100.

"It's basic, it's not a hotel," said Marine Capt. Chris Lazzetta, 33, the prison camp warden, showing a crude 5-by-6-foot wooden plank and chain link cages surrounded by dirt filled barriers meant to keep solitary confinement prisoners alive in a mortar attack.

Military spokesmen would not provide details on their discussions, except to say they had not met with Iraqis.

In the same building, other U.S. officials met with Iraqis from Fallujah and Baghdad, trying to get them to enforce an April 19 agreement for residents to give up heavy weapons and hoping they'll persuade Iraqi police to start joint patrols with U.S. forces.

Economic growth pleases major nations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite worries about high oil prices and Middle East unrest, the world's major industrial countries expressed optimism about the global economy on Saturday, contending the write was poised for strong growth this year and next.

However, in an effort to deal with the rising violence, the Group of Seven major industrial countries pledged economic support to rebuild the war-torn economies of Iraq and Afghanistan and the Palestinian areas of the West Bank and Gaza.

The G-7 nations — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — struck an upbeat tone in a joint communique issued as part of a weekend of financial discussions centered around the spring meetings of the 184-nation International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow, who led the discussions along with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, said there was a feeling of shared op-

timism in the group, reflecting a belief that strong growth in the United States, powered by President Bush's tax cuts, was helping to boost the global economy.

"There was a clear sense that improvement is being made and the balance of risks was more favorable than the environment we faced three months ago or six months ago," he told reporters following the G-7 discussions.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown agreed, saying, "It is a recovery that is strengthening and is becoming more broad based." In their communique, the G-7 ministers said that prospects for the global economy were favorable. "Although risks remain, such as energy prices, overall the balance of risks to the outlook has improved," it said.

Jean-Claude Trichet, the head of the European Central Bank, said he had pushed to include a reference to the threat of higher energy prices as a way for G-7 to take a "high level of responsibility" for trying to restrain those increases.

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Newly found diary describes the last years of Einstein

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — In the last years of Albert Einstein's life, he amused himself by telling jokes to his parrot and avoided visitors by feigning illness, according to a newly discovered diary written by the woman known around Princeton as his last girlfriend.

While Einstein talked about the travails of his continuing work in physics, most of Johanna Fantova's diary recalls his views on world politics and his personal life.

The writings are "an unfinished portrait of Einstein struggling bravely with the manifold inconveniences of sickness and old age," Freeman Dyson, a mathematician at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, told The New York Times in Saturday's edition. The 62-page diary written in German, was discovered in February in Fantova's personal files at Princeton University's Firestone Library, where she had worked as a curator.

The manuscript is the subject of an article to be published next month in The Princeton University Library Journal.

According to the article, the new manuscript is the only one kept by someone close to Einstein in the final years of his life.

"There is surprisingly little about physics in the diary," Donald Skemer, Firestone Library's curator of manuscripts, told The Times of Trenton.

Fantova wrote that she recorded her time with the

renowned physicist to "cast some additional light on our understanding of Einstein, not on the great man who became a legend in his lifetime, not on Einstein the renowned scientist, but on Einstein the humanitarian."

Fantova was 22 years younger than Einstein. Although the two spent considerable time together starting in the 1940s, her journal only records their relationship from October 1953 until his death in April 1955 at age 76. She died in 1981 at age 80.

Princeton already had a collection of the poems, letters and photos Einstein sent to Fantova, who sold them after his death to Gillett G. Griffin, a retired curator at Princeton's Art Museum. He gave those documents to the library.

Griffin, invited many times to Einstein's home for dinner, said Fantova was a fixture there.

"Reading what she left gives me an immediate connection with my own experience and gives everyone the immediacy of knowing Einstein himself," Griffin said.

The diary recounts Einstein speaking about the politics of the day and portrays him as a critical of speeches of Adlai Stevenson, the nuclear arms race and the anti-communist attack on the scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer by Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

"This political persecution of his associate was a source of

bitter disillusionment," Fantova wrote.

Besides his politics, Fantova wrote of Einstein's popularity and how he tried to write back to strangers, some of whom tried to convert him to Christianity. He said, "All the marials in the world write to me," she wrote.

The diary also recounts how, on his 75th birthday, Einstein received a parrot as gift. After deciding the bird was depressed, Einstein tried after its mood by telling bad jokes.

At times, Einstein would pretend to be sick in bed so he would not have to pose with visitors who wanted photographs. Einstein still enjoyed himself even when real illness did take hold.

"Einstein's health began to fail, but he continued to indulge in what remained his favorite of all pastimes, sailing. Seldom did I see him so gay and in so light a mood as in this strangely primitive little boat," Fantova wrote.

Einstein also wrote Fantova poems, some of which are in the diary.

Einstein, with his second wife Elsa, had arrived in Princeton in 1933 at the newly formed Institute for Advanced Study. Elsa died three years later.

Fantova first met Einstein in 1929 in Berlin. She arrived in the United States alone in 1939 and, at Einstein's urging, attended library school at the University of North Carolina.

Sagittarius: Remaining above gossip can lead to a calmer life

IF APRIL 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are always cooperative and pleasant but usually do your own thing without allowing people to control you. It is easy for you to slip away from restrictions. Since you don't make waves, others could be surprised to find that you have developed a more liberal viewpoint. Right now you are happiest if you have the freedom to come and go as you please and have plenty of friends to hobnob with.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Thinking through difficulties and reflecting upon recent turmoil could result in a revelation. Instead of rengaful thoughts or bitterness, look for ways to improve relationships.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): What is revealed now could be useful to your advantage. Spiteful retaliation should be avoided if you feel that you have been wronged. Walk away from confrontations, and concentrate on doing your own thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have a good grasp of how things work and can get to the bottom of recent problems. Trust your assessment of people, and enlist friends to help you. It should be easy to find a way out of a sticky problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A

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quiet and reflective evaluation of recent events could be in order today. You may wish to calculate which side your bread is buttered on. Be objective and decide whether your goals are worthy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is a good time to sit back and detachedly assess situations. You will be more successful if you allow others to act independently; avoid micromanaging. It is obvious you are heading in the right direction.

VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your skill could lie in adeptly maneuvering people and things into more constructive avenues. Your instincts are right on target, and you are mentally acute. Probing too deeply could cause pain, however.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There may be some bruised feelings today, but dwelling on problems in a negative manner won't help. Escape the pressures by finding new friends or fun things to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A less intense day is on tap, but conversations could dwell on past transgressions. Plotting retribution or retaliatory tactics

might occupy your mind, but you will be happier if you just move on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gossip might provide you with some situational insights about people or situations. Remaining above it all and expressing disinterest in turmoil and strife could bring you a brighter day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Scheming to take advantage of troubled situations or siding with one party in a dispute could take up some time. Remaining friendly to everyone may be the easiest path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can take strides to affect a change and improve your lot if you simply apply a little brainpower. Act now while you have the freedom to do what you want in your own unique way.

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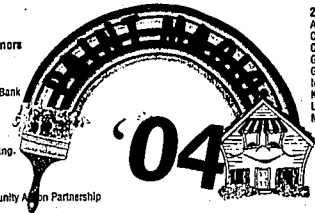
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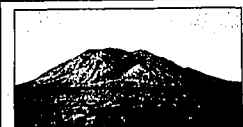
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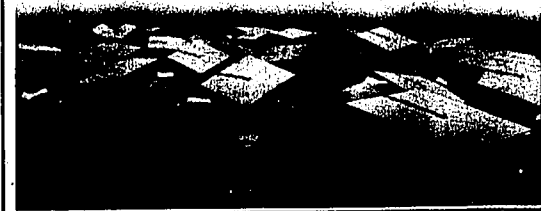
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Bush backs controversial senator's primary bid

By **Chloe Tibbels**

PITTSBURGH — The fired-up crowd of the Republican rally cheered wildly as President Bush worked his way down a list of red-meat conservative issues that he promised to support if re-elected.

Support for church-backed social organizations. Restraint on "activist" judges. Opposition to "the treatment of any life as a commodity to be experimented upon or exploited," part of the party's anti-abortion platform opposing stem-cell research.

As the applause resounded through the ballroom of Pittsburgh's Lawrence Convention Center last week, the man standing next to the president seemed to hesitate several times and adding a few cautious claps of his own.

From Sen. Arlen Specter's body language, it was far from clear that Bush was in town to support the four-term Republi-



President Bush

can's troubled bid to win Tuesday's Republican primary. Considering some of the positions Bush advocated in his speech, it was equally hard to figure out why the president has endorsed the moderate-to-liberal Specter, who frequently has opposed the policies championed by the GOP's increasingly powerful conservative wing.

"He's a little bit independent-minded sometimes," Bush acknowledged in his remarks, drawing chuckles from the crowd. "There's nothing wrong with that. I can count on this man. He's a firm ally when it matters most."

This election year appears to be one of those times — for both men.

Specter, one of a dwindling band of moderate Republicans in the Senate, has seen a once-comfortable lead in polls over his conservative challenger, Rep. Pat Toomey of Allentown, shrink to as little as 5 percentage points in a recent survey. To shore up support on the party's right wing, Specter's campaign ads and literature emphasize his friendly relationship with Bush, picturing the two stepping off of Air Force One.

And for Bush, Specter's success in the primary could be an important factor in determining whether the president will pick up Pennsylvania's 21 electoral votes in November. Bush campaign strategists believe this background state, which Al Gore won in 2000 by 4 percentage points, will be easier for Bush to carry with a moderate incumbent running for the Senate instead of a conservative hard-liner.

"The No. 1 goal for the year

2004 is the re-election of President Bush," Specter said at the campaign rally, where he emphasized his admiration for Bush's leadership in the war on terrorism.

He added that his success at the polls "will set the stage for the re-election of a great American president."

But Tuesday's primary is drawing scrutiny beyond the Keystone State, and not simply because it may affect the presidential race.

It also presents Republicans with an ideological quandary: Does the party that once had an active liberal wing, exemplified by former New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, still have room for candidates who are not conservative?

In his 24 years in the Senate, Specter, 74, often has bucked the party line. In 1987 he voted against the confirmation of Robert Bork, President Reagan's nominee for the U.S.

Supreme Court. He also voted to acquit President Bill Clinton in the Senate impeachment trial in 1999.

He has backed tax increases and differed with Bush over stem-cell research.

He also has been a longtime supporter of abortion rights, though he voted in favor of banning a controversial late-term procedure.

Toomey, 42, is a Harvard-educated former investment banker who was elected to the House in 1998. He probably is best known for his positions against tax increases and for cutting federal spending.

"I'm from the Republican

wing of the Republican Party," Toomey often tells crowds, rewriting the line that Howard Dean made popular in his failed run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Toomey's fiscal conservatism has won him the support of Washington's Club for Growth, an anti-tax advocacy group, which will spend about \$2 million to support his campaign. In the form of direct donations and anti-Specter television ads. Because of Specter's support for spending programs, the club has labeled him a RINO — Republican in name only.

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aware of any other small department in Idaho, or a large one for that matter, being able to nail somebody for underage sex" by using the Internet.

"I've certainly read about it being done in bigger cities, but I wasn't aware Jerome had done it," Lynn said. "I'm impressed. I think it's great."

Weaver said all of the team's previous arrests resulted in convictions. The most recent suspect, Michael Lyle Thompson, 44, of Jerome, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing May 4 in 5th District Magistrate Court. He's charged with attempted level and lascivious conduct with a minor under the age of 16 and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Sgt. David Ruggles' arrest report says the investigation began on March 22. Ruggles posed as a 15-year-old girl named Julie, staying in the Jerome area. He used the online name, "Cutie8338."

Ruggles wrote that he conversed in an open chat room with "Julie," that person then sent an instant message to a private box.

"Within five minutes the conversation turned to a sexual nature," Ruggles wrote. "Dell-duel" was informed that he was talking to a 15-year-old female. After being informed this, he maintained a conversation pertaining to sexual content.

"That content included explicit sexual discussion, the report says.

The next online conversation was on April 6. Ruggles said Dell-duel gave Julie his cell phone number and agreed to furnish her with Hard Mike's, an alcohol drink. On April 8, Julie told the man her mother would be leaving soon, and the man asked her to call him on his cell phone.

An 18-year-old woman, working on the sheriff's departments' website, called the sheriff's office and reported the conversation — which was recorded — by St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. The man also agreed to bring Hard Mike's and Skittles candy.

According to the report, Dell-duel said his name was Mike and that he would drive his white Cadillac to the park.

The man then called Ruggles' cell phone and left a message asking Julie to call him. When the woman did, the man told her he had a physical deformity and was missing a hand.

"Mike then said he would be at the park in about 20 minutes and meet her at the small bridge located in the park," the report says. "Mike also said that they could have oral sex."

The 18-year-old woman went

Agencies cooperate on cyber-crime

By **Rebecca Meany** and **Chad Baldwin**
Times-News writers

JEROME — A computer hard drive belonging to the suspect in an online sex sting will end up with the Idaho State Police's cyber crime unit.

Jerome Sheriff Jim Weaver said experts there will check the drive for additional evidence.

Smaller law enforcement departments sometimes rely on other agencies to assist with investigations. ISP, the FBI and the Secret Service may be called upon to aid efforts.

"We assist agencies that may not be able to do those kinds of things," said Rick Ohnsman, public information officer for ISP. "If we think there's evidence on a computer, we can pull the hard drive and extract information people think is erased. Information you and I might think is gone is actually still on the drive."

Ohnsman said the ISP doesn't have the resources to conduct its own stings.

"It consumes a lot of time, and we haven't been able to be

proactive because we're busy being reactive," he said.

The FBI does go into Internet chat rooms to seek out predators, he added, and the feds assist state and local agencies if needed.

"It's cooperative effort between agencies towards combating this kind of stuff," Ohnsman said.

Citizens are a vital resource in efforts to quell Internet solicitation of minors.

"We often tipped off when people call to file a complaint," said Detective Scott Smith of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The TFPD does not have a unit that investigates Internet crimes. Rather, its investigative division handles allegations.

"If there are child porn issues on a computer, we investigate how it got there, who is sending it, and if it's a victim we're aware of," he said.

A case might be handled locally, without the involvement of state or federal agencies, depending on the nature of the crime, Smith said.

"Tinkling in child porn or excessive amounts of it could be dealt with at the federal level,"

he said.

The TFPD might receive an Internet allegation every one or two months, although specific numbers of cases involving exploitation of children are not available, Smith said.

"It's not a real frequent thing," he said.

People may feel stunned to find cyber criminals preying on their children in the quiet communities of Magic Valley. But it's an issue that some law enforcement officials say may worsen.

Since statistics on Internet solicitation of minors have been tracked, Smith said, the number of complaints has increased.

Bill Lynn, executive director of the Idaho Sheriff's Association, said he would expect to see more investigative efforts by sheriff's departments in Idaho.

"The reason smaller departments often don't is that their staffs aren't as computer savvy as deputies working in larger departments," he said. "But we're finding with the younger deputies that they know a heck of a lot more than we ever will, because they've grown up with it."

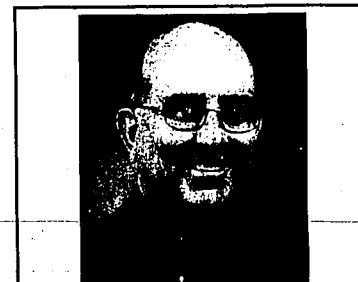
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WORLD

North Korea blames 'carelessness'

DANDONG, China (AP) — Aid workers rushed to the scene of a devastating train blast Saturday after North Korea made unprecedented pleas for help and blamed the disaster on carelessness as dented power lines ignited a cargo of volatile ammonium nitrate fertilizer.

Normally secretive North Korean officials told foreign diplomats and relief organizations that hundreds of people were killed and thousands injured in Thursday's explosion near the Chinese border. The numbers were expected to climb amid witness accounts of a massive eruption. Chinese villagers 12 miles away said they were shaken by the force of the blast and saw a black, mushroom-shaped cloud tower over the horizon.

John Sparrow, a Red Cross spokesman in Beijing, said Saturday that damage was spread out over a radius of 2.5 miles.

"The railroad station and the immediate surrounding were obliterated," said Sparrow, who received information from an aid worker at the scene. Jay Matta, a Red Cross worker in Pyongyang, described "a crater as though a fireball" had hit.

In the first statement on the disaster, North Korea's official news agency said the catastrophic explosion in the railway town of radius was touched off by "electrical contact caused by careless trainees during the shunting of wagons loaded with ammonium nitrate fertilizer," a chemical used in explosives and rocket fuel.

Separately, the Chinese news agency Xinhua quoted North Korean officials as saying trainees collided and were ignited by a dented power line.

Few foreign journalists are allowed into North Korea. But in the first report datelined from the site, Xinhua said at least 154 people were confirmed dead, half of them students, and 1,300 were injured.

In an uncharacteristically candid report, the North's news agency KCNA said "the damage is very serious" and expressed appreciation for promises of international humanitarian assistance.



In this picture provided by the Red Cross, rescuers sift through the rubble on Saturday after a catastrophic explosion at the railway station in Ryongchon, North Korea. North Korea officials said Thursday's explosion at a railway station in Ryongchon, a city near China's border, killed at least 154 people and injured 1,300.

Those offers came in the hours after the North issued a rare appeal for foreign help, inviting aid workers to come see the disaster site in Ryongchon, a city with chemical and metal-working plants and a reported population of 130,000.

U.S. defense officials have said that damage from the blast extended at least 200 yards from the railway station. Diplomats and aid groups were told by the North that thousands of apartments and houses were destroyed or damaged.

On Saturday, an aid convoy was headed to the site carrying antibiotics, bandages, painkillers and other supplies — all of which are scarce in the impoverished country, Sparrow said.

"We are fearful that they could be overwhelmed by the large numbers of injured," he said, adding that many people might have been made homeless and would need tents and other shelter.

—North Korea restricts the movement of foreigners, and groups that distribute aid to alleviate its food shortages are barred from some areas. Aid workers have been allowed to visit areas struck by drought or floods in recent years, but the government has never arranged such quick access to the scene of a disaster like the train explosion.

Those visiting the site Saturday were not allowed to carry mobile communications, said Brendan McDonald, head of the U.N. office for coordination in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

The World Health Organization said it did not expect to hear from its representatives until he returned to Pyongyang on Saturday night. Chinese villagers near the North Korean border said they could see and hear the blast in Ryongchon.

"I first saw a big fireball. Then I heard the sound of the explosion. Then I saw smoke come up," said a fisherman in the village of Annhim, as he prepared to take his boat out to the Yellow Sea. He gave only his family name, Qu. "We were

very scared."

A shopkeeper in Anmin, who gave his name as Mr. Shen, said he saw "black smoke, just like a mushroom cloud after a nuclear bomb." He said it disappeared 10 minutes later.

North Korea officials told Britain's ambassador that "several hundred people were thought to have died and several thousand were injured," a British Foreign Office spokesman said.

North Korea's Deputy U.N. Ambassador Kim Chang Guk told Associated Press Television News he didn't have details about the explosion.

"But I think it is very serious because our government held out its hand to the world community for help," he said in New York. "It means it is a great incident."

China and South Korea offered assistance. And U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Washington was evaluating the situation to see "if there is a need or an opportunity for the United States to help."

North Korea rejects nuclear sales charge

BEIJING (AP) — North Korea officials angrily denied U.S. accusations that they might sell nuclear weapons to terrorists and offered to freeze a plutonium-based nuclear program in exchange for aid, an American researcher who visited the North said Saturday.

However, the officials wouldn't confirm whether Pyongyang will confirm whether Pyongyang has a second, uranium-based weapons program, a key sticking point in talks with the United States and other governments, said Selig S. Harrison of the Center for International Policy in Washington.

The comments, similar to previous North Korean offers, did not appear to represent any new concession that might revive progress in the six-nation talks aimed at persuading the North to eliminate its nuclear program.

North Korean leaders criticized U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney's suggestion during a visit to China this month that the North might sell weapons to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network or other terror groups, Harrison said.

Foreign Minister Park Nam

Sun said North Korea's "denial" was "a bluff," he quoted Park as saying. "Our nuclear program is solely for our own self-defense."

Harrison also met this week with Kim Yong Nam, the country's No. 2 leader, Vice Foreign Minister Kim Mye Gwan and Lt. Gen. Ri Chun Rok, chief military liaison officer at the Demilitarized Zone on the border with South Korea.

According to Harrison, Kim Yong Nam said North Korea trades in missiles, but would never allow a transfer of nuclear material to al-Qaida or anyone else.

Harrison, a specialist in North Korean affairs, has visited the North six times since the 1980s.

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Authorities examine ties to Hamas

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As investigators tried to pin down Sgt. Maj. Ahmed Mustafa Ibrahim Ali's motive, a clearer picture of the April 17 attack emerged this week. Witnesses, U.N. officials, medical personnel and NATO officers, in interviews with The Associated Press, described a scene in

which the officers were trapped between a locked gate and Ali's assault rifle.

Eleven officers were wounded before the officers shot and killed Ali, a Palestinian from Jordan. No one is certain what prompted him to open fire, but a survivor said Ali was smiling.

Nigerian army says two U.S. oil workers killed

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — A speedboat full of gunmen fired on a boat carrying oil workers in Nigeria's violence-wracked delta region, killing two Americans, the army said Saturday.

Workers were killed Friday evening in the Niger Delta, where the bulk of the country's oil is pumped.

Ahmed did not identify the men or their employer, saying "details are still sketchy."

However, U.S. oil giant Chevron/Txaco confirmed that two American contractors were missing along with four Nigerians — two navy soldiers and two boatmen — in what the firm said was an "unprovoked attack" at 5 p.m. Friday on the Benin River.

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South Korean special police force personnel jump over a sedan to capture terrorists during an anti-terror exercise.



A South Korean special policeman kicks blocks during an anti-terror exercise Friday at the police training camp in Seoul.

Spiders, Geckos get a grip with hairy trait

Los Angeles Times

Spiders. It turns out, are very much like geckos — at least in the way in which they cling to walls and ceilings.

In both cases, the creature's extraordinary gripping ability has been found to be produced by Van der Waals' forces generated by literally thousands of microscopic hairs on each of their feet.

The discovery provides a remarkable example of evolution providing identical answers to the same problem in widely divergent species.

Researchers pondered for years how the gecko, which is substantially heavier than a spider, was able to scamper across ceilings so easily.

In 2000, biologist Robert J. Full of the University of California, Berkeley showed that the clinging ability was produced by minute hairs, or setae, on the animal's feet.

Each gecko toe contains more than 100,000 tiny hairs, and each of those hairs is split at the end into hundreds of even tinier tips.

The individual hairs get so close to whatever surface the gecko is climbing on that they generate a Van der Waals'

force, the same force that holds molecules together.

The force generated by each tip is vanishingly small, but added up, it gives the gecko tremendous clinging ability.

Now a team of German and Swiss researchers has reported in the journal *Smart Materials and Structures* that it used an electron microscope to show that the foot of the jumping spider, "Evarcha arcuata," is covered with similar hairs, which the researchers call setules.

"We found out that when all 600,000 tips are in contact with an underlying surface, the spider can produce an adhesive force of 170 times its own weight," said researcher Andrew Martin.

"That's like Spider-Man clinging to the flat surface of a building by his fingertips and toes only, whilst rescuing 170 adults who are clinging to his back."

The researchers speculated that one use of the discovery might be to develop Post-it notes that would cling to even wet or sticky surfaces.

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Greg Frederick, right, examines his camera as Greg Dreyer, rear, looks on during a mission near the Mars Desert Research Station, Monday, northwest of Hanksville, Utah.

Scientists simulate Mars

Society uses barren Utah desert for space research

HANKSVILLE, Utah (AP) — It's been more than a week since researchers felt the sun on their shoulders, or could walk freely without strapped air packs and 30-pound boots. Radio communications have been shaky, and repair work takes up most of their time.

This is life on Mars for six people. Or as close as it can get for now.

While NASA probes the Red Planet in discovery missions, researchers are actually living the work in a remote section of the Utah desert.

The Mars Desert Research Station is one of two living laboratories operated by the Mars Society, an organization dedicated to Mars exploration. The society's other operating habitat is in an equally remote section of Canada. Another is planned for Iceland, and more could be in the works.

The society locates the habitats in areas similar to Mars — both in climate and geography. The Hanksville station stands in a vivid red landscape of cracked dirt, loose soil, rolling hills and jutting cliffs — bearing a striking resemblance to the Mars photographs retrieved from NASA's rovers.

"It looks alien, and it's in a desert with infrequent rain," said Tony Muscarello, project manager of the desert habitat.

While NASA robots probe the Red Planet in discovery missions, researchers are actually living the work in a remote section of the Utah desert.

"Some of the land forms there are remarkably similar in a lot of ways."

"It gives you a great deal of geological information a (10 to 15 miles) probably applicable to Mars as well."

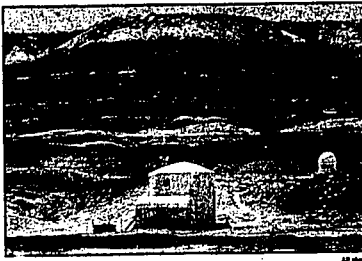
That's considered the most valuable asset of the station. It is remote, just as Mars would be, and provides a challenging atmosphere to study the way astronauts could communicate on the planet's rocky terrain.

It is intended, during the roughly six-month testing season, to revitalize air-member crews who spend two weeks apiece in "space." It hosts scientists, biologists and engineers from companies and colleges all over the world — including NASA.

Still, the Hanksville station is no Mars. Most notably, it is surrounded by a natural, breathable atmosphere.

Though it existed long before President Bush's declared goal of manned Mars missions, the Mars Society's efforts have benefited from the increased attention.

Researchers at the desert habitat keep a close watch on information retrieved by NASA's Mars rovers, and use it to compare the Red Planet's landscape with the barren desert surrounding them.



The Mars Desert Research Station lies at the base of a hill Monday northwest of Hanksville, Utah.

colored hills that stretch for miles. It's accessible only through a narrow, bumpy trail that winds through the desert — miles away from paved roads.

Crew members make outside contact with colleagues and family only through e-mail and online chat. Cell phones don't work on Mars, and the crew's satellite telephone hasn't lately.

A delivery man from Hanksville, roughly four miles away, is the crew's sole link to packages and parts from a Mars Society office in Indian Hills, Colo.

That remoteness, Muscarello said, helps make the simulation feel more authentic. It's part of the reason NASA is using the center to test communication systems for a Mars simulation.

Parts of the \$1.5 million facility appear to be deteriorating. Crew Na. 27 is spending most of its time trying to fix and diagnose problems.

Many of the problems deal with communication. The cable connecting a satellite dish to the habitat module is frayed somewhere and routinely malfunctions.

Fleets of dead spores exist in plain view of the communication when crew members are out exploring.

The current crew includes members with specialties in ecology, geophysics, engineering, biochemical engineering and astrochemistry.

They sleep in roughly 5-by-12-foot quarters, and spend most of their time in the habitat in one room which functions as a kitchen, computer lab and living room. There is a healthy collection of books and DVDs, including two copies of "Red Planet" — a 2000 science fiction thriller about Mars exploration.

tem to make it more sustainable.

Alex Diaz, a Boeing employee, was commander of the crew and charged with developing the gloves to help astronauts better use his company's parts in space. The gloves have to be thick and stiff enough for protection, but nimble enough to allow workers to perform delicate tasks.

"I came to get an understanding of how humans live in this type of habitat," Diaz said.

Jim Russell, who is pursuing a doctorate in aerospace engineering sciences at the University of Colorado, has been overhauling the water system.

The problem: Water used in showers should be available for reuse in flushing toilets, but it always grew too much algae when placed in storage. So Russell is trying to develop bacteria in the water that will dissolve the soap and out-compete the algae for oxygen.

Bush has outlined a goal of sending astronauts back to the moon by 2020 and, eventually, on to Mars. The fact that manned missions to Mars might not be feasible within the lifetimes of the habitats' workers doesn't seem to dim their ambition.

"Maybe 50 years from now, people will want to go and they'll just go," Diaz says. "It will be that easy."

Owners will give away bakery

The Associated Press

A lucky contest winner in Payson, Utah, may soon be getting a sweet deal.

The owners of Roe's Bake Shoppe on Main Street have decided to give their bakery away to the winner of an essay contest.

"We wanted to keep it going, it's really the heart of this little town," said Paul Penrod, 39. "So we thought, how could we keep it going without having to have all the overhead and we thought, 'Let's give it away.'"

Penrod and his wife, Lolly, bought the 60-year-old bakery with its brick facade, high ceilings and oak floors in 2002 and remodeled it, but the stress of full-time baking "wasn't what we expected," said Penrod, a

former accountant. The couple decided to sell the bakery, but after a few unsuccessful attempts, settled on the more unconventional approach.

This week, Penrod kicked off an essay contest to determine the bakery's next owner. Contestants will write an essay of less than 300 words titled, "Why I want to own Roe's Bake Shoppe." The essays, along with the \$100 entry fee, will be accepted until July 1 and judged by a panel of 25 downtown merchants.

Penrod estimates that if they receive at least 2,000 entries, they'll be able to pay off their loans and someone else will have the opportunity to "carry on the tradition" in this community of about 16,000

residents about 30 miles south of Salt Lake City.

"They'll end up with a beautiful historic building, a bakery, and priceless recipes that have been around for years," Penrod said.

The bakery's most popular items are the raisin-filled cookies, the pot pies and the eclairs. But all those baked goodies mean early hours and long days.

"Most bakers bake eight to 10 hours a day and I'm here 18 hours," said Penrod, who arrives at the bakery at 3 a.m. each day. "It's a two-man bakery."

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NATION

GOP targets Kerry's war record

By David Jackson
The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — The video begins with grainy film from a distant land and a disrupted war. "In 1969," intones a narrator, "you didn't find too many Yale University graduates fighting in the jungles of Vietnam fighting in a war." A disillusioned John Kerry, clad in fatigues, condemns the war before a Senate committee: "How do you ask a man to be the last man to die in Vietnam? How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?"

Played for various Democratic audiences, these are the images the Kerry campaign seeks to promote: A heroic young man who risked his life for his country, then passionately and justly dissenting when he saw it headed down the wrong path.

Others, mostly Republicans, see a different John Kerry, and a different Vietnam. Many point to his Senate testimony 35 years ago Thursday and his allegations of war crimes as slandering all Vietnam veterans.

"The veterans are calling him Hanoi John," said Republican Congressman Sam Johnson of Plano, Texas, a Vietnam prisoner of war. "He's a cowardly veteran and has been for the last 30 years."

Aides to President Bush's campaign say they are challenging Kerry's Senate record, not his military service. But both sides are battling to define Kerry's image in the public mind, a clash that revolves around the defining experience not only for Kerry, but for the rest of his baby boomer generation.

During an interview, Kerry said Vietnam gave him "practical experience" that helps "make real some of the questions that need to be asked about deployment, about what can be achieved, and not achieved." The senator, former prosecutor, and former Massachusetts lieutenant governor said Vietnam is not his sole qualification for office.

"That's just one part of my life," Kerry said. "That's all."

Still, Kerry, the owner of three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Silver Star, often alludes to his military service on the stump. When a supporter identifies himself as a veteran, Kerry refers to him as "brother."

For the young John Kerry, it began when, rather than wait to be drafted, he signed up for the Navy in February 1966, just months before he graduated from Yale University. Friends and historians said Kerry followed the public service tradition of his father, a diplomat who left the Army Air Corps



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is seen in this 1969 photo as a Navy Lt. j.g., second from left top, with members of his crew aboard PCF-31 in the Mekong Delta during the war in Vietnam.

after contracting tuberculosis. After six months aboard a guided missile frigate, Kerry attended officers' training school near San Diego, learning how to command "swift boats" that patrolled the muddy brown streams of the Mekong Delta.

Once he returned to Vietnam, Kerry and his crew became bigger targets when the United States stepped up efforts to interdict Viet Cong supplies moving down the delta. Over 5 months, he sustained the injuries that led to his purple heart.

On Dec. 2, 1968, one month after Richard Nixon won the presidency, Kerry's right arm was hit with shrapnel, a little more than two months later, he took shrapnel in the left leg when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his boat.

Later, in the engagement that earned him the Silver Star — the military's third-highest award for heroism in combat — Kerry beached his boat, chased down a Viet Cong guerrilla brandishing a rocket grenade launcher and killed him.

The incident resurfaced during his 1996 Senate re-election bid against Republican William Weld. Critics questioned whether Kerry shot a fleeing man in the back. But crew members defended Kerry, saying he saved them from a certain deadly ambush, as did the admiral who awarded him the medal, Elmo Zumwalt.

Kerry's third wound came on March 13, 1969 — and it won

him a tickle home. A water-mine detonated near his boat, splicing shrapnel into his arm. Later, with sniper fire raining down, Kerry rescued a drowning soldier, James Rasmann — a favor that Rasmann repaid nearly 36 years later with a touching reunion that helped propel Kerry to his breakthrough victory in the Iowa caucuses.

Kerry's disillusion in Vietnam rose as the military declared his patrol waters "free fire zones." Americans could, and did, fire on any Vietnamese caught on a river after curfew, whether they were Viet Cong or not. Innocents sometimes paid the price: Kerry's crew once killed a child when confusion set in.

While none of Kerry's wounds were that serious — "never spent a day in the hospital," Johnson, the congressman, pointed out — he became eligible to leave Vietnam under a rule governing those wounded three times.

Leaving the Navy the next year, Kerry entered the second, and still debated, phase of his Vietnam life: War protester. Kerry became spokesman for a group called Vietnam Veterans Against the War. As a well-spoken, decorated war hero, he was instantly a prominent face of the anti-war movement.

The highest-profile moment of Kerry's young life was his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in the middle of a major protest in Washington.

In addition to calling Vietnam a mistake, Kerry mentioned testimony from soldiers who believed the war had corrupted them. He said they admitted they had "raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power."

That and other graphic accusations still anger some veterans. "The whole theme of his testimony, I take offense at," said Mackubin Thomas Owens, a Vietnam veteran who teaches strategy and force planning at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

"That the American performance in the war was one big atrocity." The fallout from those intense times continues to dog candidate Kerry.

Before and after various campaign appearances, protesters can be seen with signs like "tul-tul," and attempts to link him to fellow war protester Jane Fonda. Critics have created a Web site called "Vietnam Veterans Against John Kerry," which describes the senator as "a radical hippie-like leader ... in the early 1970s."

Kerry said he has no qualms about his anti-war activities. "Sure, they'll bring it up," he said of his critics. "But, I mean, so what? If they want to go back and re-debate the war they can. The majority of the country understood it was wrong, a mistake."

Abortion issue puts Kerry's faith in focus

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Sen. John F. Kerry saw his Catholic faith pushed to the center of the United States political stage Friday as he expressed unabashed support for abortion rights, even as a top Vatican official issued a statement saying priests must deny Communion to Catholic politicians who take that stance.

The statement from Cardinal Francis Arinze, who is frequently mentioned as a possible successor to Pope John Paul II, set off a tempest among church activists across the United States, where Kerry stands on the verge of becoming the first Catholic presidential nominee in 44 years.

It underscored the fissure between Catholic politicians and the Roman Catholic Church over the issue of how closely of-fice-holders should hew to church doctrine.

And if Friday's reaction to Arinze's comment was any indication, many Catholic politicians were not budging from their insistence that politics and religion should not mix.

"Abortion should be rare, but it should be safe and legal, and the government should stay out of the bedroom," Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee, said to chants and whoops of approval during an abortion-friendly rally.

"Kerry a senator from Massachusetts, made his remarks Friday as he accepted the endorsement of one of the nation's largest abortion-rights organizations, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund."

He told a crowd outside the City Museum that he would stake out a position on the issue much like that of former President Clinton.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Texas, and other Catholic lawmakers around the country said they had no intention of changing their views — or their attendance at Mass now that a cardinal from Rome had suggested that their support for legalized abortion should preclude them from Communion.

"This is an opinion by one member of the Vatican circle, but he's not speaking for the pope," Kennedy said in a statement. "That's a major difference."

Still, the comments from Rome on Friday are likely to intensify scrutiny of Kerry and his Catholic beliefs.

The furor erupted when Arinze issued a document directing a clampdown on lay people giving sermons, non-Catholics taking Communion

and the rites of other religions being introduced into church services.

In a news conference, Arinze was pressed about whether "un-ambiguously" pro-abortion Catholic politicians should receive Communion.

Arinze stopped short of saying Kerry should be specifically denied Communion, but when asked about Catholic politicians who supported abortion rights, he responded that such a politician "is not fit" to receive Communion.

Kerry has said that he personally opposes abortion but supports a woman's legal right to one.

Some Catholics argued that Kerry must live to the letter of church law, in public and in private, supporting the prohibition on abortion — or lose the right to Communion and other church privileges. Others accused church leaders of taking too narrow a view of Christian values, saying Kerry proves his faith in other ways, including his support for the poor.

The emotional debate promised to stay in the forefront in the coming days, as organizers prepared for a mass march in Washington this Sunday in support of abortion rights.

But the Catholic hierarchy, both in the United States and in the Vatican, has insisted on a sharp conformity to its pronouncements and not a so-called "cafeteria Catholicism" — only following rules as an individual sees fit.

The Catholic League, representing conservative Catholics, said the debate should not center just on Kerry's abortion stance, but also on the fact that there was "no evidence that John Kerry and (wife) Teresa Heinz were ever married in the Catholic Church."

"To say this raises serious issues — especially given his willingness to present himself for Communion — would be a gross understatement," Catholic League President William Donohue recently said.

Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice, said members did not want their leaders meddling in such matters.

"The majority of the bishops, left to their own devices, have no desire to deny John Kerry Communion. That means there are members of the U.S. legislature they have to deny Communion to," Kissling said this week. "Do you think the bishops want to tell (Sen.) Barack Obama the cant receive Communion?" (Sen.) Patrick Leahy or Ted Kennedy or (U.S. Rep) Dennis Kucinich?

Senator has funds to expand power

The Hartford Courant

WASHINGTON — Sen. Christopher J. Dodd's 5-month-old political committee is off to a roaring start, as he tries to expand his influence — and political options — by giving \$128,000 to candidates across the United States and hosting a weekend Connecticut retreat for friends and supporters.

Such options could include a run later this year for Senate Democratic leader — which Dodd lost by one vote to current leader Tom Daschle in 1994 — as well as governor of Connecticut.

Dodd's office would not discuss specific plans. A senior aide offered this view of why he is building this new political operation, which had \$172,000 on hand at the end of last month.

"Sen. Dodd is focused on doing his job and running for re-election in November. He has been doing a number of things last year and this year that will leave him well positioned to pursue any number of options in November. He is re-electing."

Should he decide to pursue those options, "he is creating a foundation that will give him the infrastructure to permit him to move in any number of directions."

Dodd's name figures prominently in speculation about possible Democratic candi-

dates in Connecticut's 2006 gubernatorial election. Dodd will only say that he is focused on the immediate task of winning a fifth Senate term in November.

Dodd has spent his 30-year political career in Washington. He is in a position to claim a committee chairmanship if Democrats gain control of the Senate, and could mount a serious bid for a leadership post.

Dodd, who will turn 60 next month, could also seek the White House in 2008 should likely party nominee John Kerry lose. Dodd flirted with the idea of running for president this year, and was urged to do so by some influential Clinton White House veterans.

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Roe vs. Wade lawyer backs rights march



Sarah Weddington
Argued U.S. Supreme Court case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — More than three decades after she argued the U.S. Supreme Court case that legalized abortion, Sarah Weddington was on an airplane when she drew the attention of a young flight attendant.

Weddington was wearing a 1970s-era blazer depicting a coat hanger with a red slash through it, to her a symbol of the strides Roe v. Wade had made in ending back-alley and self-induced abortions. To the flight attendant, it meant nothing.

"She would circle around and she'd come back and she'd look at it again," Weddington recalled in an interview with The Associated Press. "Finally she said, 'What do you have against coat hangers?'"

Weddington said that moment crystallized her fears about how little women today know of life before abortion rights, and how few of them realize they could lose those rights.

"How do we motivate a generation that never experienced the horror stories, the tragedies, and who take for granted that the rights they know would never be taken away," Weddington said. "How do you wake them up? How do you say 'Hey, you've got to help us. We're about to lose.'"

Weddington, 59, is hoping Sunday's "March for Women's Lives" — which organizers expect will draw hundreds of thousands in Washington, D.C. — will alert a generation of apathetic Americans to Roe's fragility and inspire them to join the fight to save it.

"What I want more than anything else is for reinforcements to appear on the hill," said Weddington, who will speak at the march about what she calls her life's biggest accomplishment. "The enemies of Roe are much more organized, much better funded, much more dedicated, much more in the majority, it's the inactive majority."

Anti-abortion groups have been organizing counter-demonstrations to coincide with the march, which some call a "death march."

Weddington equates abortion rights with the struggle for women's rights. To her, the idea that government should regulate when a woman becomes pregnant is antiquated as the days when girls had to play half-court basketball and get a husband's signature on credit card applications.

Weddington was a 26-year-old attorney whose case experience consisted of uncontested divorces and pro bono work when she argued the landmark abortion case before the Supreme Court in 1971.

She had been working as a researcher at the University of Texas law school in 1969 when a group of students offering volunteer counseling for pregnant women asked if they could be prosecuted for providing information on abortion. Texas law at the time outlawed abortion except to save a woman's life.

While researching the answer, Weddington and former law school classmate Linda Coffee decided to challenge the constitutionality of the Texas anti-abortion statute.

Another lawyer paired them with Norma McCorvey, an unmarried pregnant woman who came to him wanting an abortion. McCorvey assumed the pseudonym Jane Roe in a class-action lawsuit that changed the social landscape and ignited one of the most divisive debates in U.S. history.

McCorvey has since joined the anti-abortion movement.

Weddington said she went home the night of the Supreme Court decision thinking the 7-2 ruling was "written in concrete."

"The biggest surprise from then to now is that we're still talking about it and that, in my opinion, we are so close to losing it," she said.

Weddington and march organizers say the Republican political tide has weakened Roe through a wave of legislation passed by Congress and state lawmakers.

"It's being nibbled to death," Weddington said.

Detectors in the Kansas City Police cold-case squad worked backward from the present, reading unsolved homicide files. Meanwhile, technicians in the city's crime lab worked forward from the old cases, using a federal grant to analyze DNA from unsolved homicides.

When shoe leather and science met in the middle, the result was the arrest of Lorenzo J. Gilyard, a known sex offender. Expecting to solve a murder here or there, police believe they've unraveled a 12-victim spree stretching back 27 years.

"Now the message is back to the worst agencies to go into their property rooms and evidence storage lockers and submit the cases that may have been sitting there for decades," says Roger Kahn, deputy supervisor of Ohio's state crime lab and president of the American Society of Crime Lab Directors.

Experts say the creation of DNA databases, the emergence of computer data-mining and the proliferation of the mass media all have converged to make identifying and solving killing sprees a lot easier.

But also the potential to be the great lever in solving murders, says Jack Levin, a sociologist and criminologist who has studied serial killers.

While police might feel more pressure to solve the nation's most notorious cases, a librarian that had a list of a prostitute, he says, a computer running samples does not care if a victim is white or black, young or old, rich or homely, sinister

DNA helps police catch serial killers

By Allen G. Brees
Special Contributor



Dr. Roger Kahn, deputy supervisor of Ohio's state crime lab and president of the American Society of Crime Lab Directors, sits in a lab at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Thursday in London, Ohio.

The technology also is likely to be crucial in solving two other ongoing cases: A recent string of truck-stop prostitute murders in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi, and the re-emergence in Wichita, Kan., of the so-called BTK — bind, torture, kill, strangler, who sent a letter to a newspaper last month claiming responsibility for a 1986 homicide.

Every week, state crime labs upload DNA profiles from cases to the FBI. Each Friday, those bits of evidence are run against more than 1.7 million samples from convicted felons and unknown offenders, expanding the database with each run.

But while the Gilyard case is being hailed as a triumph of high-tech sleuthing, it also is a reminder that all the molecular magic in the world is no substitute for a lot of hard work — and a little luck.

"Two of the Kansas City killings were linked by an early form of DNA testing back in 1994. The offender's genetic profile had been in the database since 2001,

"I think as the technology advances continue, we will see more serial killers being brought to justice," says Levin, a professor with the Brundnick Center on Conflict and Violence at Boston's Northeastern University. "We'll be able to recognize earlier that there may be one killer responsible for a large number of victims."

DNA has been the key in the prosecution and construction of several recent serial killing cases. Gary Ridgway, the so-called Green River Killer, was sentenced in December to 48 consecutive life terms after confessing that he had killed a string of women — many of them prostitutes — in Washington State between 1982 and 1998. A DNA sample taken in 2001 linked him to seven deaths.

And police in Louisiana used DNA from a cheek swab to link Derrick Todd Lee with the slayings of seven women between April 1998 and March 2003. The 35-year-old pipefitter is scheduled for trial next month.

when crime lab technicians retested it using newer techniques. But authorities didn't have a name to attach to it.

Police found Gilyard through a blood sample he gave in 1987, during the investigation of one of his killings, which he now stands charged. A stain from that sample had been sitting in a walk-in freezer ever since, preserved at around minus 20 degrees Celsius.

The lab had tested only about a half-dozen samples from the many suspects in the various linked murders before getting a match with Gilyard, criminalist Scott Hummel says.

"In the end, the computer programs are only as good as the data that's plugged into them, says former FBI profiler Robert Ressler, the man credited with coining the phrase "serial killer."

Ressler was co-founder of VICAP, the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program. Under VICAP, police are supposed to fill out a questionnaire on certain violent crimes so the information can be used to recognize patterns.

But unlike the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, cooperation in which is mandatory in many jurisdictions, Ressler says there is stubborn resistance to participation in VICAP.

"It's inconceivable that law enforcement wouldn't want to use something like this," he says. "But there are boneheads out there... Even to this day, there are law enforcement people who say, 'We don't want to use it because it's FBI' and 'We're putting on our own show here, and we don't need them.'"

Pain lingers one year after church poisonings

NEWSWEDEN, Maine (AP) — For survivors of the nation's first case of arsenic poisoning, cold and numb limbs and intermittent pain linger as reminders of an episode that many in this tiny community would like to forget.

Questions about the attack at Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church still gnaw at Dale Anderson, 54, who drank the tainted coffee at a church meeting and now experiences constant pain from his knees down and complains of memory loss.

"There's always this feeling: Who did this? Who did I know the full story," he said.

Even with the suicide of the prime suspect in the case, questions remain. A detective is working on the case nearly full-time, and two new books promise answers to the whodunit.

The poisoning at last year's April 27 church meeting killed Walter Reid Morrill, 78, and injured 15 others, some critically.

Five days later, church member David Boesdoner shot himself in the chest at his home. He left a suicide note that implicated him in the attack and persuaded investigators that he hadn't acted alone.

The note has not been made public, but Lt. Dennis Appleton, who oversees the investigation, says internal church issues remain "high on

the list of speculations" about a motive.

Some in New Sweden, population 621, are eager to put the incident behind them, but others say that will be hard to do without assurances that no one who had a hand in the calamity is still in their midst.

And police in Louisiana used DNA from a cheek swab to link Derrick Todd Lee with the slayings of seven women between April 1998 and March 2003. The 35-year-old pipefitter is scheduled for trial next month.

Explosion rocks Illinois plastics plant, kills four

ILLIOPOLIS, Ill. (AP) — A series of explosions rocked a plastics plant in central Illinois, killing four people and injuring eight others, authorities said.

About 1,000 residents were evacuated from the night, said Sheriff's Sgt. Joe Rath. As firefighters continued to battle the blaze Saturday, all but about 60 who live within a mile of the plant returned to their homes, he said.

The explosions occurred at about 10:45 p.m. at the Formosa Plastics plant, said Illinois Emergency Management Agency spokesman Paul Thompson. The cause of the explosions was unclear.

A witness who was driving on the interstate said he saw an orange flash similar to lightning followed by a muffled boom, then an enormous fireball 100 feet high.

Two bodies were discovered early Saturday as small crews of firefighters began to surround the plant, which was "60 or 70 percent destroyed," said police Capt. Jeff Burdick. He did not identify the victims.

Four people were taken to Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, but the extent of their injuries was not immediately released. Four others were treated for smoke inhalation. The dead and injured were among 18 workers who were on duty at the plant when the explosions occurred, Rath said.

Fires were still raging in several areas of the plant Sunday, Sheriff Neil Williamson said he

expected the fires would be put out by Saturday night.

A short time after the explosion, Interstate 72 was closed in both directions, from Illinois to Niantic, which is between Springfield and Decatur in central Illinois. The blast also knocked out power in both communities.

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Arafat remains defiant in public

In private, though, threats worry leader

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Addressing thousands of cheering supporters Saturday, Yasser Arafat dismissed the latest Israeli threats against him, referring to himself as a "mountain" that will not be moved.

But confidants of the Palestinian leader said he was taking the warnings seriously and was preparing for the possibility of his death. Arafat delivered his public comments after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he was no longer bound by a promise to Washington not to harm the Palestinian leader. Sharon's remarks Friday were seen as his strongest threat against Arafat yet.

Sharon's remarks were criticized by Russia, Germany and the United States, which all urged him to leave Arafat alone.

In new violence, meanwhile, Israeli troops killed four Palestinians, including three militants, near the West Bank town of Jenin.

Sharon spoke ahead of a May 2 vote by 200,000 members of his ruling Likud Party on his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip. His tough words may have been an attempt to boost support among the most hawkish party members.

Opponents of the withdrawal plan, which also includes a limited pullback from the West Bank, have accused Sharon of caving in to terrorism.

Polls have indicated a small margin of support for Sharon's plan, and a defeat would be a serious blow to the prime minister. In recent days, Arafat has backed away from a promise to honor the vote, saying he will present it to the Cabinet and parliament even if the party rejects it.

On Saturday, an estimated

3,000 people gathered outside Arafat's West Bank headquarters in Ramallah. Smiling at times and raising his arms, Arafat pledged to stand strong in the face of the latest threats.

"I met Sharon and his gang. The mountain cannot be moved by the wind," he said, using a phrase to show he will not give in to threats.

Behind the scenes, however, Arafat confidants said he was concerned about the latest threat. "I met with Arafat this morning. He told me, I am a believer. My fate is martyrdom," said Abbas Zaki, a leading member of Arafat's Faith movement.

Sharon accuses Arafat of supporting Palestinian militants, who have killed more than 900 Israelis during 3.5 years of fighting, Israel has killed dozens of militants, including the leaders of the Islamic group Hamas, in targeted attacks.

But under U.S. pressure, it has refrained from killing or expelling Arafat, instead confining him to his headquarters for two years.

In recent months, however, Israel repeatedly has threatened Arafat. Sharon took the threats to a new level Friday, saying in a television interview that he told President Bush earlier this month Israel was no longer bound by the pledge not to harm Arafat.

Israel's Channel One television reported Sunday that Sharon had asked his security chiefs for assessments on attacking Arafat.

After Friday's broadcast, the White House said Bush "made it entirely clear" he opposes an attack on Arafat.

But Palestinian officials said Bush's close ties to Sharon had encouraged the Israeli leader's latest comments.

Bush recently endorsed the Gaza withdrawal plan and gave tacit recognition to Israeli settlements in the West Bank. The Palestinians, and much of the international community, consider the settlements illegal.

Saudis secretly help U.S. during Iraq war

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the Iraq war, Saudi Arabia secretly helped the United States far more than has been acknowledged, allowing operations from at least three air bases, permitting special forces to stage attacks from Saudi soil and providing cheap fuel, U.S. and Saudi officials say.

The American air campaign against Iraq was essentially managed from inside Saudi borders, where military commanders operated an air command center and launched refueling tankers, F-16 fighter jets, and sophisticated intelligence gathering flights, according to the officials.

Much of the assistance has been kept quiet for more than a year by both countries for fear it would add to instability inside the kingdom. Many Saudis oppose the war and U.S. presence on Saudi soil has been used by Osama bin Laden to build his terrorist movement.

But senior political and military officials from both countries told The Associated Press the Saudi royal family permitted widespread military operations to be staged from inside the kingdom during the coalition force's invasion of Iraq.

These officials would only talk on condition of anonymity because of the diplomatic sensitivity and the fact that some operational details remain classified.

While the heart of the ground attack came from Kuwait, thousands of special forces soldiers were permitted to stage their operations into Iraq from inside Saudi Arabia, the officials said. These staging areas became essential once Turkey declined to allow U.S. forces to operate from its soil.

In addition, U.S. and coalition aircraft launched attacks, reconnaissance flights and intelligence missions from three Saudi air bases, not just the Prince Sultan Air Base where U.S. officials have acknowledged activity.

Between 250 and 300 Air Force planes staged from Saudi Arabia, including AWACS, C-130s, refueling tankers and F-16 fighter jets during the height of the war, the officials said. Air and military operations during the war were permitted at the Tabuk air base and Arar regional airport near the Iraq border, the officials said.

Saudis also agreed to permit search and rescue missions to stage and take off from their soil, the officials said.

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Saudi Arabia secretly helped the U.S. during the Iraq war far more than the Bush administration has admitted. Much of the assistance was kept secret for fear it would cause instability inside the Middle East.

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WORLD



Taiwanese tourists don masks during a visit to the Forbidden City Saturday in Beijing.

China seals off SARS laboratory

Closure comes after the virus infected two lab workers

BEIJING (AP) — China said Saturday it has sealed off a SARS research lab in its capital after two lab workers contracted the disease and the mother of one died — the world's first such death this year.

A nurse who looked after one of the SARS-infected lab workers is suspected to have caught SARS and is also in isolation, officials said.

The lab infections "are an embarrassment to China," said World Health Organization spokesman Bob Dietz, in Beijing. "It's not good that this happened in the lab. It's not good that the health of these people was apparently not monitored."

He said the cases nonetheless showed that SARS is "not out in the public. The ground zero has been identified."

Last year's SARS outbreak triggered a global health crisis, killing 774 people around the world and infecting more than 8,000. China reported 349 deaths, the last one in July — before the latest case.

A virus control institute, part of China's Centers for Disease Control was ordered sealed off, which means people cannot go in or out, state media reported. "Yes, it has been sealed off," said a woman at China's SARS hotline who refused to give her name. Calls to the disease control center rang unanswered.

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SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, first emerged in southern China in November 2002.

China on Saturday was screening thousands of travel-

ers for fevers at airports and train stations in a massive effort to block a new outbreak of SARS. Hundreds of people with possible exposure to the SARS virus were being held under medical observation.

The government on Friday confirmed that two laboratory employees had the disease and listed a nurse as a suspected case.

The lab workers were identified as a 31-year-old man from Beijing and a 26-year-old woman from central Anhui province — both employees of China's Centers for Disease Control in Beijing. The 20-year-old nurse works in a Beijing hospital.

The fatality was the mother of the woman from Anhui, and was believed to have caught the virus from her daughter, the government said. The daughter was treated last month at a Beijing hospital, where she came into contact with the nurse.

"When the daughter was ill, the mother accompanied her all the time," the Health Ministry said on its Web site.

The mother, hospitalized April 8 with a fever and undifferentiated virus, died Monday and was cremated, the ministry said. A fever is one of the key symptoms of SARS, along with coughing and shortness of breath.

The ministry said the mother had a heart problem, although it wasn't clear whether that was related to her death.

The women took several train journeys together between Beijing and Anhui and might have exposed many other people to the virus, said Maria Cheng, a World Health Organization spokeswoman in Geneva.

Hospitals along the rail line have been put on alert to report any cases of pneumonia, she said.

"Here it looks like we had human-to-human transmission and there's clearly a travel history where they might have exposed other people," Cheng said.

Landslide buries bus

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A rain-triggered landslide smashed into a bus on Indonesia's Sumatra Island, killing at least 37 passengers and leaving 6 others buried under tons of mud, officials said Saturday.

Scores of rescue workers were digging with shovels and hoes to try and unearth survivors from the bus, which was almost entirely covered by the landslide, said police Sgt. Satria Dianta.

The bus was hit late Friday as it traveled from Medan, the capital of North Sumatra province, from the town of Pussaman during a heavy rainstorm, Dianta said.

Rescuers recovered 37 bodies from the scene, said Sgt. Ronnie Hamdani. Six other people were still buried, he said, adding 14 were injured. Medan is located about 900 miles northwest of the capital, Jakarta.

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EDITORIAL

Coalition makes a good start on Owyhee plans

You wouldn't have gone out too far on a limb if you had bet against fruitful discussions for wilderness in Owyhee County.

But after three years of talks, a coalition of ranchers, environmentalists, recreationists and elected leaders has blazed a promising path toward a wilderness compromise.

The newly announced Owyhee wilderness initiative is filled with sensible measures from the involved parties. Although it's still early in the process, the plan deserves the attention of Idaho's congressional delegates and public-land users in southern Idaho.

The initiative is a much smaller version of the Clinton administration's gargantuan idea to designate 2.7 million acres of Owyhee-Bruneau canyon lands as a national monument.

Instead, the plan would preserve 511,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management area as official wilderness. These areas are described by the Owyhee initiative as the "best, highest-quality wilderness lands in Owyhee County."

The centerpiece includes precious canyons along the Owyhee, Bruneau and Jarbidge Rivers, Big and Little Jack Creeks and Pole Creek.

The 511,000 acres of wilderness will include 32,000 acres of ungrazed wilderness in the North Fork Owyhee and Owyhee River Wilderness areas. The remaining 478,000 acres — a significant chunk — are still eligible for grazing.

Making the initiative even better is an agreement to change 205,000 acres of off-limits Wilderness Study Areas into non-wilderness lands that can be considered for multiple use.

Other negotiations include protection for more than 375 miles of rivers as part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers program. The initiative would maintain off-road vehicle use on a labyrinth of more than 10,000 miles of existing highways, rural roads, jeep trails and new routes.

Our view: The Owyhee Initiative appears to be a consensus approach to multiple land use and wilderness creation.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

In exchange, these users would give up some 115 miles of roads that are off-limits, and it would stop the extension of illegal roads in the wilderness area. Meanwhile, hunting and fishing activity in the Owyhee range would continue as it does now.

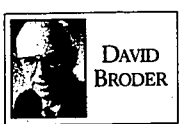
It appears both sides of the debate — environmentalists and traditional land users — are giving up something in order to achieve greater goals. Owyhee County commissioners and the Nature Conservancy did much of the heavy lifting early on. Sen. Mike Crapo deserves a large amount of credit for helping the talks move along this far.

Crapo said three years ago that the Owyhee Initiative would go nowhere without a consensus among participating parties. The consensus has grown over time. As it stands now, the Owyhee Initiative merits strong consideration in Congress.



Evasive answers drag Kerry down

When Matthew Dowd, a senior strategist for the Bush campaign, was asked in a conference call with reporters last week why the president had gained strength in two of the latest national surveys despite the worst month of bloodshed in Iraq, he headlined investigation of pre-9/11 intelligence failures and Bush's rocky prime-time television news conference, he had a ready answer.



What Democrats blame him for on the millions the Bush campaign has spent in recent weeks on ads depicting Kerry as a flip-flopper. But in the Post-ABC poll, Kerry actually fared much better against Bush in the states where these ads have run than in the rest of the country.

First, he said, most of the public was well-conditioned by Bush's own statements to expect a long and difficult struggle in Iraq. And in hard times, Bush demonstrated leadership qualities dwarf those of his Democratic opponent, Sen. John Kerry. In the eyes of most Americans, Dowd speaks as a partisan, but there's evidence to support his conclusions in the mid-April Washington Post-ABC News poll.

The poll found a roughly 10-point swing from Kerry to Bush during the searing time of trouble for the president. In trial heats, Bush went from trailing the Massachusetts senator by 5 points to leading by the same margin.

Some public opinion experts, including Andrew Kohut of the Pew Center, think this is a rallying-around effect. When the country is in trouble, especially when men and women are at risk, the inclination is to support the commander in chief. But the shift appears to be tied directly to a decline in regard for Kerry. Between March and April, the Post poll showed a 9-point drop in the percentage describing Kerry as a strong leader and a 10-point drop in the share saying he is honest and trustworthy (Bush's numbers moved not at all). March was the month that Kerry wrapped up the Democratic nomination, so his scores

criticizes that policy after promising he would not do so "once the shooting starts." This is not a new problem for Kerry. As Boston Globe reporters Michael Krass, Rick Warren, and Nina Easton write in their newly published biography of the senator, despite instances where Kerry showed himself "a lawmaker willing to stand up to prevailing political winds," he is trailed by a reputation for political opportunism. "Unlike many who are driven to succeed in public life by a core belief system, the arc of Kerry's political career is defined by a restless search for the issues, individuals and causes to fulfill a nearly lifelong ambition" for the White House.

The election is still six months away. But Kerry's reputation has been built over 40 years. And the voters seem to be sniffing it out. My beloved old friend and colleague, Mary McGrory, lost her fight with illness and age last week. What I wrote about her in a January column stands. She was "the most elegant newspaper writer Americans have read over the past half-century, and for all of the time one of the hardest-working reporters. She was also a boom companion, always of good cheer and ready for a laugh or a song, whether on the road or at her Macomb Street parties. Among the many gifts she gave me was the pleasure of delivering to her the praise and gratitude so many hundreds of you lavished on her after I wrote in January about the loss all of us felt when she was silenced by a stroke last year. Your messages brightened her final days.

... I suspect something deeper is at work. If you watched Kerry on "Meet the Press," you saw many examples of doggedness and tenacity. At the very start, moderator Tim Russert asked for a "yes or no answer" to the question, "Do you believe the war in Iraq was a mistake?" Kerry's response was "I think the way the president went to war was a mistake." By restating the question, he left the fundamental issue unanswered. Over the course of the hour, Kerry struggled to explain why he had once (decades ago) advocated placing U.S. forces under the direction of the United Nations, why he had said in 2000 that America's effort to isolate Cuba was a "frozen, stalemated, unproductive policy," why he had voted in 2002 for the resolution authorizing the use of force against Saddam Hussein and why he now

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LETTER

War takes too much from Americans

The real problems are the government. We have millions that don't work. They mean some success at what they are supposed to be doing. The idea of being something accomplished for the pay they got. Our government, starting at the very top, the president — he doesn't work anymore at all; no records of any meaningful accomplishments prior to being elected. Now this work ethic is normal with our government all the way down. We have 23,000-plus at the Pentagon, almost as many as small states have total, and not one of them we knew about knew the airplanes were set to blast 9/11 towers off the face of our earth. Sad.

Some say they did tell the president's men. A terror event was in the making. The president has a bunch of old holdovers from the first mistake in Iraq, Powell, Rummy, Ashcroft, Rice — none of them admit they told the Bush boy about an attack. They still have a perfect record of failure today. Old Bush uses these same people to lead us in Iraq. Wrong. Our country has become just politicians that lack any professional experience in any field. I cannot imagine America leading a person like George W. Bush lead us into any war at any time. Hell, people, this is what's wrong today.

What we need is from now on, a "king," and his job would be the same as Bush today — a president. He would be in charge of parties, baby christenings and social events with no authority at all in running our land or affairs of the state. These we could hire a person to run this country by the rules and laws of the people. Let qualified admirals, generals and professional people run the military. Above all, we need to change the criminal laws. Send crack dealers, white collar crime to the gas chamber.

We prosecute the poor, reward the rich; the laws are backward. The good man or woman at the head of America as the chief operations officer; someone that we can fire if he doesn't perform. If he starts a war like Iraq. The way we do today is do it wrong. Send the billions in the hole trillions of dollars. The country must get back in the black now. Pay attention! BARNIE "B.J." ROWLAND Hagerman

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Pack will be missed by those she taught

We often think of the effective teachers we have had over the years with a sense of recognition and warm regard, but those who have touched our humanity, we remember with a deep sense of gratitude.

Suzanne Pack, who through her 42 years in education inspired her colleagues and students, is that teacher. A heartfelt thank you from all of us who have been fortunate enough to call her teacher, mentor and friend. She will truly be missed. LOIS STANDLEY Hatley

County should drop tax case on Amalgamated

The stark contrast of two recent articles in *The Times-News* has raised a few questions about the direction of economic development here in Twin Falls.

On Monday, April 12, a front-page story proclaims "Twin Falls focuses on higher-paying jobs." That is good, everyone is in favor of higher-paying jobs. The very next day, Tuesday, April 13, on page B-1, the headline screams "Counties fight lax ruling for firms." Our own county assessor tried to more than triple the assessed value of the Amalgamated Sugar Factory from \$10.4 million to \$34.5 million. Understandably, the sugar company appealed to the State Board of Tax Appeals, who sub-

sequently valued the property at \$12.4 million. That should have been the end of the story, but now our county officials are going to spend \$500 to appeal the appeal. You cannot draw blood from a turnip.

What message does this send to prospective new businesses that would like to relocate in Twin Falls? I believe the message is "Come to Twin Falls and we will tax you silly!"

We are blessed twice buy an employer like Amalgamated Sugar. First, they provide 400 high-paying jobs here in Twin Falls. Second, they provide a market for thousands of acres of sugar beets; as a result, local businesses are able to sell millions of dollars worth of fertilizer, fuel, machinery and other inputs that creates hundreds of additional jobs. We could lose these jobs, we could lose this vital industry. The Gov. Gray Davis model did not work in California and it won't work here.

I have two suggestions for our county leaders: First, we should drop this appeal. Next we need to have a ceremony on the steps of the courthouse and set aside a special day as "White Satin Sugar Day" to show our support for this cornerstone of our local economy. Anyone who doubts the economic affect of Amalgamated Sugar on our community needs only to drive past the sugar factory and count the new pickup-trucks in the employee parking lot. JOHN PETERS' Filer

Nelson brings experience to Jerome sheriff race

Concerning Bryan Nelson, candidate for Jerome County sheriff:

To set the record straight for those who did not read the fine print retraction on the second page, Bryan Nelson has considerable experience in law enforcement. He served eight years as a reserve in the city of Monroe Police Department, Monroe, La. As a reserve, Mr. Nelson worked as a patrolman. He had tactical experience and training. The tactical team supported the narcotics unit on investigation and arrest. Bryan Nelson assisted and later commanded the Mounted Patrol Unit of the reserves.

I know Bryan Nelson to be a man of integrity. He has a strong sense of propriety and endeavors to live his faith. FRANK DEHONEY Eden

Writer needs to learn truth on implants

Kristin Ingram shows her ignorance about silicone breast implants and the impact they have made on thousands of women. She is regurgitating public relations-driven non-facts. I spend 10-15 hours per week researching breast implants and have the evidence to prove what I say. Contrary to what Ms. Ingram says in her recent letter, the Food and Drug Administration has not approved silicone gel breast implants. In October 2003, I was one of many speakers who appeared before the FDA commission on the safety of silicone gel breast implants. After hearing the testimony, Dr. Whalen, chairman of the committee, believed the public health risks of silicone gel breast implants was "of no small import," and as chairman of the FDA denied the request of inamed. The voting members included four practicing plastic surgeons who regularly use silicone gel breast implants in their practices. Now let's get to the IOM "hearing" in 1998. They called a critical meeting to hear evidence and the majority didn't even go to listen. What a waste of taxpayer money! I spoke before them. Their report was nothing more than a compilation of all the "studies" that had been funded by manufacturers and the Plastic Surgeons Education Fund.

Silicone gel breast implants were funded by the manufacturers. Yes, Ms. Ingram, I have proof. Would copies of the checks suit you? I have copies of the study questions, do you? The National Institutes of Health found that silicone gel breast implants, while not increasing the risk of breast cancer, does increase the risk of lung and brain tumors. Scleroderma is much higher in women with silicone gel breast implants than in the general population. Ms. Ingram, I have forgotten more than you will ever know about silicone gel breast implants. Want to debate the issue? Name the place and time. I'll be there. B.M. DOWD Boise

(Editor's note: Pam Dowd is a former resident of Twin Falls and a former Twin Falls City Council member.)

Give Craig credit for killing anti-gun bill

Regarding gun control issue S.1805: As a subscriber to *The Times-News*, your readers need to know the truth about S.1805, legislation which sought to end the filing of reckless lawsuits against America's law-abiding firearm industry. S.1805 would have simply prohibited the filing of meritless lawsuits against America's firearm industry for the criminal misuse of an otherwise properly designed and lawful product. This legislation would

not prohibit lawsuits against the firearms industry for legitimate reasons, such as the manufacture of a truly defective firearm or deliberate criminal actions by a licensed dealer who sells a gun. The only statute that would have been precluded by S.1805 is those that seek to hold the lawful gun industry liable for the criminal acts of third parties.

In early March, the Senate defeated this bill, which had the bipartisan support of 55 co-sponsors, because anti-gun senators led it up with anti-gun amendments. We in Idaho are very lucky to be represented by Sen. Larry Craig, who courageously and personally advocated to the passage of a "clean" lawsuit bill by the Senate.

While Sen. Craig and law-abiding citizens failed to achieve victory on that day, I urge all readers of *The Times-News* to contact Sen. Craig, thank him for his leadership on this issue and encourage him to continue this important fight until such a law is enacted. Sen. Craig deserves our praise and support, and he needs to hear from you today, as this issue is too important for the U.S. Senate not to pursue again. I again encourage readers of *The Times-News* to contact Sen. Craig to let him know we support his efforts to end these reckless lawsuits and that we stand with him in the future as he once again leads the fight. JOHN AND SHERI HARDING Twin Falls

LETTERS

Writer had no idea who Williams was

This is in response to a letter written by Judy Holland.

I was not aware that you knew Tim Williams well enough to refer to him as a "low-life drug user or criminal with an arrest record" if you knew him even a little, you would know he was just the opposite.

Yes, he did use drugs, as thousands of people do whether they are illegal ones or not. So does that make them "low lifes"? He was far from being a low life! He was one of the kindest human beings I have ever had the good fortune to know! And to my knowledge, he had no arrest record.

I can see how you might think that he was though, being a supporter of Sheriff Weaver and believing that he can do no wrong. The whole incident that occurred in Eden that night was a terrible tragedy that should have never happened. And the fact that it did happen the way it did will leave suspicion and doubt in many minds for years to come! And regardless of how any investigation there was placed no blame on the Jerome County sheriff's department or how a judge ruled in favor of the lawsuit against Sheriff Weaver and Under Sheriff Roberts out of court because he felt that they acted reasonably, we will never know what really happened for sure that night. The only ones who really know are unfortunately dead or would not publicly talk about it.

Sheriff Weaver is one of the ones who would not talk about it. He stayed quite silent about it. Only adding to the suspicion of the whole event in many eyes. It was a poorly planned farce! And with everything that happened before, during or after that terrible incident, no evidence ever was found proving Tim Williams was a drug dealer, let alone a "low life".

I am sure that the two officers were good men who did not deserve to die that night, but so was Tim! Appearances can be deceiving, and the appearance of what whole tragic event was very deceiving in my

opinion!
Bill Runk
Twin Falls

Twin Falls County needs a new sheriff

I am writing in response to Mr. Mistler's letter to the editor in Wednesday's paper. I just want to say dima. I feel that Mr. Tousey is just trying to save his job and cover it proverbial hiney.

Mr. Stubblefield is a far better choice for Twin Falls County sheriff and actually cares about Twin Falls County and its people. Mr. Stubblefield would not leave the sheriff's department underpaid, overworked and understaffed, as Mr. Tousey has done. Mr. Stubblefield deserves to have equal time and say in this campaign and not to shut out just because Mr. Tousey has a personality conflict with him.

Mr. Tousey must really be afraid of losing his job; otherwise, why would he put Mr. Stubblefield on administrative leave? I say maybe it's time for a change and let someone else step on to the plate. If Tousey was not afraid of losing and he thinks he is a great sheriff, he would be nothing to worry about because the people would know.

So a word to the voters: Make sure you carefully watch the pros and cons out carefully.

GINGER DEY
Twin Falls

Colner's credentials surpass Hansen

Julle Pence, *Times-News* writer, sure gave state Senate candidate Randy Hansen a "leg up" when he reported on his interview with *The Times-News* editorial board. I don't know how he can possibly have time to be a state senator.

A question or two comes to my mind. What if the Mormon Church decides it needs such a dedicated member as bishop or ap to go on a mission, etc.? What if he sees another auto dealership he can't pass up and needs his full time?

Hansen apparently believes you can buy an election by cluttering the roads and streets

with multiple signs and spending big bucks on advertising. I don't know Chuck Colner, but his credentials convince me he would be the best choice of the three running on the GOP ticket. I'll vote for him.

DWIGHT SHAW
Twin Falls

Photo of Rupert boys was a touching tribute

The photo published Sunday, April 11, of Daniel Green and Billy Asbury holding their hands over their hearts during the playing of "Daps" at the funeral for Pic. Cleston Raney touched me.

My interpretation of that photo would be "Watching from heaven" — they are of age to attend funerals (I am 13), so the family probably did not know Pic. Raney's family personally. Cory Myers, the photographer from *The Times-News*, probably saw their show of reverence and caught it on film and then asked for their names. This would be an example of sincerity in its purest form.

Those two boys, whether just passing by at the right time or purposefully there, had no adult supervision to tell them what to do or how to act. They just showed emotion from their hearts that is echoed (or should be) by all free citizens of the United States at the loss of Pic. Raney.

I would venture to say that these two boys have very positive role models in their lives that have taught by example. Young people learn, and follow in most cases, the examples, or lack thereof, set forth by the older generation in their lives. These two boys are well on their way to being not just men but gentlemen. There is a difference.

RONALD A. FLECHSIG
Twin Falls

Colner has background that Idaho needs

I'm going to vote for Chuck Colner for the state Senate. I voted for Randy last time and he ended up quitting. I don't like that. I try to not make the same mistakes twice. My vote is

worth more than that!

Chuck Colner is a very nice person, and he doesn't just buy what he wants — he earns it.

Mr. Colner is definitely better suited for this position anyway. His family has farmed here in the valley for three generations. He has been farming for 30 years and lives in Twin Falls, so he knows those folks, too.

Any way you cut it, our valley is an agriculture-based economy and depends on agriculture to exist and prosper. Water is the issue in this day and age for everyone. Better to have someone in the Senate with a farming background who knows the problems. Without water, this valley turns back into desert.

Chuck received his advanced education from Stanford University. He is well-educated but will tell you he received his best education sweating beside his father in the fields near Hansen. He is involved in the community and belongs to many committees that affect us all directly. He is keenly involved in water and other issues affecting our valley.

I think that voting for Chuck Colner for the state Senate is the right thing to do. There isn't an ounce of "quit" in Chuck and he will work hard for us, putting our interests first. Talk softly and intelligently but carry a big stick is a good likeness of Chuck.

Remember that the primary is May 25. You can register at the polls and you have to vote a one-party ticket in the primary. You can visit Chuck's Web site at www.colnerforstate.org. Remember to vote! Your vote does make a difference.

Vote for Chuck Colner and protect our water.
DANNY CRAFTON
Hansen

Hatred of Bush is a sad sign for war critics

Who am I? I'm just a quiet, middle-aged guy who has lived most of his life here in the Magic Valley. I was born here, and I attended all 12 years of school here in Twin Falls and graduated from high school in 1971. I followed two of my brothers into the military. I am

not able to say I am a Vietnam veteran because I never made it there.

Who am I? I'm a proud veteran and I stand not behind, but beside my president in his defense of freedom in this present situation. I support our activities in Afghanistan and Iraq. I support our activities in places that we don't even know action is taking place because that's the price of freedom, and that price has always been high.

To the naysayers who are now coming out of the woodwork to second guess what's presently happening: If the thought of people dying is what you find most disturbing, then how do you sleep at night? Do you realize that about 1,000 people a day die from heart disease? Another 100 people die each day on our public roadways and yet another 300 each day from infections they picked up in hospitals or from the improper disposal of medications while in hospitals. I can't begin to list how many people die daily from criminal acts perpetrated in this country. It's death in your problem, then you've a great deal to worry about.

However, if it's not death that really bothers you but simply who the current president is, well, how sad. If hate for that

person and his actions is what you carry day after day, then you have my pity, for that is all I can give you.

Then again, I'm just a quiet guy who's lived most of his life in Twin Falls. Even so, I have lived with pride in my country my flag, with my head raised high and not cowering in the shadows. I'm a veteran. I support my president and I pray daily for the president and the other righteous defenders of this great nation. I've not forgotten those that for many a just cause have died before their time; I pray for them and their loved ones left behind.

I know who I am; who are you?

CHAD HAFER
Twin Falls

'Welcome Home' signs fitting for all soldiers

I am so glad to see the "welcome home" signs for the guys coming home from Iraq. They certainly deserve our thanks and a welcome.

I was just wondering if it would be possible to do the same for them in our valley, who came home from Vietnam and have yet to hear "welcome home."

KATIE STUART
Twin Falls

Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

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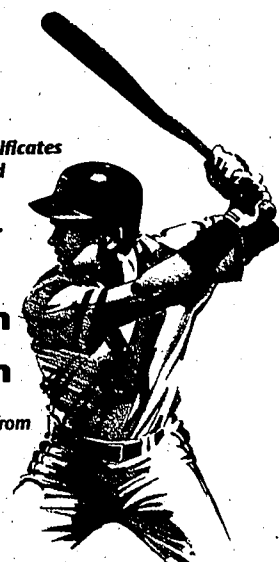
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O, Canada, we hardly knew ye

Every man's nightmare is to discover at mid-career what his true calling should have been. Mine came last week: I found out that I could be a Canadian Studies minor at Boise State University.

So if you must, but most Idahoans know zilch about Our Neighbors to the North. Granted, Canadians are blind, but they're still damned interesting.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Sort of the Unitarians of North America.

Canadian-born novelist Margaret Atwood claims that somebody up north started a contest to come up with a saying comparable to "As American as apple pie." The idea was to finish this sentence: "As Canadian as..."

The winner: "As Canadian as possible under the circumstances."

Or as my hero Red Green has suggested, "Be the best you can be considering."

BSU's Canadian Studies minor is designed to fit with just about any major that the university offers. Mix and match with a bachelor's degree in say anthropology, and you could be flipping burgers forever.

No matter: Complete 18 credit hours of Canadian Studies at BSU, and the Canadian government will send you a certificate. If you can't figure out how to make good use of that honor, then your imagination is as limited as recreational opportunities in Moose Jaw on a Saturday evening.

Like I or not, we're up in our toques in Canadians here: Keanu Reeves, Brendan Fraser, Jim Carrey, Mike Myers, Dudley Do-Right, Neve Campbell, Carie-Ann Moss, Celine Dion, Bulwinkle the Moose, Shandi Finlayson, Nickleback, Greenkated Ladies, Rocky the Flying Squirrel, Matthew Perry, Alex Trebek, and, regrettably, William Shatner.

Canada has twice the untapped oil and natural gas reserves of the United States. Your dollar is worth one-third more there than here. And a 30-day supply of Lipitor will cost whatever change you can find underneath your couch cushions.

Well, there is the blandness issue — although we Idahoans have little room to talk — and Canadians' annoying habit of forever wringing their hands about their place in the world and their relationship with the United States.

"Canada has decided to help

Please see CRUMP, Page B4

Injured soldier returns home Monday

TWIN FALLS — First Lt. Brady Van Engelen, a 24-year-old Army platoon leader, returned originally from Twin Falls who recently was injured while serving in Iraq, will return home Monday.

Van Engelen received a head injury, earlier in the month and was released Friday from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., said his father, Dave Van Engelen. He is spending the weekend in New York City with his girlfriend, Dave Van Engelen said.

Brady Van Engelen's flight will arrive at 11:45 a.m. Monday at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. "I'm elated," Dave Van Engelen said Saturday. "We're real excited about him coming back."

Clubs show how farming used to be in Magic Valley

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Delbert Harmon's 1953 Case tractor isn't air-conditioned, and his 1940-era plow is rusty. And that's just how he likes it.

You just don't get the enjoyment from running a modern tractor like you do from an antique one, Harmon said.

"I grew up running one of these," said the 56-year-old Buhl farmer. "When I was in school, I'd get home and my dad would put me out in the back fields."

In a dormant field sandwiched between the Twin Falls Fitness Center and Magic Valley Mall, Harmon and several other farmers made furrows in the dirt with their antique tractors and plows Saturday.

Alongside the tractors, teams of Belgian horses pulled plows up and down the field, shaking their massive blonde heads in the April wind.

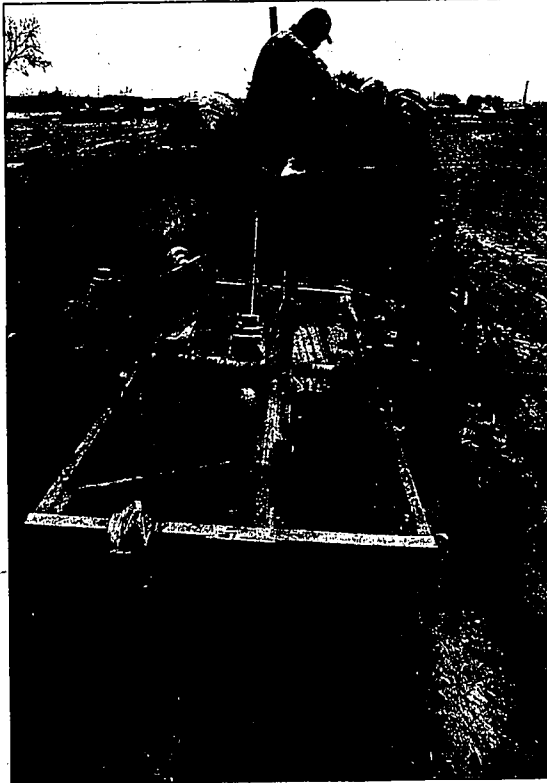
The field day was a way for the Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers Association and the Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association to give the public an idea of what farming used to be like in Magic Valley, Harmon said.

While the use of horses for field work was phased out in favor of tractors after World War II, some at the field day still drive teams of horses on their farms today.

Like Bud Allen of King Hill and The Hill and Ken and Helen Hall stand in the middle of the field, watching the Belgians work.

"There are two things a horse needs to survive: something to eat and something to do," Hall advised. "You cut either one of those and you're in trouble." Field days like Saturday's are just a good time to connect and

REAL HORSE POWER



Delbert Harmon, president of the Magic Valley Antique Pullers Association, makes furrows with his 1940-era Case plow during a demonstration in Twin Falls Saturday. The displays were part of a field day showcasing equipment used in the valley in years past.

the tractors of old, farmers don't "get as much out of it today as they used to," he said. "It's more of a hurry-up world today," Harmon said. "I work 14, 15 hours a day — this is just an escape from reality."

"Some guys fly-fish, some hunt. I'd just as soon go out and run an old tractor all day."

Times-News writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 735-3238 or mhinds@magicvalley.com.

What's with the big stink?

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The breeze shifted slightly and the odor from aeration basins at Rupert's sewer plant became nearly unbearable. The tan-colored liquid was churned to a frenzy by pumps that struggled in vain to force air into the waste to keep bacteria alive and odor down.

"The odor's not too bad today," city Wastewater Supervisor David Joyce said Friday, claiming he gets used to the smell by the end of each day.

Local residents don't, especially during the summer when flows are heaviest and odors strongest, Joyce said.

So why the big stink? The main problem is overloading Joyce said. The plant was built to handle 6,000 pounds of waste per day and currently handles between 12,000 and 18,000 pounds a day with peaks of up to 22,000 pounds.

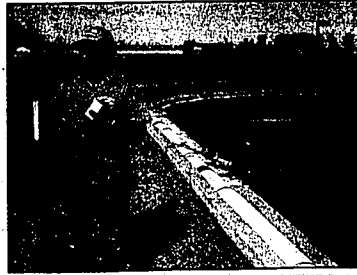
The odor is caused by dead bacteria, Joyce explained, and the bacteria die because the pumps aren't strong enough to keep them alive.

Joyce said that sometimes flows are so heavy he has to bypass the aeration basins and divert waste directly to the clarifying basins located seven miles north of the sewer plant.

The solution is more capacity. On May 25 voters will be asked to approve a \$14.2 million bond issue so the city of Rupert can build a new sewer plant that meets Department of Environmental Quality standards for odor management.

The proposed facility would be a mechanical treatment plant able to handle 25,000 pounds of waste per day, Joyce said. Mechanical plants use brushes to mix surface oxygen into the waste, which is held in concrete aeration basins.

The facility will handle 25,000 pounds per day, because the DEQ requires that the new facility meet spike capacity and provide for 1.6 percent growth in



Richard Castro, assistant wastewater supervisor for the city of Rupert, walks alongside the overloaded aeration basins at Rupert's sewer plant.

the next 20 years. One advantage of mechanical treatment is a final product that is clean enough to irrigate crops or potentially water city-owned facilities such as parks. The original 1960 plant used mechanical treatment and the final wastewater was discharged directly into the Snake River, Joyce said.

Joyce hopes the Legislature will approve legislation to allow "re-use" of mechanically treated water for irrigation and city facilities, California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and other water-sensitive states allow re-use.

The current plant was built in 1977 and uses two large aeration basins where air is blown into the waste. Water from today's plant can only be applied to crops such as alfalfa and grains for animal consumption.

If the current system were expanded to meet demand, Joyce said, the city would have to purchase an additional 600 acres to add to the current 320 acres of application land and total projected costs would be \$14.7 million — \$500,000 more than the proposed new facility.

Another advantage of the new facility is lower energy costs. Currently the city spends up to

\$200,000 annually for electricity. More efficient equipment at the new facility could cut the amount nearly in half, Joyce said, even with more than four times the capacity.

The city also explored the possibility of diverting waste from Kraft Foods and Idahoan to the treatment facility at the former J.R. Simplot plant. Waste from Kraft and Idahoan represent about 50 percent of the city's waste.

But this scenario has many problems, not the least of which is up to three years and \$6 million to get the dormant facility on line. A pipeline would cost \$3 million and the existing plant would still require as much as \$8 million of upgrades to meet DEQ requirements.

The proposed facility would allow for easy expansion, Joyce said. All connections would be in place and new equipment could just be dropped in.

That would leave the door open for economic growth in the city. According to an odor management plan mandated by the DEQ, construction of the new facility must begin by the end of 2005 and should take about 18 months to complete, Joyce said.

Firefighters plan June move-in date

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome Fire Department hopes to move into its new substation around the first of June, Fire Chief Jim Auclair told members of the city's Urban Renewal Agency this past week.

The agency toured the newly completed building on 200 South Road West one last time Thursday.

City engineer Scott Bybee said Stanley and Associates, the contractors, would complete the punch list Monday.

The speaker system still needs to be installed and the building needs cleaning but otherwise it is finished, Bybee said.

The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency financed the \$900,000, 103-by-80-foot substation for the city.

The gray and brick colored block building was designed and built earthquake proof.

The building has office space and sleeping quarters for six to nine fire department personnel, a kitchen, recreation area, exercise room, map room, laundry facility, men's and women's restrooms and shower areas.

The fire station contains a double drive-through bay with room to park four fire trucks, a

CSI offers summer, fall registration

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Registration for summer and fall semesters at the College of Southern Idaho is under way.

The summer semester runs from June 7 through July 30; the fall semester begins Aug. 23.

Returning CSI students are encouraged to see their major adviser for questions on how they should proceed.

New students should visit with one of the advisers in the Matrix, located in the Taylor building.

The Matrix is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Students are encouraged to register early in order to get the classes they need at the times that are most convenient for them.

The Matrix phone number is 732-6250.

Persons who are unsure whether or how to sign up for classes or those who want career counseling are encouraged to contact the Center for New Directions, located on the west side of the CSI campus.

Advisers there provide counseling and workshops to help people resume their education or to get training for their present or future jobs.

The Center for New Directions can be reached at 732-6680.

New students are encouraged to take the Compass test, which helps determine their academic needs, before registration.

The Testing Center is on the second floor of the Meyerhoefer building and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

The Testing Center can be reached at 732-6532.

Registration also is under way at CSI's off-campus center in Hailey, Gooding and Burley.

Each center can handle any academic or technical registration for that center or for the Twin Falls campus.

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power lines, the other is an emergency system that automatically comes on in the event of a power failure and is operated from a generator.

Power sensors that automatically open the overhead doors when one of the trucks is running in the bay.

A vacuum hose that attaches to the truck's exhaust and vents it outside if the truck will be running in the bay for a prolonged time.

Also, when the fire alarm goes off in the station the gas to the stove in the kitchen automatically shuts off so firefighters won't return to a burned dinner.

The city plans to schedule an open house in early June once fire department personnel have moved into the building.

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Howard L. Wiseman - Twin Falls

Howard L. Wiseman, 93, of Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls, passed away Friday, April 23, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.



Howard was born on Sept. 11, 1910, to Leonard and Bessie Wiseman in the town of Buhl and went to his early years of school in Buhl and Filer. He graduated from Twin Falls High School with the class of 1928.

He also graduated from the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, in the class of 1934, where he belonged to the Delta Chi Fraternity.

Howard met his future wife, Jessie Totter, while attending the U of I. They were married in Spokane, Wash., in 1934 and returned to Twin Falls, where they made their home. Jessie passed away in February 1988.

After various jobs in earlier years at Clos Book Store, Fidelity National Bank, B.F. Goodrich and Morrison Knudsen Company, he spent most of his years with Carpenter Paper Co. of Salt Lake City, Utah.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was

stationed in Sun Valley, Idaho. Always a people person, Howard was very active in the community.

He was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; a life member of BPOE Elks Snake River Lodge No. 2807; member of the Masonic Lodge No. 45, York Rite, El Korah Shrine and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

His love of music and his ability to play trumpeted him to playing in the high school band, Twin Falls City Band,

the El Korah Shrine Band and organizing his own band, The Senior Serenaders. He also was a member of the Road Runners Band when spending winters in Yuma, Ariz.

Howard and Jessie had a summer home in Stanley Basin on the road into Pettit Lake and spent much of the their summer each year enjoying the lovely Sawtooth Mountains.

Surviving Howard are his three children, Howard Jr. (Bev) of Vernal, Utah, Lynette McFarland (Ray) of Twin Falls and Leonard King (Bob) of Portland. One of 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three nieces; and one sister-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one sister, one brother and a son, enjoying a memorial service for Howard will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Greg Lindsay of the First United Methodist Church officiating.

Cremation has taken place and arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Margene C. Anderson - Bellevue, Wash.

Margene C. Anderson was born March 16, 1916, and died peacefully at her home Thursday, April 22, 2004.

Margene was a Bellevue, Wash., resident and a former Oakley resident.

Margene had loving memories of her father and mother for the first six years of her life before she lost her mom who died during her fourth pregnancy but this did not inhibit her own special gift in being a loving, kind, gentle Mom.

Margene mothered six children - Sargene, Danny, Tamara, Jessie, Trent and Sheila. Margene loved serving others and fulfilling her callings as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She married Ray Anderson in 1934 as the age of 18. Margene so loved her Ray and he cherished his "Pretty Lady" Margene.

That she was his family anchor to her family. Mar-

garet, Herald; Mom and Dad; and others of her eternal family.

We remember her as a loyal wife to Ray Anderson, a warm, affectionate mother to her six children, a joyous exuberant grandmother to 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She will so be missed but so happy that once again she will be reuniting with the love of her life, Ray.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at the Oakley Stake Center, 301 N. Center in Oakley, with Bishop Eric C. Becke officiating.

Burial will follow in the Marion Cemetery near Oakley.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Wednesday at the church.

Burial will follow in the Marion Cemetery near Oakley.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Wednesday at the church.

A private family service for Ruth will be conducted at a later time. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staffs at Alterra Wynwood and Idaho Home Health & Hospice.

for her exploits. She enjoyed gardening and bird watching.

She is survived by four children, Robert (Deoine) Moore

Michael R. Hall - Burley

Michael Ryan Hall, age 28, of Burley, died Friday, April 23, 2004.

He was born Oct. 15, 1975, in Logan, Utah, the son of Clarence Robertson "Ron" and Pamela E. Hicken Hall.

He received his education in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1995. He continued his education at the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University.

He started his working career at the age of 16 with Gary Hollinger at the Burley Remedy.

He loved his profession and especially enjoyed the creative aspect of the printing business. He most recently was employed at United Co-op in Rupert.

Michael was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a missionary in the Kentucky Louisville Mission and as an Eagle Scout.

He enjoyed music, photography and playing Racquetball. In 1995, he took third place in the State's Mens-D Division of Racquetball.

He married Laura Ann Jones in May of 2000. To this union



was born one son, Addison Ryan Hall.

He and Laura later divorced. Michael loved his son and was a devoted father.

With the illness Michael was born with, he had many exceptional challenges.

At the age of 16, he suffered a stroke. He spent many months at Primary Children's Medical Center, where he learned how to walk again.

His time at the hospital was not only for his personal gain, but through his love and tenderness to others, he became instrumental in assisting

them in recovering from their illnesses.

He is survived by his parents, Ron and Pam Hall of Burley; his wonderful son, Addison Ryan Hall of Burley; his siblings, Rob (Tina) Hall of Montrose, Colo., Brenda (George) Tibbitts of Blackfoot, Randy Hall of Belse and Curtis Hall currently serving in the U.S. Navy; his grandparents, Frances Hall of Harriman, Tenn., and Ralph and Clara Hicken of Burley; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and his nieces and nephews. Also surviving is his loving friend, Arlene Moreno.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Clarence Ernest Hall.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2650 Normal Ave., with Bishop H. Reese B. Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

DEATH -NOTICES-

Newell Morgan

TWIN FALLS — Newell Morgan, 87, of Twin Falls and formerly of Boise, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, at University Christian Church in Boise. Private Inurnment will be held at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Earl Gardner

TWIN FALLS — Earl Gardner, 95, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Darlene L. Klamn Barnes

PAUL — Darlene L. Klamn Barnes, 79, of Paul, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Pastor Elaine Steele officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society or a charity of their choice.

Mary Rickard

GLENN'S FERRY — Mary Rickard, 86, of Glenn's Ferry, died Friday, April 23, 2004, in Glenn's Ferry. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 10, 2004, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Butte, Mont.

Arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

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OBITUARIES

Jerry Bob Lloyd - Gooding

Jerry Bob Lloyd, 67, a resident of Payette, Idaho, and formerly of Gooding, Idaho, died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, near Winnemucca, Nev. Jerry was born Aug. 9, 1936, in Snyder, Texas, one of nine children of Raymond and Leta Lloyd.

His siblings are Carl Lloyd (deceased), Elaine Vines, Pat Cornett, Joe Lloyd, Keith Lloyd, Weldon Lloyd, Don Lloyd (deceased) and Dot Beatty. The family lived in Snyder, where Jerry graduated from high school in 1954. On May 11, 1956, he married Laveli Hart and they had four children,

Greg, Tony, Pam and Doug. They lived in Snyder, Farmington, Albuquerque, N.M., and Medford, Ore., before settling in Gooding, Idaho, in 1974. Jerry and Laveli recently moved to Payette, Idaho, to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Jerry was working for Montana Express as a long-haul truck driver at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Laveli of Payette; four children, Greg Lloyd of Albuquerque, N.M., Tony (Laurie) Lloyd of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, Pam (Roger) Casch of Oshaw, Ore., and Doug Lloyd of Payette, Idaho; and his eight grandchildren, Jessica Lloyd, Clara (Peter) Bronleewe, Travis (Kathrina) Casch, Herb Polard, Jerral Lloyd, Brad Casch, Diane Pollard and Ryan Casch.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Viewing will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery in lieu of flowers. Donations can be made to the First Southern Baptist Church in Gooding, Idaho.

Mary Lou Ross - Twin Falls

Mary Lou Ross, 63, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Mary Lou was born April 27, 1934, at Buhl, Idaho, to Seward A. and Dorothy Franklin Hyder.

She received her education at Luceerne School and received her GED from the College of Southern Idaho. On March 31, 1950, Mary Lou married Joe Ross in Buhl.

Mary Lou enjoyed crocheting, ceramics, bowling, cards, dominoes, gardening and traveling to the Oregon and Washington coast. She was a member of the Filer First Baptist Church.



Mary Lou is survived by her husband of 54 years, Joe of

Twin Falls; a son, Rick (Jeanette) Ross, and a daughter, Vicki (Rea) Hansen, both of Twin Falls; her brother, Jack Hyder of Jerome; six grandchildren, Lisa, Bonnie, David, Cliff, Becky and Ricky; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother and stepfather, Paris Bolton.

A celebration of Mary Lou's life will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the Filer First Baptist Church with Pastor Gary Gilman officiating. Burial will take place at the Buhl West End Cemetery.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SNRA looks to reopen resort

The Times-News

KETCHUM — The Sawtooth National Recreation Area is seeking public comment on a proposal to issue a special-use permit for Sunbeam Village Resort, located 12 miles east of Stanley, to resume operations under a new owner.

"Sunbeam Village has a long and colorful history," Dave Fluetisch, SNRA resort administrator, said in a press release. The first store opened around 1930, and the Forest Service has authorized the resort's operations since at least 1941. The present store was built in 1959.

The resort's current owner is no longer providing service to the public as required by the existing special-use permit, the release said.

This proposal would authorize a new owner to provide cabin rentals, a restaurant, store, and recreational vehicle and tent camping sites, and to upgrade several existing facilities at the resort.

"The proposed authorization would allow a new owner to resume normal operations at Sunbeam, renovate the main lodge building and renovate or replace several existing cabins in future years," Fluetisch said.

"Before the permit is issued, we want to offer the public an opportunity to provide us with any concerns or suggestions they may have regarding this operation."

Comments will be most helpful if received by May 14. Comments should be addressed to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, HC 64 Box 6291, Ketchum, ID 83340. Attention: Dave Fluetisch.

Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to dfluetisch@snra.gov.

For more information, call 727-5000.

Poll: Californians support tax hike

Los Angeles Times

With the state mired in a budget crisis for the fourth year in a row, most Californians support raising taxes and expect Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature to adopt that approach, a new Los Angeles Times poll has found.

The Republican governor has resisted calls by Democrats to cushion spending cuts with higher taxes, but in recent weeks has hinted at flexibility, given the depth of the state's fiscal troubles.

Secretary of State Bill Jones, 54 percent to 34 percent, Jones replaced largely unknown to most voters.

On fiscal matters, the poll suggests that the state's political climate is more accommodating than it has been in years for officials in Sacramento, the capital, to raise taxes. California, which is running this year on a budget of nearly \$100 billion, faces a \$14-billion shortfall that Schwarzenegger and the Legislature are trying to close.

where to get that money. The prolonged fiscal distress largely drove the voter recall of Gov. Gray Davis in October.

More than six months later, the budget crisis still ranks as a top public concern, the poll found. In addition, more than half of Californians say the economy is doing badly.

Overall, the public's outlook on the state of affairs in California remains bleak, with 56 percent saying things are seriously off on the wrong track and 36 percent viewing things as generally headed in the right direction.

The poll found that the public strongly favors increasing taxes in at least several areas. Nearly four out of five Californians back higher taxes on cigarettes, and, by the same margin, alcoholic beverages. An overwhelming 69 percent support raising income taxes on the wealthy. On the question of a sales tax increase, the state is almost evenly split.

The poll also found that Democrat Barbara Boxer is strongly favored for re-election to the U.S. Senate in November. If the election were held today, she would trounce her Republican challenger, former

During the recall campaign, Schwarzenegger said he would not raise taxes unless the state suffered a natural disaster. Since taking office, he has proposed higher tuition at state colleges and universities, but no tax hikes to balance his proposed budget for the fiscal year starting July 1. Instead, he has relied mainly on spending cuts and borrowing.

In the four years since the dot-com bust wiped out a major chunk of California's tax collections, the state's political leaders have struggled to reach consensus on how much the state must spend to sustain vital public services — and

Yet Schwarzenegger remains a highly popular governor. Even if he were to break his promise not to raise taxes, the poll found, most Californians say it would not change their opinion of him.

"He might have been a little unrealistic when he made that promise, and reality may be hitting him now that he's in the governor's chair," said Michael Johnson, 28, a pest control manager in Murrieta, and a Libertarian. "I can't say that would be something that I would hold against him too much."

Museum holds memories of Japanese internment camps

MANZANAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, Calif. (AP) — Like many Japanese Americans interned in the wind-swept Owens Valley during World War II, Toru Nagano remembers the desert sun, swirling dust and glare of searchlights that kept prisoners awake at night in cramped barracks behind barbed wire.

Mostly, he recalls the realization that his country didn't want him.

"The worst part of camp was the psychological effect of being rejected by the public as an American citizen, as an equal," Nagano said Saturday while visiting his former internment camp under happier circumstances.

Nagano, now 78, was among hundreds of former detainees and their descendants who traveled to the Manzanar National Historic Site for the opening of a National Park Service museum that preserves a bitter memory for many Japanese Americans.

Manzanar is the best preserved of the camps where thousands of Japanese Americans and citizens of Japan were held during World War II.

The center features photos, films and documents that record the roundup of men, women and children amid racial prejudice and fears of sabotage and espionage following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The \$2.1 million museum is set amid the backdrop of the peaks of the eastern High Sierra among 220 miles northeast of Los Angeles. Its entrance features a wall-size photo of the Manzanar internment camp — an American flag whipping in the desert wind.

The exhibits take visitors through the background behind the government order to detain about 110,000 people. It details life at the detention centers and tells of the gradual release and the official apology signed by President Reagan in 1988.

Saturday's opening coincided with the 35th annual pilgrimage to the site by Manzanar inmates

and their families. Many visitors searched for their names and those of their parents and grandparents on a list of internees that stretches nearly to the 17-foot high ceiling of the museum.

Louis Watanabe found the name of his grandfather, who worked as a stonemason and handyman while detained.

"I think it's important to talk about history so maybe we don't repeat mistakes of the past," Watanabe, 47, said as visitors milled about before a ceremony that sought to blend patriotism and an embrace of Japanese culture. Featured were a Taiko drum group and the presentation of the colors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars from the nearby town of Lone Pine.

At its peak, Manzanar held more than 10,000 people. About

two-thirds of all those interned there from 1942 to 1945 were American citizens by birth.

The camp had aspects of a city, with schools, churches, temples and even a newspaper. Many younger detainees have fonder memories than their elders.

"We used to sneak under the fence and go out to the hills as far as we could go," said Iku Iwasaki, 70, of Orange. "We used to rabbit-hole, see what we could get away with."

Toshiko Turner of Lakeland, Fla., was 8 when she arrived at Manzanar. Her sister, Sokiko Kawasaki, was 13. Saturday, they ticked off a laundry list of unpleasant memories, including bad food, lack of privacy, a straw mattress and scorpions that would crawl into their cramped barracks. Neither expressed bitterness.

Cross-country prayer: Talk to God today. Saturday in Religion



Randy Hansen Campaign Gains Momentum with the Support of the House of Representatives Leadership and Its Members.

Today the leadership of the House of Representatives and 29 of its members endorsed the candidacy of former State Representative Randy Hansen who is now running for the open Senate seat in District 24. Lawrence Denney, the Republican Majority Leader stated, "Randy was one of the most effective legislators we have ever had in the legislature. In the joint finance and appropriations as a freshman (which is not ever done) he worked as hard as anyone. His integrity and respect is foremost in the legislature."

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Grants may help offset sewer costs

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Bottom line: The construction of an adequate sewer plant in Rupert means higher sewer fees.

But how much rates might increase depends on what other funds the city is able to obtain through grants and appropriations.

City Administrator Roger Bagley hopes the current residential rate of \$28 per month will increase to between \$32 and \$35 per month when construction begins on the proposed \$14.2 million wastewater facility in December 2005.

This amount is based on the city obtaining \$4.6 million in grants. If no grant money is received, rates could shoot as high as \$43 per month, according to a report prepared by Bagley.

"If \$14.2 million sounds like a lot of money, consider the alternative. Fines from the Department of Environmental Quality for violation of air quality standards could be as much as \$1,000 per

Rupert meetings will explain sewer bond issue

The Times-News

RUPERT — City officials have scheduled two public meetings to discuss the need for a \$14.2 million sewer bond issue that voters will decide in a May 25 election.

The first meeting is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in the Civic Gym, 624 F St. The

second is set for May 11 at the same time and place.

Meetings will be informal, with a short presentation and time for questions and comments. Maps, charts, and other visual aids will be available for people to review.

In addition to the public meetings, city officials have given presentations to various

service clubs and business organizations.

The bond issue would finance the construction of a sewer treatment facility for the city.

It would be able to handle more than four times the capacity of the current facility and comply with environmental regulations.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant. Bagley said the city has already applied for that grant, and intends to reapply.

Unlike Burley, which is using a portion of property taxes to fund construction of a new sewer plant, payment for Rupert's facility will be entirely through user fees.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Castle Bureau at 208-777-4042, Ext. 638 or by e-mail at chipthompson@mag-valley.com.

Widow files lawsuit in Alaska plane crash

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman whose husband was killed in a plane crash last summer off the coast of Alaska has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the estate of the pilot.

Gordon Moses, 24, of Alpine was killed when the plane went down into the Pacific Ocean on July 13 west of Juneau.

Three other Utah men, including the pilot, were killed in the crash.

Two men swam to an island and were rescued.

Moses' wife, Tresa Moses, has made a claim of nearly \$2 million against the estate of pilot Gary Oster, contending he was negligent in the crash that also killed his son, Christopher, 18, and Moses' 19-year-old brother, Adam. Gordon and Adam Moses were brothers-in-law to the pilot.

The negligence of defendant Gary Wayne Oster was the sole and proximate cause of the untimely and violent death of decedent Gordon Earl Woodruff Moses," the lawsuit states.

Tresa Moses filed the lawsuit Friday on behalf of herself and her 2-year-old son.

The National Transportation Safety Board determined the cause of the accident was the pilot's inadequate in-flight decisionmaking process, and failure to refuel the airplane

prior to fuel exhaustion, which resulted in a total loss of engine power."

As a pilot, Oster had about 15 years' experience, Friday's lawsuit states.

The group was on a fishing trip in Alaska when the plane crashed in the frigid water.

According to the NTSB's final accident report, Oster bypassed two opportunities to refuel the plane in an attempt to make it to his final destination of Gustavus Airport.

When the plane was still 22 miles southeast of the airport, Oster informed air traffic control that he had less than 5 gallons of gas in each tank.

The controller directed Oster to a closer airport, but Oster was unfamiliar with the alternate destination and opted to continue on to Gustavus, according to the report.

The plane ran out of gas about 12 miles west of Gustavus and Oster was forced to land in the water.

The bodies of Gary and Christopher Oster, and Gordon and Adam Moses have never been recovered.

The lawsuit seeks \$1 million plus the wrongful-death claim, \$250,000 on a loss of consortium claim and an additional \$500,000 for negligent infliction of emotional distress.

Limited funding bogs down aquifer study

POST FALLS (AP) — Limited funding means it will likely take longer than the planned three years to complete a study of Idaho's aquifer study, Idaho Department of Water Resources officials told lawmakers this week.

Hal Anderson, the department's planning administrator, said the bureaucratic hurdles and limited funding have slowed the project.

The study, estimated to cost between \$3 million and \$3.5 million, will examine the quality and quantity of the Snake Valley-Bathurst Prairie aquifer.

It is the sole source of drinking water for more than 400,000 residents in Kootenai and Spokane counties.

The region is expanding, placing more pressure on the aquifer.

Area leaders hope the cooperative effort between the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Washington Department of Ecology and the U.S. Geological Survey will help them understand the dynamics of the water source.

"We need answers soon, but we'll be hand-pressed, given the lack of funding to get this done in three years. It's an ambitious goal," Anderson said.

The first year is always the most difficult, particularly when two states are involved, Anderson said.

"We need to get our arms wrapped around our own water as rapidly as possible," said Rep. Charles Cuddy, D-Orofino.

Funding has only trickled in. The U.S. Geological Survey paid \$500,000 for the first year, while Washington tossed in

\$100,000 and Idaho \$80,000.

It was a blessing that the federal funding didn't require a match, Anderson said.

"As it is, we have limited opportunities to do what we need to. But at least we're doing something. Getting money is always difficult when the economy is sluggish and let's be honest, the Idaho Legislature is fiscally conservative. There's a lot of concern on what we can afford," he said.

Anderson said the early study efforts include collecting data and forming a team to evaluate existing water models.

He said the U.S. Geological Survey has focused on research while the states focused on application.

The different perspectives have made the study difficult, he said.

"This has been a relatively painful process. It's important that we keep the effort coordinated. We can't spend millions of taxpayer dollars and not be able to go to our director with recommendations," he said.

Bipartisan support — with Republican dominance in Idaho and Democrat authority in Washington — should help with future funding, Anderson said.

Sen. Dick Compton, R-Coeur d'Alene, said he is pleased the two states are coming together on water issues, but there needs to be even more interaction.

"We need more of it, especially at the executive level and legislative level," he said. "We could be in a crisis over the next few years with the developing going on."

Educator Rosemary Park Anastos dies at 97

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Rosemary Park Anastos, whose distinguished career in higher education included the presidencies of Barnard College and Connecticut College as well as a term as vice chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles, has died.

She was 97.

She had been in frail health for months and died April 17 of natural causes at her home in Los Angeles, according to her niece, Nancy Seybold.

As president of Connecticut College from 1947 to 1962, and Barnard College from 1962 to 1967, Anastos — who used Park as her professional name — became nationally known for her leadership as an administrator.

She planned ambitious expansion programs at both colleges and raised the funds to cover the costs.

As UCLA's vice chancellor from 1967 to 1970, she oversaw educational planning and programming in a position that had been created for her.

She came to Los Angeles after marrying Milton Anastos, a professor of Byzantine Greek at UCLA. She was 58 at the time; he was 56.

It was her first marriage, his second.

"Rosemary was an astute observer of higher education, with a gift for analysis and a 'rainy mind,'" said Helen S. Astin, a longtime friend of Anastos and associate director of the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

She could be critical of higher education, which can at times be reactive, not proactive. She challenged us to take the initiative."

In lectures and speeches, Anastos emphasized the proper role of the university in her view, it should be the intellectual center of intellectual life, she said in an address at the California Institute of Technology in 1967.

The university's job is to supply the knowledge that undergirds the country's economic and governmental systems, she said.

The job of administrators is to "try to preserve its freedom amid pressures from within and without," Anastos said. They include pressures from students, who invariably wish to "remodel" higher education, and from society, "which periodically succumbs to the temptation to make it serve not truth, but the establishment."

"What it means is that now I'm not putting on just one performance on the Navajo reservation, I can do three," said Michael Don Bah, the festival's education director.

"It means I can put on a performance in not only Roosevelt, but one in Roosevelt and one in Vernal."

The grant, one of 22 given to theatre companies across the country, was announced Friday on the 40th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth.

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival in Boise was also awarded the grant.

She is survived by one stepson and several nieces and nephews.

Utah Shakespearean Festival receives grant

CEDAR CITY (AP) — The Utah Shakespearean Festival has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for use in outreach programs.

The grant will help target underserved areas, said managing director Scott Phillips.

The annual tour costs about \$200,000 and actors sometimes travel up to 600 miles for a performance, he said.

TAKING THE BAIT



Kyle Swygort, 5, tries his own technique for fishing at Otto Jarstadt Park Saturday in Gorst, Wash. During the annual opening-day event, sponsored by the Kitsap Poggie Club, children can fish for rainbow trout in a stocked man-made stream for free.

GOP shocks Democrats with Klan/Kerry quip

DENVER (AP) — Democrats are furious about a statement by Republicans saying that comparing one of their candidates to presidential candidate John Kerry would be worse than comparing someone to the Ku Klux Klan.

The dispute started when The New York Times inadvertently published a photo of Republican Senate candidate Pete Coors above a story about a KKK member who murdered a black sharecropper. The Times published a correction Saturday.

Cinamon Watson, spokeswoman for Coors, said the error was "so outrageous it's kind of funny. It could have been worse. Pete could have been identified as John Kerry."

Chris Gates, chairman of the Colorado Democratic Party, demanded an apology.

He said Democrats are "out there campaigning positively on the issues, and the Republicans can't help but resort to the lowest level of insult and name-calling."

Coors, head of the Coors brewing empire, is seeking the Republican nomination to fill the seat being vacated by Republican Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who is retiring.

Calls seeking comment Saturday from the Kerry campaign were not immediately returned.

Police won't face charges in November shooting

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Four police officers have been cleared in the shooting death of a man in a standoff last November.

The Salt Lake Police Department was informed Thursday that officers Jim Spangenberg, Lyman Smith, Nathan Swenson, Lance VanDongen, Craig Waldron and Andy Leonard were not going to be charged in the slaying of Juan Ruiz Cortez, detective Dwayne Baird said.

On Nov. 7, officers were called to a domestic dispute, where Cortez was suicidal and informed family he was going to die. Cortez was in a car armed with two handguns. A standoff ensued.

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sounds especially interesting. It's taught only in even-numbered years, and requires that you attend the final six weeks of a prerequisite course, CIA451, which is not currently offered.

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Which, when you think about it, is sort of the Canadian approach to life.

Red Green put it best, I think. "When the going gets tough, switch to power tools. And never argue with anyone larger than your van."

If BYU ever offers a Canadian Studies class at the College of Southern Idaho, I'm there. Can't wait to show off my Sgt. Preston comic books.

In any Canadian Studies course, Times-News features editor Steve Crump would get straight 'ests."

Crump

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to the Americans with their war on terrorism," goes one joke making the rounds on the Internet. "It plieded two off its biggest battalions, 600 ground troops and six fighter jets."

"And after the American exchange rate, the United States ended up with two Moundies, a canoe and a bunch of flying squirrels."

Or as my co-worker Karin Kowalski put it: "Canada would have had British culture, French cuisine and American technology, and it ended up with French technology, American culture and British cuisine."

That's why it's so important for Yaniks to better understand Canadians through BSU courses such as "The Canadian Film and TV Industry."

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Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
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Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Little smokies
Friday: Tuna fish

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Tuesday: Dog gone chicken
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Thursday: Pizza
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Wednesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Beef and cheese bur-

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: French toast

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Italian sub sandwich
Tuesday: Chili and crackers
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken
Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Friday: Chef's salad

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger gravy and potatoes
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Burritos
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Chicken nuggets

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Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Spiced apple slices
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Fresh strawberries
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Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
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Wednesday: Finger steaks
Thursday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
Friday: Pizza

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Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Chili dogs
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Friday: Macaroni and cheese

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Monday: Spiced apple slices
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Fresh strawberries
Thursday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger deluge
Tuesday: Chef's salad
Wednesday: Finger steaks
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Beef lasagna

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day. Taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Pasta bar
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Cheeseburger

Wednesday: Open menu
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Cream of potato soup

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Tostada
Tuesday: Corn dog
Wednesday: Sausage pizza -
Thursday: Sub sandwich
Friday: No school

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Cheesebake
Tuesday: Sub sandwich
Wednesday: Shepherd's pie
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Chicken patties on a bun

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Sub sandwich
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Thursday: Idaho nachos
Friday: Taco soup

GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Ham and cheese on roll
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Idaho nachos
Friday: Soup and sandwich

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Wednesday: Turkey gravy
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Hamburgers

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Ham and toast
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Sausage patry and English muffin
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza
Thursday: French dip or peanut butter and jelly
Friday: Hamburger

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Monday: Beef barbecue
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: Chicken steaks
Friday: Cook's choice

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cinnamon sticks
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Chili and com chips
Tuesday: Hot dog
Wednesday: French dip sand-

wich
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Taco salad

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Sloppy joes on a bun
Tuesday: Rib-b-cue sandwich
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: Ham
Friday: No lunch served

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Rib-b-cue sandwich
Tuesday: Hot dog
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich
Friday: Turkey stir fry

BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Hoagie or hot combo
Tuesday: Chicken Malibu or tuna
Wednesday: Baked potato special
Thursday: Pig-in-a-blanket
Friday: Macho nachos

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Wednesday: Breakfast on a stick
Thursday: Cinnamon roll
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Taco salad
Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Corn dog

MINIDOKA SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Breakfast biscuit
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Soft shell taco
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets w/ sauce
Thursday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: Student's choice

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A dead fish lies on salt sediment next to a rusted car muffler, April 10, 2001, at the edge of the Salton Sea in southern California. Local backers of a \$730 million plan to part the waters of California's largest lake said Friday it could save the Salton Sea and encourage development.

Salton Sea rescue advocates have big development plans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Backers of a \$730 million plan to part the waters of California's largest lake said Friday the effort could save the Salton Sea and spark development around its largely desolate shores, reversing decades of failed attempts to build up the desert region.

The partitioning plan endorsed by the Salton Sea Authority is intended to rescue the northern half of the sea from increasing salinity that threatens to kill the entire lake, a crucial habitat for hundreds of bird species.

If all goes as planned, the effort could also rekindle human interest in the lake, which steadily lost its luster as a tourist destination over the decades.

Supporters envision the building of casinos, hotels, golf courses, marinas, housing, geothermal plants and farms — as much as 175 million square feet of new construction in all.

The idea for a north lake was as much driven by development considerations as it was for wildlife, said Tom Kirk, executive director of the authority.

Critics, however, said the plan pays short shift to environmental issues.

"It's premature for the Salton Sea Authority to endorse any development plan. It hasn't received sufficient peer review and study by biologists to ensure

it will protect the needs of wildlife adequately," said Julia Levin, state policy director for Audubon California.

The plan calls for building a causeway across the center of the sea by 2010 that would cut off most of the water flowing to its southern section. That would shrink the sea in Riverside and Imperial counties from about 360 square miles to about 140 square miles.

The plan would also lower the sea, reducing its depth from about 50 feet to about 42 feet.

The authority cannot independently implement the plan but hoped its endorsement would prompt state and federal officials to act.

Lester Snow, director of the state Department of Water Resources, said the state would consider multiple options for the Salton Sea, including the plan endorsed by the authority. State officials must submit a plan to the Legislature by 2006.

To succeed, the latest effort would have to overcome the failures that have doomed past schemes to develop the area around the lake.

Salton City, on the western shore, was once envisioned as a lakeside planned community. Today, it's largely an empty warren of paved streets and dead palm trees. Few houses were ever built.

"Are we repeating the grand visions of the past? is a question that weighs heavily on me," Kirk said.

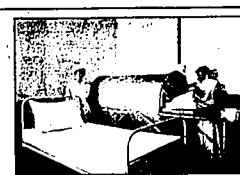
Still, he called the newly endorsed plan a classic win-win. A cleaner lake could generate development, which in turn could be leveraged to fund the restoration effort, he said.

"A restored lake could also strengthen the economy and culture of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Chairman Raymond Torres said. Tribe members envision building a casino, marina and shops along the lake, which is now notoriously pungent during summer months.

"The stigma of the lake now is driving people away. If we were to revive it and market it and establish the economic arm to stimulate growth, it would draw growth back," said Torres Martinez Councilman Al Loye, a member of the Salton Sea Authority.

The agency recently expanded its jurisdiction in anticipation of creating an infrastructure financing district. The special district would allow the authority to use a portion of any increase in property tax receipts from the area.

Consultants estimate a building boom could generate as much as \$2.6 billion in revenue over the next 45 years.



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IDAHO/WEST

States brace for West Nile return Board exercises charter school law

DELTA, Colo. (AP) - Keith Lucy drives his truck down a rain-slicked dirt road, past several modest homes on the outskirts of this western Colorado town, and stops at a cattail marsh.

There, the county environmental health officer gets out to inspect the still, scummy water for mosquito larvae.

Perfect. No mosquito larvae. But the insects are shaking off the winter cold in the West, promising another season of the West Nile virus, the mosquito-borne killer that has infected thousands of people - killing 564 of them - since the first domestic case turned up in New York in 1999.

For two-thirds of the country, the crisis has largely passed. But in the West, health officials are drawing up battle plans from the apple orchards of western Colorado to the California coast.

Carried by birds bitten by infected mosquitoes, the incurable virus hasn't yet hit the West hard, except in Colorado. But few states are waiting.

Wyoming has earmarked \$1.7 million for mosquito control programs, up from \$387,000 last year. Arizona officials have dou-



Delta County environmental health officer Keith Lucy, left, and mosquito control officer Jim Terrazas look for mosquito larvae at Escalante Wildlife Area near Delta, Colo., April 8.

bled their budget.

California mosquito districts began work earlier than usual this year and in some areas Sentinel flocks of chickens - which can be easily tested for infection to determine the virus spread - were tested through the winter and the virus was found for the first time in Ventura County earlier this year.

On the western slopes of the Rockies, there is a fear that Col-

orado could again be ground zero after leading the nation last year with 2,947 of 9,858 overall cases - and 61 of the year's 262 deaths.

The marsh that Lucy and mosquito control officer Jim Terrazas inspected is behind a park popular with the locals for picnics and fishing. Half the marsh is owned by a man who doesn't want mosquito control officers on his land. The owner

of the other half, however, has given his consent for the use of larvicide, which kills soon-to-be mosquitoes.

That places Terrazas in a dilemma. What good does it do to treat only half the water?

"It's a waste of taxpayer money," he said.

Lucy moves on to the Escalante State Wildlife Area along the Gunnison River, where officials would like to flood the banks to help two endangered species of fish spawn. That raises the possibility of more standing water - prime breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Not only that, wildlife area manager Mike Zeman won't allow adulticide - a pesticide designed to kill adult mosquitoes that is often spread as clouds of machine-generated fog - on the 7,500-acre refuge. "Fogging is non-selective," he said. "You're hitting all kinds of insects and we have all kinds of birds who feed on those insects."

Lucy looks a little stumped. "The thing here is their primary focus is on wildlife habitat, but mosquitoes breed here and they don't stay here," he said.

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The State Board of Education used the state's new charter school laws this week to direct two cases in the Boise area.

The board told supporters of Compass Public Charter School to return to the Meridian School District to request approval for their school.

It also gave permission to backers of Rolling Hills Public Charter School to seek a charter from the still-to-be created Public Charter Schools Commission.

The charter school bill passed during the winter legislative session was one of the most divisive issues lawmakers considered. In the end, the new laws calls for a new commission to consider charter school appeals.

Before, appeals of local school district decisions were considered directly by the Board of Education.

The new law also tightens ethical and reporting requirements for charter schools. Legislators authorized the

creation of charter schools in 1997, allowing anyone to petition for their own nonprofit, public charter school.

The law was designed to give parents a greater range of educational choices.

But it has drawn fire from many who contend charter schools are simply private schools surviving on taxpayer dollars.

On Thursday, the board asked the Meridian School District to reconsider its denial of Compass Charter School.

Compass parents say Meridian School District have delayed the process to keep the school from opening this year.

"I don't know if we have confidence that the school district will perform like the State Board wants it to," said Susan

Lake, chairwoman of Compass' legal affairs committee. Meridian Superintendent Christine Donnell said Compass' proposed curriculum is incomplete, since it addresses only language and math, but not science and social studies.

Idaho man garners medal for heroism

BOISE (AP) - Floyd Pollard was driving across a bridge on his way home when something odd caught his eye.

Below him, on Interstate 95 near Kingston, a 3/4-ton pickup towing a fifth-wheel trailer was going about 50 miles an hour on the wrong side of the guardrail and about to hurtle into the culvert.

"I thought it looked odd, and then 'Boom!' Pollard said. "I got out and looked over the guardrail and saw fire in the cab and nobody outside the rig."

Pollard was one of 17 people awarded a Carnegie Medal this month for extraordinary heroism. The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission said Pollard risked his own life to save Vaughn Gaschet de l'Isle, who was trapped inside the burning truck.

But Pollard said that on June 29, 2003, he just did what he figured anyone would do.

"I jumped over the guardrail, went to the side of the rig and saw this guy looking at me with great big eyes, and he said, 'I'm on fire,'" Pollard recounted. "I said, 'I can see that, we've got to get you out of there.'"

Moments before, suffering from emotional and physical exhaustion brought on by relationship troubles and the drive home from Spokane, Wash., Gaschet de l'Isle had fallen asleep and veered off the road, his truck and recreational vehicle partially overturning in the culvert.

The Kallspeil, Mont. resident tried to escape the burning vehicle, but the doors were jammed and the windshield would not

yield to his frantic beating.

"I had a lot of flammables in the truck and in the RV, and they ignited immediately. There were two five-gallon cans of gasoline, a gallon of radio-controlled airplane fuel with nitrous, and two propane tanks," he said. "I was alone, but I was trapped inside and I couldn't get out. Then I saw him there trying the door."

When the door wouldn't give and the window wouldn't break, Pollard climbed onto the truck's hood. He tried to pull out a corner of the broken windshield - which was still wedged tight inside its molding - but only succeeded in cutting his hands, making them slick with blood.

Pollard knew he didn't have time to remove his shirt to wrap his hands and get a better grip. Instead, he stomped the windshield hard enough to break it free, worried that the breathing glass would force Gaschet de l'Isle to lean into the flames crawling along the back of the cab.

The windshield gave, Pollard kicked it aside and reached for the man inside.

"He gave me his arm and said, 'Get me out of here,'" Pollard said. "On the hood he said he needed a minute, but I told him, 'We don't have a minute.' We got probably 30 feet away and the whole thing went, 'Whoosh!'"

Without Pollard, Gaschet de l'Isle said, he would have burned alive.

"I walked away. Just a few seconds more, I would have been burned. He risked himself pretty good for me," Gaschet de l'Isle said.

Wolf critic blames the feds for dog poisonings

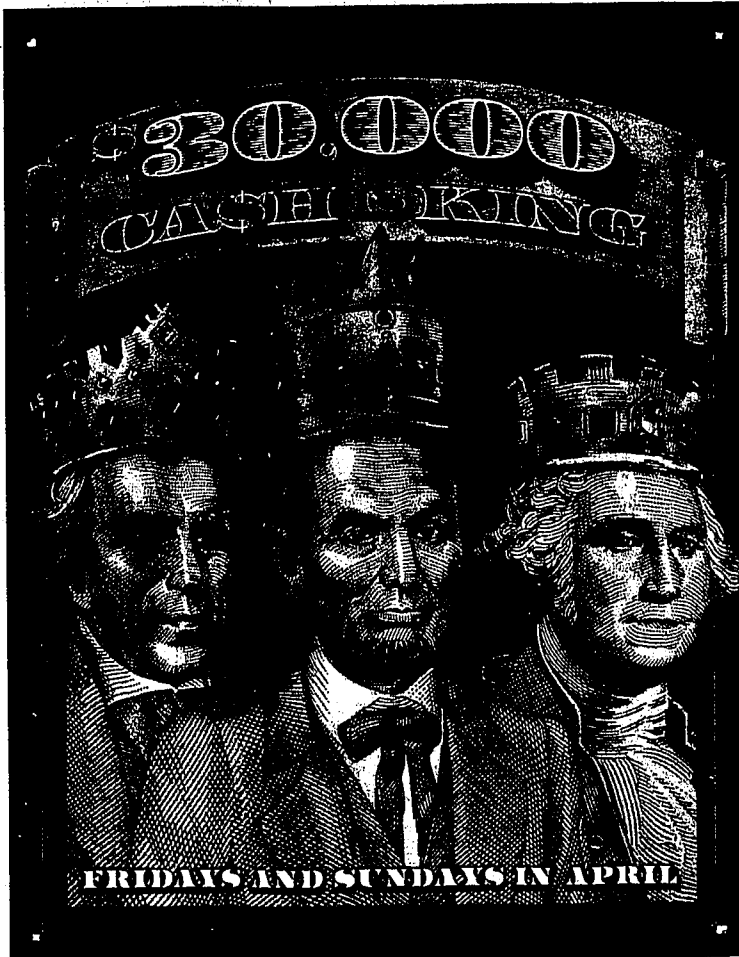
JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - An anti-wolf activist says the federal government is behind some recent dog poisonings in Idaho and Wyoming.

Since February, at least seven dogs have died and another nine have been poisoned after eating or being exposed to frankfurters filled with a highly toxic pesticide known as temik.

Investigators believe the poison was meant for area wolves. Ron Gillet, chairman of the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition,

blames the poisonings on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, saying the pets would not be dying had agents not reintroduced wolves to the Yellowstone area in the mid-1990s.

"It is most unfortunate that these pets were the victims," he said. "However, it would seem obvious that the poison was not put out for pets but for Canadian wolves which are devastating our wildlife and also mauling our pets."



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BSU gives head coach extension

BOISE — Greg Gaham, who led the Boise State University Broncos to a 23-10 season and their first back-to-back post-season basketball victories in school history, was awarded a five-year contract extension Friday worth more than \$1.3 million.

The state Board of Education, meeting in Coeur d'Alene, approved the deal, reportedly the most lucrative for a college basketball coach in Idaho.

The Broncos finished the regular season at 21-9 and won two straight games in the NIT tournament before their season ended with a 68-53 loss to Marquette.

Graham, who was 13-16 in his first season at Boise State, will see his salary jump from \$115,000 this year to \$135,000 in 2005 while his media and public appearance compensation will increase from \$40,000 to \$90,000. Graham's salary will rise annually over the life of the contract to \$170,000 for the 2008-2009 season.

Minico boosters will meet on Monday

RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 3 in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 436-5670 for more information.

American Legion plans golf scramble

FAIRFIELD — The American Legion in Fairfield will be hosting a four-man best ball golf scramble May 22 at Soldier Mountain Resort in Fairfield.

A shotgun start is set for 9 a.m. A \$30 entry cost covers greens fees and a meal. The proceeds go towards restrooms at the Legion ballfield.

Contact Ron Stockham at 934-4738 or Joe Gobbi at 358-0012 for more information.

Rotary Club holds golf tournament

JEROME — The Rotary Club of Jerome is hosting its 17th annual golf tournament at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 at the Jerome Country Club.

The format is a mixed Texas scramble with 16-person teams. Individual and team cash prizes will be awarded, as well as individual prizes for the longest drive on the third hole and closest to the pin on hole Nos. 5, 12, and 15.

A barbecue steak dinner following the tournament is included in the entry fee of \$30 per person. Participants may enter a team or sign up individually to be placed on a team.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit local service projects and PulePlus, a program for global police eradication.

For entry forms or more information, contact Bryan Craig at 324-7000 or 420-2354.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

War Admiral and Joe “Ducky” Medwick of the St. Louis Cardinals each won the Triple Crown in 1937.

The cost of inconsistency

Jerome splits doubleheader with Pocatello

By Joe Paisly
Times-News writer

JEROME — With youth often comes inconsistency, Jerome's baseball doubleheader against Pocatello Saturday was a case in point.

Jerome's defense was sound in Game 1. Combined with a solid outing from pitcher Jared Sauer and the Tigers prevailed 3-1 in a pretty good high school baseball game.

But seven errors in Game 2 made this one ugly early for the Jerome fans in attendance as Pocatello got the split, 13-3.

“It's like a tale of two teams,” said Jerome coach Jay Oster. “We came out for the second game and in the 15 minutes in between we lost the intensity.”

A passed ball that scored a Pocatello baserunner from second base in the top of the first deflated the Tigers. The seven errors kept Jerome (8-10) from rallying, despite a two-run triple by Jed Seaman in the fifth to



Jerome baserunner CJ Riestra tries to evade the tag of Pocatello's Jeremy Linden during the first game of a doubleheader Saturday. Jerome won, 3-1.

make it 9-3.

“It didn't put us out of the game,” Oster said. “It was only one run. But we let things escape

from there.”

In Game 1, Jerome's infielders would occasionally bobble a grounder, but would keep their

concentration and make a controlled throw to first base for the

out. No such luck in Game 2. “We tried to make too much

happen,” Oster said. “Fundamentally, we were not getting it

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Bulldawgs drop second straight with 36-12 loss

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Magic Valley Bulldawgs' halfback Lonnie Edwards' fumble on the first offensive play of the game was an ominous sign of things to come during the Bulldawgs' 36-12 loss to the Pocatello Predators Saturday night at Minico High School's Spartan Field. The Bulldawgs caught a case of the stone hands and little else, dropping the ball and their second straight Rocky Mountain Football League game to start the season.

“We were moving the ball and everything was going, and then those dropped passes came out again,” Bulldawgs coach Dennis Hakes said. “The passing game is our strength, and if we drop balls, it's trouble for us.”

The cold weather and hard

hands made life difficult for Bulldawgs quarterback Mike “Money” Manning, who connected on 18-of-47 passes for 247 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. Manning was pressured all game and had to throw many of his passes on the move to keep away from the Predators' defensive front.

Both Bulldawgs scores came on long connections between Manning and wideout Robert “Red” Carrick. Manning hit Carrick for a 21-yard touchdown in the second quarter and a 45-yarder late in the third. Carrick was the Bulldawgs' most effective receiver, catching four passes for 120 yards and the two touchdowns.

“Red made a great touchdown catch for us,” Hakes said. “He had a really nice game.”

The Predators frustrated Edwards throughout the game,

holding the Bulldawg standout to 14 yards rushing and nine yards receiving on one catch. Gabe Ostyn, the Bulldawgs' 6-foot-3 receiver, caught six passes for 54 yards.

“Once we stop this trend of dropping passes, we have a chance to be a really good football team,” Hakes said. “I'm proud of these guys, though. They worked really hard today.”

The game's score was skewed a bit by some of the Bulldawgs' failed fourth-down conversions that led to good predator field position. Pocatello had to go less than 20 yards for two of its scores, and was still gunning for the end zone late while the game was in hand. Predators halfback Travis Boden capitalized on the good field position for three rushing touchdowns on 102 yards gained on the ground. Predators quarterback



Bulldawgs receiver Robert “Red” Carrick hauls in a pass over diving Pocatello Predator defensive back Troy Sutton in the second quarter of the Bulldawgs' 36-12 loss Saturday.

Jeff Belnap scored one rushing touchdown and threw for 139 yards on 9-of-21 passing. Pocatello wideout Brock Gunter was the recipient of five passes for 100 yards, all in the first half.

The Bulldawgs will host the Layton, Utah Pitbulls this coming Saturday before starting a

four-game road trip.

Weekly Football III, Magic Valley Bulldawgs 15

Pocatello Predators 36 12 6-3

Game Summary

1st Qtr: Pocatello 10, Jerome 0

2nd Qtr: Pocatello 10, Jerome 0

3rd Qtr: Pocatello 13, Jerome 12

4th Qtr: Pocatello 13, Jerome 0

Total: Pocatello 36, Jerome 12

Game Notes

1. Pocatello's Travis Boden had 102 yards on the ground.

2. Pocatello's Brock Gunter had 100 yards on the air.

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ONLY AFTER A TENSE HOUR

Eli Manning becomes a Giant

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — After a tense hour in which Eli Manning was a prospective player, the NFL's first family of quarterbacks got what it wanted.

He will be a New York Giant.

In one of the more bizarre first hours in recent draft history, Manning was taken with the first pick by the San Diego Chargers, for whom he later announced he wouldn't play.

Manning then appeared on the stage at The Theatre of Madison Square Garden with his parents, Archie and Olivia, looking as glib as any No. 1 pick ever has as commissioner Paul Tagliabue held up a commissioner's hat on it. He didn't put on the Chargers hat and boots cascaded down from the galleries.

An hour later, as Manning is press conference in which he insisted he would go into school, someone rushed into the room to say the Giants just obtained him for another quarterback, Philip Rivers, who they had taken with

the fourth overall pick.

“I'm a lot happier now than I was 10 minutes ago,” Manning said, jumping back on the podium. He then returned to the main room for a much longer pick: this one including brother Peyton and agent Tom Condon, the man behind the maneuvering.

Meanwhile, the rest of the draft went on around that soap opera.

With the second pick, Oakland took offensive tackle Robert Gallery of Iowa and with the third, Arizona chose wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald of Pittsburgh, a ball boy for Cardinals coach Dennis Green when Green coached in Minnesota.

Washington then chose safety Sean Taylor of Miami, who was the first of six Hurricanes chosen in the opening round, a record.

Cleveland paid a high price simply to move up one spot for Miami tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. Detroit got the Browns' first-round pick and their second.

The Lions then took Texas wide receiver Roy Williams, who like Taylor and Winslow ranked as players with long-



Check who your favorite team selected.

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New York Giants fans react as the Giants' first pick of the 2004 draft, the fourth pick overall, is announced at the NFL draft Saturday in New York. The Giants selected Philip Rivers, a quarterback from North Carolina State. The Giants later traded Rivers and future draft picks to the San Diego Chargers for quarterback Eli Manning.

term star potential. And he used a second-round pick to move up late in the first to choose Kevin Jones of Virginia Tech, considered by some the best running back in the draft.

“We felt the second round was a pretty

good price to pay,” Browns coach Butch Davis said of the deal that brought him Winslow, who he had recruited for Miami. “He's going to bring a lot of energy and help this offense. He's a lightning rod.”

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Truex races to second NASCAR Busch series win

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. beat Dale Earnhardt Jr. in a video game at Talladega Superspeedway. Then he beat his boss on the race-

track. With a few helpful shoves from Earnhardt, co-owner of Chance 2 Motorsports, Truex won his second NASCAR Busch series race, taking the checkered

flag just ahead of his mentor on Saturday in the AAA's 51st

The last lap of the 177-lap event on the 2.68-mile oval was marred by four of the six caution flags in the race. One, brought out by a wild, 10-car crash sent Tim Fedewa to a nearby hospital for a precautionary examination.

With Truex and Earnhardt

just ahead of a long line of contenders, Truex finished shaping up, rookie Clint Bowyer, who started from the pole in his first Talladega race, spun on lap 116. That started a chain reaction crash that involved five other cars, forcing the race to finish under yellow.

“What a crazy race. You never knew where you were going to be from one lap to the next,” Truex said. “We were just in the right place at the right time, out front with Junior giving me a push from behind.”

“It was really cool having him push me. He could have got out of line and tried to push by me, but he's a real class act.”

Truex led four times for 29 laps, including the final 23. He

averaged 136.783 mph.

Ron Hornaday Jr. finished third, followed by rookie Kyle Busch, Jason Leffler, Robby Gordon, Kenny Wallace, Waltrip and David Green.

Waltrip, who came into the race with an eight-point lead over Green in the championship, now leads by 17. Truex moved to third, 27 behind.

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Armstrong retains lead with third-place finish

HIWASSEE, Ga. Five-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong held the lead in the Tour de Georgia cycling race with a third-place finish Saturday.

But Cesar Grajales of Colombia overtook the world's best rider, a flat tire and Georgia's highest peak to win Stage 6 of the competition. The closing stage is scheduled for Sunday.

Grajales, who had climbed Brasstown Bald five times before the Tour de Georgia, attacked a lead break of Armstrong, German Jens Voigt and defending champion Chris Horner with two miles to go.

Grajales raised his arms in victory 5 hours, 16 minutes, 29 seconds after the start, beating Voigt by 17 seconds to the top of the 774-foot Brasstown Bald. Armstrong was a half-length behind Voigt.

Armstrong retained the overall leader's yellow jersey for the fourth straight stage with a cumulative time of 22:25 seconds. He remained second, 24 seconds back.

Severson leads at Rolex equestrian event

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kim Severson was penalty free in the cross-country Saturday and maintained her lead through two of three phases at the Rolex Three-Day Event.

Severson, of Keno, Va., and Winsome Adair turned in one of six perfect performances in the four-star CCI (concours complet international) division. She has a total of 10 penalties.

Australian Phillip Dunton, was also penalty free aboard Nova Top at the Kentucky Horse Park, and is six penalties behind Severson.

With four penalties accruing for each down rail in Sunday's final show jumping phase, Severson doesn't have much room for error.

Abigail Larkin, Middleburg, Va., moved from fourth to third with her new horse, the Australian-bred Kildonan Tug. She had a faultless ride over a course designed by Michael Eberington-Smith.

Luftin moved ahead of British Olympic veteran William Fox-Pitt, who dropped one penalty on Saturday after logging four time penalties cross-country, bringing his total to 47.4.

Coria, Schuettler reach Monte Carlo final

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Guillermo Coria reached his second straight final at the Monte Carlo Masters on Saturday as he defeated Rafael Nadal in a 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 victory over Marat Safin.

The third-seeded Coria, a runner-up last year, will play fourth-seeded Rainer Schuettler in the final. The German won't play until Sunday.

Coria has not lost on clay since June, winning his last 25 matches on the surface. Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion, played an excellent second set, then, trailing 4-3 and serving, he was broken at love and offered little resistance the rest of the way.

With Venus rising, U.S. pulls even with Slovenia

PORTOROZ, Slovenia — Venus Williams pulled even with Katarina Srebotnik 6-1, 6-2 Saturday, allowing the Americans to pull even with Slovenia after the first day of the Fed Cup.

Slovenia won the opener in the best of five format on day two as Tina Pisk defeated Lisa Raymond 7-5, 7-5. Raymond was erratic on a red clay court further slowed by a drizzle.

The clay became drier during the second match, and Williams took care of matters quickly, unleashing winners against an overmatched opponent weakened by a thigh injury in the second set.

The U.S. team, with Zina Garrison debuting as captain, also features 47-year-old Martina Navratilova and Laura Granville. Serena Williams is out with a knee injury.

In the other seven first-round matches, it was: Belgium 1, Croatia 1; Spain 1, Switzerland 1; Russia 2, Australia 0; Austria 2, Slovakia 0.

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American League Roundup

Bellhorn blast lifts Boston Red Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Bellhorn drove in Manny Ramirez in the 12th inning with Boston's third sacrifice fly, and the Red Sox defeated the New York Yankees 3-2 Saturday, improving to 5-1 this season against their bitter rival.

Scott Williamson, Alan Embree, Keith Foulke (1-7) and Mike Timlin held the struggling Yankees offense without a run for six innings, increasing the bullpen's scoreless streak to 22 2-3 innings and helping Boston drop New York to 8-10.

Alex Rodriguez brought New York to 2-1 with his first homer in pinstripes and helped tie it by sparking a seventh-inning rally with a headfirst into first slide, then scoring on Gary Sheffield's single.

Paul Quantrill (1-7) was the loser, and Derek Jeter went 0-for-5, extending his hitless streak to a career-high 21 at-bats.

Tigers 5, Indians 2
DETROIT — Rondell White hit a three-run homer off Chad Durbin in the ninth after Fernando Vina led off the inning with a bloop single to right off Scott Stewart (0-1) and Durbin intentionally walked Ivan Rodriguez.

Detroit (11-7) didn't get its 11th win last year until May 23, when it was 11-35.

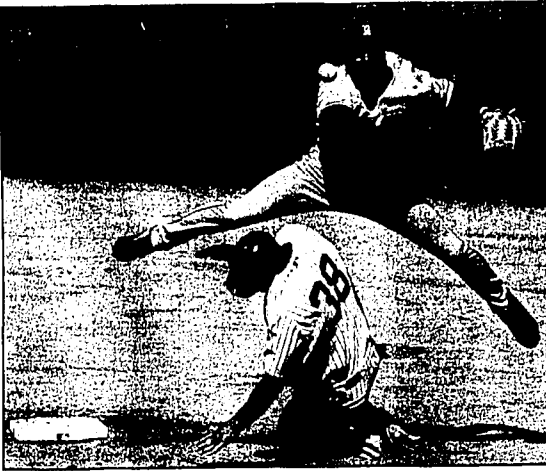
Ugueth Urbina (1-0) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the ninth.

Devils 4, White Sox 1
CHICAGO — Julio Lugo drove in two runs and Doug Waechter (1-0) allowed one run and four hits in six innings. Danny Baez got four outs for his second save.

Frank Thomas homered for the second straight day after missing three games because of a hamstring injury. With an eighth-inning walk, Thomas moved past Hank Aaron into 21st place on the career list with 1,403.

Frank Wright (0-3) gave up three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Angels 6, Athletics 3
OAKLAND, Calif. — Vladimir Guerrero hit his fifth homer of the season to help Kelvin Escobar recover from



Boston Red Sox shortstop Poky Reese forces out New York Yankee Travis Lee and makes the throw to first to put out Bernie Williams to end the seventh inning Saturday at New York's Yankee Stadium. The Red Sox won 3-2 in 12 innings.

a shaky start and got his first win for Anaheim.

Escobar (1-1) allowed three runs in five innings for the victory.

Four pitchers combined for four scoreless innings of relief to finish it, with Troy Percival getting his fourth save.

Mark Redman (1-1) gave up five runs and 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Eriberto Durazo made it 3-0 in the second inning with his first homer this season for Oakland.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 4, 12 Innings
BALTIMORE — Frank Catalanotto hit a debreaking single in the 12th inning, leading Toronto past Baltimore.

Chris Woodward led off the 12th by doubling off the left field wall against Mike DeJona (0-1). Catalanotto followed with

a single through the hole at shortstop.

Kerry Ligtenberg (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the Blue Jays, off to a franchise-worst 5-12 start.

Carlos Delgado and Kevin Cash homered for Toronto, which had lost six of seven. Delgado had a season-high four hits.

Miguel Tejada had three hits, including a homer, and two RBIs for the Orioles, who had won seven of eight.

Royals 10, Twins 1
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carlos Beltran homered and tripled on his 27th birthday to help Kansas City win for the second time in 10 games.

Beltran, tied for the American League lead with seven homers, hit a solo shot in the third inning off Seth Griesinger (0-1).

Shawn Camp (1-0), who re-

placed injured starter Darrell May in the fifth, worked 3 2-3 scoreless innings, allowing just two hits, to pick up his first major league victory.

Matt Stairs also homered for the Royals.

Rangers 3, Mariners 0
ARLINGTON, Texas — Hank Blalock hit a debreaking homer off Freddy Garcia (0-1) in the eighth, and the Rangers (10-8) moved two games over .500 for the first time since they were 30-28 on June 8, 2000.

Kevin Mench added a two-run double off Julio Mateo. Jay Powell (1-0) allowed one hit in two innings, and Jeff Nelson finished the seven-hitter against his former team for his first save.

Seattle, which has hit into 11 double plays over the past four games, lost its fourth straight.

Bullpen writes off Cleveland Indians

By Sheldon Ocker
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT — Who hired these guys? That will be the appropriate question if Scott Stewart and Jose Jimenez don't snap out of their horrid slumps.

General manager Mark Shapiro had little cash with which to bolster the Indians' bullpen over the winter. Instead of chasing high-profile relievers, Shapiro was forced to carefully target lesser pitchers who might have a higher upside than the cost of their one-year contracts.

Paying less reduced the risk of a negative impact on the Tribe's fragile budget. However, shopping for bargains — that is, trying to beat the system — is an invitation to make mistakes. Though there are numerous exceptions, baseball is a business in which general managers usually get what they pay for.

Stewart (\$850,000) and Jimenez (\$1,025,000) are supposed to anchor the bullpen behind David Riske, who also got off to a rocky start.

First a prediction: Riske will be fine. I'm guessing that his failure to do the job in his first few outings had more to do with concern about his newborn son's physical condition — now greatly improved — than a fundamental breakdown in his mechanics or the health of his arm.

That brings us to Stewart and Jimenez. It would be instructive to know how Shapiro and his lieutenants concluded that they were the best available relievers for the money.

Shapiro has said that he and his cohorts are baffled by Jimenez's sudden drop in velocity. Both farm director John Farrell and assistant general manager Chris Antonetti watched Jimenez throw fastballs 90-93 miles per hour in the Caribbean World Series.

Ever since he arrived at spring training, Jimenez's fastball has sat between 86 and 90. Jimenez's shrinking fastball might account for his vulnerability. No such clue exists with Stewart, and Tribe deep thinkers are at a loss to figure out why he has gotten almost nobody out.

Maybe one or both pitchers have lost it, or as Bill Belichick might say, they are victims of diminishing skills. If so, abundant Shapiro and his henchmen have seen that.

The Rockies made little or no effort to keep Jimenez, who last year was 2-10 with a 5.22 earned-run average and a 3.22 batting average against. The numbers sure didn't impress Tribe scouts. On the other hand, pitching in Colorado is a perilous occupation. It can also lead to serious misjudgments.

Cleveland procured Stewart from the Expos for two moderately talented minor-leaguers, Ryan Church and Malcor Luis. Neither of these players has been judged as a prime prospect, though both have a chance to play in the big leagues.

Major League Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr			
Boston	11	6	.647	-	7-3	W-2	5	5	52	00		
Minnesota	8	10	.444	3.5	2-6	L-1	3	4	56	00		
New York	8	10	.444	3.5	2-6	L-1	3	4	56	00		
Tampa Bay	7	9	.438	3.5	2-6	W-1	5	5	24	00		
Toronto	5	12	.298	6	3-7	W-1	1	1	44	00		
Central Division												
Minnesota	11	6	.647	-	7-3	W-2	5	5	52	00		
Detroit	11	6	.647	-	7-3	W-2	5	5	52	00		
Cleveland	10	7	.588	1	2-6	L-1	5	5	54	00		
Kansas City	6	10	.375	4.5	2-6	W-1	5	5	17	00		
Cleveland	6	12	.333	5.5	3-7	L-2	4	5	27	00		
West Division												
Anaheim	10	8	.556	-	2-5	W-3	4	5	63	00		
Oakland	10	8	.556	-	4-6	W-2	5	4	44	00		
Texas	10	8	.556	-	5-4	W-2	6	3	45	00		
Seattle	10	8	.556	-	4-5	L-4	4	6	26	00		
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
Florida	12	5	.706	-	2-6	W-1	6	6	63	00		
Atlanta	9	8	.529	3	2-6	L-1	6	3	35	00		
Philadelphia	7	11	.388	4.5	2-6	W-2	4	4	35	00		
Pittsburgh	7	11	.388	4.5	2-6	L-2	4	4	35	00		
Montreal	4	14	.222	8.5	2-9	L-3	1	1	37	00		
Central Division												
Chicago	11	6	.647	-	2-8	W-5	6	5	50	00		
Cincinnati	11	6	.647	-	6-4	W-3	6	3	59	00		
Houston	11	7	.611	-	2-6	W-2	4	4	35	00		
St. Louis	9	9	.500	2.5	5-6	L-2	3	7	62	00		
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438	3.5	2-6	L-4	2	5	54	00		
West Division												
Los Angeles	11	5	.688	-	7-3	W-1	5	2	63	00		
San Diego	9	8	.529	2.5	5-6	L-1	5	4	44	00		
Colorado	6	10	.375	4.5	2-6	L-2	4	4	36	00		
Arizona	6	10	.375	4.5	2-6	W-2	3	4	36	00		
San Francisco	6	11	.353	5.5	2-9	L-4	3	7	34	00		

AMERICAN LEAGUE												
Saturday's Games												
Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 2, 12 innings												
Detroit 7, Cleveland 2												
Tampa Bay 4, Chicago White Sox 1												
Anahem 6, Oakland 3												
Toronto 5, Baltimore 4, 12 innings												
Kansas City 10, Minnesota 1												
Texas 3, Seattle 0												
Sunday's Games												
Boston (Martinez 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 2-1), 11:05 a.m.												
Cleveland (Westbrook 0-1) at Detroit (Johnson 1-3), 11:05 a.m.												
Toronto (Hafley 1-3) at Baltimore (Fonson 2-0), 11:35 a.m.												
Seattle (Franklin 1-0) at Texas (Rogers 3-0), 12:05 p.m.												
Minnesota (Sava 2-0) at Kansas City (Anderson 1-0), 12:10 p.m.												
Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 3-3) at Chicago White Sox (Baviste 1-1), 1:05 p.m.												
Anahem (Ra. Ortiz 0-2) at Oakland (Harden 0-1), 2:05 p.m.												
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
Saturday's Games												
Philadelphia 7, Montreal 0												
Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 1												
Chicago Cubs 3, N.Y. Mets 0												
Houston 6, Colorado 5												
Detroit 7, Arizona 2												
Cincinnati 9, Pittsburgh 7												
San Diego at Arizona, late												
San Francisco at Los Angeles, late												
Sunday's Games												
Philadelphia (Felix 0-2) at Montreal (Day 1-1), 11:05 a.m.												
Cincinnati (Kovacs 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Kauf 1-0), 11:05 a.m.												
St. Louis (Suzpan 1-2) at Milwaukee (Kane 3-0), 12:05 p.m.												
N.Y. Mets (Lieber 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 2-1), 12:20 p.m.												
Houston (Miller 2-1) at Colorado (Kennedy 2-0), 1:05 p.m.												
San Francisco (Harrison 1-1) at Los Angeles (ishi 2-1), 2:10 p.m.												
San Diego (Montez 2-1) at Arizona (Shaw 0-2), 2:35 p.m.												
Atlanta (Thomson 1-1) at Florida (Wills 3-0), 6:05 p.m.												

Clemens reaches another milestone

DENVER — Roger Clemens tied Gaylord Perry for 15th place with his 314th win, improving to 4-0 for the second straight season with an 8-5 win over Colorado.

Clemens struck out seven to raise his career total to 4,125, third behind Nolan Ryan (5,714) and Steve Carlton (4,136). Clemens also hit a two-run single and is batting .333 (3-for-9) with three RBIs.

Jeff Fassero (0-1) gave up seven runs in three innings.

Octavio Dotel got his second save and Richard Hidalgo drove in three runs.

Phillies 7, Expos 0
MONTREAL — Randy Wolf homered, hit an RBI double and pitched a four-hitter for his seventh career shutout, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the Montreal Expos 7-0 Saturday.

Wolf (1-1), who pitched his 11th career complete game, hit his second major league homer in the seventh for a 6-0 lead, and added an RBI double in the ninth.

Tomohiko Ohka (0-4) allowed five runs — four earned — and 13 hits in six innings.

Montreal, off to a franchise-worst start at 4-14, was shut out for the fifth time and has scored two runs or fewer in 13 games. The Expos have 32 runs, the fourth-lowest total through 18 games in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Cubs 3, Mets 0
CHICAGO — Kerry Wood (3-1) struck out nine and allowed only four singles in seven innings, and Sammy Sosa batted him with a two-run homer for Chicago's season-high fifth straight win.

The Cubs allowed only four runs during the stretch, outscoring opponents 35-4.

The Mets lost for the seventh time in nine games, and have scored only 12 runs in their last eight games.

Ryne Yates (1-2) gave up three runs and seven hits in five innings.

LaTroy Hawkins got four outs for his first save of the year.

Brewers 3, Cardinals 1
MILWAUKEE — Chris Saenz allowed two hits over six innings to win his major league debut.

Saenz, a 22-year-old right-hander, struck out seven and walked three in the five-hit effort.

Dan Kolb, Milwaukee's fifth pitcher, had a perfect ninth for his fifth save in



Houston Astros shortstop Adam Everett, top, applies the tag to put out Colorado Rockies base runner Royce Clayton as he tries to steal second base in the first inning in Denver on Saturday.

five chances.

Woody Williams (0-2) allowed two runs and three hits in six innings, striking out five.

Marlins 7, Braves 4
MIAMI — Jeff Conine hit a two-run homer and Luis Castillo matched a career high with four hits to help Florida beat Atlanta for the first time in five tries this season.

Brad Penny (2-1) allowed two runs in six innings and led Ryan Dempster's franchise record of 42 victories. Armando Benitez pitched the ninth for his ninth save in nine chances this year.

Conine's first homer of the year came off Mike Hampton (0-2), who found himself behind 4-0 after facing six batters. Andrew Jones hit his fourth homer for Atlanta.

Reds 9, Pirates 7
PITTSBURGH — D'Angelo Jimenez, staying in the lineup despite a bad slump, homered and drove in three runs and the Cincinnati Reds rallied from four runs down

to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-7 Saturday night.

Jimenez was in a 1-for-29 slump before getting three hits and reaching base five times as the Reds beat the Pirates for the fourth time in five games. Cincinnati was 5-13 against Pittsburgh last season.

Cincinnati added two runs in the ninth, but not without a scare. Pinch-hitter Ryan Freel, squaring to bunt with two on and none in play, was struck on the left side of his face by a Jason Boyd fastball that ran inside.

Freel dropped to the ground, his helmet flying, and lay motionless for a minute or so. Finally, he got up after several minutes and was replaced by pinch-runner Javier Valentin.

Pirates starter Kris Benson (2-1) couldn't hold the 4-0 lead, allowing seven runs and 12 hits in five innings.

Reds starter Jimmy Haynes was lifted after seven of his nine batters got hits in a four-run first, but the Reds' bullpen was much more effective. Todd Van Poppel (1-0) followed with three shutout innings and contributed an RBI single before giving up two runs in the fifth.

Chills and thrills

— especially chills —

For the winner of North Pole Marathon

OAKTON, Va. (AP) — The winner of the North Pole Marathon has finally thawed out.

Well, maybe. "My thumb right here just went numb," said Sean Burch, rubbing his left thumb as he sat in the living room of his Virginia home. "It still feels like it's asleep, which is very strange. It came freezing up after Lap 2. I think I've got some nerve damage."

Two weeks ago, Burch was running his first marathon in windy, 25-degree-below-zero conditions, trying to keep his eyes from freezing shut. Wearing snowshoes and jumping over cracks in the Arctic Ocean ice, Burch won the third annual race that literally takes place on top of the world.

Burch topped a 15-runner field to win in three hours, 43 minutes and 17 seconds — more than 13 minutes ahead of second-place finisher, renowned British explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

"Marathons don't interest me," said the 33-year-old Burch, who runs his own fitness company. "But a marathon at the North Pole? Wow! OK, now you've got my attention. I'm definitely more into unique types of things."

Unique is certainly a word to describe the North Pole race, the only marathon run completely on water.

Contestants paid \$8,500 just to enter — Burch raised his money through sponsors and were taken to the race's camp site from Norway via a Russian cargo plane.

"That's probably one of the most scariest parts of the whole thing," Burch said. "I don't think the Russians are really too much on maintenance."

Two years ago, the first race was a solo effort by Irish runner Richard Donovan over the exact North Pole, but a whiteout forced him and his support team to move to a safer area so he could finish.

Donovan now organizes the race, and this year he based the marathon at a camp less than a degree of latitude from the North Pole. The runners arrived in the evening, and Burch was expecting to sleep in a heated tent and run the race the next afternoon.

Instead, Donovan set up the course and decided conditions were good to go. It wasn't cloudy. The wind wasn't too



Sean Burch, winner of the 2004 North Pole Marathon, at his home in Oakton, Va. Monday. Two weeks ago, Burch was running his first marathon in windy, below-zero conditions, trying to keep his eyes from freezing shut. Wearing snowshoes and jumping over cracks in the Arctic Ocean ice, Burch won the third annual race that literally takes place on the top of the world, the only marathon run completely on water. Burch is wearing the ice bag shoes, which are designed for icy surfaces, that he wore for the race.

bad. Everybody was pumped. So they ran the race under the midnight sun in the wee hours of April 10. Everyone was covered from head to toe to fight hypothermia, and Russian guards with shotguns stood watch for polar bears.

"It's a race where you venture into the unknown," Donovan said from his home in Ireland. "You're running on the ice. There's the thrill, the element of danger. People know they're doing something different."

With the race under way, the cold took its toll immediately. "Your goggles fog up. You take them off so you can see the course," Burch said. "The wind would start going through you, you start tearing up, then your eyes would start freezing together."

Burch found the course nice, eight hours around a loop, surprisingly hilly because of pressure ridges where ice floes had collided. He took the lead on the

fourth lap and often found himself out of sight of anyone or anything, a peaceful solitude except for the concern over what to do if he spotted a bear. Donovan said the chances of an attack are remote, but Burch kept an eye out nonetheless.

Then there were the disconcerting cracks in the ice. "Watch your step" took on a whole new meaning. "You can hear the rumble underneath as you step," said Burch, who is familiar with judging ice thickness from his experience climbing mountains. "Different steps create different sounds, so I could tell."

At the end of every lap, Burch ran into a heated tent for a minute or so to thaw out and rehydrate. Every runner took a break every lap — the conditions are just too brutal to run continuously — even though the official race clock was always running.

Some runners were trembling

from the cold and needed 10 minutes or longer to warm up after a lap.

Burch got a trophy but no prize money for his victory. He said he ran the race for the challenge and to show that his fitness program works. Coming off a knee injury, he did all his training in one month indoors on a treadmill, never coming close to running a marathon distance.

Otherwise, Burch is all about outdoor thrills. He climbed Mount Everest without a guide last year. He's more of a solo adventurer and motivator than a competitor, so running a marathon was somewhat out of character.

But this was such a thrill that it deserves a sequel. Donovan once ran a marathon in Antarctica, and Burch would like to do the same.

"I'm definitely going to do the South Pole," Burch said. "It might come down to me doing it by myself."

ACADEMIC REFORM

NCAA may seek swifter implementation of changes

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Colleges could face harsher penalties a year earlier than expected if the NCAA Board of Directors changes an academic reform proposal next week.

Under the provision passed unanimously Tuesday by the NCAA's Management Council, schools would face increased penalties beginning in fall 2006 for poor performance of the athletes in the classroom.

Speculation at the NCAA is that the penalty schedule could now be expedited. The board will vote April 29, and can amend the proposal without an additional vote.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the Board of Directors pushed up the penalties by a year," President Myles Hand told The Associated Press last week. "That could happen."

The Management Council approved the third part of the academic reform package Tuesday.

If unchanged, the NCAA would collect data about graduation rates and the academic progress of student-athletes this year and next year. A "cut" line would then be established in each sport, and schools that fall below the "cut" line would re-

ceive warning letters beginning in 2006-07, and consistently poor performing teams could begin losing scholarships in 2007-08.

The harshest penalties — the loss of postseason eligibility and money from NCAA tournaments — would be imposed in 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Beginning in 2005-06, teams that fall below the standard line and then have players who would have been academically ineligible leave school would lose that scholarship for one year. There is no limit on how many scholarships could be lost at one time, but schools could appeal the decision.

"I think there is some interest in trying to speed it up," David Berst, an NCAA vice president and the former director of enforcement, said Wednesday.

The Management Council also approved unanimously expanding the 5-8 rule, which limited basketball teams to signing no more than five recruits in any recruiting class, and no more than eight in two successive years. A team could retain a scholarship if it performs well in the classroom.

Kentucky Derby features unlikely cast of characters

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer



This year's Kentucky Derby on May 1 will feature a most unusual cast of characters.

And why not? After arguably the wackiest Derby prep season ever, not one 3-year-old has stepped forward to dominate the division. So when entries are taken in each sport days for next Saturday's race, a full field of 20 horses is a certainty, many of them uniquely distinctive.

Among this oddball collection of colts — so far, there's not a gelding or filly to be found — is 2-year-old Stand in his right eye (Pollard's Vision), another with partial vision in an eye (Imperialism) and another who recovered from a fractured skull (Smarty Jones).

For those who appreciate a catchy moniker, try the colt named for a tennis tournament (Wimbledon), or an Equibase charterer (The Cliff's Edge), or a 1920s jazz tune (Limchouse).

And then there are the amazing grays, three of 'em right now, trained by an intriguing group: Three-time Derby winner Bob Baffert has Wimbledon; 21-year-old Ketch Mulhall, trying to become the youngest trainer — and first female trainer — to win the Derby, conditions Imperialism; and Englishman Michael Dickinson has his first Derby horse in Tapit, winner of the Wood Memorial.

Value Plus, another gray, is doubtful but hasn't been ruled out. Preachinathebar, a gray son of Silver Charm, was pulled out Thursday by Baffert following a poor workout.

Only five grays have won the Derby, including Silver Charm in 1997 and Monarchos in 2001.

"It's wide open," Dickinson said. "Whoever wins is going to have to show improvement from the last time."

The buildup to this Derby will be quite different from last year. Empire Maker was the clear-cut favorite of prep victories in the Florida Derby and Wood Memorial, and drew most of the media attention in the week leading up to the race.

But as often is the case in America's greatest race, the favorite faltered. Last year, the unexpected winner was Funny Cide, the first gelding since 1929 and first New York bred to take the Derby. Since Spectacular Bid's victory in 1979, the only other Derby favorite to win was Faschati Pegasus in 2000.

The only thing that seems certain about the 125-mile Derby is that the odds are long. Wayne Lukas won't be there. The four-time Derby winner has saddled at least one starter in 22 of the past 23 Derbies.

Kentucky Derby hopeful Smarty Jones licks the boot of jockey Willie Miller before going to the Churchill Downs track for a workout Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

Two-time Derby winning trainer Nick Zito returns after a two-year absence and has the likely favorite in The Cliff's Edge. Named for Equibase chart caller Cliff Guilmann, "Cliffy" won the Blue Grass at Keeneland on April 10, and is 2-for-2 at Churchill Downs.

"He loves the track," Zito said. The trainer also will send out Birdstone, who finished a dual sixth in the Lane's End Stakes last month and missed the Blue Grass run fast and ran good at Churchill as a 2-year-old. We know he likes the track.

Bobby Frankel, who will saddle Master David in his quest for his first Derby win, says The Cliff's Edge is the horse to beat because he ran fast and ran good at Churchill as a 2-year-old. We know he likes the track.

Certainly not to be overlooked is Smarty Jones, who recovered from a skull fracture before he even raced. The Pennsylvania bred is trying to become the first unbeaten Kentucky Derby winner since Seattle Slew in 1977 — and secure a Kentucky Derby win.

Trainer John Servis doesn't seem overwhelmed with what's at stake as he prepares for his first Derby. "Oh, it's been great," Servis said before arriving at Churchill Downs, where his colt's every move will be monitored closely for the first time. "He's been a fun horse to train. He's been here and he races even better. It's been a blast."

About the bonus: "I don't even think about it," he said. "If this horse wins the Derby, I'm going to be ecstatic."

Life as a jockey

Documentary shows hardships

By Beth Harris
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — They hop on the backs of 1,100-pound thoroughbred horses for a 40-mile ride around a racetrack up to 10 times a day.

What jockeys go through to prepare for those rides is something rarely seen by the public. Many abuse their bodies trying to reach riding weights of 110 to 117 pounds.

The effects of the self-induced vomiting, lengthy sauna sessions and use of diuretics, laxatives and stimulants is shown in "Jockey," a 90-minute documentary airing Monday on HBO's "America Undercover" series.

Why make this film? "I had a hunch there was a dark side of racing that hadn't been exposed," director Kate Davis said.

The documentary follows the careers of jockeys Shane Sellers, Randy Romero and Chris Rosier, three Louisiana natives and friends who succumbed to the same damaging weight-loss habits.

Sellers will ride The Cliff's Edge in the Kentucky Derby on May 1; Romero, 46, is retired and awaiting kidney and liver transplants after years of bulimic and Rosier is planning a comeback after being injured in a racing accident.

Sellers spoke out in the hope racetracks will raise the minimum weights for jockeys, which vary, but maintain that kind of weight, and it's dangerously low," he told The Associated Press. "The majority of us have 2 percent to 3 percent body fat. Any doctor will tell you that under 5 percent body weight, you're doing permanent damage to your organs."

1. Filmed mostly in Kentucky in

2002, the documentary takes viewers into the private world of jockey rooms, where riders take desperate measures to reduce weight in time to ride.

No one is shown vomiting, but Sellers provides a look at the "heaving bowl" next to the toilet stalls at Churchill Downs.

"It sounds gross, and it is gross, but it's reality," Sellers says in the film.

He points out the room's 105-degree whirlpool and sauna, saying, "This is what I call a jail."

Sellers says other riders taught him how to loop, something he did routinely for 15 years. He has capped teeth because stomach acid ate the enamel off his own. Romero's teeth are false for the same reason.

Sill photos show Romero's extensive burns after he caught fire when a light bulb exploded in a sauna while he was smeared with alcohol and oil for maximum weight loss.

In the film, the seemingly skinny Rosier is told profanely to get into the sauna and lose weight before his next race.

"Eating is the hardest thing in the world to quit," he says in the documentary.

Since filming ended, Rosier found out he's diabetic, a condition his doctor said was likely caused by the stress of constant weight reduction.

When you have to get down to 114, 115 pounds every day that's when it really starts putting a stress on you," Rosier told the AP. "You're so worried out and tired. You tend to have mood swings."

The film also shows Romero's horrific accident in the 1990 Breeders' Cup Distaff, when his mount, Go For Wand, broke her front leg. Romero was thrown headfirst to the ground and the horse was later destroyed. The



Jockey Shane Sellers, left, riding The Cliff's Edge, beats Lion Heart by a half length for the win in the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes, in this April 10, file photo in Lexington, Ky. "Jockey," a 90-minute documentary debuting on HBO's "America Undercover" series, takes viewers into the private world of jockeys' rooms, where riders take desperate measures to reduce weight in time to ride. The show airs Monday.

jockey got up and rode later that day.

Rosier is seen in a similar accident that caused a concussion.

"Some of the footage that appears in the documentary might make the casual viewer at home wince," said Ketch Mulhall, senior vice president of marketing for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

HBO's decision to air the film in the week leading up to the Kentucky Derby isn't ideal for the NTRA, the sport's New York-based marketing arm. The group does not set jockey

weight limits. Those are determined by officials at individual tracks.

Chamblin took issue with the various replays of Romero's accident.

"We would have preferred that footage not be utilized, but nonetheless, the events did occur," he said. "There's no forsaking the fact that jockeys put their life on the line as many as 10 times a day when they climb on those horses."

Most jockeys don't like to talk about their weight-loss methods or dwell on the dangers of race riding.

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Boxers compete at Golden Gloves

POCATELLO — Three local boxers competed at the Rocky Mountain Regional Golden Gloves tournament of champions in Pocatello recently.

Jayce Carnell of Britt-Cam Boxing of Jerome, scored a unanimous decision over Gavin Cerino of Fort Hall in the 65-pound weight class.

Jesse Carnell, also of Jerome, pounded Jose Perez of St. Anthony for a unanimous decision in the 85-pound class.

Alex Navarette of Southern Idaho Boxing of Twin Falls, lost a split decision to Jerome Cerino of Fort Hall in the 90-pound class.

Anyone interested in joining either team can call Ron Carnell of Britt-Cam Boxing at 324-9496 or Jason Samangos of Southern Idaho Boxing at 308-1812.



From left to right, Alex Navarette; Jayce Carnell, center; and Jesse Carnell.



Colton Homer, Chantell Okelberry, Matt Braden stand with Mrs. Roundy wearing their medals at the McCall Special Olympics Idaho Winter Games.

Five from Gooding named rodeo all-stars

GOODING — The National High School Rodeo Association has selected five Gooding High School athletes as members of the prestigious Wrangler High School All-Star Team.

National High School Rodeo Association and Wrangler created the all-star team to recognize as many as 1,200 students from the United States and Canada for their leadership qualities, academic performance, and athletic achievement.

The all-star team is fashioned after the Wrangler Champion Pro Rodeo Team. "We are extremely proud to have this fine group of young athletes lead the Wrangler High School Rodeo Team," said Kari Stuessman, Wrangler special events manager. "Their impressive accomplishments will no doubt serve them well as representatives of the sport of rodeo in the coming year."

Selected were seniors Cliff Toone, Josh Danos, and Italy Eames, and juniors Malerie Born and Cady Coates. Toone is a national high school rodeo qualifier, and competes in bull riding and saddle bronc.

Danos competes in steer wrestling.

Eames and Coates are national high school rodeo qualifiers.

Born competes in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, and break away roping.

Coates also competes in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, break away roping, and team roping.

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Minico team takes three athletes to Special Olympics

RUPERT — The Minico Spuds Special Olympics team took a delegation of three athletes to the state games in McCall recently. The team competed hard in the competition then enjoyed exploring McCall and took a tour of the State Capitol building while in Boise.

Accompanying the team was assistant coach Alyssa Roundy, a freshman at Minico High.

Chantell Okelberry, daughter of Paula and Randy Okelberry, took bronze medals in the 50 and 100 meter snow shoe.

Chantell is a sophomore at Minico High School and her coach is Debbie Henschel.

Mat Braden, son of Chuck and Christie Braden took home two gold medals, one in the 100 meter and the other in the 400 meter snow shoe. The honors student is a seventh grader at East Minico and his coach is Debrah Roundy.

Colton Homer, son of Mary and Angie Homer, took two gold medals also. One was in the 100 meter snowshoe and the other in the 400 meter snowshoe. Colton is a sixth grader at East Minico. This is his first year to compete in Special Olympics. Colton is also on the honor roll at East. His coach is Debrah Roundy.

Rupert Country Club Ladies release results

RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club Ladies association held its spring brunch Saturday April 17. The ladies released the results from the golf tournament that followed.

1. Jennie Schow and Denise Allen; 2. Debi Hondo and Vikki Wood.

The Ladies Association will come to play every Friday at 10 a.m. at the country club. The Ladies Twilight Golf starts May 4 at 5:45 p.m.

Men's twilight golf at the Rupert Country Club begins May 9. To sign up go to the golf shop for call the club at (208) 436-9168.

Pleasant Valley League announces results

TWIN FALLS — Following are

the results from the Pleasant Valley Golf Course's men's league 2-man best ball tournament April 20 and 21.

April 20 results
 Bruce D. 1. (tie) Beaver and L. Razon 3/2. (tie) K. Nebeker and K. Knoce, 3/3. V. Tuberville and K. Utley 3/3.

Net — 1. (tie) D. Henderson and G. Hays 27/25, and D. L. Leck and S. Birkby, 3. (tie) S. Parks and J. Heath.

April 21 results
 D. Stout 3/5. 2. (tie) V. Tuberville and K. Utley 3/6, and G. Habel and M. Bohannan 3/6.

Net — 1. G. Hays and S.

Fisher 27; 2. S. Buck and B. Benefield 29; 3. L. Daw and R. Brewer 31.

Twin Falls Rapids U15 team opens strong

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls U15 boys soccer team beat the Blacksnake team 9-1 behind four goals by Fernando Garcia. Marko Bilal scored two. Jeff Jewell and Brett Bartlett each scored a goal.

Twin Falls then downed the dyssee 4-0 behind the defensive efforts of Colton Hoffman, Jeremy Beavacqua, David Danon, Adam Russell and Luis Nolasco. Nick Hoffman led the midfield.

Twin Falls tied the Pocatello Black team 1-all after Bilal knocked in a rebound. Nolasco's

header bounced off the crossbar.

Idaho Falls Ballistic edged Twin Falls 1-0 on a goal in the final five minutes.

Course holds Rock Chuck Classic May 1

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Golf Course will be holding its Rock Chuck Classic two-women best ball tournament Saturday May 1.

Golf begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

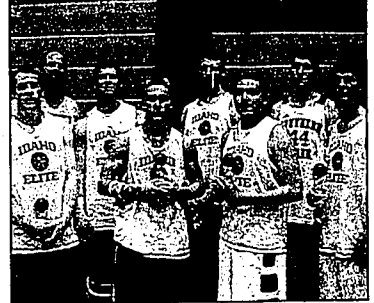
The entry fee is \$70 per team, plus cart fee.

Golfers can sign up at the Pro Shop — (208) 734-7669.

If you have any questions contact Robin at 734-7461 or Larie at 326-4217.

— compiled from staff reports

WINNING ELITE



The Idaho Elite team recently won two Idaho high school basketball tournaments held in Boise and Twin Falls. They beat the Hawks to receive first place in both tournaments. Pictured from left to right in the back row are coach Graydon Stanley, Luc Martin, Karl Pope, Jared Miller. In the front row is Robert Conser, Cory Albertson, David Deaton, and Graham Stanley. Not pictured is Travis Noble.

Magic Valley Marlin swim team competes in three meets

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Marlin swim team recently competed in three different swim meets in March, finishing with the YMCA Regional Championships in Boise, Idaho.

Swimmers must achieve qualifying times for Y Regional, a meet that includes teams from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska.

More than 25 swimmers from the Magic Valley Marlins qualified for the three-day event.

Leading the way for the Marlins was West Walton in the boys' 5-10-year division. Walton won the 50-yard backstroke and took second in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard IM, 50-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke. He also took third in the 100-yard butterfly.

The only other Marlin to win an event was Rupert's Michael Shea O'Donnell. She won the 100-yard IM and the 100-yard breaststroke. She also placed second in the 50-yard butterfly.

The Marlins placed sixth in the category out of 10 teams.

In all, 22 teams were represented at the six-site meet.

Marlin Michael Machala also did well, taking second in the 50-yard freestyle, 200-yard IM and 100-yard butterfly. His times were fast enough that he qualified for the YMCA National meet in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in

four different events.

The Marlins next meet will be the end of April in Boise, when they officially open their long course season.

Anyone interested in competing on the Magic Valley Marlin swim team can call Celeste Walz at 734-2336. She will take over head-coaching duties April 19. Walz was a three-time All-American at the University of North Dakota.

Results follow:

Boys' 5-10-year division

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Storms get Colorado soaking wet

DENVER (AP) — A spring storm dumped more than a foot of wet, heavy snow on the Colorado Rockies on Friday, shutting down schools, knocking out power and closing highways with rock slides and dangerous slush.

The storm dealt a one-two punch, with at least 16 inches of snow in the mountains and a soaking rain at lower elevations. Both fell on the heavily populated Front Range, including Denver, but the snow quickly melted in the rain.

Few complained, since Colorado has been mired in a years-long drought along with much of the West.

"We need the moisture so bad," said James Ken, manager of the Black Diamond Casino in Cripple Creek, which welcomed just two gamblers when it opened. "Even though we're going to lose some business out of this deal, I'm glad to see the moisture."

The power went out as Krawcheck spoke by telephone, leaving him in the dark. Scattered outages were reported around the state, including 2,000 Xcel Energy customers in the Alamosa area who lost electricity as temperatures dropped well below freezing after midnight.

Lori Beeler-Bonsall and her husband woke up to no power at their home in Mosca, north of Alamosa. The electric cord read 12.45 a.m.

"I went to bed with power and woke up without it," she said, crediting her "internal alarm clock" and animals with empty bellies for awakening the couple.

Beeler-Bonsall headed to her customer service job at an Alamosa motel, where she used one of the rooms to get ready for work.

"I came to work in my sweat pants, with my bed head, grabbed an empty room and got ready," she said by telephone from work. "I'm fortunate. Not everybody can go to work at their hotel."

The weather caused dozens of accidents. Interstate 25 was closed for about 12 hours at the Colorado-New Mexico line because of poor conditions and spinouts near 7,834-foot-high Raton Pass. U.S. Highway 550 at Red Mountain Pass in southwest Colorado, was closed by a rock slide covering 75 feet of road.

Rain was blamed for a two-car collision Thursday that killed four people near Sterling, 125 miles northwest of Denver. Most roads were wet Friday but not snowpacked, state transportation officials said.

Many school districts in the Colorado Springs area were closed after up to a foot of snow made driving too dangerous. In nearby Palmer Lake, Country Store clerk Laramie Voelker said business was off by about half.

"I can find work to do," she said. "There's just not very many people out because of the weather."

The highest snowfall amount reported at midday Friday was 16 inches near Nathrop, west of Colorado Springs. Other areas received a foot. 12 inches fell west of Boulder and the foothills west of Denver received 8 inches.

Singer enters alcohol rehab

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Jo Dee Messina is in an alcohol rehabilitation program in Utah, her manager confirmed Friday.

She checked herself into a facility near Sundance on Feb. 20, the same week it was reported that her engagement to road manager Don Mizzutti had ended, said Stuart Dill of Refuge Management Inc.

Messina completed a 30-day program and will continue as an outpatient through this month, Dill said. He expects her to be back in Nashville the beginning of May.



A group of bikers head back on the road after fueling up and taking a short rest Wednesday in Bakersfield, Calif. The group is part of the expected 60,000 motorcyclists heading to Laughlin, Nev., for the 22nd annual Laughlin River Run.

Police report few problems as bikers roll in for rally

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Thousands more motorcyclists rolled into Laughlin on Friday for a biker rally shadowed by a deadly brawl two years ago.

Police reported one serious crash in Arizona but few other problems as they braced for a full weekend of two-wheel second-and-been cruising in the Colorado River town about 100 miles south of Las Vegas.

"We're early in the rally yet," said Carrie Conner, police spokeswoman in nearby Bullhead City, Ariz.

"The highway is full of bikes. We expect to have a busy weekend."

Conner reported several crashes, including one that left a motorcyclist badly hurt Thursday on U.S. Highway 95.

Michael Seems, 46, of La Quinta, Calif., was flown by medical helicopter to University Medical Center in Las Vegas,

where he was reported in good condition, a hospital official said.

Conner said the Mohave County sheriff's office reported heavy motorcycle traffic Friday in Oatman, Ariz., a popular daytime destination southeast of Laughlin and Bullhead City.

Las Vegas police Sgt. Rick Barela reported few arrests during the first full night of cruising on Casino Drive in Laughlin.

"The weather's pleasant," he said. "It appears that everybody's enjoying themselves."

Rally organizers expected tens of thousands of motorcyclists to fill the town of 6,000 residents and 11,000 hotel rooms.

The rally has drawn 24,000 to 27,000 people the past two years, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Visitors this year were finding

police checkpoints on desert highways, and strict rules enforced by hundreds of uniformed and undercover law enforcers, Barela said.

He reported 22 arrests on the Nevada side of the river since Wednesday morning — mostly for misdemeanors, such as disorderly conduct and driving under the influence.

The 22nd annual Laughlin River Run comes less than a week after nine rival Hells Angels and Mongols gang members were indicted in Las Vegas on murder and other charges in a bloody brawl at the Harrah's Laughlin casino in 2002.

Three died and more than a dozen were hurt in the brawl, which also was cited in the indictment in December of 42 Hells Angels in five states on federal racketeering and firearms charges.

Drought warnings start early for Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Despite the green grass, blooms of recent rain, Gov. Olene Walker reminded residents last week that water levels remain dangerously low as the hot and dry months approach.

A solid snowpack in the mountains was sharply reduced by a warm, dry March and what's left on the mountains will not produce enough runoff to replenish the state's depleted reservoirs.

"It's not getting better. We're in critical condition. We need to start now to conserve," said Walker, who signed an executive order directing state agencies to begin water conservation efforts.

The need to conserve water comes up almost annually but usually not until it's deep into the summer months, when precipitation is sometimes rare in July or August.

Looking around the Salt Lake Valley, where it's still the green and lush of early spring, there appears to be no lack of water but conservation advocates say that is very misleading.

"I'm not sure the general public grasps that yet," said Carly Burton, executive director of the Utah Water Users Association.

There has been some much-needed rain the past few days in the valley. However, most of it is absorbed immediately by the soil, where moisture levels have

been drained by the drought. Topsoil is the first to refill, so getting the reserve levels back up will take much more than a handful of rain storms.

The state is asking consumers to use water only as needed and avoid watering during the hottest daytime hours. And with the cool temperatures of the past couple of weeks, Walker said residents can wait a week to begin watering their lawns.

"Turning off automatic sprinklers when it's raining would also help the conservation effort. The more water that is conserved, the more water that will be available when it's needed most in a few months."

"I think at some point we may have determine what the priorities are on the use of water," Walker said. "My hope is that by being smart in how we use water and conserving water, that we won't have to take the drastic steps that we would have to take."

Those, she said, would include municipalities started rationing efforts earlier than normal.

Burton said his organization represents water interests in the state, including agricultural, municipal and industrial. Businesses and cities have been dealing with shortened water supplies for years, but Burton would like to see citizens add to the effort.

Group wants beef limits

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A cattlemen's group asked a federal judge Friday to prevent the Agriculture Department from allowing expanded beef product imports from Canada.

R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America sought a temporary restraining order in the case from U.S. District Judge Richard Cebul. The judge did not immediately rule.

In its lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Billings, R-CALF USA contends a USDA decision permitting Canadian imports of "edible bovine meat products," including bone-in and ground

beef, "increases the risk to human health and creates an adverse effect on the cattle industry."

The lawsuit refers to a case of mad cow disease reported last year in Canada and another involving a "Canadian-born" cow in the United States last year. Canada announced in May that it had found an animal with mad cow on a farm in Alberta.

U.S. authorities discovered another sick animal in December. It had been shipped from Canada to a farm in Washington state.

San Francisco workers find lost Florida cat

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When workers at San Francisco's pound tracked down the owner of a newly arrived stray cat, they couldn't believe where they found her — in Bradenton, Fla., some 3,000 miles away.

Pamela Edwards had adopted black short-haired Cheyenne in the summer of 1997. Just a few months later, Cheyenne disappeared. Edwards put up flyers and ran ads in the local paper to try to locate the cat, but had no luck.

Earlier this month, she received a call from her local shelter. Cheyenne had been found in San Francisco.

"I figured, there's no way that my Cheyenne," Edwards said. "I told them, 'I had a cat named Cheyenne, but I've never lived in San Francisco.'" Cheyenne was dropped off

April 1 at Animal Care and Control on April 1 by someone who found her wandering down a street. When workers found out she had been lost in Florida seven years ago, they wondered if it was a joke.

"Maybe she came here on vacation because she wanted to see the wine country, and decided to stick around because it's not so muggy," said Deb Campbell, spokeswoman for Animal Care and Control. Animal officials think a former neighbor of Edwards' probably found the cat, decided to keep her and then moved to San Francisco.

They're trying to find a way to return Cheyenne, who is now 10 years old, to Edwards. The agency can't afford to ship her to Florida, so workers there have been searching for a traveler to carry her on a plane trip.

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HIGH KICK



Point Hope's Karl Frankson jumps to kick a ball hung 8 feet from the floor to tie the record in the two-foot high kick event of the Native Youth Olympics Friday in Anchorage, Alaska.

Some native youth eye bigger games

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Adolph Paul of Kipnuk had won the past two years, and he knew the competition would be gunning for him.

So the 17-year-old junior from the Lower Kuskokwim School District trained intensely for about two weeks for the Native Youth Olympics.

His event was the kneel jump, where kneeling athletes leap as far as they can to a standing position.

On Thursday, Paul jumped 65 1/4 inches, shattering the old record of 61 3/4 inches and winning the event for the third straight year.

"I can't tell my secret until I graduate. I have enough competition already," he said Friday.

Of the more than 400 students at the Native Youth Olympics, being held at the University of Anchorage Alaska through Saturday, many are competing in the traditional games for little more than bragging rights. But for a few students like Paul, the games are a chance to make names for themselves before the highly selective Team Alaska is chosen for the 2006 Arctic Winter Games.

The Arctic Winter Games are an athletic and cultural exchange between northern communities held every two years.

The Kenai Peninsula will host the event in March 2006, marking the fifth time the games have come to Alaska.

That gives Paul and other young hopefuls about two months to impress the selection committee through competitions such as the Native Youth Olympics and the World Eskimo Indian Olympics, which will be held in June.

"This is where they get introduced," said Nicole Johnson, this year's head judge.

An adult team of six men and six women and a junior team of the same makeup will be selected for the 2006 Alaska team, Johnson said.

Native athletes are on the lookout for young talent, and next year's World Eskimo Indian Olympics are likely to be seen as de facto tryouts for the team.

"It's a very high level of com-

petition," Johnson said. Tony Pushruk coaches a team from the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council near Palmer.

The team includes David Thomas, who won this year's high kick. He said Thomas has used the Native Youth Olympics each year to get better and better and will be ready to compete at a higher level.

"Now he makes it look effortless," Pushruk said. "I can tell kids how good they can be. I told this to David. I saw this potential."

The traditional games, with events names such as the seal hop and wrist carry, test strength and agility. They were developed by the ancestors of today's Alaska Natives to hone their Arctic survival skills.

The top events are the one- and two-foot high kicks, where an athlete attempts to kick a small ball hanging high in the air and land on his or her feet.

The two-foot high kick is Johnson's specialty. Her record 75-inch leap in the 1987 Native Youth Olympics still stands.

"It's important that these games are passed on from generation to generation," Johnson said.

"These games were used to survive without amenities and conveniences. You couldn't just go to the store and pick up a pound of meat."

More than 50 schools from across Alaska are represented in this year's Native Youth Olympics, said Kristi Holmes, spokeswoman for games organizer Cook Inlet Tribal Council. All the students are between 14 and 17, and up to 20 percent are non-Native.

For most of the student athletes, the games are about reconnecting with their heritage. Brian Carl, an 18-year-old from Kipnuk, said he begins preparing for the games in March, immediately after basketball season.

His event is the one-hand reach, where he must touch a hanging ball with one hand while balancing his whole body on the other hand.

"We represent our ancestors," Carl said. "It doesn't come from the mind. Our heart tells us what to do."

Owner takes Alaskan food south

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — As ever more national eateries work their way north to Alaska, businessman Andy Moussouras is taking halibut, smoked salmon and reindeer sausage south in sandwiches.

Alaska's Gourmet Subs beat out competitors such as Subway to win a contract from the Washington State Ferries system to serve sandwiches, pizza and pasta on Seattle's Colman Dock for up to 10 years, a ferry spokesman said.

This will be store No. 2 in Moussouras' plans to open 1,000 Alaska's Gourmet Subs.

The master plan is to start an Alaska company that exports the Alaska product: the halibut, the salmon, the reindeer sausage," said Moussouras, 45.

He said he switched to subs from real estate development in 1998, opening his first Alaska's Gourmet Subs shop in downtown Anchorage in January 2002.

"It's taken us two years to get where we are today," Moussouras said. "It'll probably take three years in Seattle to do the same thing."

The ferry system should have space ready for the sub shop and four other vendors on Seattle's main dock in September, Moussouras said, for a



Andy Moussouras displays one of his smoked salmon sub sandwiches outside his Alaska's Gourmet Subs shop in Anchorage, Alaska, Thursday.

fall opening. His bid was attractive because he projected making more money than Subway did (\$800,000 to \$1 million a year), offered Washington a higher fee (12 percent) and, ferry business development manager Brian Volkert said, "he offered himself."

Moussouras said he plans to sell his Anchorage shop to someone who will continue to operate it. He'll move with his wife and two school-age children to Seattle.

That fit with the ferry system's recent shift from one huge ven-

dor to many smaller ones. All the dock vendors except Moussouras are local, Volkert said, and Alaska's Gourmet Subs fits well with the mix.

"I think the reindeer sausage and halibut subs will go over very well," he said.

While he settles in on Colman Dock, serving the 9.6 million travelers and commuters who pass through every year, Moussouras also hopes to open eight to 13 more stores. That three-year expansion should build the \$6 million to \$10 million in net worth the company needs to go public, he said.

"In order for us to get to Wall Street," Moussouras said, his business plan calls for 10 to 15 stores, most outside of Alaska. "The fastest way to do that is not stay in Anchorage."

The buyer of his Anchorage store must open a second in South Anchorage, though; Moussouras said he is negotiating with someone now.

"It's realistic to have a vision of 1,000 stores," he said. "Quizno's started with 18 stores in 1991, and now they have 2,500" — including eight in Alaska.

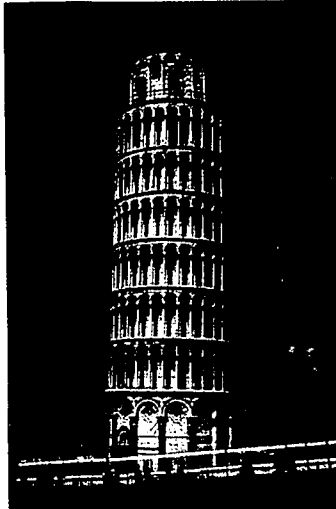
As Moussouras heads outside against the franchise flow, Alaska products are going along.

"We're going to fight back," said Greg Giannulis, owner of Mike's Meats. Giannulis has been supplying Moussouras with meat from the beginning and now is joining Moussouras as a partner in the Seattle store.

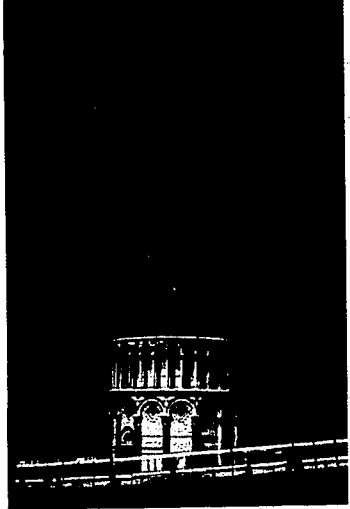
Giannulis said he'll be shipping smoked salmon, halibut and reindeer sausage to the Seattle shop.

Moussouras said that he plans to freeze and ship the breads that Anchorage bakery Crazy Croissant French Bakery & Cafe makes exclusively for Alaska's Gourmet Subs, copying the Quizno's model.

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PROGRESS REPORT

These articles first appeared in the May edition of Southern Idaho Business, a business-to-business publication of *The Times-News*. We are reprinting them here to ensure all *Times-News* readers have a chance to benefit.

Southern Idaho Business is distributed monthly to business owners and managers throughout the Magic Valley.

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BRIGHT FUTURE



Mark Villa, right, a student in the College of Southern Idaho's metals manufacturing class, adjusts the controls on a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) mill while instructor Ken Gould, center, and fellow student Jim Ridgway watch during a recent class.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Web site answers queries on benefits

TWIN FALLS—A free and confidential Web site at www.GovBenefits.gov helps people find out which government-funded benefit and assistance programs they may qualify for, the U.S. Department of Labor said.

GovBenefits.gov has simplified more than 500 federal and state benefit programs into a brief on-line questionnaire that any citizen, relative or caregiver can use to determine which government benefit programs they may be eligible to receive.

GovBenefits.gov includes information on a variety of benefit and assistance programs for veterans, seniors, students, teachers, children, people with disabilities, dependents, disaster victims, farmers, caregivers, job seekers, prospective homeowners and more.

The Department of Labor said it and other agencies have taken dramatic steps over the past 12 months to increase the visibility and effectiveness of the Web site, to include the debut of GovBenefits.gov in Spanish and expanded state program information.

The department suggests visiting the site regularly, particularly when life events occur—applying for college, seeking health care information or nutrition services, property damage following a storm or other disaster, retirement, starting a business—that could make you eligible for assistance programs.

Medical assistants gather on Wednesday

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Medical Assistants will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Medical Services, Suite 110 (Dr. DeWeg's office).

Kurt Heffner, owner of Kurt's Pharmacy and medical terminology and bio-ethics for health professionals instructor at the College of Southern Idaho, will be the speaker. His topic is "Poly Pharmacy, Drug Interactions, OTC/Herbal Medicines."

Accounting group offers series of classes

TWIN FALLS—The Accounting Continuing Professional Education Network is offering a series of classes via live satellite broadcasts at the College of Southern Idaho.

Scheduled classes are "Business Fraud Detection Techniques for Prevention and Detection" on May 19, "Guide to Funding College and Retirement in a Tax-Efficient Way" on June 16, "Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update" on July 21, "Tax Controversy Toolkit" on Aug. 18, "Accounting and Auditing Update" on Sept. 22, "Financial Planning Issues and Tactics in Today's Economy" on Oct. 20, "Effective Tax and Retirement Planning for Small Businesses, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies" on Nov. 17, "Annual Tax Update" on Dec. 8 and "Effective Controllability Skills" on Jan. 12.

All classes start promptly at 8 a.m. Participants should arrive in time to find parking (which is free at CSI) and the classroom. Classroom information will be provided upon registration. Participants are encouraged to bring cell phones to enhance interactivity with the ACPEP panel.

Cost is \$175 for members and \$250 for nonmembers if registered at least two weeks before a class. The full fee is \$200 for members and \$275 for nonmembers. To register or for information, call (800) 388-5635.

ACPEP broadcasts also are available via webcast, with streaming video delivered direct to a personal computer. To register, visit the Web site at www.cpe.com/acpep/.

— compiled from staff reports

Companies find haven for precision metals in Magic Valley

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

FOOD PROCESSING & MANUFACTURING
PROGRESS REPORT

Training makes the valley attractive

TWIN FALLS—The outsourcing of manufacturing and high-technology jobs by American companies to foreign countries is a hot-button issue among economists and American workers. But as economists debate the effects of outsourcing on the American labor force, a number of manufacturing jobs are staying right here in Magic Valley. And with the addition of a precision metal manufacturer to Twin Falls, that number will grow soon and could benefit smaller Magic Valley manufacturers, too.

The upcoming arrival of Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp. in Twin Falls, combined with the presence of precision metal parts maker Seasstrom Manufacturing, establishes a "critical mass" of metal manufacturers, said Jan Rogers, executive director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

That cluster could put Magic Valley on the radar of other manufacturers looking to relocate their operations here, Rogers said.

Hydro Fitting, which produces high-precision hydraulic valves and fittings for the aerospace industry and the U.S. military, is in the process of relocating from Covina, Calif., and is slated to begin operations in September, said Dave McAlindin, executive director of the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency. Seasstrom relocated its operations from Glendale, Calif., to Twin Falls in 1994.

Both Seasstrom's and Hydro Fitting's operations depend on the use of computer numerical control machines, known as CNCs, which workers need specialized training in order to operate.

That training is available now in Magic Valley through the College of Southern Idaho's new Machining Technology program.

Precision metal manufacturing companies are drawn to relocate to areas of the country with pools of trained workers ready to hire, said DeVere Burton,

CSI's instructional dean. Developing the program was a crucial step in recruiting Hydro Fitting to come to Twin Falls, he said.

"When you have a training program up and running, it's a signal to people in other parts of the country," Burton said. "It shows that there is a trained and qualified work force here."

The program is composed of six-week evening courses teaching basic through advanced machining technology using CNC lathes provided in part by Seasstrom and Hydro Fitting. The college course is held at Twin Falls High School and will be extended in the future to train high school students, Burton said. About 25 students are enrolled in the program, said Ken Gould, a program instructor. Gould is also plant manager at Waymont Manufacturing of Filer, a small machine shop that specializes in making precision metal parts and instruments using CNC technology.

Smaller shops could benefit

Magic Valley has a number of smaller machine shops like Waymont Manu-

facturing that typically employ less than 10 workers. The training program spawned from the arrival of Seasstrom and Hydro Fitting has benefited the smaller shops by enlarging the pool of prospective workers, Gould said.

"There aren't enough CNC-skilled operators in this area," Gould said. "Waymont Manufacturing has had to train every one of our employees we have now. Now that there's a training program available, we can find qualified workers we don't have to train."

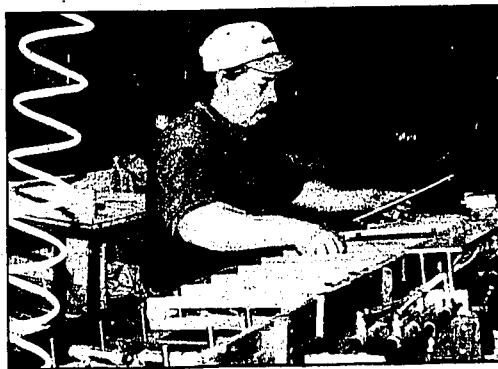
Burton said he has been surprised at the level of interest that local machine shop workers and owners have taken in the CSI training program.

"They have the opportunity to expand the amount of work they can do," Burton said. "We've had a steady stream of business owners coming down to see if they can use the class for training."

Smaller machine shops could also benefit from taking on overflow work and referrals from the larger companies, Gould said.

"If someone came into (Seasstrom or Hydro Fitting) and wanted a part that couldn't be done by them, I'm sure it wouldn't be done by them," Johnson said.

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Benjamin Leon assembles a wine rack at A-1 Booth Manufacturing southeast of Burley. A-1, one of many manufacturing businesses in Magic Valley, produces restaurant furniture and wine racks.

Small Magic Valley processors do big things

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY—Smaller Magic Valley manufacturers are doing big things these days.

For example, two crews from A-1 Booth Manufacturing in Burley traveled to Maryland in March to remodel a restaurant there. The company remodels restaurants all over the world using furniture they manufacture at their plant southeast of Burley.

All of the furniture for the Maryland restaurant was made at the A-1 crews then flew out to Maryland, where they assembled and installed the furniture.

Richard and Robert Silcock originally opened A-1 as an upholstery shop in 1976 with about four em-

ployees, said co-owner Wayne Johnson. The company has since grown to a manufacturing facility with 35 to 40 employees, he said.

"Most of the growth has occurred over the last five to six years," Johnson said.

Two employees were added about four months ago when the company purchased a California wine rack business, he said. A-1 operations now include making wine racks for upscale customers—mostly California homeowners.

"One home we sold to had a million dollars worth of wine," Johnson said.

Other smaller manufacturers located throughout Magic Valley make products ranging from dome awnings to foam fish boxes.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Dale L. Riedesel

TWIN FALLS — Dale L. Riedesel received the Idaho Excellence in Engineering Award. His selection was made by consensus of the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers. The peer-nominated honor recognizes a significant engineering accomplishment and professional engineering society contribution.

Riedesel is a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor in Idaho and president of Riedesel Associates in Twin Falls. His expertise in projects involves airports, highways (streets) and land and site development. Riedesel has been a consulting engineer for over 2 1/2 decades.

Riedesel has been involved in professional organizations throughout his career. He has held offices at the chapter and state levels of the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers, including state president and national director, and is a fellow member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is also a member of the Idaho Association of Professional Land Surveyors, the Idaho Airport Association, the Idaho Association of Highway and Road Districts and the American Association of Airport Executives.

David R. Stoecklein

KETCHUM — Photographer David R. Stoecklein photographed the people, livestock and lifestyle of 27 ranches from British Columbia to southern Arizona for the new book "Dude Ranches of the American West."

According to Stoecklein, each ranch is a reflection of the family that owns it, and the ranches offer vacations for anyone wishing to return to the basics in life.

Stoecklein said in a statement: "Dude ranching is much more than a business; it is a lifestyle, chosen by individuals who find their reward in sharing their home and the bounty of nature that surrounds them. This book will spark a new fascination with the West and its unique brand of hospitality."

Stoecklein's photography has been featured in museums. This is the 20th volume in his series of photographic anthologies of the West.

"Dude Ranches of the American West" (950, Stoecklein Publishing), 320 pages with black-and-white and color photos, is available in bookstores, online at www.drphoto.net or by calling 1-800-727-5191.

Phil Helmer

BURLEY — Burley Fire Chief Phil Helmer is retiring from the Burley Fire Department after 40 years of service. He will be honored at an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley Fire Department, 1235 Miller Ave.

Gary Van Engelen

TWIN FALLS — Gary "Vano" Van Engelen announced his return to the golfing industry after 1 1/2 years at other endeavors.

of the State Bar of Texas recognized attorney Edward D. Hellewell as a member of the college during its annual awards luncheon March 27 in Dallas.

The college is an honorary society of lawyers who try to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels by attending a large number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the required minimum.

Hellewell was raised in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School. He received a bachelor's degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and his law degree at Texas Tech. He is the son of S. Doyle Hellewell of Filer and the late Dale Hellewell.

Ron Supp

ELKO, Nev. — Elko County sheriff's detective Ron Supp, a former Buhl officer, became the department's new patrol lieutenant April 1.

"It's been with us a long time," said Elko County Sheriff Neil Harris. "He's got some skills and you can see by his background that he's a local boy."

Supp was raised in Wells, N.M., and attended Wells High School, then served in the U.S. Navy from 1974 to 1979. He worked with the Buhl police department from 1979 to 1982 and has been in Elko since 1982, serving first with the Elko police department, then as a sheriff's deputy and sheriff's detective. He was assigned to the Juvenile Crimes Task Force in 1997.

Jewelers

TWIN FALLS — Jensen Jewelers said two employees have graduated from training programs and received certification.

Melissa Beck of Jensen Ringmakers and Gallery graduated from the Certified Professional Jeweler and Master Jewelry Salesman programs.

Robert Roberts of Jensen Ringmakers graduated from the Master Jewelry Salesman program.

The Master Jewelry Salesman program is an eight-week course in fulfilling customer needs in diamonds, genuine stones, watches and jewelry making and repair. The Certified Professional Jeweler program is an 11-week course in diamonds, genuine stones, watches and jewelry making.

Kevin Hamblin

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Kevin Hamblin, a local dentist, will attend the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's 20th Annual Scientific Session in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Debbie Hetherington

TWIN FALLS — Debbie Hetherington was honored at the annual Chamber Success Breakfast as a nominee for Chamber Person of the Year for her community and professional involvement. Hetherington also was named Agent of the Year for Idaho for Regencies Life Insurance Co. at its annual sales conference. She has been with Premier Insurance since 1986.

MILESTONES

T.F. tanning salon adds new beds

TWIN FALLS — Campus Tanning Salon, owned by Tom Lerrh, added new SunVision Pro tanning beds.

Customers now can bring their own music compact discs — or listen to radio stations of their choice — while using the new equipment.

The business also introduced a "total health spa" sweatless sauna and oxygenating massager with infrared energy which Campus Tanning recommends for toxin removal, swelling, inflammation, blood circulation, tissue regeneration, skin complexion, cancer therapy, weight loss, muscular pain and spinal alignment.

The business still offer massages and home saunas.

Campus Tanning is at 563 Fillmore St. and can be reached at 733-3712.

Pre-receives asthma firm-clinical report

TWIN FALLS — Medical Discoveries Inc. announced receipt of its second in a series of pre-clinical reports from Dr. Emil Chi, chairman of the Department of Histopathology at the University of Washington Medical School. This trial, one of several studies on models of disease which mimic human disease, focused on the company's MDI-P as a potential therapeutic agent for treatment of asthma symptoms.

"In the late 1990s, Dr. Chi developed a now-standard mouse model to assess asthma therapeutic agents for efficacy and toxicity. This model is believed to have at least an 80 percent predictive value of results in humans," MDI said in a statement.

In the study, 36 female mice were examined in a chronic asthma model, using various doses of MDI-P as a therapeutic agent as measured against saline control.

More than 70 percent of the MDI-P treated mice exhibited no increase in mucus secretions, comparable with saline control animals, with a marked reduction in eosinophil infiltration, the company said. Untreated asthmatic mice, in contrast, had more than a nine-fold increase in mucus build-up as compared with saline control.

Further, no toxicity was found in the MDI-P treated mice.

MDI's president and chief executive, Judy Robinson of Twin Falls, said: "To the best of our knowledge of other published studies in the field, mucus plugs in the same mouse model, there is no product on the market or soon to be released from pharmaceutical pipelines which accomplishes a similar clearing of mucus plugs in the majority of treated chronic asthmatic mice. From this test, we speculate that MDI-P may prove to be a very beneficial agent exhibiting minimal toxicity for addressing asthma attacks."

Boise Office Solutions gains finalist position

TWIN FALLS — Boise Office Solutions, with an OfficeMax store in Twin Falls, said it was named a finalist in the Best Customer Service Team category in the second annual American Business Awards.

Hailed as "the business world's own Oscars" by the New York Post, the awards are a national program honoring great performances in the workplace.

Winners will be announced May 10 in New York City. The ceremonies will be videotaped live on the Internet and broadcast nationwide on radio by the Business TalkRadio Network.

More than 800 nominations from companies of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted for consideration in more than 40 categories. Boise Office Solutions said it was selected as a finalist in the Best Customer Service Team category based upon its nomination regarding the company's services that have helped it attract and retain customers.

"Boise Office Solutions is committed to providing world-class service and tools to help customers streamline and gain greater control of their office products purchases," said Chris Milliken, assistant president and CEO of Boise Office Solutions and its retail arm, OfficeMax.

Different way to donate

In giving to charity, some boomers do more than just write out a check

NEW YORK (AP) — While they may not have \$26 billion to sock away into a foundation like Bill Gates, many of the young baby boomers won't settle for just writing checks to their favorite charities.

With the first wave of boomers nearing retirement, and many starting to receive inheritances from their parents, a growing number are establishing family foundations, some with endowments as small as \$100,000 or \$50,000.

Many with even less to work with, but still philanthropically inclined, are setting up "virtual" foundations — opening accounts with community-based foundations and donor-advised funds that allow the individual to decide when, where and how much to contribute.

But whether or not they choose such vehicles or just donate directly to charities, experts say the increasing popularity of giving fits well with the generation's approach to career, family and personal fulfillment.

Compared with their parents, boomers are "supporting different types of charities. They tend to go for things more local or more hands-on," said Stacy Palmer, editor of The Chronicle of Philanthropy. "They care about things in their community and things they can have a direct involvement with."

Carlyn Giles, for example, contributes to a wide array of causes near her home in the New York City suburb of Rockland County: her church, a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity and United Hospice, two police departments and a fire department.

"This is where I live," said Giles, 54, who works in regulatory affairs for a drug company. "I try to do as much as I can locally."

The specific trends in boomer giving can be hard to pin down statistically because most of the data collected about philanthropy is not broken down by age groups.

Sid, many observers see the tide of boomers donations rising with a vast wealth transfer from their parents. According to one widely quoted study by the Social Welfare Research Institute at Boston College, boomers are due to receive a collective inheritance of at least \$7.2 trillion.

That shift may help explain the strong growth of family foundations in recent years.

According to a report last month by The Foundation Center, there were nearly 30,000 family-directed charitable foundations at the end of 2002, an increase of 61 percent from 1998.

Notably, 38 percent of those family foundations had less than \$250,000 in assets, and nearly two-thirds had less than \$1 million in assets, the report found.

"Many of the older boomers are at a stage in their lives where they have passed the immediate pressures of (career building) and raising kids to step back and say, 'What do I want to do with my time and resources?'" said Melissa Berman, chief executive at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, a nonprofit organization that provides planning and operational assistance for family foundations and other charitable endeavors.

Part of the increasing popularity of community-based foundations and donor funds offered by mutual fund purveyors such as Fidelity Investments and Vanguard offer further indication of rising boomer activity.

There are now more than 650 community foundations, according to The Council on Foundations. These localized pools, which took in \$3.2 billion in gifts during 2002, enable donors to designate local causes for grants from their accounts.

Fidelity says 27.3 percent of the contributions from its Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund in fiscal 2001-2002 were designated for "community/human services," while another 22 percent went to education.

Part of the appeal of such funds is the ability to let would-be philanthropists start small. The Fidelity fund, which has built a base of 30,000 donors since its founding in 1992, requires a minimum initial contribution of \$10,000 and allows donors to make grants of as little as \$250.

In addition, with hundreds of thousands of charities to choose from, these funds may satiate a more discerning boomer approach to giving.

"A benevolent sounding name and some tragic photographs simply isn't enough any more," said Trent Stamp, executive director of CharityNavigator.org, a Web site that provides information on 2,800 charities, grading each on different financial criteria.

"The boomers, like they have done with all of their consumer choices, have begun to research their charities — and want to know what the charities have done, and will do, with their money."

CONTRIBUTION ON TARGET



Sportman's Warehouse donated three MacKenzie Mile Deer targets to the Magic Valley Bowhunters. The donation is valued at about \$700. The targets will be used for 3-D shoots put on by the Bowhunters on May 2-2 at Niagara Springs and July 3-4 at Magic Mountain. Pictured are, from Sportman's Warehouse, John Howard, left, and Kevin Rambo, right; and Georgia Watson, center, for Bowhunters.

IRS answers more calls, gets more questions wrong

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service answered more telephone calls — and erred more often — when answering questions about tax laws in the weeks leading up to the April 15 filing deadline.

IRS Commissioner Mark Everson told the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the agency's budget that IRS employees' tax law knowledge slipped slightly this year. A quality review showed agents made errors when they did inadequate research and misapplied tax laws, Everson said.

IRS spokesman Terry Lemons said the accuracy of tax law guidance dropped quite a bit early this year when officials rewrite the scripts that agents use to interview taxpayers when they call the IRS with questions. The scripts were changed, and the accuracy rate started to climb, Lemons said.

By the end of March, the tax agency answered 62 percent of the tax law questions accurately, about 1 percentage point less than last year. Earlier in the year, the accuracy rate had been as much as 5 percentage points below last year.

The IRS answered 85 percent of phone calls that came in this spring. Agents answered about 577,000 more calls than during the same time last year.

The IRS also improved its record when answering questions about taxpayers' personal accounts.

Everson said the IRS plans to improve its track record in tax law by establishing teams to watch for problems and set priorities to address them. The agency wants to make managers more accountable for improving services.

A 1998 law reorganized the agency and instructed it to improve customer service to taxpayers.

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Cheese processors stay busy

High demand may lead to more dairies, processors in M.V.

By Sandra Wiscaver
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Magic Valley cheese producers are enjoying higher market cheese prices and they're having a tough time keeping up with demand. But that demand may lead to the future development of more dairies and cheese processors in Magic Valley.

Company officials attribute the situation to an overall decrease in the milk supply, as well as recent denials for additional wastewater projects for two local cheese plants.

Company officials are being rationed right now, and that's happening all across the country," said Glanbia Foods Chief Operations Officer Jeff Williams. "This is a record. Cheese has never ever hit \$2 before on the wholesale level. It's a sign the economy is improving and that the milk supply is going to be tight."

Glanbia Foods is close to reaching an agreement with neighboring property owners for wastewater disposal on 530 acres in Gooding County, Williams said. Glanbia's com-

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promise is to construct a wastewater treatment plant for processing of the water before it is applied to the ground. The plant would be built by November 2005.

Jerome Cheese may appeal a recent Gooding County commissioners' denial to pipe wastewater to Gooding County, but that decision has not yet been made, said Mark Davis, company president.

Davis says the commissioners' denial was "a backwards decision."

"We don't think good science was involved in the decision," Davis said. "It was political. What's so ironic about the decision is that the project would have returned water to the aquifer — water that is badly needed."

Jerome Cheese is looking at its options and will expand if milk supply and cheese demand warrants making more cheese, Davis said.

"We always respond to production changes," he said. "Over the years, we have enlarged the plant several times to process the milk produced by the dairy farmers. From our perspective, the economy has turned around. There is in-

creased investment and demand."

Fewer cows and a reduction in the hormone supplement that makes cows produce more milk are contributing factors to this decline in milk supplies.

Closing the U.S. border to Canadian cattle, due to an incident of bovine spongiform encephalopathy has created a shortage of heifers. Reduced cow numbers are also, in part, a result of the Cooperatives Working Together program, established by the National Milk Producers Federation. One part of the program works to retire entire herds of milk cows to tighten up milk supplies and ultimately raise milk prices.

"There's just a general shortage of heifers," Williams said. "Feed costs are going through the roof, along with all other commodities. Fuel prices are high. It's just going to cost a lot more to run a dairy, and there is a nervousness by cheese buyers that they are going to continue to be shorted."

The situation on the retail end may fall off somewhat when the higher wholesale prices hit the market, Williams said. But overall, the industry seems to be benefiting from high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets, such as the Atkins diet.

And market demand could

plant the seed for growth in dairy cow numbers in the Mini-Cassia area.

More cows in the Mini-Cassia area would be a natural extension of the dairy industry, said Jan Rogers, executive director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

"Mini-Cassia is trying to attract additional dairies," Rogers said. "But I don't think there is enough milk in the area to add another processor at this time."

SEIDO is in the early stages of marketing plans to bring in more dairies to the Mini-Cassia area. Once the cows are there, the supply of milk could make Mini-Cassia look very attractive to cheese processors, Rogers said.

"This region is the number-one beef and dairy region in the state," Rogers said. "The dairy industry certainly hasn't peaked in Mini-Cassia."

The Mini-Cassia area is currently one of the few areas that could take on another food processor right now. While wastewater systems are close or near capacity, the J.R. Simplot potato processing plant in Heyburn — recently donated by the company to the city of Butley — is equipped with an industrial food-waste system on-site, Rogers said.

"It's ready to go and it has a huge capacity," she said.



Bluegrass seed growers Wanda and Wade McLean of Rathdrum are caught up in more than one lawsuit over burning grass stubble. The couple, along with other North Idaho grass growers, are being sued by their insurer — Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

Lawsuit drives wedge between FB, growers

TWIN FALLS — What was first called a "friendly" lawsuit by Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. against a handful of North Idaho grass seed growers has elevated to anything-but-friendly appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Farm Bureau is appealing a ruling that held it liable for defending its clients — the grass growers — in a class-action lawsuit over the burning of grass stubble. Plaintiffs in the class-action suit, which is ongoing, are seeking damages based on health concerns, nuisance and trespass related to smoke.

In November, Farm Bureau filed suit against the growers, requesting a declaratory judgment. The farmers counter-sued, adding the insurance company's board of directors and the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation to the suit. Both were later dropped from the suit.

In the meantime, Farm Bureau Mutual also opted not to renew the insurance policies of those farmers — all Farm Bureau Federation members, some of whom had done business with Farm Bureau Mutual for decades.

Lynn Steadman a Raft River grower and FB Federation vice president, said the insurance company doesn't believe it's liable in the burning case. The company also has an obligation to look out for the interests of all its clients, not just these grass growers, he said.

Hearing will decide burn-law constitutionality

A hearing has been set to determine whether Idaho's burn law, HB391, is constitutional as it applies to the class-action lawsuit of Lawrence "Bud" Moon vs. North Idaho Farmers Association. That case led to Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.'s lawsuit against growers, and now the appeal. Farm Bureau was seeking a declaratory judgment on its liability for defending insured farmers in the class-action case and for potential damages in that case.

The hearing is scheduled for May 6, 10 a.m., at the Idaho Supreme Court building in Boise. Oral arguments are limited to 30 minutes for each side.

BSE test proposal sparks beef industry battle

TWIN FALLS — Attempting by a small, Kansas meat-packer to test all the cattle it slaughters for bovine spongiform encephalopathy has caused a beef-industry brawl.

Crestoke Farms of Arkansas City, Kans., was turned down by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to test all its cattle for BSE in order to regain its market in Japan, which is currently banning U.S. beef. Japan, which tests 100 percent of its slaughter, is demanding that the United States do the same if the U.S. beef industry wants to do business there.

Jan Lyons, a Kansas cattle producer and president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said, "If one market requires 100 percent testing, all cattle in the U.S. would have to follow this standard ..." There-

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fore, it is critical the U.S. government establish the parameters by which U.S. beef can be exported," she said. "We simply want science to establish the standard for international trade."

Crestoke Farms chief operating officer Bill Fielding said, "It is hard to understand how a little company with less than 1 percent of the industry capacity is going to force the big packers into anything. It seems just the opposite."

Grain growers benefit from Cuba trade mission

BOISE — Shipments of hard white wheat and malt barley may soon be making their way from Idaho to Cuba.

No grain sales were finalized during a trade mission to Cuba in mid-April, but an agreement was reached to allow the Idaho Grain Producers Association to share the sale of two containers of hard white wheat and two containers of Idaho barley malt for testing purposes to ALMPORT. ALMPORT is the Cuban government company in charge of importing and exporting goods.

IGFA President Tom Zinner, Craigmont, Idaho initially met with Cuban officials during a trade mission in February. At Boise, officials expressed interest in hard red winter and hard white wheat as well as barley malt.

ALMPORT hosted a conference for nearly 400 U.S. suppliers to Cuba in mid-April. Representatives from Idaho's grain industry attended the conference. Cuba purchases \$1.6 billion worth of food from other countries annually.

Group puts efforts into organic processing plant

MOSCOW — In the first leg of a push to build a local meat processing plant, a group of northern Idaho organic producers have banded together as The Inland Northwest Specialty Meat Processing Working Group.

Organized last October, the group has since adopted a goal to promote the development of one or more regional U.S. Department of Agriculture-inspected meat-processing, slaughter facilities.

The hoped-for facility would give specialty meat producers' needs to process natural, grass-fed and organic meat animals including poultry.

Committee member Skeeter Lynch, Pocatello, Idaho, said he has long recognized the need for a more centrally located processing facility. The group organized in response to that need.

The growers' committee hopes to receive \$50,000 in grant money they applied for this spring to fund a feasibility study.

Corporate chaplains flourish while walking fine line

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Lisa Ganz, an accountant at a Fort Smith steel mill, struggled with personal problems including two divorces and a growing sense of depression. She tried to talk about them to co-workers, but often wound up in tears.

The counseling offered by MACSTEE's employee assistance program, or EAP, didn't seem to help. But then, in 1995, a new alternative caught her attention.

She started talking to Carol Hall, a minister with Corporate Chaplaincy Services had been hired as a spiritual alternative to the secular EAP. While Ganz didn't consider herself religious, she found what she needed.

"She used lessons from the Bible that helped me get closer to other people — which helped me meet Paul, who works on the plant floor — without feeling I need a man to love," Ganz said. "He's been with me seven great years since Carol married us."

Hall and other corporate chaplains believe the workplace is the best place to minister to people like Ganz — employees who have often lost touch with local churches because they work so much.

But these chaplains walk a fine line, ministering to workers while trying to avoid offending an employer's spiritual sensibilities or breaking religious harassment laws.

A growing number of employees believe chaplaincy, providing workers with spiritual guidance and limiting their stress, makes them more productive.

John Fisher, plant manager of 400 employees at MACSTEE, said the \$1,200 a month his company pays — \$3 per employee — is a tiny price for a spiritually healthy workforce.

"They say you need to leave problems at work and work problems at home, but realistically you can't do it," said Fisher. "If they come to work and aren't thinking about making steel, we're in trouble."

Hall and her seven chaplains have been hired by nine steel mills in the area, but are available to about 3,500 employees and their families 24 hours a day.

The chaplains have to follow the secular protocol of an EAP minister to employees," Hall said. "As a Christian and an ordained minister, I believe God holds the answers to life, but I do not have a script agenda. When people ask for spiritual help, I give it, but if they don't ask, I don't push the point."

Some companies, however, hire chaplains precisely because they may eventually convert employees.

Russ Bartz, a supervisor at MACSTEE, said Hall's chaplaincy gives the Arkansas plant a distinct advantage over the steel mills he knows outside the Bible Belt.

"For me as a devout Christian, employees who are Christians should be better, more productive workers with fewer problems," he said.

Corporate chaplaincy grew out of the more traditional military, hospital and prison chaplains, originating in England's early Industrial Revolution factories. It gained new life in the early 1990s, when technology blurred the lines between work and home life.

The National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplains, NIBIC, based in Houston, follows military chaplain standards to train about 150 corporate chaplains or organizers who properly address the needs of employees of other fields. Among the topics of study: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the federal statute that prohibits religious discrimination by private companies.

Hall said that similar to a corporate chaplain's responsibility to refer employees to psychologists or certified ther-

apists if they display symptoms of depression.

The chaplains run an early-morning weekly prayer group at MACSTEE. Attendance is voluntary, but Fisher, the boss, is at every meeting.

Louis Malby, executive director of the civil rights advocacy group National Work Rights Institute, said that can send mixed messages. While providing clergy for workers is commendable, it must be handled carefully to avoid harassment.

"Employers forget how much power they have over employees," he said. "I doubt any of them would tell their employees, 'I don't want to see you fired.' They don't have to. All they have to do is suggest, and they've crossed the line."

The two largest corporate chaplain groups in the country are Marketplace Ministries of Dallas and Corporate Chaplains of America near Raleigh, N.C.

Mark Cross, who started Corporate Chaplains of America in 1996, said he and Marketplace founder Gil Stricklin, who used to work for the Rev. Billy Graham, are simply "entrepreneurial chaplains who lead and don't follow."

Corporate Chaplains of America's Web site openly describes its strict adherence to specific Christian doctrine and quotes business owners happily reporting how many employees "salvations" the chaplains have produced.

more than 20 buildings totaling more than 1.1 million square feet, including a food processing facility, industrial wastewater treatment plant, ethanol plant, refrigerated storage space, truck repair shops, general office space and additional unimproved land.

Even as the potato industry struggles for better prices and sugar processors struggle with the Central American Free Trade Agreement concerns, overall manufacturing and food processing sectors are "going great guns" in Magic Valley with stable growth rather than huge growth, Rogers said. "With things going as they are, we will slowly see an improvement."

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to colored baler twice to pumps that remove fish from hatchery tanks.

Norwest Manufacturing Inc. in Idaho produces spider cultivators used primarily in potato fields to remove nightshade and other weeds. The company also makes ag machinery replacement parts. Northwest employs about 25 workers in Rupert and two at its warehouse in Fruitland, said co-owner Phil Gilley.

Last year, Rocky Mountain Hardware brought more than 25 new full-time jobs to Shoshone. The company produces brass door and window hardware.

Charmack Trailers — founded in 1977 by Max and Charlene Casperson — is adding employees and expanding operations. The Twin Falls company built a new shop and increased staff by

almost 100 percent last year, she said.

Charmack makes more than 1,000 trailers per year, including custom-made horse, cargo, snowmobile and stock trailers, said Ted Thompson, company controller. The company has three dealerships in southern Idaho with about 40 dealers throughout the west.

Manufacturing jobs — which start at about \$8 per hour and go up to about \$20 for specialized work, but average about \$10 to \$11 — generally pay better than other sectors, such as retail or hospitality, said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley. Currently, there are about 2,100 manufacturing jobs in the Mini-Cassia area and about 5,300 throughout the rest of Magic Valley.

Growth in manufacturing and

food processing in the Magic Valley is following the national manufacturing turnaround, he said. Economy's recovery has made Magic Valley's manufacturing sector more stable than in the past couple of years.

The Mini-Cassia area lost more than 500 jobs last year, he said. J.R. Simplot Company closed its plant in Heyburn and Kraft laid off a number of workers. But overall, the Magic Valley probably gained about 100 more manufacturing jobs over the past year, Rogers said.

The gift of the Heyburn Simplot plant to the city of Butley should help bring manufacturing and food processing jobs, Rogers said. In addition, Coast to Coast Carpet in Heyburn will open soon in Heyburn, adding 25 to 30 new jobs, he said.

The 276-acre site — with

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they'd recommend another (local) shop," he said.

"That kind of situation "is definitely a possibility," said Bob Seaton, owner of Seaton Manufacturing.

"You always try to look for those opportunities," he said.

Increased competition, higher salaries?

The presence of a number of both larger and smaller precision metal manufacturers in Magic Valley could improve regional salaries in the industry

by increasing competition, Gould said.

A Seaton's owner can expect to earn between \$8 and \$25 per hour, depending on an employee's position, skill level and years of experience, the company. Seaton's skill Hydro Fitting employees will earn between \$9 to \$15 per hour, co-owner Johannes Schwartz told The Times-News in November.

Salaries at Wymant Manufacturing range from \$7 to \$10 per hour, Gould said.

"If there are more places to

work, you're going to have to pay your workers more to get them to stay at your place," Gould said.

Recruitment is ongoing

Overall, the future looks bright for the future of metals manufacturing in Magic Valley, Rogers said.

She said SEIDO is "actively targeting and recruiting" additional precision metals manufacturers to come to Magic Valley, including a California firm comparable in size with Seaton.

Now the organization can tout the success of the CSI training program, in addition to Idaho's friendly business environment, lower cost of doing business and quality of life for employees and their families, Rogers said.

"I don't care where they're doing business in California — they can do better business here."

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Class-action winners and losers

Examples of class-action settlements in which lawyers got cash, but consumers received coupons:

Defendant: Blockbuster

Allegation Blockbuster's late fee not clearly disclosed
Who was affected Consumers who paid late fees on video rentals between Jan. 1, 1992, and April 1, 2001
Case status Settlement reached in 2001 for \$450 million but is being appealed

Attorney fees	Customer settlement
\$3.25 million	\$1-off coupon and free movie rental for movie rental

Defendant: H&R Block

Allegation Customers not told of licensing, marketing fees company received from bank issuing tax refund loans
Who was affected 700,000 customers in whose tax refund loans from 1992 to 1996
Case status Settled in 2002 for \$262 million

Attorney fees	Customer settlement
\$40 million	\$100 coupons and coupons for tax preparation for tax guides, software for five years

Defendant: Microsoft

Allegation Microsoft used dominant market share of PC software to overcharge
Who was affected 17 million California consumers, businesses who purchased software between Feb. 18, 1995, and Dec. 15, 2001
Case status Settled in 2003 for \$1.1 billion, but judge has yet to approve

Attorney fees	Customer settlement
\$254 million*	Windows (public coupons) for new software or hardware

Source: Microsoft, Chicago Tribune, Greenwich Post-Desk, Chicago Tribune

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Lawsuit critics claim rip-offs in coupon awards

Settlements allow firms to avoid protracted litigation

By Ameet Sachdev
Chicago Tribune

Blockbuster Inc. agreed in 2001 to settle a class-action lawsuit over late fees by issuing coupons for free or dollar-off movie rentals.

The lawyers who filed the lawsuit in Texas will do better. The court capped their fees and expenses at \$9.25 million.

Critics blasted the paltry settlement for consumers and the big legal fees as another glaring example of what is wrong with the system whose prime beneficiaries often are lawyers. The case is on appeal.

Coupon settlements have gotten such a bad rap that Congress is weighing changes in the rules governing such awards as part of broader legislation aimed at reforming class-action laws.

Lawmakers are intervening despite attempts by lawyers to dress up some coupons by making some convertible into cash. In fact, one Chicago company has created a business of trading coupons.

The biggest revision, however, is a proposal to link attorney fees to the value of coupons redeemed. The rule would clip big legal paydays because the number of coupons used is a fraction of the

coupons distributed. "The change is intended to ensure that fees are based solely on the value received by class members or the reasonable value of the legal work that was actually performed," said Beth Levine, spokeswoman for Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who recently introduced a new version of bill, the so-called Class Action Fairness Act. "The thought is that lawyers will be less apt to file frivolous class-action lawsuits."

Lawyers on both sides say that attacking attorneys' fees may have some unintended consequences that ironically could cost big business which has been lobbying for class-action legislation—in the long run.

"The objective, it seems, is to rein in the number of coupon settlements," said Michael Hyman, a plaintiffs' attorney with the Chicago firm of Much Shelist Freed Denenberg Arment & Rubenstein. "But this language could backfire on defendants because it may lead to more cash settlements."

Michael Pope, past president of the International Association of Defense Counsel, said it is "quite a possibility" that the legislation could result in fewer coupon deals. If that happens, it will "bring some inflexibility to

the negotiating system," said Pope, a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery.

In cases involving everything from claims of airline price fixing to unsafe pickup trucks, scrip has been used to settle disputes.

Non-cash awards have ranged from \$4,000 off a new BMW to a \$25 reduction in Apple Computer products to a free bottle of Poland Spring water.

There are benefits to coupons that make them attractive to both sides. If the scrip involves a small-ticket item like a compact disc, as it did in a case involving music clubs like BMC, it has value, legal experts say. In addition, some coupons are readily convertible into cash.

Big corporations see coupons as a cheap way to escape protracted litigation.

"People don't use coupons as much as cash," said David Schoenfeld, an attorney at Chicago law firm Grippo & Elden, who has defended companies in class actions.

The number of coupon settlements is not tracked. Some are hidden because they never become part of the public record.

"In some cases, coupons can help increase their sales," said Schoenfeld. In effect, consumers are forced to buy the

very product they complained about just to use the coupons.

"If you hand out a coupon and no one uses it, the lawyers still walk away with fees, the defendants walk away from a potentially serious problem and class members end up holding the bag," said Brian Wolfman, a lawyer with Public Citizen, a public interest group in Washington that has objected to proposed coupon settlements.

Several cases highlight the problems:

In a 1996 settlement of claims involving leaky Ford Mustangs, the automaker offered \$400 nontransferable coupons good for a year toward a new Ford. Public Citizen offered evidence from previous auto settlements that only 2 percent to 5 percent of the class would get any value from the scrip. The legal fees? \$1.5 million.

Flyers received discounts on future travel for as little as \$8 or as much as \$25 in a 1993 case charging airlines with collaboration to fix fares. The judge approved about \$16 million in legal fees.

Lawyers were paid \$1.75 million in fees, or approximately \$2,000 per hour, in a class action case against Cheerios over cereal that was tainted with pesticides, although there was no evidence of injury to con-

sumers. Members of the class were entitled to coupons for a free box of cereal only if they could show evidence of a previous cereal purchase.

Federal and state courts have attempted to limit the use of settlement money more closely and not authorizing some of them.

In a case against General Motors Corp., claiming side-mounted gas tanks on pickup trucks were unsafe, Philadelphia federal appeals court judges rejected a coupon deal worth \$1,000 toward a new truck purchase. The judges saw the deal as a potential "marketing boon to GM" and also questioned a \$9.5 million awarded to plaintiffs' lawyers.

To address some of the shortcomings of coupon settlements, some lawyers began looking at ways to encourage redemption.

In 1993, Schoenfeld was working on a class-action suit involving a claim that BMW had oversold what was to have been a limited-edition model, the 1988 M5. Some of the class wanted cash but the carmaker offered \$4,000 rebate coupons good toward a future purchase or lease.

Schoenfeld called James Tharin, a former college roommate and a trader at the Chicago Board of Trade, and asked if he would be willing to buy the certificates to try to resell them.

"We ended up buying and

selling 750 certificates," Tharin said. "We paid an average of \$2,600 for them."

This was born a cottage industry that deals in trading scrip. Tharin's company, Chicago Searing Corp., has created a secondary market for coupons in 10 class-action cases, one of the most recent the 2001 settlement of price-fixing claims against auction houses Sotheby's and Christie's International.

The \$512-million settlement was a mix of cash and transferable certificates to former buyers and sellers at either auction house. Of the 130,000 people who received claim forms, which include collectors, museums and art dealers, about half replied, an unusually high redemption rate, Tharin said.

"People filed claims because there was real money there," he said.

Chicago art dealer Peter Bartlow filed a claim and received about \$40,000 in cash and \$22,000 in rebates to be used to pay for commissions in future sales. Since he does not sell much at auction, Bartlow sold the certificates to Tharin's company and received about 60 percent of their value in return.

"It was like winning the lottery," said Bartlow, who owns a gallery off Michigan Ave. "How many times have you received these coupons and never gotten anything?"

Soy shortage may push food prices higher

WASHINGTON (AP)—A soybean shortage could push prices a bit higher this summer for consumer items ranging from baby food to frozen desserts.

The rainfall and attacks by sap-sucking aphids last year have driven inventories down to their lowest level in more than three decades.

"We are destined to, some would call it, run out of soybeans at our current usage rate," said Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt. "We cannot continue to use them at the rate we are."

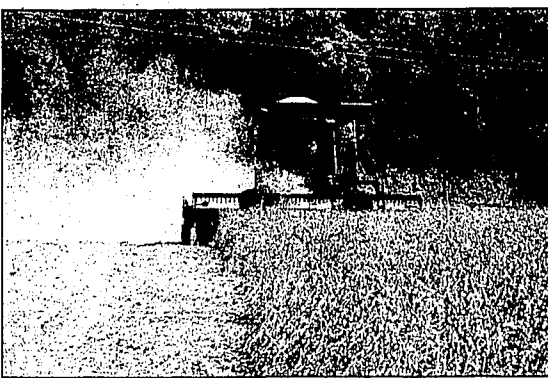
In August, the nation could be down to stockpiles of soybeans at that moment," said Paul Aho of Storrs, Conn., an agricultural economist analyst.

America could squeak by satisfying its needs for food and livestock feeds, experts say. But it would have "the absolute minimum working stocks," said Keith Collins, the Agriculture Department's chief economist.

Shoppers might not see a big impact, but livestock producers may have to absorb record-higher costs, said Steve Meyer, president of Paragon Economics of Des Moines, Iowa, an economic consultant to the hog industry.

Demand for meat is strong, however, due in part to the popularity of Atkins-style high-protein diets. Daniel A. Sumner, professor of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Davis, expected some of the higher feed costs to be passed along to consumers.

Although consumers might not realize it, soybean oil or meal are important ingredients of many processed foods, everything from frozen desserts and coffee whiteners to baby food and salad dressings. Sometimes it's the main ingredient, such as tofu. More often it's a filler, such as in milkshake snack foods, baked goods and hamburger extenders.



Soybeans are harvested on the Warren Stemmie's farm in Maryland Heights, Mo., in this Oct. 27, 2003, file photo. America may find itself almost out of soybeans this summer due to rain shortages and attacks by sap-sucking aphids. Livestock producers may have to eat some higher costs, but the impact on prices for a wide variety of consumer items from baby food to frozen desserts will be less than 5 percent, experts say.

The United States grew 2.4 billion bushels of soybeans in 2003, 12 percent below the 2002 production, said Mark Ash, an oleseeds economist with the Agriculture Department. Just when soybeans most needed moisture, the rains failed last year in key growing areas of the Midwest. Aphid attacks made the problems worse.

Buyers have been drawing down the short supplies. Simultaneously, domestic and overseas demand has been strong, partly because major export competitors in South America also had short crops and shipment snarls during their own growing season.

As a result, only about 37 percent of last fall's U.S. harvest was left in inventory as of March 1 to carry America through to the next harvest, which starts in August, Hurt said. That's the lowest level since 1973. In an ordinary year, about 40 percent of

the harvest would still be available in March.

The market can stretch supplies in the time-honored way: push up prices. There is a 40 percent chance that a bushel of soybeans will beat the record of \$12.50 set in June of 1973, Hurt said. Aho predicted the price could reach \$15 per bushel. Recent prices have been above \$10 a bushel.

High prices would be good for farmers who still have soybeans to sell, said farmer Ron Heck, of Perry, Iowa, president of the American Soybean Association. But "it's just a fact that market prices go high when farmers don't have any left," he said.

It's bad news for users such as livestock producers. Animal feed takes most of America's soybeans, with poultry and swine the leading users.

Frustrated animal producers said the price-supply crunch couldn't and locked in feed deals, said Aho, who works in

the poultry industry. Those who haven't "may be in trouble this summer," he said. Collins said some producers might turn to corn gluten, a byproduct of ethanol production.

The United States also might import soybean meal or oil from South America, but Meyer cautioned that won't be easy. The United States is the world's leading soybean exporter, and U.S. ports are set up to export. Only a few Southern ports can handle imports efficiently, he said.

Raw soybeans probably would not be imported from South America for fear of bringing in soybean rust, a fast-spreading fungus in Brazil that could devastate U.S. crops. Importing meal would be safer because heating involved in processing it kills the fungus.

If the next harvest is good, the soybean crunch will ease, the experts say.

Survey: Newspapers can attract younger readers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newspapers can gain a wider audience among the young and minorities by paying more attention to their interest in lifestyle coverage, features and ads, editors and publishers were told Wednesday.

A study by the Readership Institute at Northwestern University said newspapers can improve readership by focusing on the conventional wisdom that young adults will read more as they age, so it's important to deliver content that appeals to them.

The study, sponsored by the Newspaper Association of America, the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the McCormick Tribune Foundation, found that readers 25 and older look for hard news, editorials, lifestyle stories, "community" features and service articles.

People 18 to 24 are attracted to lifestyle stories and features on such subjects as home, health, food, fashion, recreation and science. They're also interested in advertisements.

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users, according to the study. They spend an average of 21 minutes each weekday reading the daily paper, and an average of 53 minutes on Sundays.

Readers 25 and older average 36 minutes per weekday, 58 minutes on Sunday, the study said.

Creating an improved reader experience requires "getting into the heads" of young, black, Asian and Hispanic readers to determine the most successful way to make, market and deliver a newspaper they feel has relevance for them, the study said.

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Students find financial challenges

They may not be ready for offers of credit cards

By Michele Dorus
Knight Ridder News Service

One big test awaits this spring's high school graduates — this one, outside the classroom. The test involves money management. At age 18, students are adults in the eyes of marketers and the law. As college freshmen living away from home, they will be largely on their own to manage finances.

Expect them to arrive on campus to a hail of credit cards, credit cards, stored-value cards, campus services cards, even so-called smart cards, which offer multiple financial options via a single computer chip or magnetic strip.

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across the country, so most families must find another choice. The most heavily marketed choice is the credit card. Parents laud its versatility, near-universal acceptance, utility in emergencies and value in establishing a record of financial responsibility.

"It allows you to pay off bills over time and helps you establish a credit record, so when you get out of school, you can rent an apartment or buy a car," says Catherine Pulley, a senior manager of public relations at American Bankers Association in Washington, D.C.

"Remember, it's not magic money. You have to set limits and stick to them. That's all about it. If you don't use credit right, it can haunt you for a long, long time," Pulley warns.

The Consumer Federation of America says credit cards should be pushed to grow up so fast. She suggests parents add the student's name to one of their own accounts.

"The bill comes to the parents, they write the check, see what it's been used for, and make sure it's paid on time," Fox says.

She dismisses the banking industry's suggestion that a college graduate without a credit card is at a disadvantage. "A credit card isn't a precious jewel for a 19-year-old," she says.

"You can't be careless. You can overdraw" if merchants don't check account balances first, she says.

Whatever financial vehicle is used while teens are learning to manage their money, many of these fledgling financiers crash. "Students' financial literacy is low," says a survey by the College Board's Center for Education Policy.

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Serving worried parents and their eager-to-spend offspring are stored-value cards such as Visa Buzz. You can charge purchases with it but spending is limited to the sum deposited in the card's account. Since its August 2000 debut, Visa Buzz has been a college-age hit, says Rhonda Benz, public affairs director for Visa USA Inc. in San Francisco.

"It meant to accomplish two things: a tool for good money management skills that's not a credit product and something that usable anywhere," Benz says. Using a password, parents can track the account and replenish its funds online or using a toll-free phone number, she says.

The stored-value cards, debit cards withdraw funds already provided through a bank account connection. Fox considers a debit card linked to a checking account as a logical first choice for personal finance novices.

Make sure to get overdraft protection, because bounced checks incur steep penalties, the consumer advocate advises. Avoid the industry's flashy student plans, which typically involve steep fees, she adds.

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Improve your credit standing with these tips

You just might end up saving a little, too

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SAN FRANCISCO—There are also many personal finance resolutions as there are American resolutions to resolve them, and yet few of them are as health-enhancing as improving one's credit standing.

Over a lifetime, getting lower rates on mortgages, auto loans and credit-card debt can lead to hefty savings, enough to fund a good portion of your retirement.

Those who are A-rated vs. those who are D-rated depend on their work-life span will pay approximately \$250,000 less in interest," said Paul Strassels, author of "Credit When Credit is Due" (<http://www.creditwhencredit.com/>), a financial-education program offered by consumer credit counseling agencies for about \$50.

You can pay a quarter of a million dollars to the credit card company or you can keep the company of a million and use it as you please and invest it in your own retirement," he said, adding that as estimates are based on an average 30-year home-mortgage, car loans, and credit card debt.

And increasingly, even the types of jobs and rental housing available to you can depend on your credit score. "Credit has much further-reaching implications than it used to," said David Chung, vice president of business development at CreditExpert, Inc. (<http://www.creditexpert.com/>), a maker of credit-assessment technology tools used by businesses to aid consumers, based in Towson, Md.

To polish your creditworthiness and jump-start your savings, the first step is to determine your long-term financial goals. A consumer planning to buy a new car and a house should consider the order of those purchases carefully, Chung said.

For instance, it's beneficial to have at least one installment account on your credit report as a consumer with only revolving accounts might want to purchase the car first, so that installment loan boosts the credit score and improves mortgage offers.

But if an auto loan is going to end up lowering your score — perhaps by saddling you with a high level of debt — wait until after you've gotten the mortgage. You don't end up paying a premium on that longer-term debt. The following are some more tips for ramping up your creditworthiness.

Be wary of credit scoring's hidden fees. Every time you apply for a new revolving credit line, your credit score takes a hit. And negative information that's old is sometimes better left alone, Chung says. A 5-year-old collection account loses its punch as it ages. When you pay it, "it goes from being a 5-year-old collection account to being a current collection account," he said. "It's better that it's paid, but it's worse than its current and not 5 years old. I'd want to negotiate that people not pay back money that they owe, but it's important to understand what's going to happen when you pull which lever."

Some Web sites, such as Bankrate.com (<http://www.bankrate.com/bnm/bco/calculators>), have FICO score calculators that help consumers determine the effects of various decisions on their scores.

Don't consolidate credit-card debt into the close out of old cards. Consumers who consolidate all cards into one are

"effectively killing their credit history from other cards," said Steve Rhode, president of MyCredit.com (<http://www.mycredit.com/>), a nonprofit consumer-credit counselor. "If you're trying to improve your credit report, your credit history is one of the biggest factors."

Fix your weaknesses. It's likely that one or more of your brains by now, but checking your credit reports at all three reporting agencies — Experian (<http://www.experian.com/>), Equifax (<http://www.equifax.com/>), TransUnion (<http://www.transunion.com/>) — remains crucial to understanding what credit-repair work lies ahead for you. Also, married couples should get individual reports, and consumers should check FICO scores from all three reporting agencies. Among her clients, not one person has received the same score from all three agencies, said McNaughton, president of Professional Credit Counselors (<http://www.financialvictory.com/>), a consumer-credit counseling firm. "Some of the creditors have only going to report one or two and not all of them, which would make a difference on the reporting (and) sometimes there may be inaccurate negative information on one report and not the other," she said.

Pay your bills on time, religiously. Another key to improving credit scores. "The biggest impediment people face is not knowing what their debt is and when it is due on a monthly basis," she said. "Prioritizing those bills that have to be paid, and then divvying up the balance of what you can afford to pay — with a calendar of the dates — you can prioritize the bills. Some bills are paid in a timely manner every month. Also, married couples should pay bills together, so any divergent goals can be discussed each month, he said.

Pay credit-card debt down to about 30 percent of available credit limit. Exceeding that percentage of your credit limits can lead to a lower credit score.

Get visual. If you're determined to pay off credit-card debt in order to pay your credit score to enable you to have a future home purchase, remind yourself you're working so hard. Paste photos of your dream house — or at least an affordable house — near your computer or on your bathroom mirror.

Ense up on your charge card. "A lot of resolutions are 'I'm going to pay off all my credit cards but they're still charging on the cards,'" McNaughton said. "If you have a New Year's resolution of paying off all your credit card debt, then you need to quit charging. It sounds so simple, but that's what happens: They keep charging."

Negotiate with creditors. If you're struggling with debt and worried about late payments, get on the phone. You might say, "I know I owe you \$200 this month. I can only pay you \$50. I'd like to pay off the debt. Can you help me eliminate the interest and eliminate the late fee? What can you do for me?" Strassels said. "Learn to negotiate your way through the maze."

Weigh your debt load. If you're more than 10 percent of your income going to pay off debt each month, get cracking on a budget. "Fifteen percent means red lights are going to start flying," McNaughton said. "Twenty percent and you've got problems." But remember: Don't include your mortgage payment in that debt calculation.

Money managers find value in booze, gambling

Whatever economy does, people still partake in 'vices'

By Meg Richards
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether the economy is soaring or sinking, chances are good that someone, somewhere, is bellying up to a bar, lighting a cigarette or testing their luck at a slot machine in Wall Street, the habits we find hardest to break are considered exceptionally reliable investments.

Businesses that profit from alcohol, tobacco, gaming, sex and war — broadly referred to as "vice" or "sin" stocks — are known for holding up well under difficult economic conditions. Advocates of this type of investing believe the most basic flaws in human nature will keep these stocks afloat in any market.

There's even a mutual fund devoted solely to booze, betting, bombs and butts, run by Dallas-based Mutuals.com. A book by portfolio manager Dan Ahearn, "Investing in Vice," outlines the strategy.

"No matter what the economy is doing, or what the stock market is doing, we think people will continue to drink, gamble and gamble, and that makes investing in a mix of these stocks practically recession-proof," Ahearn said. "We think it can provide steady, boring returns through good markets and bad."

The Vice Fund, which Ahrens opened in August 2002, includes industry leaders like Anheuser-Busch Cos., Harrah's Entertainment, Altria Group Inc. — the parent company of cigarette maker Philip Morris — and online manufacturer Lockheed Martin Corp. It also holds a number of smaller brewing companies, casino equipment makers and some sin-related tech stocks.

Of course, not every investor is comfortable with the idea of profiting from such industries. In fact, an online niche market of "socially responsible" funds has developed for people who would like to avoid investing in companies that don't meet certain ethical and moral standards.

But it's hard to resist steady returns in a volatile market. Even funds with broader mandates have made vice sector bets. FBI Small Cap, which has about a third of its assets in casino equipment stocks, enjoyed excellent returns last year as more municipalities sought revenue growth through riverboat gambling.

There are also funds focused on military weapons, such as Fidelity Select Defense & Aerospace.

If you prefer investing in fun, not war, you might consider Fidelity Select Leisure Fund, or Invesco Leisure Fund, which focus on entertainment and

luxe goods and services. The specialized offerings probably shouldn't make up more than a sliver of most investors' portfolios, however, said Laura Pavlenko Lutton, a fund analyst with research group Morningstar Inc.

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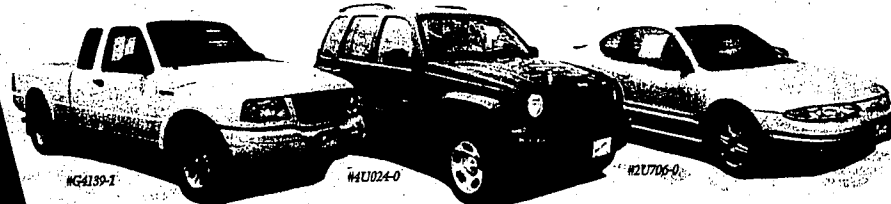


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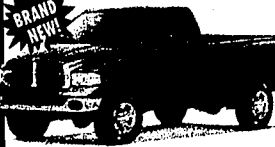
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Let me spell it out for you

Why is the English language so difficult to learn? A friend just sent me an e-mail on that subject.

It contains explanatory sentences: "The farm was used to produce produce." And, "We must polish the Polish furniture." And, "Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present."

It also asks questions: "One goose, two geese; so one moose two meese?" And, "If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?" And, "Why doesn't Buck rhyme with quack?"

And it offers some thoughts to ponder: "There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple."



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Add to that the fact that our language, especially the slang part of it, is always changing. In the 1950s, it was jargon and jive. In the '60s, it was beatnik and keen. By the '80s, everything was funky. In the '90s, bad started meaning good. And now, we're going around saying "yo manna" to people who don't even look like our mothers.

A number of our English phrases are, in fact, oxymorons, contradictory ideas. Consider, "She's pretty ugly." And, "That's a definite maybe."

Other words are homophones — words that sound the same, but are spelled differently. Such as to, too and two.

And a spellcheck is only as skilled as its user.

Trying to learn spoken English is just as confusing as trying to write it. A high-school teacher once told me about the foreign exchange student who was taught some English by his new friends and ended up walking up to the biggest guy in class and saying, "Have you been to the bathroom lately?"

Some people even believe our schooling is contributing to the problem.

I received one press release that began, "There not teaching kids to not write badly." It went on to talk about a dumbing down of language that is occurring because so many schools view grammar as an "elitist worry about out-of-date rules." It cited the book "A Grammar Book for You and I (Oops, Me!): All the Grammar You Need to Succeed in Life," which belittles the fact that verb conjugation has become "a relic of the past" and the study of grammar has become "a nuisance."

If this is even partly true, we can expect to see more communication problems, everywhere.

That's what happened with some church bulletin announcements that were reprinted in the Saturday Evening Post. Such as, "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."

If you need more inspiration to preach good communication skills, consider the Parade magazine survey that correlated spelling ability and personality traits. If you are a good speller, the survey reported, you are more likely than a bad speller to make your bed in the morning. And how you spell is also a good indicator of how organized you are, and how well you balance your checkbook.

If you are ready to give the spelling segment of your brain a real workout, try spelling some of the '50 commonly misspelled words," from "A Spelling Book by Mindy McMurran. Is it irresistible or irresistible? Is it harmless or harass? Indispensable or indispensable? Judgment or judgement? Embarrassment or embarrassment? I'm not telling.

But I am starting to get paranoid. What if my spellcheck didn't catch the spelling errors in this column. What if... Somebody, please, find me a dictionary.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Jane Rice owns the Ein Tsch Inn in Hagerman with her husband Jake Rice. The bed and dinner customizes meals for their guest lodging at the inn. They also serve a Sunday brunch the last Sunday of each month and today they will be serving Mediterranean food.

Staying for breakfast

B&Bs carve out a bigger niche in south-central Idaho

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — They discovered a sure-fire trick for getting people to mingle.

Jake and Jane Rice, bed-and-breakfast innkeepers, have just one table in their dining room.

"It doesn't matter if we have one guest or a half a dozen parties, they all eat at the same table," said Jane Rice, whose Ein Tsch — German, for "one table" — Inn has been in business since last year. "And the comment we get most often from guests is how much they enjoy these conversations. In fact, a lot of people come back for just that reason."

In the B&B business, it pays to have an edge.

"A lot of B&Bs come and go in this area, and I think the biggest reason is that people just don't realize how much is involved," said Judge Gooding, who runs the Gooding Hotel and Bed and Breakfast. "They think they can open up their homes and not work very hard; that's just not the case."

At least 20 B&Bs have opened in the Magic and Wood River valleys in the past decade, and most of them have withered. Gooding's hostelry, which she's owned for six years, is very much an exception.

"If you're successful in the B&B business, it's because people come back — and they tell their friends," she said. "But I've used every kind of marketing to promote my business, from co-op advertising to the Internet."

Gooding, a Minnesotan who married a Gooding boy and moved back to his hometown, has a background in sales and marketing, so she knew where to look for customers. But even though her business has steadily expanded and she's taken on employees, it's still Gooding who shows up early in the morning and scrambles the eggs.

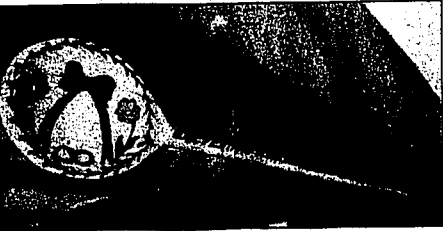
"You have to like people to be in this business," she said. "They're the glamorous part of running a B&B."

Eddie Collins and a friend retired from their California state government jobs and moved to Shoshone, where they bought a grand old house and opened a B&B called the Governor's Mansion in 1987.

"It's worked out because this is my home, whether I have guests or not," Collins said. "But I've built up a pretty steady business over the years."

Most of the guests at the Governor's Mansion know Collins. "We get a lot of return business," she said. "People who are passing through and people who are visiting family and friends in the area."

B&B guests trend upscale, Gooding says, and relish good service and a congenial atmosphere. Some are



there to get away from it all; some bring their kids.

"A lot of people get into the B&B business because they like to cook gourmet meals," she said. "That's not enough."

Prime time for B&Bs is April through September, but both Collins and Gooding have built year-round trade. The Rices are still working on that.

"Our B&B grew out of our catering business, and that's busy all the time," Jane said.

"But the B&B does get more guests in the summer."

Actually, Ein Tsch is technically a B&B — bed and dinner.

"We serve guests breakfast too," Jane explained. "We just pay greater attention to food during our guests' stay."

The Rices' Inn on the edge of Hagerman has one cottage to rent — a second is being remodeled. Inside the main house, there's a lunch-and-breakfast counter as well as the

namesake table. There's also a study and a small breakfast room.

Collins houses guests on the second floor and serves breakfast in a dining room. Gooding has transformed 10 rooms of a remodeled pioneer hotel on Gooding's main street into B&B rooms, and she's added a gift shop.

"I think there's room for more B&Bs in this area, but it's not the same as running a hotel," Gooding said. "It's definitely labor-intensive, and it can tie you down."

"It takes a while to build up a business," Collins said. "We were open a month before we had our first guests, and they were two single men. My partner and I felt kind of uneasy about inviting two strangers into our home."

Now, she sees as many familiar faces as unfamiliar ones. "They've become friends."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicalvalley.com



Above, the cottage called "Sticks and Stones" accommodates four people and in the future the Rice's hope to build more cottages.

Left, One of the rooms in the cottage.

Below, a giant decorative spoon hangs over the dining table that says "the soup you make together you eat together."

Local bed and board

• **Governor's Mansion**, 315 S. Greenwood, Shoshone. Five bedrooms, at rates ranging from \$30 to \$65. Open year-round, and breakfasts are served. Phone 885-2858 for information. Reservations are encouraged but not required.

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• **Ein Tsch Inn**, corner of Valley Road West and U.S. Highway 30, Hagerman. One cottage is now available, and another will be ready soon; \$75 per night including continental breakfast. Open year-round, and dinner, lunch and breakfast are served (closed on Wednesdays). Hours are 6:30-10 a.m. for pastries and coffee. Lunches are also served on weekends, but reservations must be made for dinners. Call 837-9099.

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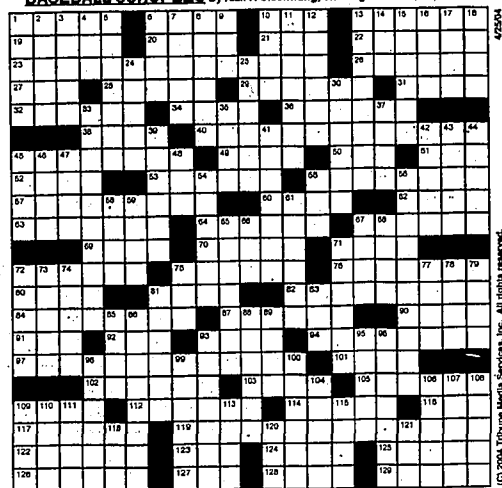
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FAMILY LIFE

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

BASEBALL SCRAPULES by Alan P. Otschwang, Huntington Beach, California



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Woman keeps grandpa close with a penny in her pocket

DEAR ABBY: I loved the letters you printed about "Pennies From Heaven." I have another one for your collection. My grandfather was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and we knew he wouldn't have a lot of time left. On Monday I went to see him. He was semi-conscious, but he knew I was there. When I asked him a question, he would try to answer. When I put my lips to his, he'd give me little kisses. I said goodbye that evening and promised him I'd return the next day.

On Tuesday he was weaker. We felt he was already on his way to heaven. Once again, I said goodbye. On the ride home, I prayed he would go peacefully. My grandmother had a long ordeal in the hospital during her last days. I didn't want Papa to suffer like she did.

On Wednesday morning, my mom called and told me that Papa had stopped breathing. I dropped everything and drove as fast as I could to be by his side, but I was too late. I was unable to say a last goodbye to him. My husband and I own a car reconditioning business. That day, a car was being cleaned for a customer. The employee who cleaned the car found a penny under one of the seats, and because he knew I liked old coins, he placed it in my car's glove compartment so I'd be sure to see it when I got back to work.

When I returned to the office, I examined the penny and bawled my eyes out. It was a 1919 wheat penny — the year my grandfather was born. Although I didn't get to say a final goodbye to him, I feel this was his way of saying goodbye to me.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6344, Los Angeles, Calif. 90068, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

—AT PEACE IN OKLAHOMA
DEAR AT PEACE: Although your grandfather was semi-conscious, I am sure he knew you were with him at the last and heard your goodbye. I have received letters from nurses in hospitals attesting to the fact that patients who are comatose often hear and understand conversations going on around them — and that negative comments can impact upon a patient's progress. However, I'm pleased that

your discovery of the 1919 wheat penny brought comfort. Many readers have shared after finding a "penny from heaven."

DEAR ABBY: My husband, Ted, and I have been happily married for five years. He gets along well with my family, but refuses to have contact with his own mother. Ted's mother is an alcoholic and generally abusive because of it. (She even hit me once.) She has stolen money from his savings account, and once we had to bail her out of jail. She is also a pathological liar and has caused the whole family a lot of grief.

Ted's father left her married, and is doing well. Now and then, Ted's mother writes him and sends little gifts to show she's thinking about him. She says she has changed.

Ted doesn't want to give her the chance to hurt him again, but he's filled with so much insecurity because of his past that I think it might be time for them to reunite. Do you think he should contact her, Abby? —CONFUSED IN TEXAS
DEAR CONFUSED: I think the decision about whether to reunite with his mother should be strictly your husband's, and you and I should stay out of it.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Not just any Bozo

Merriam-Webster

DEAR EDITOR: What is the derivation of the word "bozo"? —M.E., URBANA, ILL.

DEAR M.E.: While we often see and hear the word "bozo" applied to lackluster politicians, bad drivers, referees, and many other unfortunate folks, we know very little about the origin of the word.

WORDWATCH

What we do know is this: "bozo" is an Americanism that was first recorded in writing in 1916, when it occurred in a sentence of dialogue. "That you, Bertie, you old bozo!" It was not, as you defined it, within the context of the word's references to madmen. Bozo was known in spoken English before it appeared in written English.

Several theories as to the origin of "bozo" have been advanced. That it is an adaptation of the Afro-Hispanic dialect "bozal"; that "bozo" comes from the Italian "bozza," referring to a cuckold; that it is an alteration of "bozo," many people assume it is derived from the name of the famous clown, but the history of the clown name has never been thoroughly documented. It seems that there has been more than one Bozo in the clown world. Bozo was introduced commercially in 1940 when Capitol Records began a series of children records using the name.

In 1948 Capitol hired an actor named Larry Harmon to create a Bozo character for television. Harmon bought the licensing rights to the name from Capitol in the early 1950s and has been associated with Bozo the Clown ever since. However, the original Bozo of the Capitol recordings seems to have been an actual circus clown named Edwin Cooper, who performed with Barnum and Bailey's Ringling Brothers. When he died in August 1961, at the age of 41, newspaper accounts claimed that both his father and grandfather also performed as Bozo, which would push the name back into the 19th century. But the truth of this assertion has never been documented.

Allow your daughter to cling, and she will eventually cling less

Q: Our 18-month-old daughter has recently started clinging to me, following me from room to room, and wanting to be held more than ever before. I expected more, not less, independence from her around now. Is this a sign that in some way I've caused her to become insecure about something? In any case, how should I be responding to this?



PARENTING
John Rosemond

A: Children do become more independent as they get older, but sometimes independence grows in a two-steps-forward, one-step-backward fashion. This is one of the one-step-backward times. Envision yourself venturing to explore a deserted house, one that has both attracted and repelled you with its mystery. You would probably begin by standing in the front door and opening there for a while, pondering the possibilities. Then you'd take a few tentative steps into the house. Then, imagining that you heard something, you'd retreat, perhaps all the way back to the front door. After reassessing yourself that all was well, you'd go a bit further into the house, then stop, then perhaps retreat a bit. So it would go until you were satisfied that you were safe.

And so it goes with your daughter and the process of independence. Until now, she has not had a sense of her own

identity. As self-consciousness begins to develop and the drive toward independence awakens, she is thrown into conflict. To become a person in her own right, she must leave the safety of her relationship with you and venture into uncharted territory. Before she puts this distance between herself and you, she must first be absolutely certain that you will be there when and if she needs a safe place of retreat.

The game of tag, played by children of every culture, is symbolic of this conflict. Always there is a place designated as Home, synonymous with Mother, where "it" can't get you. Home is safe, but no fun. "Out there" where the "it" of insecurity, yawns, is exciting but frightening. So the child alternates between the clinging to Home and flitting with the danger of "out there."

As she does, her clinging diminishes and her flitting increases. No, you haven't made your daughter insecure. Such is the

process of growing up that she must take the risk of insecurity and learn to deal with it. Henceforth, your job is to make sure she doesn't take on risks too great and to provide guidance sufficient to help her deal with risks great enough.

Research has shown that the more available and reassuring parents are during this stage, the more quickly independent their children will become. In other words, even though the clinging and the following may seem at times oppressive, it's best to allow it — in this case, to not cause your daughter to feel frustrated in her attempts to get to you. A child who leaves Home and then finds that she has trouble getting back, won't want to leave Home again.

Let your daughter cling, and she will cling less. Let her follow you, and she will eventually let you. A child who leaves Home and then finds that she has trouble getting back, won't want to leave Home again. Let her follow you, and she will eventually let you. A child who leaves Home and then finds that she has trouble getting back, won't want to leave Home again.

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/>

Who's celebrating an anniversary? See page E5

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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 8 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: Cook's Choice
Tuesday: Summer Type Picnic
Wednesday: Corn beef, cabbage, coleslaw w/ pineapple, bread, broccoli, bowl fruit w/ cookie
Thursday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, creamed broccoli, spinach salad, bread, dessert
Friday: Cube steak, potatoes and gravy, cold of corn, apple, raisin salad, bread, cake

Activities:
Monday: Quilting
Exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood Pressure
Wednesday: Quilting Foot Clinic
Elders card club
Birthday dinner
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: Center pinochle
Friday: Blood pressure
Lunch bingo
Exercise class
Quilting

West End

Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Menus:
Monday: Roast pork dinner
Monday: Cook's Choice
Tuesday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, peas, fruit salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Cheesburger, fries, baked beans, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, winter blend, salad, roll, dessert

Activities:
Today: Sunday buffet, 1 p.m. B.J. and Friends
Monday: Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Menus:
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Thursday: Fried chicken and gravy

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menus:
Monday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Hot pork sandwich, potatoes and gravy, oriental veges, green salad, zucchini bars
Wednesday: Liver and onions, aguratin potatoes, country mixed veges, green pea salad, custard, fruit
Thursday: Turkey, potatoes and gravy, scalloped tomatoes, strawberry shortcake, fruit medley
Friday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, jell-O, fruit, blueberry cobbler

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, noon
Tuesday: 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.

Ageless

Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Menus:
Monday: Potato soup, sandwich, crackers, tossed salad, dessert
Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, pudding
Friday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, fruit cocktail

Activities:
Monday: Board meeting, 1:30 p.m.
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: Lemon pepper cod, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, carrot, raisin, pineapple salad, french fries, fruit
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, peas, cottage cheese, fruit, bread, pudding
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, Italian veges, pears, garlic bread, dessert
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, Calif. blend veges, peaches, jell-O, roll, oatmeal raisin cake

Activities:
Today: Mexican train, 2 p.m.
Monday: Pool, 9 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Massages, 10:15 a.m.
Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 5 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting and sewing, 9 a.m.
pool, 9:30 a.m.
Birthday dinner, noon
Sing-a-long, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hand/foot, 2 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 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: Chicken and dumplings
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Friday: Pork chops

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$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: Ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, fruit, cake, ice cream
Thursday: Hamburger steaks, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, bread pudding

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens, Inc.

218 N. Raff St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menus:
Tuesday: Cheese macaroni, buttered broccoli, steamed carrots, lettuce salad, pear brown Betty, garlic sticks
Thursday: Mdlb sandwich, french fries, cabbage stew, peanut butter pie
Friday: Baked ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, carrot sticks, homemade bread, birthday cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: 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: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, jell-O fruit salad, birthday cake, ice cream
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, broccoli soup, banana cream pie

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Menus:
Tuesday: Turkey enchiladas, Spanish rice, green salad, baked apples w/ cinnamon, chocolate crinkle cookie
Wednesday: Barbecue pork ribs, creamed w/ onion, seasoned potato wedges, mixed veges, orange gelatin salad, lemon pie
Friday: Turkey and gravy, hot roll, buttered corn, mashed potatoes, cranberry congealed salad, dessert spectacular

Activities:
Monday: Walmart shopping
Tuesday: Felenkras, 10:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Book club, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 55 alive class, 8:30 a.m.
Carey lunch
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 365-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken fried steak,

potatoes and gravy, Italian blend veges, fruit, bread
Tuesday: Chicken strips, cooked cabbage, whole parried potatoes and gravy, apricots, biscuit
Thursday: Fruit juice, lasagna, peas, carrots, tossed salad, Texas toast

Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 - 2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 is \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Menus:
Tuesday: Salmon patty, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, roll, fruit
Wednesday: Stuffed cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, cottage cheese, bread apricots
Friday: Barbecue ribs, potato salad, baked beans, salad, fruit, birthday cake

Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday: Art class
Quilting, 1-3 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon
Pool, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Birthday party

Minidoka 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: Assorted salad, bar-b-que on a bun, fites, veges, apple cobbler
Tuesday: Fruit salad, chicken fricassee, rice peas, rolls, pudding
Wednesday: Apple salad, pork chops, potato casserole, corn, rolls, ice cream
Thursday: Tossed salad, baked

potato, Texas toast, ice cream
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
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.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Turkey ala king, noodles, biscuit, corn cobbles, green salad, chery's crisp
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, poor boy sandwich, fruit cup, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, roll, honey carrots, salad, strawberry rhubarb crisp
Thursday: Malibu chicken, baked potato, broccoli, roll, salad, lemon bars
Friday: Beefy tomato macaroni, diced carrots, hard roll, coleslaw, berry cheesecake

Golden Heritage Senior Center

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.
Dinornies, 10 a.m.
Computer class
Bingo, 7 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
Double pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

The safe use of herbal medicine

Herbal medicine was the original source of modern drug therapy. Many plants contain potent chemicals and there is always the temptation to use these compounds to help our pets. However, before you use natural medications on your pets, there are some important things to consider.

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Secondly, animals have different physiology than we do and some compounds that we can take safely can injure our pets. An example is acetaminophen, which humans can take with ease, but will kill cats. The same is true for herbal medicine; animals have different tolerances.

Some veterinarians have studied herbal medicines. Do not give herbal compounds to your pets unless it is approved by a knowledgeable veterinarian.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Mary Becker is the coauthor of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul."



Twin Falls School District
Kindergarten Pre-Registration All Schools May 3 - 7

Bickel: 733-4116
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Harrison: 733-4229
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Open House/Reading Workshop: Thursday, May 6, 3:30

Lincoln: 733-1321
Registration: 9:00 - 4:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: Thursday, May 6, 3:30

Morningside: 733-6507
Registration: 9:00 - 4:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: Wednesday, May 5, 3:30

Oregon Trail: 733-8480
Registration: 9:00 - 4:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: Thursday, May 6, 3:30

Perrine: 733-4288
Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00
12:00 - 3:00 daily
Open House: Wednesday, May 5, 3:00
Reading Workshop: Wednesday, May 5, 4:00

Sawtooth: 733-8456
Registration: 9:00 - Noon
1:00 - 4:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: Wednesday, May 5, 9:30 a.m.

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Liberty Christian Academy students who will compete at a national quiz bowl competition are, from left, bottom row: Daniel Berger, Mike Noakes, Jason Carpenter and captain Jeremy Wisniewski; top row: coach Geo Wisniewski, Victoria Woodridge, Kevin Zuiderypelt, Katie Vance and Kevan Reed.

Schools send teams to national quiz

KIMBERLY - Teams from Kimberly High School and Liberty Christian Academy of Jerome will compete at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl April 29 through May 3 in Washington, D.C.

Both teams qualified at the 14th annual State INTEL Scholastic Tournament in March 30-31 in Boise. The state contest is sponsored by the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, which will pay the teams expenses.

The Kimberly team is going for the second year in two years. Seniors Ely Garner and Curt Lindley were on the school's winning team two years ago. Jesse Cramer, a junior, joined the group last year and Jared Torres, a senior,

joined the team for the first time this year.

Questions asked the competitors are 75 percent science and math-related with the other subjects dealing with literature, music and other school subjects.

Lindley said he was amazed at the knowledge of the other students and how quickly they answered questions.

This is the second year on the team for Cramer. He said he enjoyed "hanging out" with the students from other schools.

The pressure on the students was so great at times that Torres said he answered a math problem correctly however by the end he had forgotten the complete question. The coach for the Kimberly team is Lawrence

Pfefferle, who called the group was dedicated.

Liberty Christian Academy Coach Geo Wisniewski said he was elated with the team's performance. The school has participated for six years in the Scholastic Tournament.

Last year, the academy was defeated by Community School and took second place in the State Competition.

Liberty Christian Academy is the smallest Idaho school - with 24 high school students - to participate in the state competition and will be the smallest school represented at the national finals, the school reported.

Margaret Jones contributed to this article.

Arts center offers teen jewelry class

KETCHUM - The valley's teens are invited to a Jewelry Making Teen Night at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Friday.

The event will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E. For more information, call 726-9491, ext. 10. No registration is required. A \$3 activity fee is requested. The event is limited to the first 20 teens.

This class for guys and girls and will be taught by local artists Kary Kjesbo and John Caccia. Teens will be able to craft their own jewelry with beads and wire from the Bead Shop in Halley, as well as use silver beads from Caccia's original artwork.

They will learn how to make bracelets and necklaces from beads, leather, string with a dose of their own creativity. The evening are complimented by music and refreshments.



The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will offer 'Jewelry Making for Teens Night' on Friday.

Sun Valley Center's Teen nights are designed to be fun, creative, artistic activities for Friday nights. They are organized in conjunction with YAKI and sponsored by the city of Ketchum and Koret Foundation.

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Traci Michael Ray Watts, son of Michael Watts and Sheila Hasenbank of Jerome, was born Tuesday, March 23, 2004.

This was Yule McDonough, son of Thomas and Rebekah McDonough of Jerome, was born Monday, April 12, 2004.

Jasmin Maciel Guadarrama, daughter of Luz and Jorge Guadarrama of Twin Falls, was born Friday, April 16, 2004.

Lexy Nicole Trana, daughter of Jason and Linda Trana of Hagerman, was born Saturday, April 17, 2004.

Melana Maria Amilla Vazquez, daughter of Nivea and Geo Vazquez of Jerome, was born Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

Home births

Samson Del Milam, son of Jeanne Lee Bryant and Christopher Wayne Milam of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

Gracie Jean Kaster, daughter of Lillie Lou and Scott Francis Kaster of Buhl, was born Saturday, March 20, 2004.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Dakotian Edward Melka, son of Jennifer Lynn Hibert of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 4, 2004.

Abigail Kaitlin Shell, daughter of Amanda Jean

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

Grammer of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

Konnor Aaron Gallegos, son of Shanny Marie and Aaron Kurt Gallegos of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

Alaina Marie Escamilla, daughter of Lana Rae and Miguel Antonio Escamilla of Wells, Nev., was born Thursday, April 15, 2004.

Zachariah De Jesus Bernal, son of Carol Lynn and Felipe De Jesus Bernal Cardenas of Filer, was born Friday, April 16, 2004.

Parker Seeley Case, son of Lillie Lou and Desland Wesley Case of Jerome, was born Friday, April 16, 2004.

Bryden Michael Wooten, son of Megan Loraine Glines and Dustin James Wooten of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 18, 2004.

Tavin Marcdare Gwin, son of Christina Dhane Potts and Tyrel Joseph Gwin of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 18, 2004.

Auxiliary selects Girls State delegates

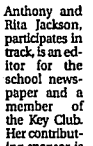
TWIN FALLS - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 announced the Twin Falls delegates to the 88th annual session of Idaho Springs Girls State June 13-19 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Girls State is for girls in their junior or third year of high school. Selection is based upon leadership, character, cooperativeness, courage, honesty, good moral character and scholarship. The program focuses on leadership and the workings of government.

Girls representing Twin Falls High School:



Emily Jackson



Anthony and Rita Jackson



Sabrina Stone

Nicole Bulcher, daughter of Mark and Marjean Bulcher, is the captain of her dance team and participates in Business Professionals of America and Key Club. Her contributing sponsor is Rotary Club.

Amanda Johnson, daughter of Bill and Marion Johnson, is a junior class senator, on debate team and Brunettes dance team and enjoys Jump Company. Her contributing sponsor is the Soroptomist Club.

Emily Jackson, daughter of



Jayme Harmon



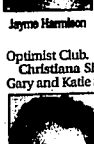
Katle Baxter



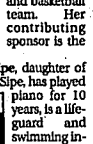
Megan King

Christiana Sipe, daughter of Gary and Katie Sipe, has played piano for 10 years, is a lifeguard and swimming instructor for the YMCA, formation at South Central Head Start and participates in the Congressional Award Program. Her contributing sponsor is the Republican Central Committee.

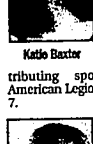
Megan King, daughter of Ken and Pam King, plays volleyball and soccer, is a member of Key Club and honor choir, is a member of class president and likes to workout and run. Her contributing sponsor is Zonia.



Christina Sipe



Morgan Giles



Curtis Giles

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Registration for CSI fall semester open now

GOODING - Registration for the College of Southern Idaho summer and fall 2004 classes is under way.

Students may register at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. Gooding, for CSI courses held at any location.

North side summer academic course offerings include several math courses, as well as classes in accounting, microeconomics and world geography to name a few.

Computer courses available include introductions to computers, spreadsheets, word processing and presentation software.

Summer 2004 academic classes begin on June 7.

For more information, call 934-8678.

Cassia County Parade Committee seeks theme

BURLEY - The Cassia County Parade Committee is accepting nominations for the theme of the 2004 Cassia County Fair, rodeo and parade.

The winning theme will be used throughout fair week on parade entries, to decorate 4-H and other fair booths and on the cover of the fair premium book. A \$50 prize will be awarded for the winning entry.

Entries should be mailed to: Cassia County Parade Committee, c/o Kelly Johnson, 216 Dennis Drive, Burley, ID 83318.

The deadline for entries is April 30.

For more information, call Carol Robertson at 734-8349.

Woman pledges to shave half for Relay fund-raiser

BURLEY - An account has been set up at Zions Bank in Burley for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Jennie Koch of Hazelton has pledged have her head shaved if the account reaches \$5,000 by the end of the month. Cassia Relay runs from 11-12 on the Rupert Square. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call Jennie at 431-3076 or Gall at 678-2291.

Workshop informs consumers care options

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley residents who wonder about the options for long-term care for themselves or family members can get the answers to many of their questions at a workshop to be held from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon May 8 at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shephone Street West.

The workshop on "Long Term Care: Planning for Quality of Life" is sponsored by the University of Idaho and the American Association of Retired Persons Idaho.

The workshop will cover local services that help people stay independent, as well as the ongoing efforts to improve the quality of nursing home care.

Participants will learn about Medicaid, who can access it and what it covers. In addition, participants will gain a better understanding of the role long-term care insurance may play in quality of life planning.

Speakers will be from the Idaho Department of Insurance, Area Agency on Aging, Qualls Health and Idaho Legal Aid.

The workshop is free, but participants must pre-register by calling 324-7570 by May 3.

Local woman celebrates 80th birthday May 2

PAUL - Virginia Paslay will celebrate her 80th birthday from 2-3:30 May 2, at the Paul Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth St. E.

Paslay would appreciate cards with handwritten notes.

Weekly Farmers Market begins at CSI

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Farmers Market has set its 2004 season from May 1 to Oct. 23. The open-air markets will be held once again at the College of Southern Idaho Agriculture Department's Breckenridge Endowment property across North College Road from the

Eldon Evans Expo Center.

The markets are held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday and feature local grown produce and other items for sale.

To participate in the market, call Kathy Hanson at 733-4914.

Friends of Halley Library shares plants May 1

HAILEY - The Halley Library is having its annual "plant share" held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Blaine County Soil Conservation Office, 119 N. River St. in Halley.

Participants are invited to share their extra perennials and bulbs with other gardeners at no charge.

For more information, call Lisa at 788-2036 or Linda at 788-2254.

Red Cross continues first aid, CPR courses

TWIN FALLS - The South Central District of the American Red Cross will hold first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation community classes.

Monday and Tuesday classes are held from 6-10 p.m. Thursday classes are held from 6-10 p.m., and Saturday classes are held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Standard First Aid with AED (automated external defibrillator)" will be held May 3-4; "Standard First Aid and Infant/Child CPR" will be held May 13-14; "Standard First Aid and Infant/Child CPR Review" will be held May 13; "Standard First

Aid with AED" will be held May 17-18; and "Standard First Aid and Infant/Child CPR" will be held May 22.

Classes are held at 1139 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. For more information about price and location, call 733-6464.

Mobile health clinic makes stop at school

DIETRICH - Immunizations and other services will be provided by the Mobile Health Clinic from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Dietrich School parking lot, 406 N. Park.

The mobile clinic is provided by Family Health Services and Children's Health Project. The clinic provides immunizations, preventive care, acute care, family planning services, comprehensive primary care, patient education and dental care. Fees on are a sliding scale.

For more information, call the school at 544-2158 or Family Health Services at 734-3312.

Giles brothers receive Eagle Scout Award

KIMBERLY - Curtis and Morgan Giles, the sons of Craig and Elyon Giles of Hansen, will receive their Eagle Scout Awards at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Hansen Ward Building, 222 Birch St. S. in Kimberly.

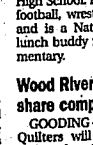
For their project they built a screening room for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center that



Morgan Giles



Curtis Giles



Wood River Quilters

was used. They are in Troop 89.

Curtis is a senior at Kimberly High School. He participates in football, wrestling and track and is a member of the State Champion four by 200 team, the National Honor Society, Natural Helpers and Teens Against Tobacco Use.

Morgan is a sophomore at Kimberly High School. He participates in football, wrestles and baseball and is a Natural Helper and lunch buddy for Kimberly Elementary.

Wood River Quilters share company, quilting

GOODING - The Wood River Quilters will meet for open quilting from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding County Extension Office 4-H at the Gooding Fairgrounds, 201 Lucy Lane.

Guests are welcome.

For more information, call Phyllis Kochert at 934-8046 or Ann Jansen at 934-4241.

ENGAGEMENTS

MEIREIS-HIGLEY

RUPERT — Claudia and Jerry Meireis of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Meireis, to Nathan Higley, son of Gary and Jan Higley of Rupert.

Meireis is a graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at American General Finance in Twin Falls.

Higley is also a graduate of Minico High School. He is employed at Higley's Autobody Inc. in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 1 at the Rupert



Nathan Higley and Rachel Meireis
First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. May 1 at the church.

MOWER-CHILDERS

TWIN FALLS — Don and Faye Mower of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Terry Lee Childers, son of Terry G. and Clairece Childers of Garfield, Ark.

Mower is a graduate of Worland High School in Worland, Wyo. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Childers is a graduate of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. He is employed at Nationwide Insurance in Bentonville, Ark.

The wedding is planned for Friday, April 30, at the Amazing



Terry Childers and Misty Mower

Grace Fellowship in Twin Falls. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the church.

HANSEN-BOHON

RUPERT — David and Pattie Hansen of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Bohon, to Nile and Joy Bohon of Heyburn.

Hansen is a 2002 graduate of Minico High School and attended Idaho State University. She is an agent for American Income Life.

Bohon is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School. He attended the College of Southern Idaho and Utah State University and graduated from the School of Massage Therapy in Orem, Utah. He is employed at Boise Cascade. The wedding is planned for 3



Brooke Bohon and Heidi Hansen
p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Sunrise P River Ranch, 400 S. 160 E., Rupert. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. May 1 at the same location. The couple will reside in Heyburn.

CALLEN-PETERSON

HAZLETON — Mr. and Mrs. Tim Callen of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Callen, to Jason Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Redge Peterson of Burley.

Callen is a 2001 graduate of Valley High School in Hazelton. She is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in elementary education.

Peterson is a 1996 graduate of Burley High School. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Tennessee Knoxville Mission. He graduated in the winter of 2003 from BYU-Idaho with a bachelor degree in accounting. He is employed at Allied Financial Services in



Jason Peterson and Brandi Callen

Reburg. The wedding is planned for Friday, April 30, in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Hazelton LDS Church. The couple will reside in Reburg.

BJORNVICK-MAUGHAN

PAUL — Rose Bjornvick and Tyrell O. Maughan announce their engagement.

Bjornvick is the daughter of James and Ann Bjornvick and Larry and Karen Gilmore, all of the Palmyra area, N.Y. She is a graduate of Campbell High School in New York and is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho.

She is employed at Wendy's in Reburg.

Maughan is the son of Orlo and Laurel Maughan of Paul. He is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School and is attending BYU-Idaho. He is employed by BYU-Idaho on the landscaping



Tyrell Maughan and Rose Bjornvick

crew. The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 1, in the Palmyra LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis.

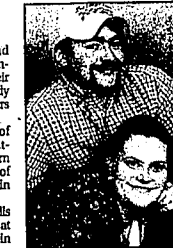
VINING-CAMPBELL

TWIN FALLS — Glenn and Shanna Vining of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Koryl Vining, to Cody Campbell, son of Sherrie Sanders of Jerome.

Vining is a graduate of Jerome High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is manager of Nana's House Daycare in Twin Falls.

Campbell attended Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Simplot Grower's Solution in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Alexander Barn in Filer. A reception will be held at 4:30



Cody Campbell and Koryl Vining

p.m. May 1 at the Alexander Barn.

BINGHAM-LEWIS

JEROME — Elray and Roberta Bingham of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Bingham, to Nephth Lewis, son of Keeva and Julie Lewis of Auburn, Wyo.

Bingham is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in child and family studies.

Lewis is a graduate of Star Valley High School in Star Valley, Wyo., and is attending BYU-Idaho, majoring in elementary education. He served a mission in Utica, N.Y., for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed at Target in Idaho Falls.



Nephth Lewis and Christy Bingham

The wedding is planned for Friday, April 30, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Jerome 2nd, 5th and 7th Wards LDS Church, 100 S. 50 E.

ADAMS-STIMPSON

HANSEN — Galen and Sheryl Stimpson of Hansen announce the engagement of their son, Devin Lee Stimpson, to Nicole Rene Adams, daughter of William Ted and Shelly Adams of Prosser, Wash.

Adams is a 2003 graduate of Prosser High School in Prosser, Wash.

Stimpson is a 1998 graduate of Hansen High School and a 2001 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at Old Faithful Beverage Company in Idaho Falls.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 7, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

An open house will be held at



Devin Stimpson and Nicole Adams

7 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Stimpson residence, 620 Wisconsin in Hansen. A second open house will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Prosser LDS Church, 1835 Highland Drive in Prosser, Wash.

GUEST-SMITH

BUHL — William and Sue Guest of Klamath Falls, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Guest, to Tyler Alexander Smith, son of Gary and Kimberly Smith of Buhl.

Guest is a 2002 graduate of Henley High School in Klamath Falls. She is a junior at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in elementary education.

Smith is a 2000 graduate of Buhl High School and a junior at BYU in Provo, majoring in accounting. He served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Colorado Springs Mission.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 8, in the Salt



Tyler Alexander and Jennifer Guest

Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held in their honor from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. A second reception will be held Saturday, May 22, at the Guest residence in Klamath Falls.

The couple will reside in Provo, Utah.

WATKINS-MARSH

TWIN FALLS — Fred and Lynn Watkins of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Lea Watkins, to Joseph Patrick Marsh, son of Carolyn Marsh of Yuba City, Calif.

Watkins is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and San Diego State University in San Diego, Calif. She is employed at Jack in the Box corporate office as kitchen manager in the Research and Development Department.

Marsh is a graduate of Bella Vista High School in Sacramento, Calif., and attended Sacramento City College in Sacramento. He is employed at



Tara Watkins and Joseph Marsh

Radisson Hotel San Diego as convention services manager. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Twin Falls Park, east of Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BINGHAMS
TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Deloy Bingham of Twin Falls are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bingham and Barbara E. Hill were married April 29, 1954, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They have lived in Twin Falls most of their married lives. He worked at Amalgamated Sugar Co., retiring after 40 years of service. She worked as a beautician for many years, operating her own business.

They have been active in scouting, church youth groups and many other callings in the LDS Church.

The couple has four children, Debbie (Scott) Erwin of Rupert, Kandara (Jim) Holbrook of St. Charles, Mo., Lori (Joe) Casperson of Twin Falls and Terri (Don) Hight of Provo, Utah. They have 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

They celebrated their anniversary last month on a Caribbean



Barbara and Deloy Bingham



A family celebration is planned for August.

THE HUIHS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Burton "Burr" Huih of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Twin Falls LDS Church Stake Center, 421 Maurice St. N. The couple requests no gifts, please.

Huih and Gloria Stenquist were married April 30, 1954, in the LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

At that time, he was working for the telephone company and was a projectionist at the theater. He went to work for JC Penney in 1955, and they lived in Salt Lake City, Ely and Elko, Nev., Idaho Falls and Twin Falls. He opened an insurance office in 1967 in Twin Falls and retired in 1997. She worked for Breckenridge Freightlines and the College of Southern Idaho and retired in 1997.

They have been active in the LDS Church, and also have spent time with family and traveled extensively. He has been involved with the Dilettantes and Northside Playhouse. He is the organizer and a charter member of the Magichords barbershop quartet chorus.



Burt and Gloria Huih



The event is hosted by their children, Jan Wright and Nancy Hansen, both of Sandy, Utah, and Kevin Huih of Arroyo Grande, Calif. They also celebrated with a cruise to the western Caribbean in March.

The couple has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE BLACKS

EDEN — Mr. and Mrs. Don Black of Eden will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, May 3, at The White House, 365 Lake Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Black and Yulah Hite were married May 3, 1944, in Twin Falls.

He was in the Army for three years during World War II. They have lived in Eden since their marriage.

They owned and operated Black Oil Co. in Eden for 45 years. They have been active in the LDS Church. They served a church mission for one year in Chicago.

The event is hosted by their children, Don (Susan) Black of Twin Falls and Ted (Lana) Black of Eden.

The couple has nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



Yulah and Don Black



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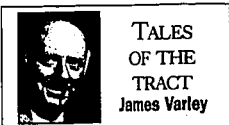
Four-year-old Bertha Spencer died of measles on Feb. 16, 1905. In her family's tent home in Rock Creek Canyon. Her 23-year-old mother, Gertrude, died a week later of the same disease. Although F.W. Havlicek had recently opened the town's first undertaking and embalming parlor, Mrs. Warren Hoag — who with her husband ran the Waverley Hotel — went to the Spencer tent and prepared Gertrude for burial. She also did the washing, baked the bread and took care of the surviving children while Mr. Hoag took the bereaved husband in a wagon to Shoshone to buy a coffin.

Death was always close at hand in the earliest days of Twin Falls' existence. If measles didn't strike a person down a multitude of other killers — smallpox, pneumonia, tuberculosis, typhus, typhoid fever, influenza, scarlet fever and more — were waiting in the wings to do the job. Life expectancy was 46 years for men and 48 for women, as opposed to 74 and 79 today.

Newborns and young children were the most vulnerable. One of the earliest to perish in Twin Falls was the 2-month-old child of the George Batts, December 1906. who died of pneumonia a month before death took the two Spencers. Batts was a freighter plying between Shoshone and Twin Falls, and the couple also lived in a Rock Creek tent.

Of the 141 deaths during our community's first 3 1/2 years, 29 of the victims were infants and 17 were young children, representing, together, 33 percent of the total. Also five mothers died from the complications of childbirth which, in those days, nearly always took place at home.

Two young doctors, Henry W. Clouchek and Walter F. Pike, both of whom arrived in October 1904, were the first to take up medical practice in Twin Falls. Several months later, Dr. Truman Boyd hung up his shingle, as did Dr. Jane Shank, an osteopath. They all soon had their hands full in the growing town. These were the days



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

when doctors often actually came to the patient's home, and though nothing of traveling miles over rough roads, even at night, to render treatment.

The first hospital

Dr. Boyd was running his practice out of a small building in the 200 block of Second Avenue South in fall 1905 when a serious outbreak of typhoid fever occurred in southern Idaho.

Initially, Boyd pitched a large tent behind the building for his typhoid patients. Then, a short time later he leased a small shack one block to the east, and turned it into an eight-bed hospital. In mid-October, Boyd convinced the Twin Falls Commercial Club to get involved in organizing a red hospital. About \$1,745 was collected from various people, but this had to be used to maintain Boyd's temporary hospital which, by then, contained a half dozen typhoid patients. Businessmen also donated materials, such as coal and utensils, and the ladies of the town prepared food for the patients.

The hiring of two trained nurses — the Misses Voltz and Weinhold — led a number of young men to feign sickness in order that they might also be nursed. The guilty parties were warned that they would be ducked in Rock Creek and made to drink its water if they didn't straighten up.

The Commercial Club appointed a permanent hospital committee that winter, but there was no further activity until May 1906 when Drs. Pike and Boyd, with several citizens, incorporated the Twin Falls Hospital Association. By July, the association had subscribed \$4,050, and the Townsite Co. had donated eight lots in the 200 block of Third Avenue West (which is now the loading area and rear entrance for the downtown post office).

In October, coincident with the onset of another, more severe typhoid epidemic, construction of the hospital was begun. Work had to be suspended for about six months due to a lack of money, but more was raised by holding a series of rallies, bake sales, plays, dances and a "fat man baseball game."

By December 1907, the building was completed and fully operational, staffed by a matron and competent nurses. The old burying ground The first recorded death in Twin Falls was that of Mrs. Roy W. Gager, the 26-year-old wife of a Twin Falls hardware merchant, who died of heart failure in late October 1904. The Rev. H.W. Parker, a Methodist minister of Shoshone, presided over the interment in ground belonging to a civil engineer named Herbert Martin. The land lay about a mile, or so, from the center of town, between what is now Sherry Drive, on the north, and Elizabeth Boulevard on the south, and between Sunrise on the west and Eastland on the east. Martin had apparently indicated he would donate the site for use as a cemetery.

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Twin Falls' first hospital, in about 1907. It was expanded and remodeled several times and eventually became the Park Hotel.

Below, Dr. Henry W. Clouchek plotted and fully operational, staffed by a matron and competent nurses.

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formed to obtain rights of way for the road and to get a deed from Martin for the cemetery. But, by this time, Martin had decided not to donate the valuable 20-acre tract to the city.

The problem festered for about a year, unresolved, as more bodies were buried on Martin's property. Finally, in August 1906, after strong editorials by the *News*, a Twin Falls Cemetery Association was incorporated by a recently arrived undertaker, Haskell Hunt, and by C. Harder and others. They had the site that exists today on Kimberly bodies to be removed.

In spring 1907 Martin leased his "Old Ground" cemetery land to a farmer. At least 28 people had been interred on the property, and the lessee gave notice that they must be removed by May 1. Records show that undertaker Hunt moved 24 bodies to the new cemetery at a cost of \$23 per corpse.

But, as of late November, the last time the subject was mentioned in the newspaper, there were still a number of indigents, or "Italians" killed on the (irrigation) works, who had been buried at county expense.

James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the 'Magic Valley,'" sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.

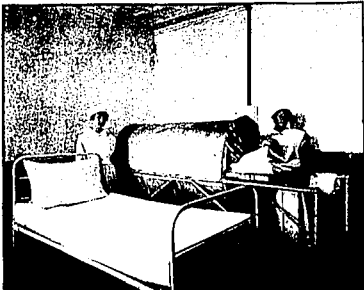
Kitchen table operations

Before Twin Falls had a hospital, serious operations and complicated cases were sent — if possible — to hospitals in Salt Lake City, Pocatello or Boise. Otherwise, the procedure took place in the doctor's office, or in the home of the doctor or patient.

They were generally performed with another doctor assisting, perhaps because there were so few trained nurses.

In one instance, a serious case of appendicitis developed requiring immediate treatment. The patient could not be moved to a distant hospital so Dr. Walter F. Pike fitted up a room in his building to which the patient was taken.

There, Dr. Truman Boyd and Pike performed the operation while Dr. John B. Coburn administered the anesthetic (chloroform or ether).



Nurses in Twin Falls Hospital, in about 1910. The patient may be in a hot air machine, described by Dr. James Monroe of Buhl as being designed for "cooking the rheumatism out of the human system."

Research book details fates of historical schools

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Curious what happened to the one-room school house near your family's old homestead? Or the classroom from your grandmother's childhood memories?

Marenda Wright's research might provide the answers. After almost nine years of research and writing, Wright last week released her book titled "The Knowledge Box: County Schools to Current Schools of Twin Falls County."

With map-reading and global position system help from her husband, Cecil, Wright researched scores of the county's county schools and their original locations, building contractors and architectural designs; their length of use as schools; and their subsequent uses, relocations, remodelings or demolition. The oldest school she researched dated to about 1880. Her soft-cover, 8-by-11-inch

book of almost 400 pages contains about 98 photos that can be in color, 105 other black-and-white photos and around 90 full-page maps, Wright said.

The version with all photos in black and white costs \$27, including tax. Special-order books with the recent photographs printed in color cost \$40 each, including tax. (The historical photographs, of course, were shot in black and white, and thus they will remain.)

People can buy the book by calling Wright at 733-3020 or sending e-mail to marenda@cablone.net. Wright said the book's not likely to be on the shelves of local bookstores.

"The Knowledge Box" is not, as previously planned, a fund-raiser for the Twin Falls County Historical Museum. To accelerate the publishing schedule, Wright and her husband opted for a different printing company than they had planned, and she said they've

priced the book so that sales are likely to just cover costs.

With help from the historical museum, Wright had hooked up with Donning Co. Publishers in Missouri, a company that collaborates with nonprofit organizations to get local historical books into print. But that effort didn't work out.

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Wrights went to great lengths to be accurate. "I think it's an outstanding research book." With many prepaid orders in hand, Wright and her husband had 100 black-and-white copies printed initially and another 100 a few days ago. By Wednesday they had accumulated 20 orders for color versions, which will be printed in a special batch.

Wright is among a handful of local authors releasing history-related books as Twin Falls celebrates its 100th birthday. They along with many other local writers, got attention in a communitywide reading project that wrapped up last week.

Wright's book came out just in time for the last Magic Valley Reads get-together.

She can have more copies printed on demand, so they'll be available as other towns in the county celebrate their own centennials.

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