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## GOOD MORNING

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Sunny and  
warm. High of  
77.  
Tonight,  
clear. Low of 48.

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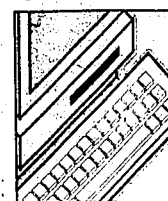
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# Water down the drain

By Julia Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — During the hours the city pool is open, its eight showers run nonstop.

And more than a few swimmers are wondering about all that water going and going and going down the drain. The question is drawing even more attention now that the city is facing an apparent water shortage and officials are talking about hiking water rates.

"I was wondering why—if the city is planning to raise the price of water—the water is always running in the showers at the pool," lap swimmer Melissa

## City plans change at pool to eliminate appearance of waste

Harrington said. Harrington said she's worried about how much extra she's going to have to pay to water her large lawn and flower garden. Her husband, Matt Harrington, who has been training at the pool for a triathlon, actually asked swimming pool personnel about the constantly running showers.

"It's not the only one. Every single day we have people who are irritated because it looks like we're wasting water," said Gretchen Scott, who used to run the pool and is now an assistant to

the city manager. But in this case, appearances are deceiving, Scott said.

All that water going down the drain is actually the city's effort to conserve water, she said. In reality, the city is re-using perfectly clean geothermal water from which the Twin Falls School District has extracted most of the heat.

It's water that comes out of the ground near Twin Falls High School. The school district uses it to heat Sawtooth Elementary School, and then passes some of it along to the city to use for pool and showering water.

"It seems like a positive use of resources," Matt Harrington said.

However, the constantly running showers do present an image problem, city officials admit. If it looks like there's water going to waste at the pool, how can officials push conservation upon the public?

To solve the dilemma, the city has a plan to change the appearance that water is being wasted at the pool.

### Changing the appearance

At one time the school dis-

trict pumped 85 gallons of geothermal water per minute, said Bob Furr, district maintenance supervisor. All the school had to do was pick up the water from a free-flowing underground stream. But increased pressure from other users over the years diminished the amount of water in the geothermal stream to which the school district has rights, and eventually the district had to begin pumping. Nowadays the district pumps about 65 gallons a minute.

Then in 1988 the city began building the pool near the high school. To conserve water, city

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## LADIES IN RED HATS



Red Hat Society member Lois Gehrig, right, and Tiffany Wagner, the 12-year-old granddaughter of another member, choose hat pins for Wagner's cap during a function at Simply Serendipity in Jerome Thursday. Members of the society wear purple clothes and red hats and refuse to age gracefully.

## Group of women won't age gracefully

To learn more

Anyone interested in joining an existing chapter, or forming their own Red Hat Society can call Sylvia Moore-Futrell at 644-1282 or visit the Red Hat Society Web site at [www.redhatsociety.com](http://www.redhatsociety.com).

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — If you see a group of women dressed in purple, wearing clashing red hats and gloves with ostrich feather boas, you're not hallucinating.

They're members of the Magic Chapter of the Red Hat Society, which gathered recently at Simply Serendipity in

Jerome for a bit of antique hunting. Red watters, as the members call themselves, refuse to age gracefully.

"They prefer to do it in grand style."

"When I am an old lady I shall wear purple with a red hat that doesn't go with and doesn't suit me," said society member Sylvia Moore-Futrell, reciting the poem "Warning" by Jenny

Joseph. "And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves and satin sandals and say we have no money for butter."

Members of the local Red Hat Society turn to esthetics, millinery and poetry for inspiration: As red hatters the women are making up for the "sobriety of their youth" by "practicing now so

Los Angeles Times

## Saudis question 'jihad'

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Abdel Aziz Raikhan was fuming on Saturday, standing alongside his pickup truck and surveying the abandoned shops and blasted apartment blocks of downtown, a zone still littered with twisted cars and chunks of rubble from the suicide bombing of a nearby police headquarters.

"They're mentally ill, this crowd," he said of the Islamist militants who killed at least five people and wounded 148 on Wednesday. Raikhan, 30, works as a maintenance man for the Saudi security forces; luckily, he was on the other side of town when his office was blown up.

"There's not one American in this entire area," he said plaintively, sweeping an arm to take in a neighborhood eerily still. Its streets laced with police tape. "Not one! What kind of jihad is this?"

Throughout the Saudi mainstream, the call has risen: "This is not a jihad, or sacred struggle, does not kill fellow Muslims, let alone Saudis. Wednesday's attack plainly meant to kill Saudi police and civilians mulling through the tightly wound streets of downtown at rush hour, has infuriated Saudis."

Now this ascetic, oil-rich kingdom is stuck between the religious ideal of jihad, still widely embraced here and the bloody, nerve-wracked reality of a nation targeted by armed militants. Saudis curse the American soldiers in Fallujah and praise Hamas suicide bombings in Israel even as they

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## Army sends more Humvees to Iraq, adds plating to 'soft' ones

Roadside bomb kills U.S. soldier

The Associated Press

NAJAF Iraq — Deafening noise, confusion and fear erupted as the roadside bomb slammed into the U.S. Army Humvee, knocking over Spc. Stephen Monti, who was manning a gun in the turret.

Then he started checking whether we still had our 10 fingers on." Monti recalled of the recent ambush south of Baghdad.

Not only had all four soldiers escaped injury, but the vehicle — which had been fortified by armor plating and bulletproof glass — came through with just a few dents and a cracked windshield.

"There probably would have been wounds, maybe mortal ones, in your basic Humvee," said Monti, of St. Louis. "Every vehicle that goes out on the road should be 'up-armed.' Your safety is dramatically increased."

But many in Iraq are not, and attacks against them by roadside bombs and rocket-propelled grenades are driving up

the casualty toll. On Sunday, a Humvee was engulfed in flames after a roadside bomb struck a U.S. convoy in eastern Baghdad, killing a U.S. soldier. It was not known if the Humvee had the extra armor.

When the war began, only about 2 percent of Army's 110,000 Humvees were armored. Now, of the nearly 15,000 Humvees in Iraq, about 1,500 to 2,000 are armored, according to the Army. The numbers are increasing.

The Army is making a "full-court press" to locate and Please see HUMVEES, Page A3

## Cosmetics queen Estee Lauder dies

The Washington Post

Estee Lauder, the cosmetics tycoon who became a household icon to millions of women who used her Youth Dew, Clinique brand and other beauty creams and lotions, died of a cardiovascular arrest April 24 at her home in New York. Her family said she was 97, a rare admission of age for a woman who left such matters obscure, even in her autobiography.

From a humble background, Lauder turned a family recipe for skin creams into a multibillion-dollar empire of skin care products available in upscale department stores worldwide. A pioneer in the marketing of beauty products, she called her wares "jars of hope" and told women they could "start the new year with a new face."

A first-generation American whose early quest for self-improvement fueled her business acumen, she became one of the most prominent women in the worlds of commerce and society. The Duchess of Windsor and Nancy Reagan were among her friends, as was initially surprised Princess



Estee Lauder

Grace of Monaco. "I don't know her very well, but she keeps sending all these things," Princess Grace once said.

Fashion expert Suzy Menkes wrote in her International Herald Tribune column in 1996: "By a combination of good luck and good judgment, Estee Lauder has become that rarest of species: a beauty business widely embraced here and to outlive its founder in a way that Elizabeth Arden or Helena Rubinstein could not."

Lauder's determination, ambition and relentless imagination Please see LAUDER, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Very warm and sunny. Highs in the mid to the upper 70s.
Tonight: Fair to clear skies, continued dry. Lows in the mid to the upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Plenty of sun and very warm. Highs in the upper 70s.
Tonight: Clear, dry and quiet. Lows near 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Through Tuesday we will have plenty of sunshine and some very warm temperatures thanks to a strong ridge of high pressure. A cold front moving through Wednesday will bring in some Spring showers.

BOISE
Skies will be sunny and temperatures will be well above average today and Tuesday.
Sunscreen will be needed if you are heading outdoors as highs could climb into the lower 60s.

NORTHERN UTAH
Skies will be sunny and temperatures will be very warm today and Tuesday.

U.S. National Weather Service
Twin Falls, Idaho
Forecast for the next 24 hours.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Sunny and warm
Tonight: Clear and quiet
Tuesday: Record breaking temperatures possible, sunny
Wednesday: Much cooler with scattered showers
Thursday: A few light showers possible early, partly cloudy
Friday: Sunny and warmer

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Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count.

MOON PHASES
April 27 First
May 4 Full Moon
May 11 Last
May 19 New Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow Wednesday
Boise 73-84 75-83 69-74

NATIONAL FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow Wednesday
Albany 67-78 68-79 61-70

WORLD FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow Wednesday
Abuja 28-39 29-40 22-33

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
Moonrise: 12:29 PM
Moonset: 3:21 AM

U.V. INDEX
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
A map of the United States showing weather fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary, and Occluded.

CANADIAN FORECAST
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pass through metal detectors and steer their cars through the checkpoints that choke Riyadh's traffic to a standstill.

Thousands of eager Saudi men streamed out of their homeland to fight those distant battles. All of those causes, and especially the Palestinian Intifada, are seen by many Saudis as righteous and, more important, tied to Islamic duty.

plained bitterly about the presence of U.S. troops on the sacred ground of Saudi Arabia, and derided the unfaithful government that allowed the soldiers to stay. There were 10,000 troops stationed in the desert south of Riyadh during the recent invasion of Iraq.

Queen Mary 2 departs New York
New York Daily News
NEW YORK — New York gave her namesake queen a royal send-off Sunday night, as the Queen Mary 2 set sail for England under a sky full of fireworks and a shoreline full of cheering admirers.

charity events. Her idea brought in thousands of new customers. She was an early advocate for handing out extras with each purchase, a widely imitated sales device.

Liberty punctuated a fairy-tale visit to the city by the massive Queen Mary 2, which slipped into New York Harbor at dawn Thursday.

Age
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that people will not be too shocked when they are old and start to wear purple.

Moore-Futrell, who's the local chapter's machinist, or founder, said the club takes some women where they haven't been before.

Water
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and school officials came up with a plan to re-use some of the water the school uses for the Perrine Coulee, which eventually makes its way to the Snake River.

Putting water back in the aquifer
Boise has four geothermal wells that pump about 687 million gallons a year out of the ground.

Planned.
But it's only for appearances. There won't be any less water going down the drain and into the stream that heads toward the Snake River Canyon and cascades into the Snake River.

Jeff Peppersack of the Idaho Department of Water Resources verified that the school's geothermal rights can't be used for irrigation.

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# Kerry plans attack on Cheney

The Washington Post

Sen. John E. Kerry and the Democratic Party will open a week-long assault on Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday, hoping that tarring him as promoting secrecy and controversial policies will erode confidence in President Bush.

Cheney is less popular than Bush in polls, and Democratic strategists said they need to further inhibit the vice president's effectiveness as Bush's attack messenger.

Cheney is expected to deliver a major address in Missouri Monday evening that Kerry's record shows he would be unsuitable to serve as commander in chief in an era that requires an unwavering leader who can recognize gathering threats and is willing to speak out against them, even when that is difficult or unpopular. Aides said Cheney will say the president must set a clear and consistent foreign policy, and support a military strong enough to use decisive power as a last resort.

Kerry's campaign staff said he



John Kerry

will focus first on Cheney's record as defense secretary under President George H.W. Bush, charging that Cheney proposed massive cuts to weapons critical to recent military operations. The Bush campaign replied that Cheney took his stands during the peace-dividend and rollback of the military after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

On Wednesday, Kerry will turn to White House efforts to prevent disclosure of records of an energy-policy task force led by Cheney. On Friday, Kerry plans to highlight Cheney's connections to the Halliburton Co., a major U.S. contractor in Iraq.

Kerry is targeting the vice president in the week that Bush and Cheney are scheduled to appear together for private questioning by the independent panel inves-



Vice President Dick Cheney

tigating the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Ninety minutes before Cheney's speech in Missouri, Democratic National Committee Chairman Terence

McAuliffe is to give a speech in Washington accusing the Bush-Cheney campaign of trying "to smear John Kerry's service to America and his commitment to defending it as president."

"Why should we believe a word Dick Cheney says about John Kerry?" McAuliffe's prepared remarks state. "For four years, Dick Cheney hasn't been straight with the American people. Why would he start now?"

Cheney's role as Bush's attack dog highlights one of many reasons some Democrats are

hammering at the president. The use of McAuliffe to respond to Cheney is notable because some of Kerry's advisers have said McAuliffe is so partisan and belligerent.

Bush's campaign will begin a heavy run Monday of ads charging that Kerry "has repeatedly opposed weapons vital to winning the war on terror." For the first time, the campaign is customizing ads for specific swing states to highlight locally made systems or components Kerry has opposed. The campaign is also airing a two-week "Winning the War on Terror Tour," in which Republican officials and decorated veterans will appear at plants that make weapons Kerry has opposed.

The Republican National Committee is also urging lawmakers to tell constituents about a position paper from Kerry's first Senate campaign. In 1984, in which he called for \$45 billion to \$33 billion in cuts to President Ronald Reagan's defense budget, saying there is "no excuse for casting even one for unnecessary weapons of destruction."

## Anti-abortion rally confronts march

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With a Bible in his left hand and a bullhorn in his right, Jeff Schneider, a salesman from Ohio, directed his scorn toward the sea of abortion rights activists marching past the spot he had staked out along Pennsylvania Avenue.

"You're murdering innocent babies," he shouted, pointing at a huge placard showing a bloody fetus. "Look at the picture — they have fingers and toes."

A group of young women in pink T-shirts looked in his direction as they chanted, "Pro life, that's a lie. You don't care if we live or die."

"Keep your legs closed, ladies," a man standing next to Schneider called out.

"Choice? Choice?" they chanted back.

"You're buying shoes?" the man asked them, with a sneer. "You're killing babies."

Pennsylvania Avenue became the vitriolic front line of two warring factions kept apart by a flimsy police barricade Sunday. Abortion protesters obtained a permit to demonstrate along eight blocks. More than 200 people, many of them carrying

rosaries and pictures of Christ, spread out, forming a phalanx armed with graphic placards of fetuses as well as newborn infants over the words "celebrate life." Many shouted, "Baby killers!"

Many marchers hurried back rancorously invecive, calling out four-letter words, booing and matching insult for insult. Others simply shook their heads sadly as they walked past priests praying and making the sign of the cross, or posters equating abortion with Nazi genocide and Ku Klux Klan lynchings.

"It's not your business," one marcher said angrily to a man holding an anti-choice placard. "It's my body. My rights. My freedom."

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## U.S.-backed resolution faces obstacles

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is preparing a broad U.N. resolution to endorse its plan to transfer power in Iraq, but it may face a tough sell on proposals guaranteeing legal protection for foreign troops and letting Washington make the final judgments on Saddam Hussein's weapons programs, according to U.S. and U.N. officials.

The scope of the powers scheduled to be handed over to an Iraqi provisional government on June 30 could also trigger contentious debate, the officials said. Some key U.N. members are already questioning whether the United States will actually retain significant control.

The general goal of a new resolution is to rally international support behind the new provisional government, which is still being negotiated by U.S.

and U.N. officials, and ease year-long international friction over the U.S.-led military intervention to oust Saddam.

With serious deliberations on a draft now underway within the administration, U.S. officials are optimistic about rallying enough Security Council support — unlike the resolution authorizing the use of force last year. "We are working on such a resolution, and I'm confident we'll be able to obtain such a resolution," Secretary of State Colin Powell told Dutch RTL television Friday.

Yet what some U.S. officials have dubbed the "mugle-resolution" might be in trouble even here as a draft is finalized. "This could be the last big diplomatic battle over U.S. Iraq policy," said a senior U.S. official involved in the U.N. policy.

Security Council envoys are concerned that the new resolution will convey only partial sovereignty to Iraq, leaving a

new government with little legitimacy and ultimate power in the hands of the United States and its military allies. Russia, China, Pakistan and other council members insist that the transfer of power mark a real end to U.S. control and that the United Nations be given wider powers — more than the world body appears prepared to assume.

"The main thing is to give back the central role to the United Nations," said China's U.N. ambassador, Wang Guangya. "Of course the occupation ends on June 30, but for many people there will still be a continuation of foreign occupation."

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## Humvees

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deliver every armored Humvee in its inventory to Iraq, said Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armored Division. At the same time, factories are boosting production of the armored version.

During the war last year, some Humvees were ambushed as swift-moving U.S. troops bypassed pockets of resistance. But the attacks have mounted as Iraq became what Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces, calls a "360-degree battlefield," with none of safer rear areas of conventional warfare.

"They were not intended to be on the front lines," Dempsey said of the unarmored vehicles. In a linear battlefield, Humvees always operated behind the front lines — in most cases even out of artillery range. Iraq isn't a linear battlefield. As we find ourselves in a low-

mid-intensity conflict, and we have all these vehicles designed for a linear battlefield, they come up short."

The Army is trying to find every heavily armored Humvee "from every other place in the world," Dempsey told The Associated Press. In the meantime, soldiers in Iraq are making do. They're hardening their "soft-skins," as unarmored Humvees are called, from kits available at some bases or by getting enterprising Iraqis to whack steel sheets onto their vehicles.

"Some who have to ride in the soft-skins don't pray. It hasn't prevented me from going out, but whenever possible, I turn a ride in an armored Humvee. There is a little extra element of having to trust God more when going out in soft-skins," said Maj. Chip Huey of Hattiesburg, Miss., captain for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Hazelton might raise sewer rates

**HAZELTON** — The City Council will consider May 10 whether to raise sewer rates.

A recent auditor's report highlighted the fact that the city spent \$36,255 more last year than it received in its sewer fund.

Hazelton currently is conducting a sewer study that's looking into the feasibility of meeting stricter state and federal environmental mandates.

Terry Sgille, a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development representative, told the City Council recently that it wouldn't be eligible for additional grants unless it increases its rates to a point where the sewer system is self-supporting. USDA recently granted Hazelton a \$9,675 grant to put toward its sewer study.

Sewer rates in the city currently are \$5 a month.

### T.F. Council hears Western Days Ideas

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls City Council will hear from the Western Days Committee today at its regular meeting at 5 p.m.

The council will consider the final plan of High Plains Estates, which is 21 acres located on the south side of the 100 and 200 blocks of Park Avenue. In addition, the council will consider the final plan of the Fieldstone Subdivision, formerly Westview Meadows. The plot is 36 acres located at the northwest corner of Grandview Drive North and North College Road.

The council also plans to discuss the process of appointing members to city advisory commissions.

### Newspaper sponsors 'Cooking School'

**RUPERT** — If you're a cook looking for fresh springtime fare, plan to attend the Taste of Home Cooking School Tuesday.

Suzanne Renshaw, a home economist with the Cooking School, will present recipes that will satisfy the sweet tooth as well as the low-fat enticement. She will prepare eight dishes highlighting ingredients from this season's national sponsor lineup.

The event is being sponsored by The Times-News and will be held in the Minico High School auditorium in Rupert. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. for guests to visit local vendor booths. The main program begins at 7 p.m.

"This event will have something for everyone," said Greg Taylor, The Times-News marketing director. "We'll be using techniques we assist the novice and refresh the seasoned cooks' talents as well."

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at The Times-News office in Twin Falls, the newspaper's business office in Burley or at the South Idaho Press office.

### Jerome celebrates Arbor Day Thursday

**JEROME** — The Jerome Tree Committee will hold an Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m. April 29 in North Park.

The committee plans to plant six trees — two in North Park, two in Camozzi Park and two in Seasons Park. The environment class will help with the plantings, and a representative from the Idaho Department of Lands will be awarding Tree City USA and Growth awards.

The public is encouraged to attend, especially those with young children.

### Filer, Hollister hold kindergarten signups

**FILER** — Filer and Hollister elementary schools will register kindergarten-age children from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the respective school offices on Thursday for the 2004-05 school year.

Proof of immunizations, birth certificates and Social Security cards are required to register. Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, call Margie Gray at Filer Elementary, 326-4369, or Cheryl David at Hollister Elementary, 655-4215.

— compiled from staff reports

## SINGLE NEWSPAPER THEORY



John Peterson, left, has developed a new newspaper vending machine that only releases one paper at a time. Chuck Stein, back row left, of Stein Metal Fab, and David Hatfield, president of Hatfield Manufacturing Inc., will assemble the machine.

### CSI inventor says he's created long-sought distribution machine

By Jennifer Reynolds  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** — Several have attempted it, but nobody's perfected it.

How do you distribute a single newspaper from a vending machine without allowing a would-be thief to walk away with the whole bundle?

College of Southern Idaho welding instructor John Peterson thinks he has the answer.

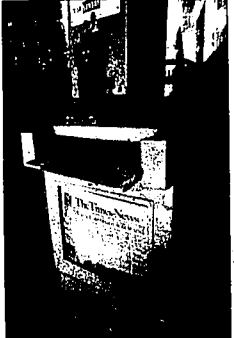
Peterson, of Filer, has spent five years designing such a device. He spent the past two years and \$14,000 obtaining the exclusive patent.

During that process, Peterson said he was surprised to learn that about 50 people have tried to patent a vending machine that releases just one newspaper at a time.

Attempts by others were failing mostly because of the newspaper's size and thickness. The machines would need to be re-adjusted to accommodate the thicker Sunday paper. Peterson has designed a rack system that lifts the paper up to a slot where it can slide out for each purchase.

"It's a real simple basic machine," Peterson said. "I'll pull thin papers or thick papers."

If all goes well, the new machines could hit the streets of Magic Valley. Dan Walock, the circulation director of *The Times-News*, said he's heard of Peterson's new



Peterson has been developing the newspaper vending machine for the past five years.

said. "If it has a better mouse trap it should go over big."

Vending machines account for about 10 percent of *The Times-News*'s sales revenues, with delivery around 88 percent and over-the-counter sales about 10 percent.

Peterson says he has a working prototype and is almost ready to put a handful out on the market. Chuck Stein, of Wendell, currently is disassembling the prototype to evaluate the costs associated with producing the machine. Peterson said Gooding-based Hatfield Manufacturing is signed up to build four of the devices, which will be sold to The Billings Gazette based in Billings, Mont.

Peterson has owned a welding "fab" shop in Filer for the past 26 years. He was raised in Silver Creek where, when he was about 4 or 5 years old, he met a blacksmith who fixed his bicycle. Peterson said the experience made him fascinated with the welding, and he knew then that he wanted to be a welder.

In 1968 Peterson graduated with the first welding class at the College of Southern Idaho — a fitting precursor to him becoming the community college's current welding instructor. Peterson's wife also is accomplished in pig-welding and pipe pressing.

Peterson said he has invented various things over the years, such as an electric eye, and various equipment for *The Times-News* production department.

## District sponsors Asthma Health Fair

**TWIN FALLS** — Asthma has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, affecting 20 million Americans, including 9 million children, according to a news release from South Central District Health.

Since 1980, the biggest growth in asthma cases has been in children under five, the news release said. In Idaho, more than 113,000 people live with the adverse effects of asthma.

May is designated Asthma Awareness Month and the South Central Asthma Coalition will host an Asthma Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 1 in the vacant KB Toy Store space at Magic Valley Mall. The fair will include

### World Asthma Day

- May 1 is World Asthma Day and South Central District Health will sponsor an Asthma Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Magic Valley Mall. Free testing for asthma will be available as well as information on common asthma triggers, which include:
    - Animals with fur
    - Cigarette smoke
    - Dust in beds and pillows
    - Dust from sweeping
    - Strong smells and sprays
    - Pollens from trees and flowers
    - Colds and flu
    - Strenuous sporting activities
    - Such as running or playing tennis
  - Can you answer yes to any of the following questions? If so, you could have asthma, according to South Central District Health:
    - Sometimes I cough or have trouble breathing while completing daily activities.
    - Sometimes I avoid exercising because I have problems breathing or I start coughing.
    - Sometimes I wake up at night because of coughing or shortness of breath.
    - Sometimes, especially when it is very cold or very hot outside, I avoid going out because I have trouble breathing.
    - I have missed work or school because of breathing problems.
    - Sometimes my chest feels tight.
    - Sometimes I hear myself wheezing — difficulty breathing accompanied by a whistling sound, especially when it's cold outside.
    - Sometimes I have coughing spells.
      - Dust, pollen or pets make me cough, wheeze or have trouble breathing.
      - My breathing gets worse when I'm around tobacco smoke, fumes or strong odors.
      - When I catch a cold, it often goes to my chest and I have trouble breathing.
- For more information on asthma, call Eric Calder, South Central District Health asthma program coordinator at 734-5900, Ext. 288.

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## THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today**
- CSI Golden Eagle Booster luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.
  - CSI Music Department combined work shop, 4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
  - CSI Jazz Combo presents "Monday Night Jazz," 8 to 8 p.m., Student Union Building, Eagle's Nest.
  - Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room.
- Tuesday**
- CSI Music Jury, 9 a.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
  - CSI Foundation finance committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., Taylor 277.
  - CSI and Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind post-secondary transition workshop, 10 a.m., Taylor 277.
  - Bilingual Education Student Organization, Club, 1 p.m.,

- Aspen 145.
- Foundation alumni board meeting, 4 p.m., Taylor 256.
  - Idaho State University College of Education Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Assessment exam, 5 p.m., Evergreen A20.
  - "Ring World," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
  - Baylist Campus Ministries Salt and Light, 7 p.m., Student Union or Taylor 248.
  - Idaho Native Plant Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.
- Wednesday**
- Amalgamated Sugar Co. 23rd Annual Technical Symposium 8 a.m., Taylor 277.
  - Chamber Choral, noon, Fine Arts Auditorium.
  - District 4-H Horse and Pony Council volunteer training for June contest, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 277.

- Sioux Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
  - Idaho Department of Agriculture testing for pesticide applicators, 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
  - Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room.
- Thursday**
- Amalgamated Sugar Co. 23rd Annual Technical Symposium 8 a.m., Taylor 277.
  - CSI International Business Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Evergreen A20.
  - Heating and air conditioning certification testing, 7 p.m., Canyon 101.
  - CSI Chi Alpha Club weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Desert 113.
- Friday**
- Amalgamated Sugar Co. 23rd Annual Technical Symposium 8 a.m., Taylor 277.
  - ISU Department of Counseling Childhood Disorder Treatment Options, 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
  - CSI Renaissance Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., center of campus.
  - CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Community College of Southern Nevada, 3 p.m., Henderson, Nev.
  - Magic Valley Symphony Concert, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
  - Herrett, Center camp-in, 6 p.m., Aspen, Evergreen, Shields, Fine Arts and Herrett buildings.
  - "Ring World," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
  - Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
  - Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room.
- Saturday**
- Scholastic Aptitude Test, 7:30 a.m., CSI Testing Center.
  - ISU Department of Counseling Childhood Disorder Treatment Options, 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
  - Certified nursing assistant written monthly test, 9 a.m., Aspen 135.
  - United Church of God international weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
  - CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Community College of Southern Nevada, 1 p.m., Henderson, Nev.
  - "Ring World," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
  - "Mystery of the Missing Seasons" and live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
  - Traffic safety class, 8 a.m., Shields 203.
  - "Led Zepplin: Maximium Volume I," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

## Keeping the dust down

### More highway districts will use magnesium chloride on rural roads

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**PAUL** — Living along a dirt road can be a dusty experience, especially when the road gets heavy truck traffic.

But more and more rural Magic Valley residents are seeing much less airborne dirt as a result of a chemical being applied by an increasing number of highway districts. Even some Sawtooth National Forest campgrounds are seeing less dust because of magnesium chloride.

Frank McCall, who lives next to a section of 500 West in Minidoka County, said the chemical has made a big difference in dust control at his place. Many trucks travel 500 West to the Amalgamated Sugar Co. factory.

The dust was extremely bad," McCall said, noting the change since magnesium chloride application began. "It helps with the housekeeping."

There's a trade-off, however, McCall said. Magnesium chloride is corrosive and will cling to the bottom of vehicles that are not painted or are exposed will rust if not washed right away, he said.

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## Woman goes to drug court After using meth while pregnant

**RUPERT** — A Heyburn woman has been charged with felony injury to a child for allegedly using methamphetamine while she was pregnant.

Glória Morales, 22, of Heyburn, has been admitted to drug court in the case. She pleaded guilty to the charge at her Feb. 23 appearance before 5th District Judge Barry Wood.

In order to be accepted into drug court people must plead guilty to the charge and the judge delays acceptance of the charge while the person is in drug court. People who successfully complete drug court can have the underlying felony charge erased from their record.

The charge against Morales stems from the Nov. 3, 2003, birth of her son, Julian Michael Morales Gutiérrez. She admitted in court she used meth two days before he was born.

Morales made her initial appearance in Magistrate Court Dec. 11, 2003. She was bound over after a Dec. 31, 2003, preliminary hearing before Magistrate Judge Rick Boliar.

# Forest Service suspends credentials

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — The U.S. Forest Service has suspended firefighting credentials for an undisclosed number of employees involved in last year's deadly Crater fire north of Salmon.

Citing privacy issues, officials are refusing to release the names of credentials, or "red cards," that will be suspended until the

Forest Service completes an investigation into potential misconduct on the July 22 fire that killed Jeff Allen, 23, of Salmon and Shane Heath, 22, of Melba.

Allen and Heath died after they rappelled onto a ridge to clear a helicopter landing pad. They radioed for a helicopter at least twice when the fire ad-

vanced their direction. When one was finally sent, it was too smoky to fly the men.

Erin O'Connor, spokeswoman for the regional forest in Ogden, Utah, said the suspensions issued in late March are not for disciplinary reasons and will be withdrawn once the investigation is complete.

# ON THE AGENDA

## Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.  
 Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley.  
 Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.  
 Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main.  
 Halley City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.  
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.  
 Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.  
 Keilum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.  
 Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone.  
 \*Mildred County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.  
**Tuesday**  
 Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave.  
 Glens Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St.  
 Gooding County Memorial Hospital board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St.  
 Gooding School Board, p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St.  
 Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.  
 Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Hall St. W.  
 Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elk Horn Road.  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

**Wednesday**  
 Cassia Regional Medical Center board, 5 p.m., hospital board room, 1501 Hillard Ave., Burley.  
 Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 16th St.  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.  
 Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W.  
**Thursday**  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.  
**Friday**  
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.  
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

*This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.*

# OBITUARIES

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## Jerry Bob Lloyd — Gooding

Jerry Bob Lloyd, 67, a resident of Payette and formerly of Gooding, died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, near Winnemucca, Nev.

Jerry was born August 9, 1936, in Snyder, Texas, one of nine children of Raymond and Leta Lloyd.

His siblings are Carl Lloyd (deceased), Etlene 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 Lavelle Hart and they had

four children: Greg, Tony, Pam and Doug. They lived in Snyder, Texas; Farmington, N.M.; Albuquerque, N. M. and Medford, Ore., before settling in Gooding in 1974. Jerry and Lavelle recently moved to Payette 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, Lavelle, of Payette; four children, Greg Lloyd of Albuquerque, N.M.; Tony (Laure) Lloyd of Horseshoe Bend; Pam (Roger) Casch of

Oxbow, Ore. and Doug Lloyd of Payette; and his eight grandchildren: Jessica Lloyd, Cierra (Peter) Bronlewee, Travis (Kathrina) Casch, Herb Pollard, Jerred Lloyd, Brad Casch, Doreen Bellard and Ryan Casch. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Viewing will be prior to the service from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Southern Baptist Church in Gooding.

## Earl T. Gardner — Twin Falls

Earl T. Gardner, 95, of Twin Falls, passed away at his home April 24, 2004.

He was born April 2, 1909, in Delta, Utah, to Walter Merrin and Jerusha Jane Fillmore Gardner. The family moved from Delta to Twin Falls in 1930. Earl has since resided in Twin Falls, except for a few years when he farmed in Murtough.

He worked for Amalgamated Sugar Company from the time he was 18 years old until his retirement in 1974.

In May 1930, he married Grace Hlatt and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary before her death in 1991. To this union were born seven children. Earl loved to be with his family. He especially loved camping, fishing and family reunions. He was an avid fisherman as well as a wonderful dancer



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in 2001.

Earl is survived by his daughters, Dorothy Gardner of Twin Falls and Darlene Fulmer of Phoenix, and a son, Sharon Wusching Gardner of North Salt Lake. He was preceded in death by both of his wives; three daughters: Jeanette Wright, Norma Brantnick Barber Gardner and one son, Harvey Duane. He had 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and six families with five generations.

Funeral services for Earl Gardner will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with Bishop Dennis Brown conducting. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary, Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

# SERVICES

Nina "JoEttar" Dickinson of Buhl, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Darlene L. Klamann Barnes of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Jerry Bob Lloyd of Payette and formerly of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding; viewing from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Howard L. Wiseman of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Michael R. Hall of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2650 Normal 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Margene C. Anderson of Bellevue, Wash., and formerly of Oakley, service at noon Wednesday at the Oakley State Center, 301 N. Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley; and from 11

to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Mary Lou Rees of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Filer First Baptist Church; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Newell Morgan of Twin Falls and formerly of Boise, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at University Christian Church in Boise (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Mary Rickard of Glens Ferry, memorial service at 11 a.m. May 10 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Butte, Mont. (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

# DEATH NOTICES

**Cecilia Jougland**  
 RUPERT — Cecilia Jougland, 94, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, April 24, 2004, at her home. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Donald Rhea Knight**  
 BUHL — Donald Rhea Knight, 69, of Buhl, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Fanner Funeral Chapel.

**Frank Spevak**  
 RUPERT — Frank Spevak, 74, of Rupert, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2004, at his home. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Thera D. Becker**  
 EAGLE — Thera D. Becker, 82, of Eagle, and formerly of Jerome, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A memorial service will be conducted 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at the

United Methodist Church of Eagle with Pastor John Grimstead officiating.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome with Pastor Jeffrey Porter officiating.

Friends may call Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Thursday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

**Vaneta Inez Hart**  
 GOODING — Vaneta Inez Hart, 77, of Grants Pass, Ore., and formerly of Gooding and Hagerman, died Saturday, April 24, 2004. Arrangements will be made by Demaray Funeral Service for services Wednesday.

**Lula Gay Hutchison**  
 GOODING — Lula Gay Hutchison, 94, of Gooding, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at her residence. Demaray Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

**Roy Sartin**  
 TWIN FALLS — Roy Sartin,

78, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, in Twin Falls.

**Roger William Fiala**  
 JEROME — Roger William Fiala, 78, of Jerome, died April 25, 2004, in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

**Jack Taylor**  
 RUPERT — Jack Taylor, 75, of Rupert, died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004, at the Rupert First and Seventh Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 806 G Street, with Bishop Sally Camp officiating. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery.

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

A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

# F&G worries about cougar population

**BOISE (AP)** — Cougar sightings are becoming more frequent in the Boise area, extending as far as Nampa, and wildlife officials are cautioning residents.

Last year, the Idaho Fish and Game Department received about 30 cougar reports in the area. In the first three months this year, it received 23 such reports.

Department director Steve

Huffaker said people should be aware, but not paranoid, when they're in the outdoors. He said an attack is highly unlikely.

The agency began tracking sightings in a database and is developing an educational brochure about living in cougar country.

No figures exist on actual the number of cougars roaming the country today, according to the

Cougar Fund, an organization in Jackson, Wyo.

State Fish and Game biologists estimate there may be about six mountain lions in the Boise Valley, and perhaps up to 3,000 big cats in the state.

Mountain lion populations fluctuate with the number of deer and elk — their main prey. And the prey is what brings the cats to neighborhoods and populated areas.

# Drought destroys sagebrush

**OGDEN, Utah (AP)** — More than 600,000 acres of sagebrush are dead or dying in the state, and officials worry the steady western vegetation's struggle means the entire ecology of the desert lands is changing for the worse.

Sage is supposed to have a lifespan of up to 100 years, and is natural to the desert. But the drought, now in its fifth year, is contributing to the die-out.

Rory Reynolds, Director of Wildlife Resources, wildlife coordinator who is running the multi-agency effort to fight the problem, said the drought is now on a par with the worst Utah has ever seen, a 1,000-year event.

An article in the August edition of Utah DWR magazine, "Wildlife Review," said the problem "came to light last spring. By the end of June, state and federal officials had documented more than 400,000 acres of dead or dying sagebrush, mostly in the south and southwest parts of Utah, but also in large areas in the Utah Basin.

Reynolds said that figure, now more than 600,000 acres, would probably be higher if land managers had time to get out and measure it all.

State and federal agencies have formed a team to evaluate the sage decline. Agencies include the National Resource Conservation Service, Utah State University, Department of Natural Resources, Utah Fish and Wildlife, and others.

Reynolds is the team leader.

Reynolds said the battle is as much to prevent ecological change as it is to preserve sage.

Brian Ferchec, plant ecology specialist in the U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Regional Forest office, said dwindling rangeland used for grazing imperils not just cattle, but species as varied as the mule deer and the sagebrush lizard.

Encroachment of cheat grass and other invasive plants is fostering more and hotter wildfires in Utah. Loss of sage and its attendant native grasses endangers not just the rare sagebrush lizard, but also dozens of different animals, officials say.

Sage and other native grasses are more hardy and burn less readily. Wildfires were less numerous and covered fewer acres when those plants were dominant. When the sage dies and burns, however, it leaves the way open for non-native species such as cheat grass.

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TODAY’S SCHEDULE

**High school baseball**  
Twin Falls JV at Buhl, 4:30 p.m.  
**High school softball**  
Twin Falls JV at Wood River, 2:4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

NFL teams draft three Idaho players

NEW YORK — Idaho State defensive end Jared Allen and Idaho offensive tackle Jake Scott were both drafted in the later rounds Sunday in the 2004 NFL Draft in New York’s Madison Square Garden.

Allen, of Los Gatos, Calif., was chosen in the fourth round by Kansas City with the 126th pick. He is listed at 6-foot, 6-inches and 265 pounds.

Scott, of Lewiston, was picked by the Indianapolis Colts in the fifth round with the 281st pick. Scott is listed at 6-foot, 6-inches and 265 pounds.

Washington quarterback Cody Pickett, a 6-3, 227-pound graduate of Caldwell High School, was chosen in the seventh round by the San Francisco 49ers with the 217th pick.

School record-setting quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie of Boise State was not drafted.

Speedway results are unavailable

TWIN FALLS — This week-end’s results from the Magic Valley Speedway were not available Sunday night.

The results will be published as soon as possible.

Colorado State player tabbed “Mr. Irrelevant”

ALAMEDA, Calif. — For six hours Sunday afternoon, Andre Sommersell’s telephone was silent.

The former Colorado State defensive end grew so frustrated watching the NFL draft on television that he wondered if his name would ever come up.

But Sommersell finally got his wish when he was picked by the Oakland Raiders with the 255th and final selection in the draft, making him this year’s “Mr. Irrelevant.”

Sommersell will be honored at the 23rd annual Mr. Irrelevant Week, a bash in Newport Beach, Calif., beginning June 23.

Sommersell will attend banquets and a parade as part of the festivities and will also be given the Lawsonman Trophy by the Mr. Irrelevant Week’s answer to the Heisman Trophy.

“When the last pick was up, I kind of gave up hope of being drafted,” Sommersell said. “When I first got the call from the Raiders, I got six other calls from the irrelevant people.”

Sommersell, a native of Guyana who moved to the United States at age 11, started 13 games for Colorado State in 2003.

He had 51 tackles, nine, for losses, to go along with two sacks.

He played right defensive end for the Rams but will split time at outside linebacker and defensive end with the Raiders.

The selection of Sommersell was announced by last year’s Mr. Irrelevant, wide receiver Ryan Hoag.

Hoag was a seventh-round draft pick of Oakland’s last year, but never made it out of training camp.

He now plays for the New York Giants.

## Record number of trades made for busy draft

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Right from the beginning, it was one of the busiest NFL drafts.

A record number of trades, from Eli Manning for Phillip Rivers at the top to one involving the 228th pick near the bottom, signaled just how strong a crop was available this year.

Such college stars as John Navarre and Quincy Wilson went in the seventh round. All-America line-backer Grant Wiley wasn’t even drafted.

After 10 trades in the first round and 18 on the first day, NFL executives didn’t slow down much Sunday. In between selecting obscure defensive tackles from Delta State and tight ends from Nebraska-Omaha, they made 10 more deals for a total of 28, breaking the record of 26 set in 1999.

Even veterans were involved in the bartering. The Chiefs sent Philadelphia their fifth-round pick this year and fourth-round choice in 2005 for John Welbourn, a five-year veteran who probably will replace tackle John Tait at right tackle.

Tait signed with the Chicago Bears as a free agent. Welbourn recently criticized the Eagles’ front office and wanted a new contract.

The Jaguars dealt receiver Kevin Johnson to Baltimore for the Ravens’ fourth-round pick Sunday. Jacksonville used it to take receiver Ernest Wilford of Virginia Tech.

The Jaguars also went for troubled Delta State defensive tackle Anthony Maddox with another fourth-round pick.

Sunday’s action didn’t feature any blockbuster transactions or many headline-grabbing players. Among the more notable choices were Southern California cornerback Will Poole, once projected as a late first-rounder, who didn’t go until 102nd overall to Miami. Poor possession workouts dropped his stock.

Ohio State had 14 players chosen, tying the seven-round record set by Miami two years ago.

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Who’d my team pick in the NFL draft?

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year veteran guard/tackle who probably will replace John Tait at right tackle.

Tait signed with the Chicago Bears as a free agent.

Welbourn recently criticized the Eagles’ front office and wanted a new contract.

The Jaguars dealt receiver Kevin Johnson to Baltimore for

the Ravens’ fourth-round pick Sunday. Jacksonville used it to take receiver Ernest Wilford of Virginia Tech.

The Jaguars also went for troubled Delta State defensive tackle Anthony Maddox with another fourth-round pick.

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Phillip Rivers celebrates his trade to the San Diego Chargers in a news conference Sunday in San Diego.

## Lakers clamp down

L.A. takes 3-1 lead over Rockets in NBA playoff series

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A stubborn old man put the Los Angeles Lakers within one victory of the second round.

Karl Malone wouldn’t change his ripped jersey, wouldn’t act his age and wouldn’t admit he did anything dirty. Most of all, he wouldn’t let the Los Angeles Lakers lose control of the series.

On a day when the Rockets nearly evened things up by shutting Los Angeles down in the fourth quarter, Malone’s best game of the playoffs — and perhaps the entire season — led the Lakers to a 92-88 victory and a 3-1 lead in their best-of-seven series Sunday.

“He had a great game,” teammate Gary Payton said, understating the obvious.

With the intensity level taking a decided tick upward and the distance between the coaches taking a four-mouthed turn, the 40-year-old Malone had 30 points and 18 rebounds while playing with the energy of someone half his age.

The last of Malone’s three steals, along with his second-offensive rebound, put the finishing touches on the victory.

Game 5 is Wednesday night, with Houston trying to stay alive after coming so close — just as in Game 1 — yet falling to win.

Houston held Los Angeles scoreless over the final 4.5 minutes of regulation and led by as many as four in overtime before Los Angeles closed the game with an 8-1 run.

Malone surpassed his regular-season scoring high by 10 points, playing most of the game with a ripped jersey after he sparked a first-half altercation.

“They tried to get me to

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Houston guard Steve Francis is fouled by Los Angeles’ Derek Fisher during overtime Sunday. The Lakers prevailed 92-88 to take a 3-1 lead in the NBA playoffs first-round series.

## Sprinter denies steroid use

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — An attorney for Marion Jones rejected reports the Olympic track star received steroids from a California nutritionist, portraying Jones as “a target of character assassination by unknown and often unreliable sources.”

Two newspapers, both quoting sources who requested anonymity, reported Sunday that nutritionist Victor Conte told federal agents he gave performance-enhancing substances to Jones, fellow track star Tim Montgomery and other top athletes.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported Conte, who faces federal charges for his alleged distribution of steroids to athletes, told federal investigators that Jones and Montgomery received the drugs in exchange for endorsements of his ZMA nutritional supplement.

The San Jose Mercury News, citing a report prepared by federal agents, said the document claims Conte told the agents of 27 athletes — including Jones, Montgomery and baseball

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## Irwin hangs on for win

The Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Hale Irwin was rusty, and it showed. Still recovering from a nagging back injury that kept him out of the Champions Tour for four weeks, Irwin blew a big lead Sunday yet hung on to win the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, beating Gil Morgan and Gary Koch by one stroke.

Irwin finished at 11-under 205 at The Club at Savannah Harbor, an island layout in the middle of the Savannah River.

Morgan, whose string of rounds at par or better this season was snapped at 23, bogeyed the final hole for a 73. Koch parred the final five holes for 71. “A classic finish it was not,” Irwin said. “Although it did come down to the final hole.”

“I’m kind of at a loss here, not having played in the last four weeks. I didn’t have any high expectations.”

Don Pooley (70) and Craig Stadler (72) tied at 207.

Irwin became the ninth winner in nine Champions Tour events this season. He has won 59 tournaments in his career, including a record 39 on the 50-and-over circuit.

**Singh’s eagle ties up Houston Open**

HUMBLE, Texas — Vijay Singh clipped in for eagle just before play was suspended to move into a tie for the lead in the rain-delayed Houston Open.

Singh, the 2002 winner, matched John Huston and Joe

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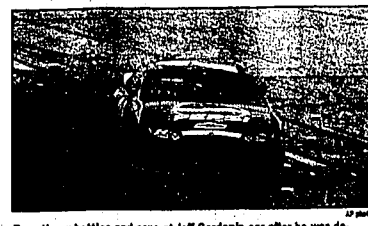
## Gordon wins controversial race

The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Jeff Gordon seized the lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr. with six laps remaining and barely beat him in a controversial finish Sunday, ending DEI’s winning streak at Talladega Superspeedway.

With Earnhardt making a strong move to pass for the lead coming off turn four on lap 184 of the 188-lap Aaron’s 499, rookie Brian Vickers and Casey Mears collided, bringing Vickers sliding and sending out the caution flag of the race.

Under NASCAR’s rule change from last fall, freezing the field when the yellow comes out rather than letting the competitors race to the flagstand, Gordon got his first Nextel Cup victory of the season, third on Talladega’s 2.66-mile oval and



Fans throw bottles and cans at Jeff Gordon’s car after he was declared winner of the Aaron’s 499 NASCAR Nextel Cup race Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway.

The 65th of his NASCAR career. At first, Earnhardt was pestered in front, but replays appeared to show Gordon, No. 24 Chevrolet was about three-quarters of a

track as Gordon was put back on top and drove slowly to the finish behind the pace truck, and in front of Earnhardt.

“Beating the DEI cars is difficult to do,” Gordon said, referring to both Earnhardt and Michael Waltrip who, between them, had won five straight Cup races at Talladega, including four by Junior.

“I don’t know if I was ahead of him there at the end,” Gordon said. “I know I was ahead of him coming out of (turn) three, but we’ll let NASCAR make that decision.”

Gordon, a four-time Cup champion, led four times for a total of 15 laps.

Earnhardt, who led 11 times for a race-high 57 laps, politely disagreed with NASCAR’s decision.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### ISAT begins to work well as a teaching tool

The Coeur d'Alene Press

It's right up there with the most dreaded four-letter words of all time.

Test. See? Even for those of us looking at school days through a rear-view mirror, mere mention of the word stirs the embers of anxiety.

In the case of Idaho school children, though, maybe we should start to look at one particular test in a more favorable light.

The Idaho Standards Achievement Test is mandatory for all Idaho children in grades 2-10. It's given twice each school year, first in the fall and again in the spring.

As part of the federally required No Child Left Behind Act, states must comply or risk losing federal funding.

We've never been fans of standardized testing. Our belief has been that standardized tests don't accurately reflect the most important aspects of education, like nurturing a love of learning or even measuring a child's ability to think critically.

But we're coming around. Members of the Idaho Board of Education met with this newspaper's editorial board on Wednesday, and we eagerly discussed the ISAT and No Child Left Behind. Some paradigm shifts began to take place.

A key reason ISAT is becoming an effective tool is because it's given twice each school year, with results available immediately. In the

days of previous standardized testing, the exam was administered and results shared too late for any kind of effective follow-up.

Now, though, a student's knowledge of core subjects is tested early in the year. Educators, parents and students can see where they need work. They have the whole school year to strengthen any weak areas.

**Their view:** This guest editorial from the Coeur d'Alene Press says twice-a-year testing for the ISAT gives teachers effective tools to improve learning.

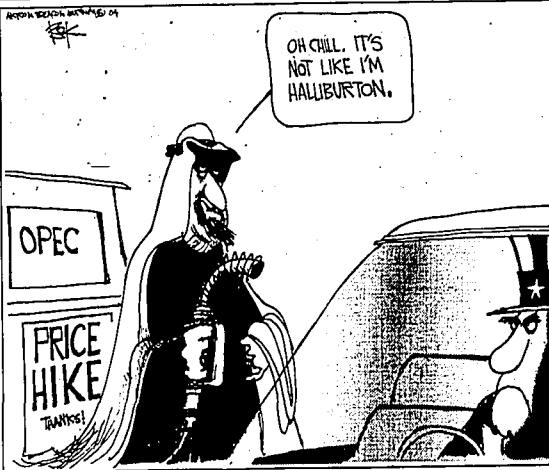
**What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

That's—true assistance for the child. It's also foundational to improving the quality of education because it will encourage accountability.

Like no other time in Idaho's history, educators have a common instrument that will help them gauge how they're doing. We stress that this still is just one weapon in an overall educational arsenal, but used properly, it's highly effective. When students have a firm grasp of the most rudimentary subjects, the other keys to great education—love of learning and ability to think critically—can then blossom.

Accountability remains a key to growing success. School administrators should use ISAT data to see where teachers need help themselves, and then provide it. But that's just the start of accountability, not the end of it.

As parents, we're ultimately accountable for our children. Let's use these tools to see where we can do a better job, too.



### With a little help from our friends

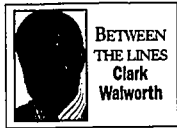
If you lived in Los Angeles, you'd have a hometown newspaper with reporters scattered from Fallujah to Buenos Aires.

You'd also have among traffic jams and the San Andreas fault. So you've wisely chosen to live in Idaho.

That means your hometown newspaper has a much smaller budget than the Los Angeles Times or some other metropolitan paper. Yet you still want comprehensive news coverage.

Take last week. Idaho's Sen. Larry Craig was scheduled to chair a congressional hearing on national forest fees. The topic matters to our readers, but we don't have a capital correspondent.

Fortunately, we have allies. It so happens that five newspapers in Montana and Wyoming, all owned by the parent company of *The Times-News*, have pooled their resources to station a reporter in Washington, D.C.



**BETWEEN THE LINES**  
Clark Walworth

Later in the week, the State Board of Education met in Coeur d'Alene. One agenda item was the future of Angel Ramos, the embattled superintendent of the state deaf and blind school in Gooding.

Coeur d'Alene is a long drive. Covering that meeting would eat up three work days for a reporter—an inefficient use of manpower. So we called Pociello.

Poly is a college town, and the *Idaho States Journal* routinely covers the State Board. We clipped in on the *Journal* reporter's travel costs, and we received excellent coverage in return.

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owned by hundreds of newspapers and broadcast stations. AP reporters cover news all over the world.

Along with its own reporters' efforts, the AP collects and distributes the best stories from its member newspapers. That's how news from Twin Falls sometimes finds its way into newspapers in Arizona and Vermont—and vice versa.

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These news services help hometown papers provide wide-ranging coverage, comparable to what you'd expect from a big-city paper.

From our readers' standpoint, though, *The Times-News* has one huge advantage over those big-city papers: We cover Magic Valley, and they don't.

**Managing Editor Clark Walworth discusses the news business on Mondays in "Between the Lines."** To offer a comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at [clark@magicvalley.com](mailto:clark@magicvalley.com); call 735-3255; or simply write a note on your subscription renewal card.

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## Many Dems lose spark for Kerry

There is a pain in the breast of the Democratic Party—a lump that reminds the professionals that all is not well. There is a fear among Democrats, which they dare not speak of in public, that they may have chosen the wrong candidate for the presidency in Sen. John Kerry.

These fears, private and profound, have risen in the last three weeks as George W. Bush has had the most tumultuous time of his presidency.

First, things became unglued in Iraq; second, Richard Clarke lifted the veil in the war on terror; and third, Bob Woodward tore the veil off, revealing an obsessed president more concerned with taking out Saddam Hussein than with prosecuting the war on terrorism.

### LEWELLYN KING

deed, they recycle smart remarks about his woodenness, elitist background and confused record in voting. It would seem, both for and against the war in Iraq, or at least the money to pay for it.

The waspish columnist, Tina Brown, likens Kerry to a medieval cardinal. And another journalist says he looks like none of the Novocaine he has ever had from a dentist has worn off.

Words are vital in politics and have been since the time of the Greeks. Oratory is nearly all in elections. The problem with Kerry, his detractors in the Democratic Party say, is that his Niagara Falls of words is incoherent, suggesting that the underlying ideas are also shapeless. Can Kerry get on message if he is unclear about what his message is?

Kerry without the benefit of having been a governor, and having to subdue his adversaries, talks and campaigns as though he were deliberating in the Senate. The campaign trail does not tend itself to deliberation. It lends itself to simple, repetitive messages delivered with as much rhetorical flourish as the candidate can muster.

Kerry may have studied Bush's technique of infinite repetition, but he has not learned from it. He comes across as a remote, rich man who empathizes with those in adversity but who does not understand their conditions.

Liberals are gladdened by his Senate record in the same measure that they are distraught by his inability to go for the jugular or to explain a superior course of action.

struggling to find a passion for Kerry. Privately, they admit that Kerry—almost a man of another world—is a hard leader to follow.

He is a difficult man for people who are angry and hurt and who believe that there has been a tragic abandonment of the finest in American ideals, from the encroachment on civil liberties to pre-emptive wars. They yearn to borrow from the Bush technique of simple messages delivered in clear, unambiguous language. They have fallen in behind Kerry's standard: "Go to bed."

As Mike Allen of the *Washington Post* said recently, Democratic leaders acknowledge that Kerry is less likeable than Bush. They even talk about a "liberal deficit."

So the Democrats march to November, believing that we are facing one of the most important elections ever, with a sense that somehow they may have chosen the wrong leader.

They know if Kerry wins in November, it will be because he is The Other Candidate, not because he is John Kerry.

*Llewellyn King is chairman and CEO of the King Publishing Co., publishers of White House Weekly and Energy Daily.*

## LETTER

### Skaug has no right to insult letter writer

This letter is in response to Joe Skaug's letter on Monday, April 19.

Mr. Skaug, you have every right to write a letter, as does my wife, Elizabeth Pancoast; however, you do not have any right to attack my wife for her statements of truth. My wife did not attack you or accuse you of anything. Where do you come off calling her demented, blind or breaking laws of our Lord?

How do you know what my wife and daughter saw? You were not there to see or know what they saw. My wife and daughter are good God-fearing

people who did nothing to you. I find your attack on my wife totally uncalled for and I am offended that you chose to say such mean-spirited things about someone that you do not even know.

You may have been the one who put some signs up on 16th Street, but what makes you think you're the only one who did, and my wife can certainly tell the difference between you and an officer.

The only thing I have to say to you, sir, is "You without sin, cast the first stone," and at this point, I don't think you have any right to cast any stones. Shame on you, Mr. Skaug.

PAUL PANCOAST  
Jerome

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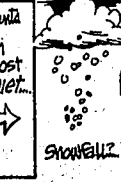
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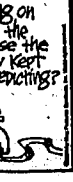
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OPINION

LETTERS

Rape laws go unjustly after young men

The boys discussed in the rape articles have been unfairly targeted, and the predicaments they have faced because of Idaho's Rape Law are extensive. Consensual sex and rape are different and should not be treated the same. One is clearly a crime and is predatory, the other is not. It is harsh for a young man who has consensual sex with his girlfriend approximately the same age to receive a felony conviction. He receives the same conviction as a predatory older man or a violent rapist.

Forcible rape is a hideous crime. Idaho needs to follow examples of other states and differentiate between forcible rape and consensual sex. Virginia considers rape as intercourse with a child under 13. Statutory rape is sex with a female under 16. Court ordering these boys into McNeil & Associates, which is intended for child molesters, is humiliating.

Sydney Larsen, a resident writing from Virginia, referred to Toby LaPray as a "predator." Since she has no knowledge of his case, I will educate her. He was only 15 when he started dating his 14-year-old girlfriend. The relationship continued for more than three years, parentally approved, and was clearly not the workings of a predator. Pregnancy occurred and against Toby's will, she ended it. As for free time and money, Toby never had this because, at 18 years old, the prosecutors stole away everything he had. Probation rules and having to come up with thousands of dollars for treatment consumed his life. So much so that he attempted suicide on many occasions. Probation was setting him up for failure. In fact, he is in jail because of not having money for the treatment bill.

Prosecutors in Twin Falls are the only ones out to prosecute these boys. A lawyer stated that, "If Toby had lived in another county, this would not have happened." Grant Loeb's statement that he is keeping "sex-offenders" off the street by prosecuting numerous rape

cases. In all actuality, rape is not the case. Judge Bevan even stated that these boys do not know they are pleading guilty to a serious felony.

For all you 16-year-old boys dating 17-year-old girls, I recommend that you discontinue the relationship. You may think that this won't happen to you. However, anyone can turn you in to the police. The prosecutors, using Idaho's law, press the charges. Is it worth being branded a rapist and sex offender?

JENESSA JACKSON  
Burley

Voters, candidates follow failed policies

Republican senatorial aspirants Coiner and Hansen, along with *The Times-News* editorials, all endorse Sen. Noh and admire his illustrious record on water issues over the last 24 years. Coiner trusts his own historical water involvement, and Hansen says he will avail himself of Coiner's water expertise if elected. Isn't there something horribly flawed with this rosy little picture of loving political hegemony that is and has been touted over the public interest? Isn't it really that our area now faces the worst water

crisis in the history of Magic Valley because of historically poor water management? One of our most prominent hydrologists was quoted as saying, "We in the water community failed to see the handwriting on the wall."

Why have Coiner's and Noh's historical water policies failed to see the handwriting on the wall? Why does Hansen openly endorse these actions as a source of future direction on water policy? Why have pumpers been allowed to mine the Twin Falls Canal Co.'s spring water over the years?

Why did Sen. Noh (1) vote for HO 284/2003 that allowed the Idaho Department of Water Resources to ignore "public interest" in water rights transfers? (2) vote for SB 122/2001 that allowed IDWR to avoid public notice on certain water rights transfers? (3) vote for SB 1295/2004 to allow IDWR to transfer water rights without public notice based solely on the opinion of the director of IDWR who is a political appointee? (4) vote for HO 636/2004 to allow IDWR to ignore consumptive use in water rights transfers?

Why did Mr. Coiner, as a director of the Twin Falls Canal Co. (1) support an amendment

to the canal company's by-laws/2002 that would have turned over technical analysis to IDWR for non-irrigation special interests groups to pump water from the aquifer and use our canal company's surface irrigation water to supposedly recharge the aquifer? (2) support an amendment to shorten the notice period and number of published notices for future amendments to the canal company's by-laws/2004? Both amendments failed.

Yes, 24 years of illustrious water administration and IDWR didn't even have a water model to deal with aquifer cause and effect. Where were Sen. Noh and Mr. Coiner? You the people had better give up this myopic partisan love fest and start asking the hard questions.

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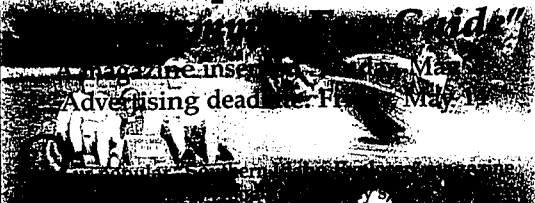


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WORLD

# Israel backs off threats to Arafat

JERUSALEM — Israeli leaders on Sunday backed away from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's latest threats against Yasser Arafat, saying there are no immediate plans to kill the Palestinian leader.

Sharon declared in a television interview over the weekend that he is no longer bound by a promise to the United States not to harm Arafat.

The comments, which were criticized in Washington, Europe and the Arab world, raised speculation that Arafat might be in Israel's crosshairs. In recent weeks, Israel has killed the founder of the Hamas militant group and his successor.

Sharon accuses Arafat of supporting terrorism. Under U.S. pressure, however, he has refrained from attacking Arafat, instead confining him to a compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah for more than two years.

Arafat greeted 400 Palestinian schoolchildren at his headquarters Sunday. The students chanted anti-Sharon slogans and called for an end to Israel's siege of the Palestinian leader. Speaking to reporters afterward, Arafat said he is not afraid to die. "Our destiny is to be martyrs in this holy land," Arafat said.

## Afghan president offers peace to Taliban members

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Afghan President Hamid Karzai returned Sunday to a Taliban stronghold where he was nearly assassinated 19 months ago, and said he would welcome rank-and-file members of the militia back into society.

But Karzai said about 150 leaders of the ultra-religious Islamic movement supplanted by his government after a U.S.-led war are unworthy of rehabilitation and could be prosecuted.

"Our problem is mainly with the top Taliban — who may number no more than 150 people, who had links with al-Qaida," Karzai said. "Those people are the enemies of Afghanistan and we are against them."

But those Taliban who are doing jobs and tilling the fields and working as shopkeepers, we want to welcome those Taliban," he said.

The president has said in the past that he believed most Taliban could be reintegrated into society, but this appeared to be the first time he put a number on those the nation sought to prosecute.

## N. Korea criticizes U.S. plans to leave outpost

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea accused Washington of preparing an attack, citing the U.S. military's plans to move from an outpost along the tense Korean border this year.

Pyeongyang also warned that it would review parts of the armistice that ended the Korean War five decades ago because of the U.S. plans.

The turnover of Observation Post Quillette would mean U.S. troops would no longer be responsible for patrolling the heavily fortified buffer area, called the Demilitarized Zone.

"The U.S. decision to take even its small force out of Panmunjom ... indicates that the U.S. preparations for a preemptive attack upon the DPRK are under way at a final phase," said a spokesman for the North Korean army's mission in the truce village of Panmunjom, according to KCNA, the North's official news agency. DPRK stands for Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or North Korea.

## China reports four new suspected SARS cases

BEIJING — Evoking bad memories of last year's outbreak, China announced Sunday it was investigating four fresh suspected SARS cases in its capital and ordered an affected southern province to gird for a coming holiday when millions of Chinese will be traveling.

All of the new suspected cases have been traced back to a single patient, the government said, suggesting the problem was still tightly contained and not a general outbreak.

Nevertheless, the announcement issued by the Ministry of Health on its Web site, was an alarming reminder that the disease that killed 349 people in China during last year's outbreak still poses a threat despite efforts by the government to prevent its return.

The latest four cases brought the total in China for the past week to two confirmed and six suspected. The new suspected

### World in brief

cases are the father, mother, aunt and roommate of a 20-year-old confirmed SARS patient in Beijing with the surname of LI, the ministry said.

### Supply shortage hampers treatment of blast victims

DANDONG, China — Injured children lay on file cabinets as an overcrowded North Korean hospital struggled to cope without enough beds or medicine for hundreds of victims from last week's train explosion, an aid worker who visited the facility said Sunday.

Sinuju Provincial Hospital, just across the border from China, was treating 360 people injured in the blast, according to Tony Banbury, Asia regional director for the U.N. World Food Program. More than 60 percent of the victims there were children, he said.

"They clearly lack the ability to care for all the patients," Banbury said.

Thursday's huge explosion in the town of Ryongchon, fed by oil and chemicals, killed 161 people and injured at least 1,300, officials said.

The death toll rose by seven Sunday, but it was unclear whether the higher number reflected new fatalities or simply

freshly confirmed casualties. Aid agencies didn't say whether they expected the number to increase.

### Japanese voters hand ruling party solid victory

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling party snapped up all three parliamentary seats in by-elections Sunday, marking a solid victory for the leader in the first electoral test since a hostage crisis cast a shadow over Japan's role in Iraq.

The voting for three vacancies in the 480-seat lower house of Parliament was considered a preview of a major electoral battle looming in July in the legislature's upper chamber.

Final results posted on local election board Web sites showed Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party handily won two of the three seats up for grabs.

His party also secured the third, according to early results and exit polls. The candidate, Minoru Terada, was already celebrating with supporters amid victory cries of "banzai" in footage shown by public broadcaster NHK late Sunday.

Sunday's outcome backed expectations that Koizumi's party got a big boost from his handling of a hostage crisis in Iraq earlier this month.

### Pope beatifies six more, bringing total to 1,330

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II added six more people to the ranks of Catholics on the path to possible sainthood Sunday, beatifying 19th and 20th century Europeans and Latin Americans at a ceremony in St. Peter's Square.

Among the six was a paralyzed lay woman, Alexandrina Maria da Costa of Portugal, who the Vatican says lived the last 13 years of her life eating only the bread and wine of Communion.

With the six, representing Poland, Colombia, Mexico, Italy, Spain and Portugal, John Paul has beatified 1,330 people during his 25-year pontificate, more than all his predecessors over the past 500 years combined.

Beatification is the last formal step before possible sainthood.

John Paul has also named 476 people saints, but many of those were beatified by previous popes.

The 83-year-old pope said the newly beatified — including a priest, four nuns and da Costa — were "eloquent examples of how the Lord transforms the existence of believers when we have faith in him."

— compiled from wire reports

### HIGH IN THE SKY



A hot-air balloon is framed by a statue in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday.

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Section B

## A special severance package

Every now and then, on this crazy planet we call "Earth," you come across a story so darned heartwarming that you need to take a prescription antacid.

This is such a story. I found out about it from alert reader David Rankin, who sent me the Jan. 3 front page of the Sevier County, Tenn., Mountain Press. On it is an article by J.J. Kindred about a Danville, Va.-based textile company called "Dan River," which was closing its Sevierville plant, and laying off workers. To cheer them up, the company gave workers "something extra" in their severance packages — something that would make these layoffs truly special: Barbie dolls.

DAVE BARRY

I swear I am not making this up. The "severance package" included a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card, a "Dan River" cap, a calculator, a plaque, and "three red-headed Barbie dolls."

That's right: Three Barbie dolls. And all red-headed! The Mountain Press published a photo of one worker's severance package, still in their boxes, smiling with radiant perkiness and ready for some layoff fun. We can only imagine the reaction of the workers when they went to the plant personnel office and received these goodies:

**MANAGEMENT PERSON:** John, we're sorry about letting you go after 23 years at the plant, but to "soften the blow," we're giving you these.

**WORKER:** But these are...

**MANAGEMENT PERSON:** Yes! Barbies! Three of them! And they're identical!

**WORKER:** Wow! These will be a huge hit with my four boys, ages 15 through 26! This is the best layoff ever!

Incredibly, according to The Mountain Press, some workers were not thrilled with their Barbies. The Mountain Press contacted a "human resources" official at Dan River headquarters, who wouldn't comment on the Barbies, but did say "we are doing our best to help the employees" and "we have the best management staff around."

No doubt! Probably some of them are MBAs! But speaking of Barbie, I assume you have heard she is no longer with Ken. I'm serious. Mattel made an official announcement about this, which was all over the news. Barbie has apparently taken up with a new doll named "Blaine," an Australian surfer with one of those asymmetrical surfer-dude haircuts, so he looks as if the villainous surfaces of his head were cut by different barbers with seriously incompatible views on how long hair should be. Blaine also has the kind of muscular physique that women actually do not find at all attractive according to my wife whenever I ask her why she is staring at a Bowflex commercial.

I'm not sure how I feel about the Barbie-Ken split. On the one hand, I can see why Barbie would not be satisfied with Ken. I have a 4-year-old daughter, so our house has a thriving, teeming Barbie colony. This colony is soom, by one older than he, and frankly he is not up to the task.

I say this because Ken doesn't seem to notice that the Barbies are constantly getting naked. No, I don't know why the Barbies do this. I don't want to know. All I know is that often, after my daughter has been playing with her Barbies, I'll walk into her room, and there will be naked Barbies everywhere. Barbie will be displaying absolutely no interest in them. Later, in fact, Ken has been off in a corner, sitting in Barbie's pink jeep.

Not that there's anything wrong with that.

But my point is that I can see why Barbie has dumped Ken. But that doesn't mean I'm happy about Blaine. If Blaine thinks he's getting into my daughter's room, he's older than he looks, which is pretty stupid. With a better haircut, he could have a career in management.

*Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him at The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami Fla.*



Thelma Tucker is the director of bowling events for the Magic Valley Senior Games, which start in August, while her friend Maury Miller will participate in the bowling pin-throwing contest. Area hospitals and the College of Southern Idaho will sponsor a health fair and arthritis walk in Jerome next Saturday to help 50-plusers get tuned up for the Games.

# Get off the couch

## Health fair, arthritis walk herald M.V. Senior Games

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Last summer, Bill Hart was afraid no one would show up for the Idaho Senior Games of the Magic Valley that he organized. Nearly 300 did, but this year he's leaving nothing to chance.

The 62-year-old retired district judge is partnering with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley and the College of Southern Idaho to ramp up participation in this year's games with a health fair and arthritis walk this coming Saturday.

"I was encouraged by the turnout last year, but we're hoping for more this year," Hart said. The health fair — for folks 50 and older — will be held from 8-11 a.m. Saturday at Con Paulos Chevrolet

here, offering free screenings for physical therapy, blood pressure, lung capacity, hearing and vision, height and weight, bone density and diabetic foot care. An athletic shoe fitting is also planned, and there will be merchant exhibits.

If your screening involves blood work, it requires a 12-hour fast. If you haven't fasted beforehand, coupons will be available to have the screening done later.

In addition, cardiac risk tests will be offered for \$15, prostate cancer screenings for \$10 and thyroid function tests for \$15.

The arthritis walk starts at 11 a.m., and will include 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) and 1-mile events. To register, call (800) 444-4993 or e-mail Susie Beem at sbbeem@h5.state.id.us or Becky Jensen at becky@mvnmcc.org.

Twenty-nine percent of south-central Idaho's 166,000 residents are

over 50, and death rates for several preventable diseases that most often afflict senior citizens are higher here than in Idaho as a whole. In 2002, the death rate for heart disease was 211 per 100,000 population, compared with 187 statewide. Stroke and other cerebrovascular diseases killed 64 per 100,000, compared with 55 for all of Idaho.

The same trend was true for chronic lower respiratory disease — most often caused by smoking — for which the death rate in the Magic and Wood River valleys was the highest in the state. Come August, folks 50 and over can participate in pinocle, bocce, bowling, cycling, tennis, bocce, water aerobics, arthritis aquatics, swimming or golf, run a half-marathon, do a variety of track and field events or take part in an assisted-living walk.

The local Senior Games are affiliated with the National Senior Games Association and the Idaho Senior Games, which are held in Boise each year.

This year's Magic Valley Senior Games will be held between Aug. 16 and Aug. 28, at sites around the Magic Valley, with a picnic scheduled for Aug. 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Twin Falls City/YMCA Pool.

Volunteers are needed to help run the games. For further information, call Hart at 543-4451 or Debbie Tucker at the pool at 734-2336. Saturday's health fair and arthritis walk are co-sponsored by Con Paulos Chevrolet.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicalvalley.com.

| Fun after 50   |                     |                               |                            |
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| The schedule for this summer's Idaho Senior Games of the Magic Valley: |                     |                               |                            |
| Event  | Date                | Location                      | Contact                    |
| Pinocle  | Aug. 25, 1 p.m.     | TF Senior Center              | Karen McCarthy, 733-7925   |
| Half-marathon  | Aug. 21, 8 a.m.     | River Road, Buhl              | Bill Hart, 543-4451        |
| Party bridge   | Aug. 25, 6 p.m.     | TF Bridge Center              | Nathan Higer, 735-2143     |
| Duplicate bridge   | Aug. 25, 7 p.m.     | TF Bridge Center              | Nathan Higer, 735-2143     |
| Bowling  | Aug. 26-29          | Bowladrome, Twin Falls        | Thelma Tucker, 733-4357    |
| Cycling  | Aug. 28, 9 a.m.     | Amalgamated Sugar, Twin Falls | Scott Scholes, 733-4064    |
| Tennis   | Aug. 28, 9 a.m.     | TRIS tennis courts            | Lisa McManus, 733-4384     |
| Bocce  | Aug. 28, 10 a.m.    | TF/YMCA City Pool             | Debbie Tucker, 734-5428    |
| Water aerobics   | Aug. 28, 11 a.m.    | TF/YMCA City Pool             | Debbie Tucker, 734-5428    |
| Arthritis exercises  | Aug. 28, 10 a.m.    | TF/YMCA City Pool             | Debbie Tucker, 734-5428    |
| Track  | Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m.  | Brun Stadium, Twin Falls      | Karl Kleinkopf, 734-9886   |
| Swimming   | Aug. 28, 12:30 p.m. | TF/YMCA City Pool             | John Twiss, 734-5428       |
| Golf   | Aug. 29, 8:30 a.m.  | Clear Lake CC, Buhl           | Steve Heyhoeffer, 543-4849 |

## Everything in the side pocket Reversible clothing models versatility

The Washington Post

We never grow tired of cargo pants. They look good on almost everyone and match almost everything. "Men find cargo pants attractive because they're hipper than khakis without being too edgy," says Sheila Sharm, owner of the Pop boutique in Washington.

"It is becoming a fashion staple," says French-Chester's Amy Glickman. "Every company is doing them and they get updated season to season," she says. "Utility is key—the cargo look

perfectly blends comfort and practicality with style-conscious design. We also seeing a refinement of certain details, such as sleeker pocket design, which gives the cargo look a more modern sensibility," says Jerry Bales, vice president of men's fashion for Federated Merchandising Group.

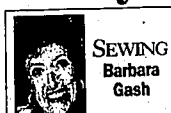
Cargoes are nothing if not practical. For the iPod, cell phone, PDA,



For the cell phone, PDA, wallet and keys, the practical cargo acts as a storage facility.

wallet, keys-car, ryeing, dude, the cargo acts as a storage facility. Says Sharm, "As one guy said to me recently, cargoes are the man's equivalent of a woman's purse."

Sewing reversible garments is a practical idea, and fun to do. Here is some advice for success: Fabric choice is an important consideration. To get an idea of weight in the completed garment, drape both fabrics over your hand. Unless it's to be a winter coat, you don't want it to feel too bulky. As an alternative to two solid colors, try a solid with a print, or even two compatible prints. Use simple patterns with minimal seams and details. Coats and jackets are logical choices, letting collars and



rolled-back cuffs show off the contrast fabric. Simple dresses, tops and skirts are also nice for spring and summer. (Skirts can be wrap-style or have elastic waists.) Please see SEWING, Page B2

IMAGE

Learn how to get a serious stretch through the Bar Method

Los Angeles Times

Not every fitness program inspires the kind of devotion the Bar Method does. Many who have discovered this relatively new workout have become quick devotees, intensely loyal in a way that compels some to gush, 'You've got to try this. It's really helped me. You'll feel so good afterward.' ... This is a workout people are waxing rhapsodic about, swearing it produces toned thighs and lifted derrieres. Burr Leonard, Bar

Method's creator, based the regimen on the Lotte Berk Method, which dates to 1970 in New York. Both use repetitive exercises and stretches that tone and strengthen muscles using small, precise movements done with correct body alignment. Leonard started out as a Berk student, and she and her now ex-husband eventually opened four Berk studios in Connecticut before they several times and set up a Bar Method studio in San Francisco. A West Los Angeles studio, co-owned by her sister, Mimi Fleischman, opened in February 2003. ... Though she loved the Berk technique, some of the positions and stretches didn't feel comfortable to Leonard, and she began to modify them, creating the Bar Method in the process.

The Bar Method is often described as incorporating elements of yoga and Pilates, but it is less static than yoga and uses a ballet barre and floor mat, with no machines. Leonard chose the Americanized "bar" spelling because it sounded stronger and simpler. ... Leonard, an attractive, trim 56-year-old with teeny-teeny thighs, has a theory about her students' devotion, even though they know workouts are tough. "You go to class and you

want that hip stretch," she says, speaking from her San Francisco studio. "You can go to another workout and there are stretches where not much is happening. For women, this changes their bodies really quickly." Part of the appeal are the small, friendly studios, where students—anywhere from five to about a dozen per class—get individual attention from instructors. Leonard is often asked about the fundamental differences between her technique and mat Pilates. She believes Pilates does more leg work in large, sweeping, circular motions, whereas Bar Method uses smaller movements that isolate and engage the muscles for several minutes at a time. ... The advantages, she says, are dense muscles and a leaner body.



Barbara Linton performs floor exercises.

May good sense be with you

DEAR PAULA: I recently received my Bachelor's Degree in business administration. I majored in marketing and worked at the cosmetics counters at a major department store. ... Paula, there is one tithbit of information that has helped me to be a more educated consumer. You will share this information with your readers: watch out for the word "may" as in: "May help reduce" or "May aid in the protection of." ... Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (8th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, WA. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com.



warning consumers about during my entire career. After all these years it is still amazing to me how easy it is for advertisers to slink by the Federal Trade Commission's scrutiny for truth in advertising. ... Paula, there is one tithbit of information that has helped me to be a more educated consumer. You will share this information with your readers: watch out for the word "may" as in: "May help reduce" or "May aid in the protection of." ... Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (8th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, WA. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com.

— ROBBIN, VIA E-MAIL  
DEAR ROBBIN: Your point is well taken, something I have been painfully aware of and

Food Network will feature Meridian's Sonic in new show

MERIDIAN (AP) — It's dinner time in Meridian, and hungry carnivores wait patiently in angled stalls for their caretakers to roll by and deliver the meaty snack they crave. ... Production crews were in Meridian recently to witness and capture the action as host Jim O'Connor tested his roller skating skills as a fast-food car hop. ... Meridian Sonic employees said they were excited by prospects for a national television debut. ... Willets, 18, said she and the other carhops were giving O-

Connor a quick primer on the finer points of roller-skating. The most important lesson, Willets said, was how to fall down. ... "We are going to explore and see what it was like in the '50s when it was hip and happening," he said. ... O'Connor said the series is slated to start in June and run through the summer.

Sewing

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Cut both layers exactly alike. Trim hems to 62 1/2 inch, same as the seams. Do any embellishing and add pockets prior to construction. ... For the first, sew the layers together, being very accurate in aligning the raw edges. Leave an opening of about 6 inches in the middle of one side seam or

along the bottom back hem. ... Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 428, Detroit, Mich. 48231, or send e-mail to compuserve@aol.com. Letters cannot be answered personally.

ENGAGEMENTS

CHRISTENSEN- WESTWOOD

HEYBURN — Dana Christensen and Cyril Westwood announce their engagement. Christensen is the daughter of Lyle and Bonnie Christensen of Heyburn. ... The wedding is planned for Friday, April 30, in the Beautiful LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Paul 3rd Ward LDS Church, 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn.



Cyril Westwood and Dana Christensen

GREENWOOD- SILVESTER

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Rob Greenwood of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Gean Greenwood, to Nathan Spencer Silvester, son of Theresa and Curtis Silvester of Twin Falls. ... The wedding is planned for Friday, April 30, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.



Nathan Silvester and Megan Greenwood.

JOHNSON- ROBERTS

RUPERT — Alton and Terri Johnson of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Ann Johnson, to Scott O. Roberts, son of Linda Roberts of Montpelier and the late Willford Roberts. ... The wedding is planned for Friday, April 30, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.



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# Breast cancer support group helps survivors and family members

**Breast Cancer Support Group** will meet at 7 p.m. today in the reception area of St. Luke's Mountain State Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends.

For more information, call Lynda Gilman at 734-3234 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

## New support group

A lunch-hour support group is forming for those with HIV/AIDS to help focus on support and therapy available in the community.

To launch the new group, a brown bag lunch will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. today in the Clark Room near the west entrance of South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., located on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch, but drinks and dessert will be provided.

The group will be developing plans for future meetings and, at this stage, only people who have HIV or AIDS are asked to attend.

Matthew Geske, licensed professional counselor, will facilitate the sessions. Meetings are planned for once a month through the summer months and twice a month beginning in the fall.

For more information, call Mary Sae, HIV/AIDS program coordinator for South Central District Health, at 734-5900, Ext. 269, or Matthew Geske at 735-0090.

## 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer **Baby and Me** classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Travel with Baby."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through two years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

# Researchers: Healthy diet could cool inflammation

Chicago Tribune

TUCSON, Ariz. — Though diets like Atkins and Soya are the current rage, an emerging eating philosophy may do more than temporarily take off pounds: It could help treat disease.

Described as an "anti-inflammatory diet" by proponents such as holistic health guru Dr. Andrew Weil, the food plan addresses inflammation, a burgeoning area of medical research.

Although inflammation has long been implicated in arthritis, scientists increasingly are linking excessive inflammation to mental health problems as well as heart disease, Alzheimer's cancer, diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Anti-inflammatory medications have shown to be effective in lowering the risk of Alzheimer's, but critics say they don't address the problem — just the symptoms — and can have unpleasant side effects, including headaches and nausea. As a supplemental approach, some doctors recommend following the ancient Hippocratic idea that suggests using food as medicine.

At the first Nutrition and Health State of the Science and Clinical Applications conference, held here recently, Weil

## To do for you

### About strokes

"Stroke: Risk Factors and Prevention," a community education program, will be offered from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the basement conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Pre-registration is required, call 737-2901.

### Breast-feeding class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a Breast-feeding 101 class from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class will discuss the advantages of breast-feeding, common breast-feeding problems and solutions, nutrition and weaning.

The class is for expectant mothers, fathers and other support persons, first-time parents, mothers who haven't breast-fed before or who had an unsuccessful breast-feeding experience, and for parents who would like a refresher course.

The class is free. All parents are encouraged to attend the class within two months of the baby's due date. To register, call 734-4301, Ext. 3361.

### Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday in the main floor conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, and will include a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2161.

### About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thurs-

day through May 27, in the main floor conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and the newborn, including breast-feeding and bottle-feeding. Participants also will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2901.

### Learn CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. May 3 in the Doctor Meeting Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

### Diabetes education

"Food and Diabetes: What Can I Eat With Diabetes," a community education class, will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. May 3 in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Elva McNurlin, diabetic educator, will be the speaker. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

### About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning May 4 through June 8, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center,

115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The second class of the series will be a refresher course for mothers who have previously taken the childbirth classes.

The sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to each class.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

### Tobacco cessation

South Central District Health is offering the American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start Cessation Program," designed to help adults quit using tobacco.

The six-week class will be held at 6 p.m. Thursdays, beginning May 13 through June 17, at the South Central District Health office, 1020 Washington St. N., located on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

The class is free, but space is limited.

To register or for more information, call Josh Barron, tobacco prevention and cessation program coordinator, at 734-5900, Ext. 245.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following *Monday's Health & Fashion*. Mail notices to: *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

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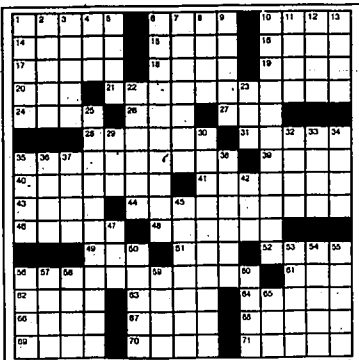
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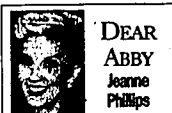
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Virgo: Don't take people at their word

IF APRIL 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you do everything you can to make people proud of you; family and home may seem more important than ever. You have the power to make important changes and break free of situations that hobble you. You tend to attract people who are just as possessive as you are.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

could be genuine, but there is a tendency to exaggerate. Talk is cheap; don't take people at their word. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan your strategies, but do not take information at face value. There is an opportunity on its way, and you should be prepared to act.

Norway schools get ski vacation

Norway's schools break every February for ski vacation.



L.M. BOYD

Would you marry your matrimonial mate again? That's a recurring query in our Love and War mail files. Fifty percent of the most recently surveyed wives said yes. But 36 percent said no. Then there were the "not-sure" and the "let me think it over" bunch.

rough foods such as raw meat, as many believe. But to make room for the growing muscles of developing speech.

Q. Does a person inherit the tendency to be manic-depressive?

Women tend to play dumb at home, but play smart on the job. Men tend to play smart on the job, but play dumb at home.

Q. What researchers now say is: If a parent suffers that one, odds are 10 times greater that a child of said parent will, too.

Some of the genuine old-time fiddlers put manlike rattle in their violins to keep out insects, spiders and the like. Italian violinists of 400 years ago kept roach in their instruments for similar duty.

All marble starts out as limestone.

Some anthropolgists say the human jaw did not get bigger because of the need to chew

Daniel Defoe, the man who wrote "Robinson Crusoe," was a British Secret Service agent long before the spy novelists got around to popularizing the topic.

Movies. Daphne: 6:15-6:45. Mamma Mia: 6:45-7:30. The Italian Job: 7:30-8:15.

World's longest insects are the "walkingsticks."

Movies. Hilda: 7:00-7:30. Star Wars: 7:30-8:15. The Untouchables: 8:15-9:00.

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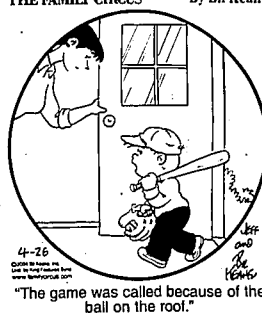
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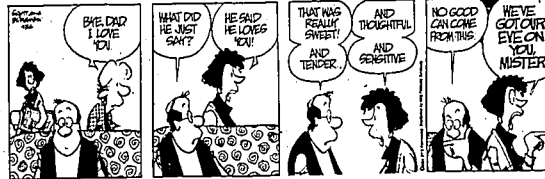
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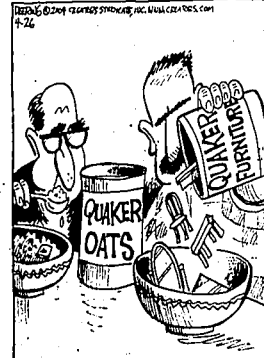
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# SCHOOL DAYS

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The Times-News

## Reading club has fun with learning

## SCHOOL NEWS

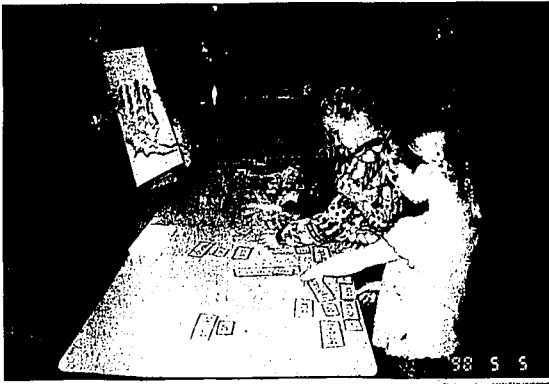
**GOODING** - The Gooding High School's Reading Club hosted a Seusscentennial activity for all second-graders in the cafeteria at Gooding Elementary School to celebrate Dr. Seuss, 100 birthday.

Students were divided into small groups and rotated between listening to Seuss books, art activities and word games. The students played games such as "One Fish, Two Fish Concentration," "Fox on Socks Word Search" and "Green Eggs and Ham Matching Games." The second-graders also did art activities, which included coloring six-foot tall Dr. Seuss characters for each of their classrooms, and made "Happy 100 Birthday" hats and Dr. Seuss doorknob hangers.

Other activities included word searches, dot-to-dot and crossword puzzles based on Dr. Seuss books.

Treats were given to all the second-graders at the end of the Seusscentennial activity.

The next day, Gooding High School's Reading Club presented a reader's theater on the Dr. Seuss book, "Bartholomew Cubbins and the Oobleck" to a



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third grade class. The participating members of the Reading Club were Ashley

Madera as Bartholomew Cubbins; Jillian Legard as the captain; Michael Rider as King

Derwin; Jill Pough as the Trumpeter; and Mari Bigler as the narrator.

### Bliss School District changes event dates

**BLISS** - The Bliss School District kindergarten registration and Child Find has been changed to 9-11:30 a.m. May 20 at the school, 601 E.U.S. Highway 30.

The child's birth certificate and immunization records are needed at time of registration. Free immunizations will be available for the children who need their boosters.

For more information, call the Bliss School District at 352-4445.

### Horizon Elementary recycles laser cartridges

**JEROME** - Horizon Elementary School, 934 10th Ave. E., is celebrating Earth Day all year long. In conjunction with the Funding Factory, the school is recycling ink jet and laser cartridges and cell phones.

The money earned through this fund-raiser will allow the school to purchase technology supplies and playground equipment. These items are in great need with the current

budget cuts, the school reports. Horizon is looking for businesses and individuals willing to donate these used items. Drop cartridges or cell phones off at Horizon Elementary or call Connie Strling at 644-1465 or Darlyn Cruzier at 334-5499 for pickup. The fund-raiser will continue through the summer break.

### Scholarships are available for Cassia County seniors

**BURLEY** - Scholarships are available to 2004 graduating seniors who plan to attend college with a major in an agriculture-related field.

Applications for the \$250 scholarships are available through high school agriculture teachers, at each high school's counselor office in Cassia County, or at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 1361 E. 16th St. in Burley. Scholarships are sponsored by the East Cassia and West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The application deadline is April 30.

For more information, Call 878-5556.



Members of the Jerome FFA winning dairy team are, from left to right, Megan Buschman, Kevin Wilcox, Tel Bishop, Amie Hernandez and Marcos Madrigal.

## Jerome FFA wins dairy competition

**FILER** - The Jerome High School FFA dairy team won the District Dairy Career Development Event at the Hallinger Dairy in Filer.

The April 14 competition consisted of a series of questions, dairy records, judging of dairy cattle, body conditioning scoring and oral reasons.

The team members are Marcos Madrigal, Amie Hernandez, Megan Buschman, Tel Bishop and Kevin Wilcox.

Marcos placed first overall in the competition. Amie followed closely in second place and Kevin placed fourth overall. Three team members in the top five individually made the Jerome team first in the competition.

Jerome also placed first in the South Magic Valley and first overall at the North Magic Valley District.

The team will travel to Moscow in June to compete in the State FFA dairy event. Their coach is Tom Clifton.

## Murtaugh students earn academic honors

Murtaugh Business Professionals of America members had the opportunity to "Get Real" at the state BPA competition in Boise. The chapter brought home competitive experience, good memories and great motivational advice. Eli Andersen, Druce Tolman, Candace Lovelace and Trevor Simmons competed and look forward to another successful year of BPA with adviser Jennifer Schwandt.

Trent Cummins, Eli Andersen and Kendle Stallins earned the President's Award for Academic Educational Excellence by scoring above the 85 percentile on standardized tests and maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Students who earned the President's Academic Educational Achievement Award for high scores or showing outstanding growth, improvement or commitment to intellectual development are: seniors Debbie Artega, Jillian Cutler, Kaitelen Perkins and Joe Silver; juniors: Kelsey cone, Dakota Martinez, Jenilyn Perkins, Hailee Roseborough and Bridger Ward; sophomores: Kristen Egbert, Tanya Randolph



Canyon Slide Greenhouse has a huge variety of garden vegetable plants, annual and perennial flowers and hanging baskets for sale. The greenhouse is a student-operated small business under the direction of ag teacher and FFA adviser, Stacy Winn. This is the ninth year of business. Greenhouse hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days and starting on May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

and Druce Tolman; and freshmen: Bryant Blshoff, Jaime Delgado and Emma Johnson. Hailee Roseborough and Jenilyn Perkins received the University of Idaho Top Scholar award, which is presented to outstanding juniors by US Bank and U of I.

Kaitelen Perkins and Jillian Cutler will represent Murtaugh at the Fourth District Idaho



**DEVIL'S ADVOCATE**  
Dobble Artega

High School Activities Association Awards banquet. This award is designed to recognize seniors who display outstanding qualities of leadership, citizenship and responsibility, who have earned a high degree of scholarship, other contributions.

The "We're In Heaven" junior prom was held April 3. Thanks to the hard work of the Junior Class Prom Committee, the Ballroom and DJ Forest Andersen, who generously donated his sound equipment and sense of humor, this year's prom was a big success. Chris Higley and Kelsey Cone were voted junior royalty and Lex Howard and Jillian Cutler were senior royalty.

Debbie Artega is senior class secretary at Murtaugh High School.

## Speech team wins at state

The Jerome High School speech team won its sixth consecutive state championship this past weekend at Jerome High School.

The Tigers edged out Hillcrest and Eagle, respectively.

"This was a complete and total team effort. We proved that no one person is greater than a team. Our kids fought until the end. I'm so proud of each and every one of them," said Jerome coach Scott Burton.

Jerome advanced 29 speakers to the semifinals (the top 14) and then placed 11 speakers in the finals (the final seven).

The following is a list of the state results:

**Improvisation**  
Diane Thompson, second place; Katie May, semifinalist; and Kasey Clark, semifinalist

**Radio speaking**  
Zach Lloyd, state champion; Chad Clark, finalist; and Patrick Reemot, semifinalist

**Retold story**  
Megan Marshall, semifinalist

**Expository speaking**  
Caitlyn Lancaster, state champion

**Serious interpretation**  
Vanessa Macias, semifinalist; Brianna Bostger, semifinalist and Vanessa West, third place



**TIGER PRINTS**  
Patti O'Dell

**Duo Interpretation**  
Joanna Veenhoven and Kristi Crozier, finalist

**After dinner**  
Patrick Reemot, semifinalist; Chad Clark, semifinalist; Megan Marshall, semifinalist; and Ben Marshall, third place

**Oratorical analysis**  
Diane Thompson, finalist; and Wade Suggen, finalist

**Solo**  
Krista Hamblin, semifinalist; Yadira Juarez, semifinalist; and Halley Moore, state champion

In addition, the Jerome High School Chorales had four students qualify for state. In the district event, Eli Harper placed second in tenor, Michelle Straley placed third in alto, Tami Njezich-laba placed first in alto, and Brianna Bostger placed first in mezzo soprano.

Patti O'Dell is Jerome High School principal.

## Gooding High School announces student officers

The votes are in. The Gooding High School student body officers for the 2004-2005 school year are President Sarah Pierson, Vice President Kalynn Pereira and Treasurer Sam Hobdy.

The newly-elected student body officers at an student council traveled to Boise April 15 to attend a spring conference where they shared ideas with other student leaders about school activities and roles in their high school.

Angel Aguilar, Juan Carlos Gill, Lorena Gomez and Monica Garcia were selected to represent Gooding at the Idaho



**SENATOR SCENE**  
Jill Dalton

Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley April 22-24.

The four had the opportunity to meet state representatives, listen to speakers, talk with colleges and compete for scholarships.

Taking place this week are cheerleading tryouts. Prospective enthusiasts will compete for a spot on the junior varsity or varsity squad and will be judged on cheering, dancing, jumping, an original chant, essays and teacher evaluations.

On Wednesday, Daniel Westendorf, Justin Rogers and Daniel Ranallo will head for Cincinnati, Ohio to attend the National Business Professionals of America Convention. Westendorf and Ranallo will compete in network design and Rogers will compete in computerized accounting. Best of Luck!

On Thursday, the junior class will host the annual Junior/Senior Banquet at the Gooding

## District association recognizes outstanding seniors

Country Club. Students will eat dinner, listen to speakers and play games.

Congratulations to the FFA meat evaluation team for placing first at district competition. Team members Cliff Toone, second high individual; Jill Dalton, third high individual; Whitney Dalton; and Josh Lehigh will attend the State FFA Convention in Moscow during the summer.

A high school rodeo will be held at the Gooding County Fairgrounds Friday and Saturday.

Jill Dalton is student body secretary at Gooding High School.

## District association recognizes outstanding seniors

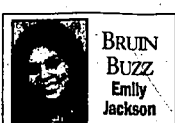
to the parents who have and are planning on providing treats while students take the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests.

We are considering the possibility of reestablishing a parent/teacher organization. We know that we have many parents and community members who could provide assistance to our school. If you would like to be involved in the discussion, or would like to belong to a P/TO-type organization please contact the

## Twin Falls students elect new student body, class officers for next year

Last week, Twin Falls High School held elections for student body and class officers. This is a little different protocol than usual.

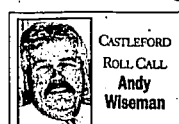
Normally, student body officer elections are held around this time of the year, but class officer elections wouldn't be held until the following school year. Why the change? With the new blended block schedu-



**BRUIN BUZZ**  
Emily Jackson

being put into motion next year, the school will offer many new classes, including one called "Student Leadership" taught by Mike Federico. All students elected to student council will be required to take this year-long class.

Students running for junior class officer are Timbrel Essma, Sarah Nichols, and Justin Casperson for president; Bridgete Lucas and Stuart Selinger for vice president; Danielle Cut-



**CASTLEFORD ROLL CALL**  
Andy Wiseman

ler for secretary; Alyssa Blake and Lindsey Hansen for treasurer; and Kasie Ford, Lindsey Brown and Kallie Lund for senators.

Students running for senior class officer are Jayme Harmon for president, Kara Gambrell and Heidi Reitsma for vice president; Whitney Tupper for secretary; Sierra Widmer for treasurer and Allison Habel,

Shawna Nelson and Cassie Gonzalez for senators.

The upcoming seniors who campaigned for student body officers are Tim Jelovich, Scott Thompson and Nicole Bulcher for president; McKenzie Bateman, Megan King and Wes Morishita for vice president; Jennifer Hohnhorst for corresponding secretary; Aspen Cloutz for recording secretary;

and Emily Jackson for treasurer. The campaign speeches and skits that were given last week made students think and laugh. To find out who wins the elections, pick up a copy of TFHS's own Bruin News, out today.

Emily Jackson is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School Bruin News.

MINDOKA COUNTY COURTS

RUPERT — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Mindoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Marcos C. Juarez, 29; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, dismissed; one count possession of alcoholic beverage by minor, dismissed; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
Sonia Arvalo, 25; failure to purchase valid driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Tom J. Christ, 48; two counts insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Misdemeanor sentences

Defelinio Navarrete Lopez, 19; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, 78.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended; two counts contempt of court, one count dismissed, one count 10 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
Domilillo Diaz, 26; failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, one day in jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Michael V. Egullion, 19; possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, \$85.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
Jeremy James Carpenter, 18; two counts failure to purchase valid driver's license, one count pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$125.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited, one count pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$125.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 24 months probation, 90 days in jail, 86 days suspended, four days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
Elisha J. Bowley, 19; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.

Gregory J. Sarra, 32; misdemeanor driving under the influence, amended to inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Wade Dean Albertson, 30; one count battery, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$93.50 court costs, 24 months probation, six months in jail, four months and 28 days suspended, time credited, 30 days discretionary; 20 counts contempt of court, pleaded guilty, one count violation of protection order/domestic violence, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$173.50 court costs, 24 months probation, six months in jail, four months and 28 days suspended, time credited, 30 days discretionary; one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one day credit; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Crystal Anderson, 23; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count providing false information to officers, pleaded guilty, \$85.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 23 days suspended, seven days credited, one count contempt of court, \$36.50 court costs, five days in jail, four days suspended, one day credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Javier Amedondo, 19; domestic battery amended to battery, pleaded guilty, \$85.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail, 56 days suspended, four days credited, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
Steven P. Bean, 19; trespassing, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Brian A. Batten, 24; one count driving without proper license, \$113.50 court costs, 365 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 70 days suspended, one count possession of drug paraphernalia, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, one count possession of a concealed weapon without a license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Cristina L. Balla, 18; aggravated assault amended to assault, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.



Court records

Nyle Benjamin Goodheart, 22; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one day credit, eight days suspended, two days MC Work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Kelly Granillo, 45; one count driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 23 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Pati Ian Granillo, 36; failure to maintain liability insurance, pleaded guilty, \$117.50 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
Christopher G. Greco, 26; one count criminal trespassing amended to trespassing, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 90 days suspended, two days credited, two counts battery, one count \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 days suspended, two days credited, treatment program, one count dismissed; one count criminal trespassing amended to trespassing, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 90 days suspended; one count violation of no-contact order, pleaded guilty, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 170 days suspended, two days credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Cristina Amedondo Juarez, 45; three counts cruelty to animals, one count pleaded guilty, \$136.50 fine, \$63.50

court costs, two counts dismissed; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Jose Guadalupe Juarez Jr., 23; two counts violation of protection order/domestic violence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$73.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended, one count dismissed; one count existing officers, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended, 37 days credited, two counts contempt of court, dismissed; one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 3,029 days in jail, two days credited; one count unlawful entry, pleaded guilty, \$85.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs, 365 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 160 days suspended, one day credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Marcos A. Juarez, 20; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 10 days in jail, six days suspended, nine days' jail in lieu of fine and court costs; one count failure to appear, pleaded guilty, \$85.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, eight days suspended, 17 days in jail, 163 days suspended, 10 days in jail, 10 days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
Edger Rodriguez, 19; one count of willful concealment, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, four months probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended, one count carrying a concealed weapon without a license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Jesse Orlando Rodriguez, 24; one count possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 178 days suspended, two days credited; one count possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Carol Rose Ivoines, 61; inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$35.50 fine, \$38.50 court costs, six months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Jesse L. Salinas, 26; disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, two days in jail, two days credited;

Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Tiffany Sprank, 24; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, five days in jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Russell L. Tucker, 40; domestic battery amended to battery, pleaded guilty, \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 179 days suspended, one day credited, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Ernesto O. Vega, 17; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$125.10 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one day credited, treatment program, two days MC Work; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Ernesto O. Vega, 17; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$123.10 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 25 days suspended, one day credited, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.

Driving under the influence sentences

Julio Cesar Alfaro, 20; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$119.94 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, six months probation, 10 days in jail, five days suspended; one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, two days in jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Lenny L. Damron, 28; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended, one day credited, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Allison M. Perez, 19; one count felony driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$103.50 court costs, three years probation, two years determinate time, three years indeterminate time, time credited, penitentiary time suspended; one count violation of drug stamp tax, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Brent L. Howard, 19; one count grand theft, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, \$325 restitution, five years probation, two years determinate time, five years indeterminate time, time credited, penitentiary time suspended; one count violation of drug stamp tax, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Juan Jose Leon Ruiz, 18; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$253.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 88 days suspended, one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Margaret M. Silva, 27; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$88.10 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended, two days credited; one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$132.70

court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended, two days credited; one count open container, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Michael David Twiss, 52; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$125.10 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one day credited, treatment program, two days MC Work; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Ernesto O. Vega, 17; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$123.10 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 25 days suspended, one day credited, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.

Felony sentences

Jimmy L. Anger, 45; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count drug trafficking in marijuana, dismissed; one count possession with intent to deliver controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$5,171.71 restitution, three years determinate time, 12 years indeterminate time, time credited, retained jurisdiction; penitentiary time suspended; one count violation of drug stamp tax, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Brent L. Howard, 19; one count grand theft, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, \$325 restitution, five years probation, two years determinate time, five years indeterminate time, time credited, penitentiary time suspended; one count violation of drug stamp tax, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Benjamin Navarrete Jr., 21; one count possession of controlled substance, disposition withheld; one count possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.

Withheld judgments

Riddell Barnes, 65; injury to child, disposition withheld; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Benjamin Navarrete Jr., 21; misdemeanor driving under the influence, disposition withheld; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.
Benjamin Navarrete Jr., 21; one count possession of controlled substance, disposition withheld; one count possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Canbrue.

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