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# WAR TALES FROM IRAQ



First Lt. Brady Van Engelen, left, talks about his time in Iraq and the injury to his head while a newscast out of Iraq catches older brother Dusty's attention at the Van Engelen home in Twin Falls Wednesday. Brady is back home after being shot in the head by a sniper in Iraq.

## Wounded Twin Falls soldier regroups at home

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—As soon as the crackle of gunfire rang in his ears, First Lt. Brady Van Engelen felt the shot to his head. A sniper's bullet found its mark on the Army Ranger, but Van Engelen, after a brief, blindingly out, regained consciousness, lying still under the Iraqi sky as fellow soldiers scrambled to help their fallen leader.

He was bleeding from the head, and he was mad as hell. "It wasn't painful," he said. "I think I was more p—ed off than anything." Van Engelen, 24, was a platoon leader in the Army's 1st Armored Division, designated as Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment of the 1st Armored Division.

Wednesday from his parents' Twin Falls home. "A few other soldiers were with me. The men were on top of a building looking for activity on the road below and beyond. From their observation point, they would relay back to the operations center any information they gathered. Simultaneously when I heard the gun shot I dropped to the ground and pretty much went blank," he recalled. "Soldiers were right around me

putting pressure bandages on my head to help stop the bleeding." He was Air MEDEVAC'd to the 28th Combat Support Hospital in the Green Zone. "I was a little woozy and I was bleeding quite a bit," he said. "The first thing they did was remove a small fragment of my skull from the brain and put a titanium plate in." Please see SOLDIER, Page A3

## Court takes close look at security

### Hears opening arguments in cases of U.S. detainees

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has overstepped his authority since the Sept. 11 attacks by jailing American citizens suspected of links to terrorism and denying them access to lawyers and courts, an attorney for a U.S.-born terrorism suspect told the Supreme Court on Wednesday. "A never before in history has this court granted the president a blank check to do whatever he wants to American citizens," lawyer Jennifer Martinez argued on behalf of Jose Padilla, a former Chicago gang member and alleged al-Qaida associate arrested at the O'Hare airport. Government lawyer Paul Clement countered that Congress gave the president broad power to go after terrorists and Please see SECURITY, Page A3



Left, Pamela Coranto-Hansen comforts her husband, James Hansen, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. Right, Arnold Anderson, of Anconradale, N.Y., visits the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with his wife, Helen. Both men are veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

## Vietnam rhetoric splits veterans

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was an emotional minefield Tuesday for both James Hansen and Arnold Anderson. But the two war veterans embodied different sides of this week's prickly debate over the military records of President Bush and Sen. John Kerry. For Hansen, a former infantryman from Hermosa Beach, Calif., walking along the memorial wall reminded him of gunfire, bloodshed and wading through a swampy river without cover — and of the

peace symbol he painted on his helmet. "I actually got involved in a peace protest while I was still in Vietnam," said Hansen, who had a California tan and salt-and-pepper hair. "It reminds me that my admiration for John Kerry is because he served his country, laid his life on the line and was not afraid to speak his mind afterwards. I don't even see how Bush can try to question Kerry's service when all he (Bush) did was join the National Guard. It's worse than the pot calling the kettle black." For Anderson, Tuesday was

the first time the tattooed veteran, who still keeps a "high and tight" military haircut, was able to finish walking the length of the wall, after five visits where he simply couldn't handle the trauma of reading all the names. He said the experience reminded him of his return home from the war and the stinging protests from soldiers like Kerry. "Unlike John Kerry, I'm proud of my medals. I have them at home," said Anderson, of Anconradale, N.Y. Mirrored glasses partially hid his moist

## Rumors thrive in Iraq, a nation shaped by myth

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Hussein Ramadan sells synthetic flowers in Baghdad. He doesn't trust the United States. "These car bombs are mostly done by Americans," he said. "When they are searching you (at a checkpoint), one is putting an explosive device in the car. Then they will chase the car, and as soon as he goes into a populated area, it will blow up. This is what has happened, not in all cases but some." Iraq is awash in rumors. Amid fires in the night and mortar rounds pounding city and village, this nation, where so much is uncertain, feeds on the half-truths and conspiracies that U.S. forces are struggling to

the street and the grisly images flickering across Arab television are doing as much to undermine American authority as well-armed insurgents staging ambushes on desert highways. Reality is pliable and truth is altered to serve agendas in a society where stories, myths and superstitions have shaped public discourse for centuries. For example, insurgents in Samarra, north of Baghdad, recently fired rocket-propelled grenades at what they thought was an Iraqi police station. The building turned out to be a water-purification plant. The blasts released chlorine into the air and sickened dozens of people. But people heard a different story. U.S. forces had sneaked weapons of mass destruction

into Iraq and were using poisons against civilians. "The rumors are really the problem of the Americans," said Hashim Hasan, editor of Kawka, a Baghdad newspaper. "The U.S. gave us freedom of speech but nothing else, so all many Iraqis can do is invent rumors to cope with the anxieties and fears in these dark times." U.S. forces and the American-backed Iraqi Governing Council are countering street rumors and what they say is biased reporting by al-Jazeera and other Arabic television stations with press town meetings, radio announcements, news conferences and a TV channel of their own. But the U.S. message is

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## From erector sets to 'bionic' arms

### Twin Falls graduate invents new prosthetic

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's no surprise that his favorite childhood toy was the first erector set he received in the fourth grade.

But who would have thought that his fascination with all things mechanical would lead him to where he is today — the director of amputee programs at not just any hospital, but the prestigious Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago?

You might say that Dr. Todd Kulkken, a 1978 graduate of Twin Falls High School, has done well for himself, and in turn, for many of his patients. As successful as he would become, he wasn't above some teenage antics in his day — like cruising Blue Lakes Boulevard in the car he built, the one with the Volkswagen chassis. Painted bright orange — "persimmon, really" — the car was hard to miss.

"They'll probably remember me for building a little sports car in high school we used to terrorize the town with," Kulkken said. Today, the man who graduated with dual degrees in medicine and biomedical engineering from Northwestern University is best known for inventing the first "bionic" arm — a prosthesis driven by the user's own thought-driven nerve impulses. It was an idea that began 20 years ago as part of his master's thesis and recently changed the life of a Tennessee man named Jesse Sullivan who had both of his arms amputated at the shoulder after touching a live power line.

Kulkken took some nerves from Sullivan's shoulder and planted them in his chest. Then they waited to see if the nerves would grow. They did. "We knew the nerves transfers worked four months after the surgery," Kulkken said. The prosthesis department at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago — which U.S. News and World Report has rated the best Rehabilitation Hospital in America for 13 consecutive years — designed and built a cuff with sensory electrodes that picked up the signals from the nerves and translated them to drive Sullivan's mechanical or "bionic" arm. Sullivan's new arm works like any other person's arm — it's driven solely by his brain.

The first time Sullivan moved his new arm was for a big day for the patient and for Kulkken and his department.

"It was very exciting for all of us," Kulkken said.

Almost an amputee himself

One woman who isn't surprised at how much Kulkken has accomplished is his proud mother, Edna Kulkken Frank.

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TV doctor features

Dr. Todd Kulkken and patient Jesse Sullivan, the first recipient of Kulkken's "bionic" arm, are scheduled to be featured on the program "Amazing Medical Stories" at 8 p.m. May 24 on The Learning Channel — Channel 35 in local cable listings.

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**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

Today: Partly cloudy and mainly dry. Highs near 60.

Tonight: Mostly clear and chilly. Lows near 35.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs near 68.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Not as cool and breezy with patchy clouds. Highs in the 50s to near 60.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a cool nighttime breeze. Lows in the 30s.

Tomorrow: Warmer and mostly sunny with no precipitation likely. Highs in the 60s to near 70.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**

Drier weather moves in today and will last through the weekend and into the first portion of next week. A warming trend is expected as high pressure builds in from the west.

**BOISE**

High pressure building in the west will promote a period of warming and mostly dry weather for the area. Sunny to partly sunny skies are expected most days now through next Tuesday.

**NORTHERN UTAH**

Cooler and cloudy with rain and snow chances slowly diminishing today. Warmer and mostly dry with lots of sunshine likely through the weekend.

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**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 60	Low 35	68/37	73/43	78/45	84/47

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Burley	51	35	0.01"
Coeur d'Alene	50	35	0.11"
Idaho Falls	52	37	0.01"
Jerome	55	40	0.25"
Mesa	50	39	0.00"
Rupert	51	32	0.14"
Starley	42	27	0.00"

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
77	0.00"	53%	30.01"	6:23 AM - 8:27 PM	Low

**MOON PHASES**

Month	Full Moon	First Cr.
May	May 11	May 17

**MOONRISE AND MOONSET**

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Friday	8:23 PM	6:48 AM

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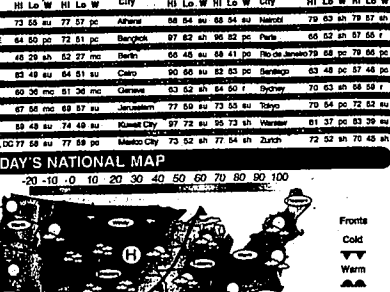
**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	70-81	74-85	Phoenix	75-82	77-87
Boston	48-58	52-61	Portland, ME	64-80	72-81
Chicago	72-86	77-86	Rapid City	45-59	52-57
Denver	77-88	74-85	San Diego	60-70	61-70
Houston	82-91	87-91	Seattle	57-67	62-68
Los Angeles	74-86	77-86	Washington	62-72	67-74
Miami	80-90	85-90	Yonkers	48-58	52-61
New York	52-62	57-66			

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Akron	70-81	74-85	Phoenix	75-82	77-87
Boston	48-58	52-61	Portland, ME	64-80	72-81
Chicago	72-86	77-86	Rapid City	45-59	52-57
Denver	77-88	74-85	San Diego	60-70	61-70
Houston	82-91	87-91	Seattle	57-67	62-68
Los Angeles	74-86	77-86	Washington	62-72	67-74
Miami	80-90	85-90	Yonkers	48-58	52-61
New York	52-62	57-66			

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**Recipient of first 'bionic' arm gives thanks for doctor's invention**

By Sandy Miller  
 Times-News writer



Photo courtesy of Dr. Todd Kulken/Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

**TWIN FALLS** — The last thing he remembers clearly is stepping into the bucket of the cherry picker and riding up toward the blue Southern sky.

It began as a day like any other day for the 54-year-old lineman for the Dayton Power Co. in Dayton, Tenn. It was a simple job he'd done many times before — placing a five barrel on a power line.

In one brief moment, life as he knew it changed forever. Electricity rushed through his body, frying the tissue in his arms. The rest, he said, is still a haze.

"His and pieces come back," Jesse Sullivan of Dayton, Tenn., is the first recipient of Dr. Todd Kulken's 'bionic' arm — a mechanical prosthesis run by Sullivan's own thought-driven nerve impulses. Sullivan, a power company worker, lost both of his arms after an accident on the job.

Sullivan was rushed to Rhea Medical Center and then flown 35 miles to the larger Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. Both of his arms had been

burned severely, causing extensive tissue damage. The prognosis was grim.

Amputation. There was no other choice.

"It's like a death in the family," Sullivan said. "It's part of your body. I don't care if it's a finger or a hand. I saw people who had lost both hands, and their trauma was just as bad as mine. I grieved over my arms."

He was in the hospital for five and a half weeks, went home for five days and then set off for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. There he met Dr. Todd Kulken, the Twin Falls High School graduate who would change his life.

At first, Sullivan was fit with body-powered prosthetics that operate through a hook and cable system powered by body movements.

"He told me it was Civil War technology," Sullivan said. "They developed it after the Civil War. I thought technology had come a whole lot further than that."

The doctor told him it was just

temporary. Later, they would fit him with a more modern electric arm on the left side. But first, Sullivan had a lot of hard work ahead of him. He spent hours in occupational therapy learning how to use his new arms to do the simplest of things — how to use a utensil, how to dress himself.

"That's what was so frustrating," Sullivan said. "You know how to do all these things, but you had to learn them all over again, and it was a whole new ballgame."

Sullivan returned home. One day his surgeon told him he wanted to do revision surgery on two skin grafts that were extremely tender. That's when Kulken came up with an idea. If the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago could do the revision surgery, he could try doing an experimental surgery — a nerve graft — at the same time.

The idea that began with the doctor's master's degree thesis some 20 years earlier involved

taking nerves from Sullivan's left shoulder and transplanting them under his left chest muscle. Then if everything went as planned, the nerves would grow and spread through the muscle.

"He explained the ups and downs," Sullivan said. "The only downside would be if the nerves didn't work. I thought, 'I have to wear the prosthesis anyway.' I didn't have anything to lose and everything to gain."

Just months later, Kulken was able to detect myoelectric signals from the transplanted nerves in Sullivan's chest muscle. The hospital's prosthesis department then designed and built a cuff with sensory electrodes that picked up the signals from the nerves and translated them to drive Sullivan's mechanical or 'bionic' arm. Sullivan's new arm works like any other person's arm — it's driven solely by his brain.

"I control it with my mind. When I go to lift my elbow, I lift my elbow," Sullivan said.

Sullivan still has a body-powered prosthetic on his right side. He's confident about the future and hopes more advances in technology will restore some wrist action and allow him to do what he misses most — reeling in the big ones from Lake Chickamauga off the Tennessee River.

"I fished in a little old bass club at the lake," Sullivan said. "Every Tuesday evening we had a bass tournament."

Now 57, Sullivan has decided to retire early. He and his wife, Carolyn, also an avid angler, plan to spend a lot of time on the houseboat they just bought.

Sullivan has a lot of praise for the doctor who changed his life.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for the man," Sullivan said. "He's a terrific fella. It's hard to put into words. He's just an all-around wonderful person."

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**Bionic**

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and the future doctor had plenty of questions.

"The dentist came out and told me that he was going to make a fine scientist someday," Edna said.

But even the future doctor didn't know back then how close he came to becoming an amputee himself after he collided with a car on his bicycle when he was in eighth grade.

"We thought he would probably lose his leg," Edna said. "It was ripped up like a bologna sausage."

Kulken survived the accident, limbs intact, but it no doubt provided some inspiration for his future career.

Kulken moved to Twin Falls in 1975 from Oregon with his

mother Edna and father Bill Kulken, who died of Lou Gehrig's disease three years ago. He was raised in a family of high achievers. Older sister Rebecca Kulken is a Fulbright scholar and a Presbyterian minister. Younger sister Laurie Gooch, a planted nurse, who broke the high schools shot put and discus records back in 1980, is now the vice president of finance for the Steamboat Springs Ski Corp.

Edna is proud of all her children, including her doctor son.

"He has used the talents that God gave him," said Edna, who married Jack Frank a year ago. "I told him one time, 'You've accomplished so much.' But I would have loved him if he was a truck driver."

**Engineering and medicine**

Following graduation from Twin Falls High School, Kulken went off to college at the University of Idaho.

"I was obviously a science buff and started college at the University of Idaho as an engineering major," he said.

He later transferred to Duke University, where he received his bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering. He also worked as a student engineer at Boeing Aerospace.

He realized he was interested in both biomedical engineering and medicine and he got a full-ride scholarship to study both at Northwestern in a combined Ph.D.-M.D. program.

"I thought I would be an orthopedic surgeon, but rehab was more to my liking," Kulken said. "The longer-term relationship with my patients was more my style."

He has been the director of the amputee program at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago since 1997 and in 2001 served as the institute's chief of staff. His research has garnered him many major awards. He's also an associate dean at the Feinberg School of Medicine.

**Engineering and medicine**

Dr. Todd Kulken, a 1978 Twin Falls High School graduate and now the director of amputee programs at the prestigious Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, works at the hospital earlier this month. Kulken invented the first 'bionic' arm — a prosthesis driven by the user's own thought-driven nerve impulses. It was an idea that began 20 years ago as part of his master's thesis at Northwestern University.

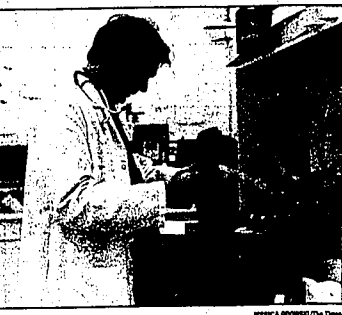


Photo courtesy of Dr. Todd Kulken/Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

**CORRECTIONS**

**Janice Eisele runs for school board**

An item in Wednesday's newspaper misspelled the name of one of the people running for a seat on the Shoshone School Board.

Janice Eisele is running for the Zone 3 seat.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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"I love Chicago. I just miss the mountains," said Kulken, who visits back home whenever he can.

Meanwhile, he'll continue using the gifts God gave him.

"I get to give people new body parts who else gets to do that?" he said.

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## Soldier

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To the American doctors in Iran who performed his craniotomy, Van Engelen has nothing but praise.

"They have wonderful neurosurgeons there," he said.

Van Engelen doesn't know who shot him, or what became of the sniper.

"Usually what (the Army tries) to do is send a message," he said. "You can't run away. You have to go out there and take care of the problem. It's more for the safety of the neighborhood than anything."

He doesn't know if they found the perpetrator or not.

"Eventually, though, it'll come around," he said.

### Many reasons for thanks

After his surgery, Van Engelen was transported to Landstuhl, Germany. From there, he flew to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he spent two weeks.

He arrived on his home turf in Twin Falls Monday.

"To have him home and know that he's safe is a blessing," his brother, Dusty, said. "We've just been worried sick about him."

Remarkably, the effects of Van Engelen's ordeal do not show.

There are no large scars the casual observer might see, and his demeanor is calm and thoughtful.

"I'm just relaxing and spending time with my family," he said.

His family's joy at having him around is evident, since those who know injured soldiers suffer right along with their loved ones.

For Van Engelen's family, waiting for word on his condition was excruciating.

"Brady contacted my mom and she notified me that afternoon ... 1:32 to be exact," Dusty said. "We were just kind of living by the phone waiting for more information."

Although the initial news could not have been brighter, long-term effects remain an unknown.

Van Engelen has to go back to Walter Reed Hospital on May 24. There, he will receive tests in basic brain functions, including memory, vision and motor skills.

In the meantime, he hopes to see some college fields in Boise and Seattle and maybe make a trip to New York to visit his girlfriend.

### The road to Iraq

Van Engelen graduated from Seattle University in 2002, where he was commissioned as an officer from Reserve Officers Training Course. In June 2003, he was one of 75 men - out of an initial count of 300 - to successfully complete Ranger school.

Being an Army Ranger helped prepare him for what was to come.

"It has to do more with the mental aspect," he said. "You know you can make it through (anything) because it's not as bad as that one day (at school). It gives you a positive

outlook on everything."

His training benefited his 16-member platoon, as well.

"I think it helped me walking into my platoon," he said.

"They know what I'd been through. They sought advice from me."

Initially, Van Engelen signed up to be stationed in Germany.

"He thought he'd get to go over there and enjoy it and spend some time in Europe," Dusty said.

Soon, however, he found out his battalion would be going to Baghdad.

"That was completely unforeseeable," Van Engelen said.

When Dusty found out that his brother might be heading to the Middle East, he didn't want him to go alone.

"He's my little brother," Dusty said. "There's really tight thought, 'I'm going to go there with him.'"

But the men's mother put the kibosh on the idea of two enlisted sons, he said.

"I really wanted to go over there," Dusty said. "But there's other people to take into consideration."

### Learning from suffering

Van Engelen's family came to visit him while he was in the hospital in D.C., and saw firsthand the life-altering effects of war.

"It was an eye-opening experience," Dusty said. "I had no clue how many wounded soldiers we've got. They are going through hell. You hear about the soldiers being killed, America has no idea. When I was there, just about every other one was an amputee. Some guys are missing three limbs."

The Van Engelen's don't want those men and women, or those still fighting in Iraq, to be forgotten.

"There are a lot of soldiers from Idaho in Iraq and their families have much to be proud of," Van Engelen said. "They're all good soldiers."

### Pondering the future

While he's back home, Van Engelen keeps in contact via e-mail with his compatriots in Iraq.

"It's kind of tough to leave those guys behind in that kind of situation," he said. "Now more than ever would be the best time for me to be there with them, to keep them focused."

His focus now must change to himself.

"There are a lot of things I fear to be different that I don't think are," he said. "I took a pretty big time-out. I'm trying to pick up where I left off. I had a pretty good life before I headed over there. I want to fall back into the same groove."

Until he returns to the doctors in D.C., though, he cannot know exactly how his future may shape up.

"I kind of left (the hospital) without knowing the answer," he said. "They could tell me I can't do certain types of things or that I can't do the Army anymore."

His brother hopes Brady can have a fully-engaged, active life.

## Security

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head off future threats at home or abroad. He likened Padilla to a "latter-day, citizen version of Mohammed Atta," the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 hijackings, who died in the 2001 attacks.

The justices heard back-to-back cases about the detentions of Padilla and Yaser Esam Hamdi, the U.S.-born son of a Saudi oil industry worker seized during fighting in Afghanistan more than two years ago.

"We could have people locked up all over the country tomorrow with no opportunity to be heard ... Congress didn't intend for widespread, indefinite detentions," Hamdi lawyer Frank Dunham told Justice San-

dra O'Connor, who wondered whether the president was granted detainer power when Congress approved the use of military force shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

"Nowhere does (the statute) have 'detention' in it," Dunham said.

Clement, arguing for the Bush administration in both cases, argued that a president as commander in chief has wide latitude to detain suspected terrorists as "enemy combatants" if they pose a national security risk.

"It has been well-established, and long established, that the government has the authority to hold unlawful enemy combatants ... in order to prevent

them from returning to the field of battle," he said.

Hamdi was born in Louisiana while his Saudi father worked there, but grew up in the Middle East. Padilla is a convert to Islam who was raised in Chicago and spent time in prison.

Both are U.S. citizens. The Bush administration says they also are "enemy combatants," dangerous enough to warrant open-ended military detention, perhaps for the duration of the open-ended war on terror.

The line for scarce seats in the courtroom to hear arguments began forming early Tuesday evening. Would-be spectators camped out in 40-degree weather, huddled in blankets and parkas.

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# Marines bombard city for a second day Rumors

Los Angeles Times

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Marines surrounding this city battered it in air strikes for a second day Wednesday, saying they were provoked by insurgents who launched attacks with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

Intensive fighting moved from a train station to a mosque to the edges of neighborhoods. Air strikes from an AC-130 gunship destroyed a flat-bed truck Tuesday night that was believed to be ferrying guerrillas and ammunition through the streets. Heavy artillery also leveled a house in both cases, "secondary explosions" continued for 20 minutes, indicating the strikes hit large caches of weapons and ammunition, according to U.S. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of operations in Iraq.

"The cordon around Fallujah remains tight," said Kimmitt,

adding that U.S. forces have not initiated the recent fighting. He said there have been a "number of provocations" by insurgents but U.S. officials still believe negotiations "have promise" for a peaceful solution. The general quickly added, however, that U.S. military patience was not infinite.

Meanwhile, in a case certain to evoke outrage from insurgents, Kimmitt, speaking at a news conference, said six American soldiers acting as guards at the Abu Ghraib prison have been charged with criminal offenses for their treatment of Iraqi inmates. The matter has also broadened to a separate military investigation of seven commanders, including the U.S. director of prisons for Iraq.

Hundreds of suspected insurgents and Saddam Hussein loyalists are detained at Abu Ghraib, which like Fallujah, has become a symbol of Iraqi resentment for the U.S.-led

occupation. The criminal investigation of the six soldiers was announced earlier this year after one American guard alleged abuses were occurring and reportedly provided photographs. The soldiers belonging to the 800 MP Brigade — have been charged with offenses ranging from assault to conspiracy to "indecent acts with another." No further details of the alleged crimes were made available Wednesday.

Lawyers and military officials are reviewing the cases to determine if the soldiers will be court-martialed. A military administrative investigation has also targeted seven in the brigade's chain of command, including Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the military's top prison official in Iraq, who has been suspended pending the outcome. The administrative probe, which examines leadership and systemic problems, found the prison to be lacking in command policies and training, according to an official familiar with the investigation. No criminal charges have been filed against the command staff.

To the south in the holy city of Najaf on Wednesday, U.S. forces continued to encircle the militia protecting radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The imam has been camped in Najaf since leading an insurrection against American occupation early this month. U.S. officials said negotiations to end the standoff are continuing, but offered no details. Kimmitt said there is "validity" to reports that rival Shiite organizations in the region — opposed to al-Sadr and his lack of religious credentials — have been attacking and intimidating al-Sadr's followers.

But much of the focus in Iraq Wednesday was on Fallujah.

Insurgents, who find it difficult to understand why a country that overthrew Saddam Hussein in 19 days can't provide them with round-the-clock electricity.

Frustration leads to grumbling and talk of conspiracy. The electrical shortages are part of a secret policy by Americans aid Jews to take Iraq's oil. U.S. officials acknowledge that it's tough winning over an angry tribal population so easily transfixed by exaggeration.

"The Iraqis are living in an information vacuum," said Lt. Col. Gregg Olson, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Regiment of the 1st Marine Division, which has encircled the city of Fallujah. "They're existing on rumors."

The city, where scores of U.S. troops and 700 Iraqis have died in recent weeks, is a battleground of spin control. Insurgents tell residents that the United States is trying to destroy Islam, and American forces use loudspeakers to broadcast insults in Arabic, such as "Come out and fight like men" instead of hiding behind women and children.

For decades under Saddam,

Insurgents lived in a country perverted by propaganda. Little was known about the outside world or the dealings of the government. The people's mood was controlled by innuendo planted by Iraqi intelligence operatives and by shreds of vague information that spread through alleys and boulevards. This created a parallel reality, which at its most outlandish featured last year's televised proclamation by Moqtada Sadr, then Iraq's information minister, that U.S. forces were not in Baghdad, even as gunfire from advancing troops rang out behind him.

Street gossip is merging with a new phenomenon: satellite TV. Satellite dishes symbolized the end of Saddam's regime and brought the unfolding of events into living rooms. Live broadcasts by Al-Jazeera and other Arabic-language channels show what is happening in Iraq, from kidnappings to suicide bombings to gun battles between American troops and insurgents. U.S. forces claim that these outlets have stepped beyond the boundaries of news gathering and are inciting uprisings and sabotaging efforts to build a democratic Iraq.

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"Remembering this war is about remembering all these lives lost. I know these people," said Sydney Clark, of Seattle.

She wiped her eyes, put her glasses back on and walked away, having no interest in talking about politics.

## Vietnam

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eyes beneath the bill of his 101st Airborne Division hat. "I remember Kerry and Jane Fonda well and what they did to all of us when we returned," he said. "It was wrong. Jane Fonda should be tried for treason, and Kerry shouldn't — and won't — be president."

Bush supporters have attacked Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president, for protesting the war after his two tours of duty in Vietnam and have cited a 1971 interview in which Kerry said he threw away as many as nine of his war medals. Kerry, who has since said that he jettisoned his ribbons, not his medals, said this week that Bush "can't even show or prove that he showed up for duty in the National Guard" during the war.

"Some veterans who walked along the granite wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Tuesday, mouthing the names of the dead soldiers, reacted like Hansen and Anderson, siding with Bush or Kerry."

But many other visitors, who came to the memorial on tour buses from Missouri, Michigan and Ohio, said they did not think that military service during the Vietnam era should be a topic in this year's presidential race.

"This business is a bunch of muckling, I think we need to talk about the problems we have in this country here and now," said Jerry Hudson, a Vietnam veteran from Jefferson City, Mo., who hung his hands in the bill of his overalls and shaded his eyes with a Navy ball cap during a reunion with other veterans. "Even though I served, I don't

think that's what makes a president. Plans for the future, those matter."

Fred and Robin Wolf, visiting from Kempton, Pa., said military service is important, but not a crucial issue.

"Who cares about the past?" asked Robin Wolf. Her husband added: "John Kerry served and that's the end of it, and that's more than I can say about many others."

Cape Cod, Mass., resident Maria Perkel, an ardent Kerry supporter, said she had had enough of the subject.

"I don't know why the Republicans keep bringing it up. Kerry served in the war and Bush didn't, and that should put an end to the debate," said Perkel, who came to Washington for the weekend March for Women's Lives. "But even though Kerry

had medals and served, I really don't think it's an issue that should be important right now."

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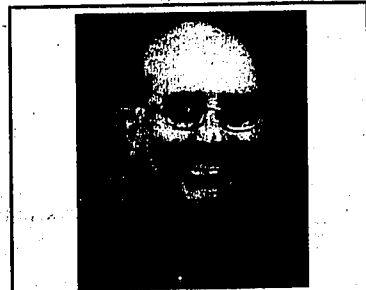
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## EDITORIAL

### Gooding school needs open talks about goals

The agonizing impasse over Idaho's School for the Deaf and the Blind is probably nearing its end, and the probable outcome is apparent. The State Board of Education will likely write Angel Ramos a check, and Ramos will resume his career elsewhere.

That's the easy part.

Once, the embattled superintendent is gone, the board will have to clarify its goals for the school and set a course for the school's future.

Unfortunately for the board, disposing of Ramos will make that hard task even harder.

**Our view:** The State Board of Education probably will remove Angel Ramos from the state deaf and blind school. Then comes the hard part. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Why is Ramos' departure the likely outcome? Certainly not because he deserves firing.

On the contrary, Ramos stands vindicated by an im-partial inquiry. Charles McDevitt, the highly respected former chief justice of Idaho's Supreme Court, served as a hearing officer and concluded that the board lacked grounds for dismissal. Ramos could not ask for a better letter of reference than McDevitt's report.

Even so, can anyone imagine the board reinstating Ramos? After nine months of paid leave and legal jousting with the board, Ramos probably can't return to the job with a reasonable expectation of success. The relationship between the superintendent and his bosses is probably beyond healing.

Exactly what went wrong may never be clear to outsiders.

What's known is that Ramos went to Gooding with an agenda of change, but soon found aggressively resistant employees and parents found the ear of the state board.

The discord appears to arise partly from a philosophical disagreement about how to educate deaf chil-

dren. McDevitt's report says, "Dr. Ramos was carrying out the charge that he was given at the time the position of Superintendent was offered to him to change the culture of the ISDB from one of 'custodial' to that of 'educational.'"

Ramos' opponents indignantly deny that the school ever had a "custodial" culture. Whoever is right, the board is in a jam. Having appointed Ramos as an agent of change, the board finds itself siding with the defenders of the status quo.

If the board truly wants change at the school, then Ramos' departure will be a step backward. The next superintendent will encounter the same elements of resistance, further entrenched and further emboldened by having routed Ramos.

Meanwhile, the underlying issues still fester, because the board has treated the controversy as a confidential personnel issue, rather than as a political or policy issue.

What now? Two suggestions.

First, the school needs an open discussion about its future, involving parents, students, staff members and the state board. Second, whoever is to be superintendent in the future needs what Ramos has lacked: a public statement of the board's support for clearly stated goals.

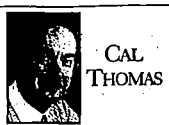
Even if these steps are taken, the new superintendent will spend a fair amount of time simply healing past wounds. All in all, it's not a pretty picture.

So here's a final thought. The Legislature may have to step in and transfer the school to the jurisdiction of the Health and Welfare Department, where its mission could be easier to define, and its leaders could be more insulated from politics.

## Kerry hasn't survived primary yet

In the media, it is with the modifier "presumptive" before the word "nominee." Kerry has enough delegates to win the Democratic nomination in Boston in July, but will the delegates stay with him if it appears by summer, or even sooner, that he can't beat President Bush?

Democrats' hatred of the president is so strong they might be willing to return to the days of the smoke-filled room and stage a coup in order to run a stronger candidate in November.



CAL THOMAS

On April 27, James Ridgeway in his *Mondo Washington* column for the *New York Times* and the *Village Voice* made a case for just such a scenario. It began, "With the air gushing out of John Kerry's balloon..." and referred to the "Democratic establishment" as "arrogant and out of touch." It didn't get better for Kerry or the Democrats: "With growing issues over his wealth (which makes follow pickup Bush seem a charity case by comparison), the misadventure over his medals and ribbons (or ribbons and medals), his uninspiring record in the Senate (yes, not war), and wishy-washy efforts to mimic Bill Clinton's triangulation gimmick... Kerry sinks day by day. The pros all know that a candidate who starts early or a morning having to explain himself is a goner." Again, this appeared in a liberal newspaper inclined toward Democrats, not a conservative publication like *National Review* or *The Weekly Standard*.



Ridgeway urged "Democrat biggies, whoever they are these days, to sit down with the rich and arrogant presumptive nominee and try to persuade him to take a hike."

This is remarkable stuff. While Ridgeway suggested the possibility of resurrecting John Edwards, that isn't about to happen. The only possible candidate who could replace Kerry — should delegates pledged to him abandon his sinking ship — is (drum roll and ruffles and flourishes, please) Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, presumptuous-N.Y.

It's hard not to see the conspiratorial hands of Bill and Hillary behind Kerry's decline and the tumble of Howard Dean before him. Hillary Clinton could not afford to have Dean, who had a solid but not large enough base, win the nomination. Had Dean won the presidency, Hillary would not have a clear field in 2008 and she might be too old or her

tigue might have passed by 2012.

Bill Clinton's book "My Life" (it's always about him) is to be published in June. It is certain to fire up nostalgic Democrats who would like nothing better than to return to those thrilling days when Clinton flummoxed Republicans, even while presiding over the loss of Congress and having to declare himself still "relevant."

Kerry's biggest problem is that it's apparent not too many people are for him. He flunks the "likability test." The motivation of most of his supporters seems to be their hatred of President Bush, not love for Kerry. That is probably the incumbent in a time of war," he said, "especially when one must attract swing voters who respond more to a positive message than a negative one."

Enter Hillary Clinton. The Democratic Party would swoon if she stepped in and replaced Kerry. Bill would campaign

with her, further enraging Democrats. The media would go into orbit, treating her as a presumptive queen, who is deserving of the nomination and the presidency because of all that Bill put her through. It would be one of the few media stories that could knock Michael Jackson and Kobe Bryant from the headlines.

Even if Hillary lost to President Bush, she would run again unopposed, and grateful Democrats would hand her the nomination four years later.

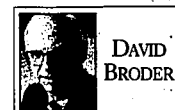
The column in the *Village Voice* concluded: "If things proceed as they are the dim-bull Dem leaders are going to be very sorry they screwed Howard Dean." Not if they redeem themselves in the eyes of the party faithful by selecting Hillary for president.

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## Battleground states offer no clear odds

The 17 battleground states where George Bush and John Kerry are concentrating their TV ads and personal appearances have 189 electoral votes — more than two-thirds of the 270 needed for victory in November. Just three of those states — Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin — provide 48 of those votes, more than the seven smallest of those states combined.

On Tuesday I was lucky enough to have sandwiches and a fairly candid political conversation with their three governors.



DAVID BRODER

to deliver for Bush despite their personal popularity and the political machines they controlled.

For that reason, if no other, their Democratic successors were a bit cautious in appraising Kerry's chances. Broder, who has the personality of a great salesman, was initially the most upbeat.

He started out saying Bush has "no chance" in Pennsylvania, arguing that Kerry would run better than Gore in every part of the commonwealth.

"In Southwest Pennsylvania," he said, "he'll be helped by being a wounded Vietnam vet and by the job losses we've had; in Philadelphia, the suburbs are furious with Bush and John Ashcroft; and in the suburbs, Bush has lost ground among Republican women."

Granhelm and Doyle both agreed that the loss of manufacturing jobs would hurt Bush in their states and possibly offset the criticism Kerry may face among blue-collar workers because he advocates stricter regulation of guns and tighter environmental controls on autos.

It was Doyle who introduced the first strong cautionary note.

"I have to think that being the incumbent gets you something, especially if you're the incumbent in a time of war," he said. "He is the president, and he doesn't need much of a boost to carry Wisconsin."

But Doyle added, "He will have a very hard time explaining the job losses," and Granhelm said economic pain almost guarantees "a bigger turnout in the Democratic base."

"The question," Rendell interjected, "is whether they (the Republicans) can get a bigger turnout in their base." "That's why it's up to grabs," Granhelm said. "The question is who best defines himself."

The conversation turned to Iraq, and Granhelm said she found it hard to reconcile the polls showing strong support for the president with what she hears from constituents. "Many feel they were misled on the reasons for the war," she said, "but they feel that now we're there, we have to see it through. They're really ambivalent. They want the U.S. to be strong, but they don't want us to be the world's policeman."

Rendell appeared to be having second thoughts about his guarantee of a Kerry victory in Pennsylvania. "It's an example of what Jim Doyle said about the advantage of being the president. As an incumbent, the worse things get in Iraq, the better it could be for him. If things are really desperate and

our votes are fighting for their lives in October, people might feel they have to support him. But if it's only moderately bad, the comparison with Vietnam will grow."

"It took seven years for Americans to turn against Vietnam," Doyle reminded his colleagues. "But that was before you had 24-hour news," Rendell said, suggesting that impressions could change quickly. But by now, he was fully into contemplating how Bush might benefit from unexpected developments. "Should there be another terrorist attack, people would turn to the president," he said. "And what if they announce in October that they've got Osama bin Laden?"

Doyle, who initially seemed the most cautious about Kerry's chances, brought the discussion back to current realities. "I have been to 14 funerals of Wisconsin servicemen," he said, "and we have three more to come, where the deaths have been announced but the bodies have not yet been returned. One of the last ones was a 20-year-old woman MP. It's getting really tough."

There was no net conclusion to the conversation — just serious weighing of the possibilities by three successful politicians who understand how their constituents may be about this election.

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## LETTER

**Tireless effort pushes Edmunds as a leader**  
Hands-on, diligent, knowledgeable and conscientious — these are the attributes that

best describe Ken Edmunds. Over the years, I have seen these traits in action, on a day-to-day basis while Ken was actively involved with the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, then as the president of this

organization. Whether as president or just a concerned citizen, wanting what is best for his community through improving education or economic development, Ken is a tireless worker.

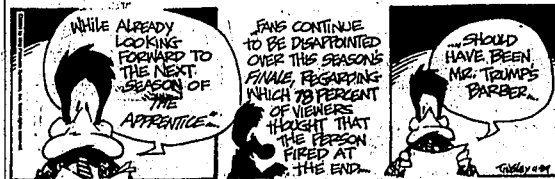
These attributes, which have served the citizens of Twin Falls, would continue to serve the citizens of District 24 in the state Senate.  
**JUDY HARR**  
Twin Falls

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tilley

LETTERS

**Jerome's water plans clean out taxpayers**

To the mayor and city council of Jerome:  
 Why is the city sewer plant and water system of the city of Jerome being used for the development of Crossroads Point? Why were the citizens of Jerome not given a chance to say if they would like to use our city water and sewer system to further the development at Crossroads Point? If the city had not used the courts to get a bond of 20 years' duration passed for upgrading our sewer and water system, would the use of our sewer and water system become a fruition? I feel, as a citizen and taxpayer of Jerome, Idaho, I have been taken to the cleaners.  
**JIM SCRUGGS**  
 Jerome

**Baty can turn back Noh's ineffective policies**

Amen to the comments of Max Hatfield carried in your April 25 issue. They emphasize the unthinking, parochial idiocy spawned by 68 years of essential one-party rule in Twin Falls County. Laird Noh is reaping praise and adulation for a 24-year career as a self-proclaimed middle-of-the-road legislator. But when it has come down to not crunching statehouse votes, his record reflects unflinching allegiance to ultra-conservative special interests.

For the current crop of aspiring legislative torch bearers to loudly proclaim their intent to capitalize on Noh's "institutional wisdom" is to belittle his culpability and lack of foresight in the Magic Valley's desperate stench of polluted air in our county. To further perpetuate the 68-year Republican reign that has rendered environmental chaos in Idaho — and that has earned us the status of being one of the highest bankruptcy rate, lowest per capita income states in the nation — is worse than folly; it is masochistic self-flagellation. That is why my vote in both the primary and general elections for District 24 state senate will go to Gary D. Baty, as should that of any resident earning less than \$14 an hour, I believe. Baty will listen to all of us and bring a refreshing approach to the office, based on a lifetime knowledge of south-central Idaho, its people and their needs.  
**ROBERT PARRISH**  
 Twin Falls

**Reinstate Ramos and give him support**

I agree with Gary Stivers, executive director of the Idaho State Board of Education, that the division at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind is a serious problem and must be stopped. I disagree with his solution and believe he is overlooking another important question: Does the state of Idaho want to move its blind and deaf education into the 21st century or do we want to keep doing the same old things over and over?  
 As I see it, Mr. Stivers is simply turning the clock back to

the "good old days" before Dr. Ramos, throwing away substantial progress.

It is an easy solution to the problem, but it is harmful to the students. Dr. Ramos was hired to make changes at the school. In two short years, these changes have improved the quality of education and the self-esteem of the students, even with high level people at the school covertly sabotaging him. The students certainly believe in Dr. Ramos. They walked out of classes for several days last fall to show their desire to have him back at work. He also appears to have strong support in the deaf community. Who better to understand the unique needs of deaf children than deaf adults? But Dr. Ramos' support is not limited to the deaf.

At least half the group that visited the April board meeting were not deaf. I am not. So, what do I suggest? First, reinstate Dr. Ramos. Then back him, as long as he shows positive results. If a few current employees are unable to work with him, they should retire or find another job. How many good people have already been lost in Dr. Ramos' absence? The education of the students is more important than the comfort of a few long-term employees who are unwilling to try anything new.  
**RICK WIDMER**  
 Kimberly

**Edmunds demonstrates innovation for the public**

The upcoming election for District 24 state senator provides us the opportunity to elect a candidate who will champion improvements in our local, regional and state economy; press for excellence in education; and provide for open paths of communication between regional community partners.

We believe that Ken Edmunds is clearly the best choice for this position. Ken stands alone among the candidates in this arena by virtue of his vocal advocacy of sustainable economic growth through his past presidency of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, his active roll in Business Plus I and II and his role in the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

Ken is innovative in his approach to economic growth, as he believes that planned growth is desirable with a strong emphasis on the development of career opportunities, not just jobs. In addition, Ken Edmunds has spent the past 20 years serving in active roles in the Twin Falls School District by chairing committees on educational improvements for all students, working on fund-raising programs, coordinating the Drug-Free Senior All-Night Party for Twin Falls High School graduates for two years, and even coaching soccer teams. Ken Edmunds will be an outstanding state senator for District 24. Please join us in our support of Ken by voting for him on election day.  
**BRENT AND SANDRA JUSSÉL**  
 Twin Falls

**Use time wisely and simplify your life**

Let's simplify. Life is complex. We have all sorts of gadgets, and robots are taking over. Computers are taking over. Computers are everywhere, and we have an invention for everything. Our lives are filled with digital cameras, DVD players, GPS systems, X-boxes, cell phones, and the list continues. Let's face it, our lives are complex. We need to simplify our lives. Simplifying our fast-paced lives is an idea I believe we should heed. For instance, if our electronics were to fail, some would go nuts, others would be in a tough predicament, and some would be both. Learning to live with less or more of these advancements will make our lives simple and, if something happens, you

could get through it easier. Another problem is people don't have enough time for themselves. They're committed to different organizations or they have too many affairs to deal with. The answer to your problems

is simply simplify. Get rid of superfluous affairs and set aside some time for yourself. If we simplify our lives, we'll enjoy life more.  
**JONATHAN PLOTT**  
 Twin Falls

**Colner will fill Noh's shoes the best**

It seems to me that Chuck Colner is the nearest to Laird Noh that us voters can get.  
**WILLIAM H. MILLER**  
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WORLD

Spanish judge indicts Madrid terror suspect on 9-11 charges

MADRID, Spain — A Moroccan sought in connection with last month's Madrid train bombings was indicted Wednesday on charges of helping plan the Sept. 11 attacks. Amer Azizi helped organize a meeting in northeast Spain in July 2001 that key plotters in the U.S. attacks, including suspect suicide pilot Mohamed Atta, used to finalize details, Judge Baltasar Garzon said.

World in brief

of murder — "as many deaths and injuries as were committed" on Sept. 11.

Prosecutor clears Serbs in Kosovo child drowning

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — An international prosecutor found no evidence linking Serbs to the drowning of three ethnic Albanian children, a U.N. spokesman said Wednesday.

The deaths touched off the

worst ethnic violence in Kosovo since the end of a 1998-99 war. Also Wednesday, NATO troops detained Sami Lush-taku, who led ethnic Albanian rebels in central Kosovo during the war, on suspicion he was involved in the slaying that followed the deaths, spokesman Lt. Col. Jim Moran said.

Leader: Spain withdraws peacekeepers from Iraq

MADRID, Spain — Spain has completed the withdrawal of its peacekeeping troops from Iraq,

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said Tuesday.

"No Spanish member of the Plus Ultra II brigade remains in Iraq," Zapatero told Parliament in a debate on his decision to withdraw the 1,300 troops.

The Plus Ultra brigade is the name for the Spanish contingent, which was stationed in the south-central cities of Najaf and Diwaniya.

Zapatero said the only Spanish military personnel who remain in Iraq are logistics experts assigned with shipping home military equipment. He said these people should

be out of Iraq by May 27.

At least 93 die in southern Thailand fighting

PATTANI, Thailand — Scores of teenage militants armed with little more than machetes attacked checkpoints and bases across Thailand's troubled southern provinces Tuesday, but they were repulsed by police who had been tipped off to the offensive.

At least 90 militants were killed. The last of the raids was quashed when police fired tear

Court acquits Moroccans in U.S. Embassy plot

ROME — An Italian court Wednesday acquitted nine Moroccans of plotting to attack the U.S. Embassy in Rome by poisoning its water supply.

The verdict by the eight-member panel came after about three hours of deliberations in a top-security courthouse in Rome.

— compiled from wire reports

Funeral for chickens expresses gratitude

TOKYO (AP) — Dressed in a black suit and tie, a man asked the respectful of mourners to bow their heads. For a minute, they stood and faced the brightly lit altar in silence.

On a stage, piled in a pyramid and surrounded by white daisies and lilies sat the dead: dozens of eggs in clear plastic cartons.

Arranged by the Agriculture Ministry and the poultry industry, Wednesday's solemn ceremony at a Tokyo hotel honored hundreds of chickens slaughtered since a deadly bird flu was discovered here in January.

"We want to express our regret to chickens for having to kill them, while also giving thanks to them for providing us with food," said Hideyuki Shimada, a director at the Japan Poultry Association.

"I don't know how chickens feel about it, but humans should show appreciation."

The ceremony was nonreligious, though it featured an altar and flowers commonly found at religious funeral rites in Japan.

Mostly, it demonstrated a quirky side to the Japanese fondness for rituals and marked what poultry producers hope will be a steady recovery in chicken and egg sales.

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# SPORTS

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Section B

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“I'd rather watch Carrot Top and Don King try to tear out each other's hair.”

”

— AOL Sports columnist Jim Armstrong, who was unimpressed with Saturday night's title fight between Vitali Klitschko and Corrie Sanders

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

When did the Tampa Bay Lightning join the NHL and when did they first reach the playoffs?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### High school baseball

Buhl JV at Wendell, 4 p.m.  
Jerome at Century, 4:30 p.m.  
Pocatello at Minico, 4:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Burley, 4:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls JV at Buhl (2), 4:30 p.m.

#### High school softball

Buhl at Wendell, 4 p.m.  
Century at Burley (2), 4 p.m.  
Wood River at Filer (2), 4 p.m.

#### High school tennis

Hillcrest at Jerome, 10 a.m.

#### High school track

Murtugau, Shoshone at ISOB, 1 p.m.  
Kimberly, Wendell, Valley at Wood River Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Bruins golf holds dinner Friday

TWIN FALLS — The first Twin Falls High School Bruin Golf Team benefit dinner will be held Friday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course club house.

Dinner will consist of New York steak or salmon with all the trimmings. Drinks will be served starting at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

There will be both silent and live auctions with merchandise and gift certificates from around 30 local merchants for the fund-raiser. The auction begins at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple and can be purchased at Donnelly Sports, The Outaway Willis Toyota, Latham Motors and the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The team is having this benefit to defray the cost of golf bags, team apparel, etc.

#### Boise State offers basketball camps

BOISE — Boise State University will hold two basketball camps for girls interested in improving their basketball skills.

The Little Bronco Camp, for children ages 6-10, will be held from 21-23. The cost is \$110.

The Hoop Camp for girls ages 10-17 will take place June 28-30. The overnight cost is \$265 and the commuter cost is \$220. Those registering before May 15 receive a \$10 discount.

For more information and to register, visit [www.prepare-to-win.com](http://www.prepare-to-win.com) or call (208) 426-1952.

#### Canyon Springs holds Rock Chuck Classic

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Golf Course will be holding its Rock Chuck Classic two-woman best ball golf tournament Saturday. Golf begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The entry fee is \$70 per team, plus cart fee. Golfers can sign up at the Pro Shop or by calling (208) 734-7609.

Call Robin at 734-7461 or Larie at 326-4217 with questions.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Lightning joined the NHL as an expansion team for the 1992-93 season and first qualified for the playoffs in the 1995-96 season.

# Through hail and rain



Twin Falls outfielder Cassie Gonzalez grimaces as hail falls on her during a game with Highland Wednesday in Twin Falls.

## Bruins and the elements blast Highland

By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Not sleet, not hail, not rain — nothing could stop them from finishing the game.

The thunderstorm that swept through the Magic Valley Wednesday forced many fans to break out umbrellas and others to hide under the concessions stand at the Twin Falls vs. Highland of Pocatello softball doubleheader. But the girls in the field played through the gusting winds and the driving precipitation to see the Bruins sweep the visiting Lady Rams 6-3 and 2-0.

The wins give Twin Falls (13-5 overall, 5-1 conference) a tie for first place in District III Region Four-Five-Six.

“Those were big wins today,” Twin Falls head coach Nick Baumert said. “Highland always comes in, plays well and battles hard.”

Twin Falls first baseman Jennifer Hohnhorst became the hero of Game 1 by knocking a two-out double to right field that scored Justine Williams from first base and gave the Lady Bruins a 4-3 lead in the fifth inning. Twin Falls tacked on two more runs in the sixth to secure the 6-3 win. Hohnhorst reached base on all three of

her at-bats. She also fielded well at first base, scooping a pair of errant throws for outs in the mud to finish the seventh inning.

Kara Gambrel also went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a walk to help the Bruins tie the game at 3-3 all with two consecutive RBI hits in the fifth inning. Mande Daniels doubled to plate Ashley Cowan, followed by Steph Hill's single to drive in Daniels.

Hill, Daniels and Cowan each went 2-for-3. Hill hit a pair of RBI singles. Daniels had an RBI and a run scored and Cowan scored twice.

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# Leaf's topple Flyers

TORONTO (AP) — Alexander Mogilya and the Toronto Maple Leafs' offense finally found their marks.

Mogilya scored on a break-away to spark a three-goal, second-period outburst in helping Toronto to a 4-1 playoff win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Wednesday night.

Alexei Ponikarovsky, Chad Kilger and Darcy Tucker also scored for the Leafs, who cut the Flyers' lead to 2-1 in the best-of-seven, second-round playoff series.

Game 4 is Friday at Toronto, where the Leafs have won four straight in the playoffs.

Tony Amonte scored a power-play goal for the Flyers. Mogilya scored only once during the two-man advantage that lasted for 2:26 in the third period. Tucker's goal from the slot made it 4-1 with 8:24 remaining.

Mogilya opened the scoring five minutes into the second. He was set up by Mats Sundin, who stripped Alexei Zhamnov of the puck in the Toronto end, and then spun around to feed Mogilya on the fly at center.

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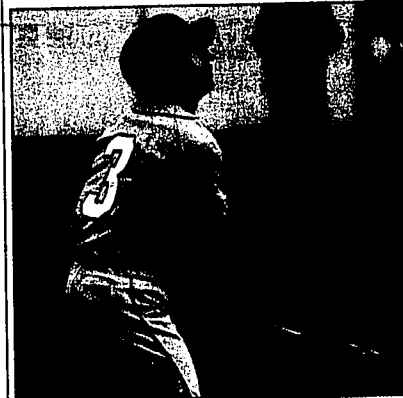
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Twin Falls designated hitter Alex Hill watches a foul ball sail wide of the right field line in the Bruins' 10-3 road win over the Burley Bobcats Wednesday afternoon.

## Full field of 20 enters the Kentucky Derby

By Beth Harris  
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Clit's Edge was made the slight 4-1 favorite for the Kentucky Derby and drew the No. 11 post Wednesday.

A field of 20 3-year-olds was entered for the 1.25-mile race, with undefeated Arkansas Derby winner Smarty Jones the second choice at 9-2. Tapit was the third choice at 8-1.

In 2002, Harlan's Holiday was 9-2, the highest morning line favorite since the line was first published in 1949.

Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia had a tough time picking between The Clit's Edge, trained by Nick Zito, and Smarty Jones, who is 6-0 in his career.

“You can't knock Smarty Jones' record. The Clit's Edge got a little bit better (speed) number in the Blue Grass,” Battaglia said. “Nick Zito has won the Derby twice and The Clit's Edge has won two races at Churchill Downs.”

Zito couldn't believe the 50-1 odds — highest in the race — assigned to his other entry,

### What: The 130th Kentucky Derby.

When: Saturday at 4:04 p.m.  
MOT  
Where: Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.  
TV: NBC

Birdstone, the son of 1996 Derby winner Grindstone.

“50-1 is insane. I love Mike, but please,” he said.

Zito added, “This probably will be the best betting Derby ever. I don't see any clear-cut favorite.”

Smarty Jones' John Servis and Stewart Elliott will try to become the first first-time Derby trainer and jockey combination to win since 1979 when Spectacular Bid won with Ronnie Franklin riding for trainer Bud Delpa.

Servis said he wasn't surprised that Smarty Jones wasn't made the favorite.

“We took the route of least resistance. We only ran in one graded stakes,” he said. The colt drew the No. 15 post.

### 130TH KENTUCKY DERBY

#### Field set at Churchill Downs

Twenty 3-year-olds will start the Kentucky Derby for the first time since 1984 with The Clit's Edge as the eight 4-1 favorite.

PP	HORSE	ODDS
1	Limohouse	30-1
2	Song of the Sword	30-1
3	Lion Heart	10-1
4	Action This Day	30-1
5	Winnabow	15-1
6	Films Lake	15-1
7	Minister Eric	30-1
8	Master David	12-1
9	St Avard	30-1
10	Impetrialism	15-1
11	The Clit's Edge	4-1
12	Bormo	20-1
13	Birdstone	50-1
14	Read The Footnotes	12-1
15	Smarty Jones	9-2
16	Casidella	15-1
17	Polaris Vision	20-1
18	Tapit	8-1
19	Pro Prado	30-1
20	Quikrow Gold Rush	50-1

## The steroid witch hunt heats up

This will be the cleanest team the United States has ever sent to the Olympics.

It won't ever be clean enough for some people.

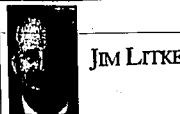
“Winning the gold medal in the Olympics this year will make you dirty in the eyes of most Americans,” U.S. sprinter Jon Drummond said. “At least that's what the polls I've read are saying.”

“So you mean to tell me that I spent all of the past year — most of my adult life, really — training to win a gold medal, and if I do, popular opinion is going to be that I'm dirty?”

The short answer, unfortunately, is yes.

According to an Associated Press poll released Monday, 92 percent of Drummond's countrymen believe the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs is a problem. But public perception could turn out to be the least of their worries.

Track and field athletes can be tested anytime and anywhere, in or out of competition, for more substances than any other individual or team sport athletes in the world. Marion Jones' lawyer said she has been tested 160 times during her career, and Drummond, who at 35 is seven years



JIM LITKE

older, passed that mark a long time ago. But even that isn't enough for some people.

A witch hunt has begun to find competitors those tests might have missed, any athletes still dumb — or clever — enough to have used performance-enhancing drugs, and ban them from the Summer Games in Athens. Some of the methods now being employed are questionable and getting dicier by the minute. The investigation has the potential to get nastier than anything since the files of the now-defunct East German sports machine were unearthed.

In what legal scholars called an almost unprecedented move, the Justice Department has acknowledged it compiled with a subpoena from the Senate Commerce Committee and turned over documents

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SPORTS

# Bruins capture invitational

The Times-News

**IDAHO FALLS** — Twin Falls' HAH's Mendi Hedberg shot a 79 to earn medalist honors in helping the Bruins golf team emerge victorious at the nine-team Falls Classic Girls Invitational Wednesday at Sandcreek Golf Course in Idaho Falls.

Hedberg was backed up with solid performances by Hannah Venn (80), Whitney Cleland (91) and Saddle Venn (91).

Twin Falls overcame the wet and windy conditions to shoot a 341, far better than the effort from second-place Hillcrest, which finished with a 398.

"Today was kind of a hard day to judge because it was rather blustery there," Twin Falls coach Paul Stover said. "Overall, I was very pleased with the score our girls shot today."

Next up for the Bruins is a meet involving all the Region Four-Five-Six teams Monday at Riverside Golf Course in Pocatello.

Minico also competed in the meet, finishing eighth. Kimaree Anderson led the Lady Spartans with a 103.

**Falls Classic Girls Invitational**  
 Team scores: 1. Twin Falls 341, 2. Hillcrest 398, 3. Pocatello 415, 4. Idaho Falls 428, 5. Pocatello 435, 6. Pocatello 435, 7. Pocatello 435, 8. Hillcrest 435, 9. Pocatello 435, 10. Pocatello 435.

## Local sports

### Oasis Best Ball concludes in T.F., Jerome

**TWIN FALLS** — The Oasis Two-Person Best Ball golf tournament concluded this past Saturday at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls and the Jerome Country Club.

Ted Black and Barry Espil won the gross title in the championship flight with a 134 score. Travis Thompson and T.J. Jones shared the net title in the championship flight with Jim Purvis and Brandon Ure. Both teams carded a 124.

Full results follow:

Championship Flight	Score
1. Ted Black/Barry Espil	134
2. Jim Purvis/Brandon Ure	134
3. Travis Thompson/T.J. Jones	134
4. Jim Purvis/Brandon Ure	134
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7. Travis Thompson/T.J. Jones	134
8. Jim Purvis/Brandon Ure	134
9. Travis Thompson/T.J. Jones	134
10. Jim Purvis/Brandon Ure	134

Flight One	Score
1. Wayne Heston/John Heston	77-152
2. Doug Shults/John Heston	79-143
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# U.S. soccer tops Mexico, 1-0

**DALLAS** — Eddie Pope scored in injury time to give the United States a 1-0 victory over Mexico on Wednesday night in an exhibition match.

Pope knocked in the rebound of a missed shot by Taylor Twillman from about 5 yards out to give the United States the sixth win in eight meetings with Mexico, including a 2-0 victory in the second round of the 2002 World Cup. The two countries played to a scoreless tie the last time they met, last May at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

Pope's goal was set up by a free kick by Bobby Convey after U.S. midfielder Landon Donovan had been fouled.

Convey's free kick was headed by Twillman and deflected by Mexico goalkeeper Oswaldo Sanchez.

"I felt like we got to every corner kick and free kick out wide, pretty much the whole game," Pope said. "Finally Taylor Twillman got a good head on goal and we were able to finally finish one off."

The U.S. defense held Mexico without a shot on goal as goalkeeper Jonny Walker registered his first career shutout in international play. Mexico has failed to score in the last 434 minutes against the Americans.

The crowd of about 45,000 at the Cotton Bowl was predominantly Mexican fans.

The United States, which was missing most of its European-based players, squandered numerous chances to score throughout the game before Pope's goal. Twillman's header from 5 yards out in the 75th minute was barely deflected by Sanchez for a save.

Donovan had two excellent chances to score in the first half. Donovan's shot in the 33rd minute from outside the left corner of the penalty area hit the crossbar. In the 37th minute, Sanchez made a leaping save on another shot by Donovan.

## Bruins

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 Highland hit four consecutive singles in the first inning off Belinda Turley but only scored once. Turley pitched a complete game to earn her eighth win of the season. She gave up nine hits and struck out a pair of batters. The defense behind her also played well, committing no errors in the game.

"Our pitching staff isn't going to blow the ball by anybody, but we try to keep them off balance," Convey said. "That helps our defense, too. It keeps them on their toes so they're not sitting around waiting for a strikeout."

Turley also went 1-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. She also reached base twice on Highland errors. Her run came

in the first inning as the Bruins took the lead back 2-1.

The Bruins celebrated "Senior Night" before Game 1. Seniors Maricle Hatch, Krista Gambrel, and Belinda Turley each gave honor with presents and flowers during pregame festivities.

### Game 2

Maricle hatch hit an RBI double in the first inning, and Krista Ousterthou drove in Jayme Hammon with a single in the fourth to give the Bruins a 2-0 win.

Hammon also went 2-for-3 from the plate and threw out three baserunners from her catcher position.

Cassie Gonzalez got the win

with a complete-game shutout to go 5-1 on the season for Twin Falls.

"We definitely put ourselves in the driver's seat with those two wins," Baumer said. "But we told the girls that we still have some work to do."

"Twin Falls plays at Pocatello Friday, Highland (14-5, 3-5) is at Skyline today."

## Hunt

**Continued from B1**  
 obtained during a grand jury investigation into an alleged steroid-distribution ring at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (known as BALCO).

There's already some debate about whether the documents included grand jury testimony by dozens of elite athletes about steroid use, and whether the Commerce Committee can turn over that and other materials gathered during the investigation to the U.S. Olympic Committee or the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

USOC leaders have pleaded with federal authorities for access to such evidence, and USADA has the power to bring drug cases against an athlete in lieu of a positive drug test when the agency "has other reason to believe that a potential doping violation has occurred, such as admitted doping."

And athletes could get very treacherous for U.S. Olympians depending on how broadly USADA officials wield that power. Besides any admissions by athletes, the evidence collected by the grand jury could include documents and other communications between in-

volved parties detailing the sale of performance-enhancing drugs. Some of it could include circumstantial or hearsay evidence.

According to a report in The New York Times, lawyers for BALCO founder Victor Conte, one of the four men charged in the case with distributing steroids and laundering money, have indicated a willingness to help Olympic officials if a deal or reduced charges could be reached with federal authorities. Additionally, five track and field athletes who have already tested positive for the "designer" steroid THG, or tetrahydrogestrolone, might also be tempted to roll over on fellow competitors. Track and field's world governing body, the IAAF, is already on record saying it might reduce suspensions for any athletes who cooperate.

It's hard to imagine a more poisoned atmosphere than the one that hangs over those U.S. athletes competing for a place on the team.

"There's a lot of people out here every day giving their heart and soul, and so maybe the first reaction for most of us is a sigh of relief," Drummond said in a telephone interview Tuesday, during a break from training in Las Vegas. "You think, 'Finally something is being done, all that hard work is not in vain.'"

"But then you think, track and field is like any other business, and like a lot of Fortune 500 companies, there's plenty of conniving and back-stabbing going on."

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AL BOYS

SPORTS

# New engines make the grade

By Michael Marot  
Associated Press writer

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Pulling out of the pits for the first time Wednesday, Scott Dixon could tell his car wasn't accelerating as it had during the Indy Racing League's first three races.

Once Dixon got the car up to speed, he liked the way the IRL's new engine performed.

"It's a lot slower," he said. "You don't really notice it much on the track, but coming out of the pit box you do."

The IRL is making a midseason change, reducing the 3.5-liter engines to 3.0 and changing the aerodynamic package to limit speeds and improve safety. The first time the engine will be used in race conditions will be at the Indianapolis 500 on May 30.

Between now and then, drivers are trying to figure out how to regain some of the lost power. Some drivers tested the engine April 2, but they had time Wednesday to do more extensive work with it.

On the first day of a two-day open test at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, drivers tried different setups, something teams were reluctant to do during the closed test April 2.

Wednesday's windy conditions and cool temperatures weren't ideal for fast speeds. In

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the morning practice session, southwest wind blew at 18 mph with gusts to 29 mph.

In the afternoon, some drivers thought it was a bit stronger. The Mexican flag in Adrian Fernandez's pit was fully extended most of the afternoon and even cut off around the flagpole.

That may have explained Dario Franchitti's close call about 45 minutes into the three-hour afternoon practice. Franchitti brushed the wall, bringing out the caution flag but the Andretti Green Racing team driver was not injured.

Still, speeds were increasing. IRL officials have said they expect qualifying speeds to drop about 10 mph from Helio Castroneves' pole-winning speed of 231.725 mph last year. After going just 216 in testing almost four weeks ago, they were up to nearly 220 on Wednesday.

"A lot of the first test everyone was trying to get the bugs worked out," Scott Hornish said. "A lot of it is that everyone has fine-tuned some things."

Roger Penske's race team

seemed to have most of the answers.

Hornish, a two-time IRL points champ, turned the fastest lap of the day — 219.271. Castroneves, Hornish's teammate and a two-time Indy 500 champ, was next at 218.256.

Robby Gordon, a NASCAR driver who will attempt to race in both the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on May 30, was third at 218.921, and Dixon, the defending IRL points champion, was fourth at 218.876.

Two other drivers also topped 218. Alex Barron went 218.608 in the morning. Darren Manning, Dixon's teammate with Target Chip Ganassi, went 218.319 in the afternoon.

The drivers could feel the difference.

"There's quite a bit of a power drop," said Manning, an IRL rookie. "The first time we ran it, it was very good. But it's better now."

Indianapolis' 2.5-mile oval opens for practice May 9, with pole qualifying scheduled for the Indy 500 on May 15.

# Reports: Celtics negotiate with Rivers

**BOSTON (AP)** — The Boston Celtics are negotiating with former Orlando Magic coach Doc Rivers to become the team's next head coach, according to media reports.

The Celtics and Rivers were working on final details of a contract, the Boston Herald and The Boston Globe, citing anonymous sources, reported

on their Web sites Wednesday. ESPN.com reported Wednesday that the Celtics were expected to hold a news conference Thursday to introduce Rivers as coach.

Rivers went 171-168 in four-plus seasons with Orlando before being fired on Nov. 18, after the Magic started a league-worst 1-10. He was replaced by

Johnny Davis.

The Celtics are looking for a replacement for interim coach John Carroll, who was dismissed on Monday. Carroll guided Boston to a 14-22 record and a playoff berth after taking over for Jim O'Brien at midseason. The Celtics lost to the Indiana Pacers in four games in the first round.

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# Schilling, Red Sox humble Devil Rays

**BOSTON (AP)** — Curt Schilling pitched his best game with Boston, and Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer for the team's fourth straight victory as the Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 6-0 Wednesday.

Schilling (3-1) struck out eight, walked none and allowed five hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Varitek drove in three of those runs with his homer in the fourth and a bases-loaded single in the three-run seventh. Bill Mueller added an RBI double in the eighth.

Paul Abbott (2-2) was tagged for runs in 6 1-3 innings.

## Orioles 3, Mariners 1

**BAITMORE** — Jay Gibbons' two-run single snapped an eighth-inning tie, and Baltimore ended a three-game losing streak.

The Orioles were limited to just one hit after the first inning when taking the lead in the eighth against Shigetoshi Hasegawa (1-3), who entered in relief of starter Jamie Moyer.

John Parrish (2-1) pitched three innings of hitless relief for the Orioles, and Jorge Julio worked a perfect ninth for his third save.

## Tigers 10, Angels 2

**DETROIT** — Bobby Higginson hit a two-run double in a five-run third inning, and Detroit ensured its first winning record in April since 1993.

With two games left this month, the Tigers (12-9) will end April above .500 after losing an AL-record 119 games last season.

Mike Maroth improved to 3-1 after becoming the first 20-game loser since 1990 in last season. He gave up two runs in seven innings, helping Detroit snap a five-game losing streak.

## Yankees 5, Athletics 1

**NEW YORK** — Jose Contreras earned his first win of the season, Jorge Posada and Jason Giambi homered, and the Yankees sent the Athletics to their fifth consecutive loss.

Derek Jeter's hitless skid reached 32 at-bats, but his teammates did more than enough to beat Mark Mulder. Giambi and Gary Sheffield each had an RBI single in a three-run first inning, helping the Yankees win their second game in a row since getting swept by the Boston Red Sox last weekend.

## White Sox 9, Indians 8

**CHICAGO** — Sandy Alomar Jr. hit a sacrifice fly to cap a five-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Chicago White Sox started the Cleveland Indians.

Maggie Ordonez hit a two-run homer in the ninth of David Riske to cut the deficit to 8-6.

## Royals 5, Rangers 3

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Ken Harvey hit a debreaking three-run homer in the fifth inning, one pitch after umpires overturned what first appeared to be a home run.

With the score tied at 1, Harvey

hit a pitch from Kenny Rogers down the left-field line for what third-base umpire Tim Welke ruled a three-run homer. After Rangers manager Buck Showalter protested, the umpires decided Welke overruled the call, changing it to a foul ball. Television replays indicated the ball was foul.

Harvey then sent the next pitch into the Rangers' bullpen beyond the left-field fence. He was 3-for-4 and is hitting .421, second in the American League.

## Twins 9, Blue Jays 5

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Pinch-hitter Michael Ryan singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning for Minnesota after Toronto milled for four downs.

The Blue Jays scored four times in the top of the eighth to tie it at 5, but the Twins followed with four of their own in the home half.

With two on and one out, Jason Frasier (0-1) was relieved by Terry Adams, who allowed RBI singles to Ryan and Shannon Stewart before throwing two wild pitches as the Twins added to their lead.

## National League

### Marlins 9, Rockies 4

**DENVER** — After appealing his suspension, Alex Gonzalez homered and Josh Beckett pitched seven innings Wednesday, leading the Florida Marlins over the Colorado Rockies.

Gonzalez was suspended three games for his part in a bench-clearing brawl last week in Philadelphia. He will not serve the penalty until a hearing is held.

Beckett (2-2) gave up four runs and struck out seven.

### Pirates 4, Astros 2

**PITTSBURGH** — Raul Mondesi hit a debreaking double in the eighth inning and Josh Fogg shook off three consecutive terrible starts to lead Pittsburgh.

Fogg, who entered the game with a 17.00 ERA, outpitched Houston ace Roy Oswalt (2-1). Fogg limited the Astros to two runs in seven innings, while Oswalt gave up four runs and seven hits in seven-plus innings.

### Phillies 6, Cardinals 3

**ST. LOUIS** — Marlon Byrd scored the go-ahead run on an infield grounder in the ninth and Philadelphia rookie Ryan Madson threw four innings of one-hit relief for the win.

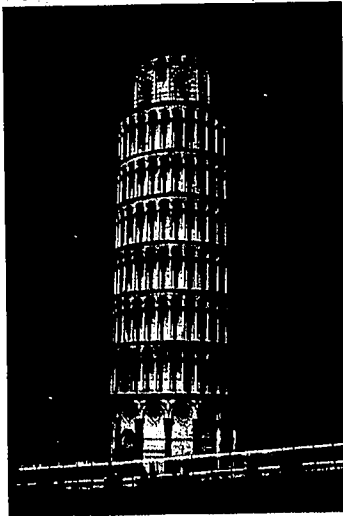
David Bell doubled off Mike Lincoln (2-2) to start the winning rally. After a sacrifice, Byrd pinch ran for Bell and scored on Ricky Ledee's groundout.

### Brewers 10, Reds 9, 10 Innings

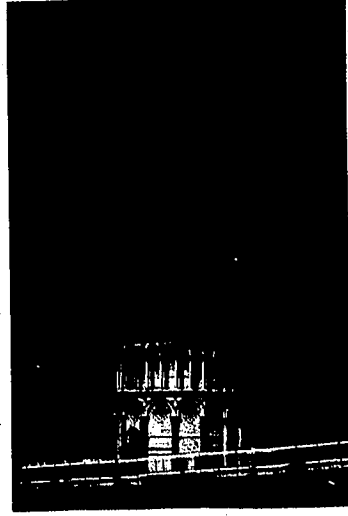
**MILWAUKEE** — Cincinnati blew a nine-run lead, its biggest collapse since 1930.

The Brewers' Bill Hall tied it with a three-run double in the eighth, then drove in the winning run with a squeeze bunt in the 10th. The Reds lost what a nine-run advantage on Sept. 29, 1930, in a 3-11 loss to the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

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Women reveal what went wrong during photo shoot.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Police arrest two for string of thefts

HAWTHORNE, Nev. — An Eden couple has been arrested in Nevada in connection with a string of local thefts, the Jerome County Sheriff's Department announced in a press release Wednesday.

William Preston Pendleton, 34, and Landle Lee Pendleton, 31, are charged in connection with the thefts of four vehicles, 21 trailers and other property stolen in Jerome County, Cassia County, Hazelton and Twin Falls, the news release said.

According to the Jerome County Sheriff's Department, the arrests were the result of a four-month, multi-jurisdictional investigation involving the Cassia County Sheriff's Department, the Jerome Police Department, the Twin Falls Police Department, the Hazelton Police Department, the Jerome County Sheriff's Department and the Mesquite Police Department in Nevada. The couple was arrested in Hawthorne, Nev.

Bond has been set at \$50,000 for William Pendleton. Landie Pendleton's bond has been set at \$25,000, according to the release.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call the sheriff's department at 324-8845 or 324-8913.

Wind-blown tree causes power outage

BUHL — A power outage Wednesday afternoon left customers near the Buhl and Wendell areas in the dark for about two hours.

Anne Alenskis, a spokeswoman with Idaho Power Co., said the outage was caused by a tree that was blown into a main transmission line. She said power was cut to 81 customers between 2:15 and 5:20 p.m.

It was affected by the outage included Clear Lakes Ranch, Country Club Estates, the area between 1100 East and 1700 East and from 3100 South to 4700 North.

Motorcyclist remains in critical condition

TWIN FALLS — A motorcyclist remained in critical condition Wednesday night after he was struck by a vehicle in Twin Falls Tuesday.

Eldin Komardaric, 22, of Twin Falls was riding his motorcycle southbound on Highway 20, south of 6:15 p.m., said Officer Lou Coronado of the Twin Falls Police Department. Grace Crawford, 72, of Twin Falls, was driving southbound on Elm Street in a 1986 Ford LTD.

Initial reports indicate Crawford came to a stop, then proceeded to cross the intersection, Coronado said. Crawford did not see Komardaric and struck his motorcycle. Komardaric was knocked off the bike, striking a power pole, Coronado said. Komardaric was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, then was transported by LifeFlight to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Police did not issue any citations at the scene. But the accident is still under investigation, Coronado said.

Senator, Red Cross honor students

HANSEN — The Hansen Junior-Senior High School will be recognized today by the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho and by the office of U.S. Senator Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

The Red Cross will present the school with a computer donated by Washington Group International. Linda Norris, a representative of Crapo's office, and Red Cross Director Patricia L. Baldwin will honor students and faculty for their fund-raising efforts in the "Your Coins Count" campaign.

The Hansen Junior-High School raised \$467.65 in the recent campaign, which went toward local Red Cross services.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. at the school, which is located at 550 Main St. in Hansen.

— compiled from staff reports

Shooting suspect pleads innocent

By Pedro Salom
The Wood River Journal

HAILEY — The man charged in connection with the shootings of two Wood River Valley teens has pleaded innocent to two counts of attempted second-degree murder.

David Santistevan, 46, faces a maximum sentence of 45 years in prison upon a conviction. His trial has been set for July 19, and attorneys on both sides have said there is no possibility of reaching a plea agreement.

Santistevan's innocent plea before 5th District Judge Barry Wood came just days after the parents of one of the victims of

the March 29 shootings filed a civil lawsuit against the defendant.

Gary and Judith Peak, parents of 15-year-old shooting victim Tyrel Peak, filed the suit seeking an estimated \$150,000 in medical bills associated with their son's care. The Peaks also allege that Santistevan, while in jail, has taken steps to shift assets from his name to his mother to protect them from lawsuits.

"Ty is doing quite well," Gary Peak said of his son Monday. He has returned to school, and his body is recovering well from the bullet that struck him in the buttocks and damaged his bladder.

To learn more

For additional details on this story, see this week's issue of the Wood River Journal or visit the Journal's Web site at www.woodriverjournal.com.

The second shooting victim, 19-year-old Marshall Hooten, remained in critical condition at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise Wednesday, where he was flown by LifeFlight the night of the shootings. He has had more than 10 surgeries during the past month.

and was in a medically induced coma for three weeks.

Hooten has recovered consciousness and was recently able to mouth words to his family but was still unable to speak, Gary Peak said.

Should Hooten succumb to his injuries, Blaine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas said, Santistevan would likely be charged with second-degree murder, carrying a sentence of 10 years to life in prison.

In their lawsuit, the Peaks seek special damages, medical costs and lost past and future earnings, and they allege that Santistevan has acted to protect his assets.

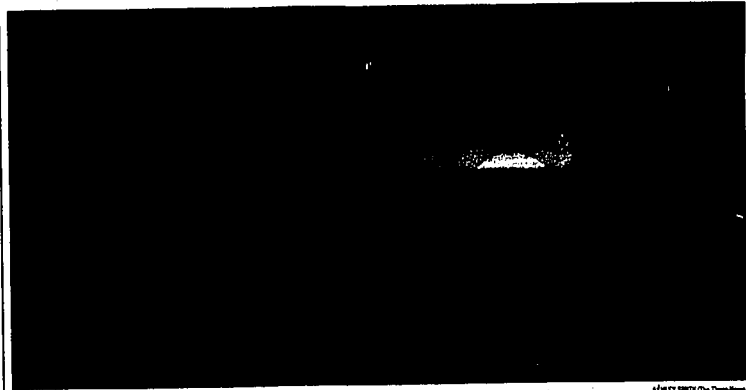
Also named in the Peaks'

lawsuit is Santistevan's mother, Mary Sue Ross of Nampa.

"On and before March 29, 2004, defendant owned as his sole and separate property certain, real property situated in the City of Bellevue. It was executed in a promissory note in the amount of \$140,000 payable to the Mary Sue Ross Family Trust by defendant," reads the complaint, referring to Santistevan's Bellevue home, valued at more than \$250,000.

Pedro Salom is a reporter with the Wood River Journal, a weekly newspaper based in Hailey that works in collaboration with The Times-News.

SETTING SUN



The sun sets over a J.R. Simplot Co. fertilizer storage warehouse in Paul Tuesday. The recent high winds in the Magic Valley have kicked up dust, resulting in vibrant dusk skies. Sustained wind speeds of 35 to 45 mph were reported across the valley Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Early responses advocate free finale

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

For more Centennial coverage.

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TWIN FALLS — There must be more of you with something to say on this matter. The Twin Falls Centennial Commission last week issued an invitation for local folks to help it decide what kind of finale should wrap up the city's birthday celebration this fall.

The choices it offered: Dress up in old-time duds and buy a ticket to a costume ball or mingle in City Park for free.

So far, response has been sparse but unanimous. "I have gotten seven responses, all of which say they want it to be a community event and not limited to the few who can afford to buy tickets," the commission's Executive Director Bonnie Lezamis said on Tuesday afternoon.

The few people who've had

their say so far also offered a few suggestions for an outdoor, free-to-the-public finale. Among them: Consider Centennial Park in the Snake River Canyon, rather than City Park. Ask the municipal band to do a best-of-its-season performance at the centennial finale. Ask a variety of musical groups to perform. Make the event alcohol-free. Give demonstrations. Display photos of years past. Retain the costume idea, and offer old-fashioned games.

Lezamis hopes for many more responses. The Twin Falls Centennial Commission's plan has called for an Oct. 23 costume ball — indoors downtown, with tickets and limited attendance. But Chairman Ken Edmunds recently suggested an alternative: shifting the event a few weeks earlier, for better odds of pleasant weather, and moving it to a park that would accommodate all comers.

The commission wants you to help it weigh those two options. It's asking anybody and everybody to advocate one of the two choices listed in the box that's printed with this story. To express your preference, send an e-mail to bonnie@twinfallscentennial.com or mail a

Take your pick

- CHOICE A — Costume ball with guests encouraged to dress in period clothing.
In the evening, probably stretching to midnight.
Entertainment, with catered appetizers and beverages.
Scheduled for Oct. 23 at the Radio Rendezvous center on Main avenue.
Crowd limited to 400-500 people.
Ticket price of about \$25 per person. Open to anybody who

- CHOICE B — Free-admission gathering in City Park.
Probably on a Saturday afternoon in late September or early October.
Musical entertainment. And perhaps a meal, for which the Centennial Commission would seek food donations and charge a small price.
Open to anybody, with space to accommodate huge crowds.

Two people face prison time in meth case

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Two Burley residents will serve some time in prison now that they've both pleaded guilty to federal drug charges, an assistant U.S. attorney said Wednesday.

Kurt Higgins, whose 50th birthday is today, and Robin Gaunt, 28, both pleaded guilty to various charges at their change of plea hearings in U.S. District Court. Higgins' hearing was Wednesday. Gaunt's was Monday. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Fica said.

Higgins pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and to one count of possession of illegal firearms.

Gaunt pleaded guilty to one count of manufacturing methamphetamine. Higgins admitted that in August 2002 he met with Gaunt and other people at his house and at that time Gaunt and Higgins discussed the future manufacture of methamphetamine.

Subsequent to that meeting, Higgins and the others collected the chemicals needed to

make the drugs and stored the materials at Higgins' house, Fica said. Higgins also said portions of the manufacturing process were completed at his house.

His admission related to the gun charge includes that during a Feb. 13, 2003, search of Higgins' house and vehicle, police officers found six firearms, including a Jennings J-22 semiautomatic handgun. The ad from the frame of that gun and another gun, Fica said. It is a violation of the federal gun control act to remove a serial

number from a gun.

Gaunt admitted that between January 2002 and February 2003 she was living at Higgins' house on 16th Street in Burley and on several occasions during that time she assisted Higgins in the production of meth. Fica said. The drug manufacturing occurred in the basement of the house, which is about a half-block from the Burley Public Library.

Gaunt and Higgins split the meth they made and some was used by Gaunt and Higgins and

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Judge fines coroner for late death certificates

The Associated Press

KETCHUM — A judge has ordered the Blaine County coroner to pay \$16,550 in fines for late death certificates.

Russell D. Mikel said he will appeal Monday's decision by visiting 5th District Judge Barry Wood.

lotted time frame — some of them dating back to 2001.

Idaho law requires that a death certificate be filed with the state within five days after the death.

However, when an investigation is pending, the document may be delayed for up to 15 days.

Department of Health and Welfare but had not specified the manner of the deaths. Instead, he had checked boxes on death certificates labeled "pending investigation."

The cases were all unusual, Mikel claimed, and required more time to determine the cause of death.

The state sent Mikel letters notifying him that he was being fined for the late cases and had 35 days to appeal.

pealed to the state within the time, the judge said.

"Mr. Mikel failed to exhaust his administrative remedies ... and therefore Mr. Mikel is not entitled to declaratory relief nor judicial review," Mikel said simply time barred, Wood ruled.

The state initially sought \$7,680 in fines. The Department of Health and Welfare imposed on Mikel, but added as much as \$175 per day for each day Mikel failed to complete the task.

If you go

Rupert's River Reelers' Spring Fling square dance and barbecue will be held Saturday at West Milco Junior High School. Round dancing is scheduled between 3 and 5 p.m.; the barbecue is at 5:30 p.m.; and square dancing will be held between 7 and 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per couple for dinner and dance.

Hip to be square (dancing) in Rupert

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Cicerio once said: "No one shall dance, except he might be drunken or mentally disoriented."

But the derivative Stoic never attended a square dance with its bright colors, athletic movement, precision teamwork and raucous music.

Even if you don't know a "dos-a-do" from an "allemande," you're invited to the annual River Reelers Spring Fling square dance and barbecue Saturday to watch some 25 to 40 couples tear up the floor. Experienced dancers are welcome to join in the fun on the dance floor, which will round dancing from 3 to 5 p.m. and square dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m. with a barbecue dinner in between.

"In a square dance you have four couples in a square, and a round dance is done in a circle," explained Ralph Walquist, River Reelers' co-president.

When he's not teaching the third grade at Paul Elementary, Walquist shares the duties of president of the Rupert-based club with his wife Brenda.

The club currently has 30 members and will be holding the Spring Fling for about 40 years, he said.

Walquist said couples come from all over southern Idaho for the event.

"Last year we had people from Idaho Falls, and one couple this year is coming from Orem, Utah," he said, adding that most visitors come from the three other Magic Valley clubs in Twin Falls, Jerome and Shoshone.

For non-dancers the club offers lessons in the fall, but Walquist said many people just come to watch the dancing and enjoy music and great food.

The cost of the event is \$10 per couple for dancing and dinner.

"You can't even see a show for that," Walquist pointed out. Walquist said the average age of the club's membership is close to 60, and that younger couples will have a hard time finding a partner for the twice-monthly dances.

"As our friend Cicerio said, 'Men of good character continue to enjoy life, though in different ways than in their youth.'"

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# MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

## LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

**SHOSHONE** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

### Misdemeanor arraignments

**Keith W. Dylington, 24;** battery - domestic violence; criminal conference April 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
**Jesus C. Delgado, 20;** criminal conference; pretrial conference April 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
**James G. Miller, 28;** failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
**Christopher Taylor, 22;** driving without privileges; pretrial conference April 21; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

reckless driving; 125 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one year suspended probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Thomas A. Russell, 22;** driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee for two months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
**Mark D. Salsbery, 39;** reckless driving; \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs; motor carrier - department of law enforcement violation; dunned by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.  
**Deecee A. Torwan, 22;** driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$66.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

### Civil

Eaton Drilling and Pump Service

vs. Jay Baratta and Glenda Baratta, spouse. Seeking \$1,025.36, plus interest; \$750 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for well drilling and related goods and services provided by the plaintiff on account.  
**Eaton Drilling and Pump Service vs. Roger Wilkinson.** Seeking \$9,255.104, plus interest, \$1,250 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for well drilling and pump goods and services provided by plaintiff on account.  
**Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Robert L. Morrison.** Seeking \$1,214.33, plus interest of \$89.93; attorney fees of \$405. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

### Child support cases

**State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Tommy Lee Brannaman.** Seeking \$240 for support for a prior period; \$363 attorney fees.

### Divorces

Maggie Johnson vs. Richard R. Johnson



### Misdemeanor sentences

Benjamin James Hockisson, 21;

## Court rejects land sale by oral agreement

**BOISE (AP)** — The Idaho Supreme Court rejected a lower court ruling and voided a transaction made by oral contract.

The 4-1 split decision means that a Kootenai County couple who have paid \$306 a month for three years have no legal claim to a home and 10 acres of land they believed they purchased from Gerald Lovelass.

According to the high court decision released Wednesday, Gary and Carolee Sword traded a 1978 pickup truck as a down payment on the property to Keith Lovelass, son of Gerald Lovelass, in May of 1997.

After a few months, Keith Lovelass disappeared and the Swords called his father to ask what they should do.

Gerald Lovelass told the Swords his son was not the actual owner of the property, and that he and his wife were.

The Swords claim Gerald Lovelass agreed to sell them the property for \$34,000 anyway, but he increased their monthly payments from \$200 to \$306.

The Swords also made extensive improvements to the property, including a room addition, a new roof and extensive cleanup of what had once been a "drug house."

Gerald Lovelass later denied there ever was such an agreement, though he accepted a payment after the disagreement came to light.

He claimed the monthly pay-

ments constituted only rent.

The Swords argued Lovelass either tried to make good on the contract or reimburse them for the work on the house.

A district court sided with the Swords, and the Lovelasses appealed on grounds that Phyllis Lovelass, Gerald Lovelass' wife, was not a party to the sale.

"Nothing ties Mrs. Lovelass to this agreement," Lovelass added. "To allow his conduct by itself to bind her would defeat the purpose of Idaho's community law that requires the consent of both husband and wife when real property is transacted, Justice Gerald Schroeder wrote in his seven-page opinion.

## OBITUARIES

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### Catherine 'Marie' Farnsworth - Filer

Catherine 'Marie' Farnsworth, 66, of Filer, passed away Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at her home surrounded by her family after a long battle with cancer.

Marie was born April 6, 1938, in Lathrop, Mo., the daughter of Ralph and Mary Golden Reis. She moved with her family to Nevada in 1942. Marie married Clarence Farnsworth on Jan. 3, 1958, in Hawthorne, Nev. They moved to Idaho in 1963. She worked for 11 years for Idaho Frozen Foods.

Marie loved to sew, knit, crochet and garden. She enjoyed camping and sitting around the campfire with family. She was a baseball fan who loved going to the games and yelling at the umpires. Marie was very family oriented and loved doing things for her husband and family. She was a great



mother and grandmother and will be missed by her family.

Marie is survived by three children, Steven (Ramona) Farnsworth of Filer, Anna (Scott) Norwood of Hagerman and Ray Farnsworth of Carey, Corey, Erica Farnsworth,

Shane Norwood, Rebecca Strickland, Jeni Norwood, Gabe, Tony and Rick Farnsworth; four great-grandchildren, Cade Strickland, Jaimon Strickland, Kylie Norwood and Brydon Norwood; three brothers, Francis "Pat" (Barbara) Reis of Medical Lake, Wash., Gerald (Mary) Reis of Twin Falls and Charles Reis of Burley; and one sister Peggy (Jerry) Huser of Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one sister.

Graveside service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, at Filer Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorials to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0409.

### Billy Leroy Cornett - Wendover, Ky.

Mr. Billy Leroy Cornett, age 65, of Wendover, Ky., formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away on April 27, 2004, at his residence at Wendover, Ky.

Mr. Cornett leaves the following relatives surviving his wife, Shelly Jean Morris Cornett; two daughters, Michelle Holley and Steve, Millie Satterwhite and Jeremy; two

brothers, Donald Cornett and Clayton Douglas Cornett; two sisters, Lillian, Renee Hayes and Agnes Mellon; six grandchildren, Justin Leroy Holley, Stephen Chase Holley, Morgan Elizabeth Holley, Nikki Carnell, Cory Carnell and Chad Satterwhite; also three special friends, Ed Morgan, Jack Connors and Bill Quinn.

### Annie 'Pete' Burch - Twin Falls

Annie "Pete" Burch, 79, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Honey Grove, Texas, the daughter of Henry and Mattie Shortnacy. She met Dallas Burch while he was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas, and they married on Feb. 28, 1950. "Pete" and Dallas were longtime residents of Idaho when they chose to raise their two

sons, Robert Anthony and Charles Ray. Her greatest joy and pleasure was derived from her children and grandchildren. Pete was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Ruby May Pixler of Fort Worth, Texas; seven grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

"Pete" was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dallas, on March 5, 2003, her two sons, two brothers and one sister.

### Shawn Austin Smith - Twin Falls

Shawn Austin Smith, 41, of Twin Falls, formerly of Caldwell, Idaho, passed away Monday, April 26, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Shawn was born Nov. 16, 1962, in Twin Falls, the son of Darrell Clayton and Estelle Noreen Goodson Smith. Shawn grew up and attended school, graduating from Notus High School in 1981.

Surviving Shawn are his mother and step-father, Estelle and E. Hubert Iverson of Caldwell, Idaho; two sisters,

Tina Marie Downs of Jerome, Idaho, and Kaye Marie Tinnis of Sullivan, Ind.; three brothers, Clayton Jan and Homace Kenneth Smith, both of Charles, Mo., and Lelloy Shawn Smith of Blackfoot, Idaho; his grandmother, Annie Goodson of Parma, Idaho; one nephew, Trevor Paul Downs; and two nieces, Tiffany Ann and Tamara Marie Downs all of Jerome, Idaho.

His father preceded him in death. Graveside memorial service for Shawn will be held at 10:30

a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, at the Lower Boise Valley Cemetery in Parma, Idaho, with Pastor John Mars of the Caldwell United Methodist Church officiating. All local services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent in Shawn's memory to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1166 N. Cole Road Suite C, Boise, ID 83704, or to the favorite charity of one's choice.

## SERVICES

**Mary Lou Rose of Twin Falls,** celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at the Filer First Baptist Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

**Frank "Butch" John Spevak of Rupert,** funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert 3rd and 10th LDS Ward Chapel, 526 S. F St. in Rupert. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Lula Gay Hutchison of Gooding,** graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Valley View Cemetery in Malda (Dumarray Funeral Chapel in Gooding).

**Jack Taylor of Rupert,** funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert First and Seventh Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 806 G St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

**Roy J. Sartin of Twin Falls,** memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

**Thora Becker,** funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until noon today at the Howe-Robertson Chapel.

**Wynn Gordon Condit of Boise,** celebration of life at 7 p.m. today at Mountain View Church of the Brethren, 2823 N. Cole Road. A graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hagerman Cemetery, Hagerman (Aclesa Burial and Cremation Society).

**Margret Janie McChung,** memorial Mass at noon Friday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Kent, Wash., at 327 Second Ave. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Kent Senior Center, 600

E. Smith St. (Marlatt Funeral Home).

**Cecilia Arrien Aldana Joughard of Rupert,** funeral Mass at noon Friday at the Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St.; rosary recited at 7 p.m. tonight with a viewing one hour before at the church; Friends may greet the family from 11 to 11:45 before the service on Friday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Roger William Fiala of Jerome,** funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Jerome LDS 6th Ward chapel, 26 N. 100 E. (north of Jerome High School); Jerome; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome; and again one hour before the service Saturday at the church.

**Vivian J. Mletzner of Buhl,**

private family graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at West End Cemetery in Buhl. Memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1126 Poplar in Buhl (White Mortuary).

**Donald "Don" Edward Waller of Glens Ferry,** family and friends will gather at 1 p.m. Saturday at Dolores and Jerry Good's home in Hammett (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home).

**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).

**Eather Frances Fairman of Ketchum,** memorial service at 2 p.m. May 8 at Mary Crouch's home, 3589 Minuteman Way, Boise (Wood River Chapel).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Donna Rae Sullivan FILER** — Donna Rae Sullivan, 51, of Filer, died suddenly Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at her home in Filer.

Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, at St. Edward The Confessor Catholic Church, St. Edwards Chapel, with Father John Koelsch as celebrant. At Donna's request no public viewing is scheduled. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Senovio 'Sammy' Trevino RUPERT** — Senovio "Sammy" Trevino, a 48-year-old Rupert resident, died April 22, 2004, in Nevada.

Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, 2004, at the River of Life Church, Eighth and J Street, Rupert, with Pastors Rodolfo Rodriguez and Julian Trevino officiating. A gathering will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour before the service. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Dorothy Rutherford JEROME** — Dorothy Rutherford, 92, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, at the Wendell Cemetery with the Rev. Michael Hollomon officiating. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at the Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and then gather shortly before the service at the cemetery.

## Regulators seek review of Idaho Power ruling

**BOISE (AP)** — Utility regulators are asking the Idaho Supreme Court to reconsider allowing Idaho Power Co. to bill its customers for \$12 million following the 2001 power crisis. The company contends it would have retained that "lost revenue" if it had not paid irrigators to idle their pumps, and often their crops, to save power during a drought year that also saw record-high electrical costs.

The high court ruled 4-1 for the company in its appeal on March 30, with Chief Justice Linda Compton Trout in dissent. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has petitioned the court to vacate that order.

To avoid having to rely on the wholesale market, where rates were at a record high, the company paid irrigators 15 cents for each kilowatt-hour they cut back on their pumps.

The commission's petition for rehearing says Idaho Power was directed to record its direct costs and lost revenues from the irrigation program, but it was not a "blank check" to the company before knowing what costs it finally incurred.

The commission contends it never promised Idaho power it could recoup the revenue from customers. Instead telling the company that "direct costs and lost revenue impacts" may be treated as a purchase power expense that Idaho Power could later recover from ratepayers.

The program cost the utility \$74 million, which regulators allowed to be billed to all customers the next year. But it denied recovery of the \$12 million — what Idaho Power labeled as money it would have otherwise made.

To charge ratepayers for lost revenue is unreasonable in the context of the crisis that existed, the commission had earlier stated.

"Requiring ratepayers to pay for energy they did not consume, but avoided due to this program, is also unreasonable," the commission said in March. Commission spokesman Gene Fudness said the impact of the \$12 million recovery would be minimal on the average residential customers billed to about 400,000 customers, including residential, business and irrigators.

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

T.F. plans Arbor Day ceremony at local park

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Greg E. Newlan, 30, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used, pretrial conference May 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Julie Fuskal, 21, resisting or obstructing officers; pretrial conference May 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Patricia M. Jones, 30, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; pretrial conference May 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments

Luis Felipe Ceja Mached, 17, disturbing the peace; pretrial conference May 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentences

Judith M.K. Farnon, 26, driving under the influence \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended, \$750 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail.
Adora U. Raguina, 27, bribery of municipal or county officers; dismissed by prosecutor; driving without privileges (second offense); 180 days, \$250 suspended, \$750 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail.
Kevin Lee Perna, 37, driving under the influence \$1,000 fine, \$650 suspended, \$750 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail.

public defender for one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Angie Maria Martinez, 19, failure to give immediate notice of an accident; 30 days in jail, \$500 court costs, \$500 probation fee; six months unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, nine suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Martha E. Lattin, 52, driving under the influence \$750 fine, \$650 suspended, \$750 court costs; 500 public defender fee; two years supervised probation; 140 days in jail, 87 suspended, credit for 10 days served; 81 days suspended, credit for 10 days served, 91 days suspended, credit for 10 days served, 91 days suspended, credit for 10 days served, 91 days suspended, credit for 10 days served.

Donald Lee Monroe, 34, violation of a domestic violence protection order; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$45 probation fee, \$40 public defender fee; three years supervised probation; 165 days in jail, 145 suspended, 20 discretionary; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Julie J. Ochoa, 30, driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$65.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; driving on a divided highway/restricted access; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Francisco D. Salazar, 20, driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$750 suspended, \$750 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 156 suspended, credit for 24 days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Francisco D. Salazar, 20, driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$750 suspended, \$750 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 156 suspended, credit for 24 days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Misdemeanor dismissals

William L. Study, 18, disturbing the peace; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Joe Manuel Orzoco-Nunez, 20, driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Debra K. Caster, 46, battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
James Michael Hambrech, 26, reckless driving; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

Christopher Ronald Beatz, 33; two counts burglary; status hearing April 26; District Judge John K. Butler.
Mehina Arthur McCabe, 45; arson I; burning a dwelling/structure normally occupied; pretrial conference May 3; District Judge John K. Butler.

Richard M. Ray, 20; burglary; malicious injury to property; status hearing May 10; District Judge John K. Butler.
Maury Lynell Ivey, 34; looting of automobile; pretrial conference May 3; District Judge John K. Butler.

Felony sentences

Brian William Cantrell, 19; ball jumping; \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended, credit for 30 days served; \$500 fine, \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended, credit for 30 days served; \$500 fine, \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended, credit for 30 days served.

Civil

John M. Tolson vs. Herika Alves and Jane Doe Alves, spouse; Seeking \$2,795.25; attorney fees of \$350; Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods and services purchased on an open account.

Erica C. Concrete vs. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ebert; Seeking \$6,004.35, plus interest; \$1,500 attorney fees; Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods and services purchased on an open account.

Divorces

Patricia C. Sheppard vs. Steven H. Sheppard.
Scott Leroy Norris vs. Becky Ann Norris.
Janilee Loder vs. Devin Loder.

GRINDING



Jeff Harris rides the lip of the pool Tuesday at the abandoned Vagabond motel, a West Coast gathering for skateboarders in Fresno, Calif. A group of 300 skaters will descend upon Fresno City Hall this afternoon to try to stop the demolition of the motel which has been slated for downtown redevelopment.

Provo woman receives first artificial cornea

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Provo woman is recovering from transplant surgery after becoming the first patient in the Intermountain region to receive an artificial cornea, her doctor said Tuesday.

Marilyn Riding, 67, underwent the surgery Tuesday at the University of Utah's John A. Moran Eye Center.

"The skin over the prosthetic is made of plastic," Dr. Majid Moshfari, director of the center's cornea and refractive surgery division.

After nearly a decade in development in Australia, the artificial cornea received approval for use in the United States last year. The cornea, which costs about \$7,000, is made of hydrogel, a porous, synthetic substance. Manufactured by AlphaCor, the device is designed specifically for the one in five transplant patients who have rejected donor transplants.

For Riding, who could only see light and dark shadows in her left eye, the artificial cornea was the only option because her body had previously rejected a donor cornea.

"This may be an intervention for some patients who have given up hope," said Moshfari, who had practiced the surgery on cadavers, but never before on a live human.

"The cornea is the window on the front of the eye that protects it and aids in focusing. Cornea transplant surgery is usually performed when patients suffer from corneal injury or disease.

During the 3 1/2 hour operation Tuesday, Moshfari cut a slit in Riding's cornea to create a pocket, into which he placed the 7 millimeter artificial cornea in front of Riding's pupil. Moshfari will punch out a small circle in the front section of Riding's damaged cornea to unveil the artificial one beneath.

Magic Valley in brief

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls will hold its 2004 Arbor Day celebration at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Harmon Park. Twin Falls Mayor, Glenda Thompson will read the proclamation declaring April 30 as Arbor Day for Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Tree Commission and the Twin Falls High School Key Club will plant four trees.

The city will be presented a 2003 Tree City USA Award and a Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the sixth consecutive year that Twin Falls has received the Tree City USA Award.

Kimberly plans 'Day of the Child' activities

KIMBERLY — The city and school district will host a community-wide "Day of the Child" celebration at 6 p.m. Friday.

The event will run for about two hours at Kimberly Middle School. A complimentary pizza dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by comments at about 6:45 p.m. from Kimberly City Council members and state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

Several school district students will offer performances for the remainder of the event, which is set to end at about 8 p.m.

The "Day of the Child" celebration is funded by a charter education grant, which was awarded to Kimberly Middle School.

Preceding "Day of the Child" activities will be an Arbor Day celebration at 2:30 p.m. at Century Park, hosted by the city of Kimberly. The city will be recognized as a Tree City USA at the event. Refreshments will be served.

Dietrich plans new basketball court

DIETRICH — The school district plans to build a new outdoor basketball court at Dietrich School.

Superintendent Peter Bolz outlined the plans this week during a report to the School Board. Building the court would require moving the football field and constructing a new regulation track around it.

Lights would be erected at the new football field. The basketball court will be poured in conjunction with the current remodeling project, and the football field work is a few years out, Bolz told the School Board.

In other business, School Board members authorized seeking bids for bleachers for

Habitat for Humanity

TWIN FALLS — A yard sale and silent auction to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley is planned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 1347 Maple Ave.

The sale will feature good clothing priced from 50 cents to \$5, records, CDs, books and household items — as well as plants and fresh-baked goods.

A silent auction of donated new items and services will be offered, too. Brokers can also get information on volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit, ecumenical housing ministry that helps local families build affordable, decent homes.

Rx for arthritis? Share your story

TWIN FALLS — Lots of folks over 50 are using the new medication, too. Brokers can also get information on volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit, ecumenical housing ministry that helps local families build affordable, decent homes.

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National Guard leaves Golden Gate security post

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California National Guard is standing down Friday from the Golden Gate Bridge, where guards wearing camouflage and carrying assault weapons have been patrolling since Sept. 11, 2001.

The decision, approved by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, was based on cost — \$5.2 million a year — not the need to deploy the guards elsewhere, said Gary Winick, chief deputy director of the California Office of Homeland Security.

"The guard mission was always temporary in nature," State officials and bridge managers have developed a more permanent security system including patrols by the

California Highway Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Park Police and Golden Gate National Recreation Area rangers.

These other agencies will assume responsibility Saturday for the bridge's security, Winick said.

The FBI, San Francisco police and Marin County sheriff's office also will contribute to bridge security, said bridge spokeswoman Mary Currie. She said bridge managers made an "aggressive" effort to keep the gates open, making the government reconsider and meeting with state homeland security staff.

"We're not happy about it," she said. "It's been an invaluable asset to us. They've been an integral part of the fabric of the security of the bridge for the last

two and a half years."

Following the terrorist attacks, the National Guard helped patrol four California bridges that were considered potential terrorist targets: the Golden Gate, the Bay Bridge, the Vincent Thomas Bridge at the Port of Los Angeles and the Coronado Bridge in San Diego.

In June 2002, the guard left all but the Golden Gate, which has been staffed by about 50 guards and administrators.

The total cost to patrol the bridges has been more than \$13 million, said National Guard spokeswoman Denise Varner. That amount includes estimated costs for 2004, Varner added.

The term of the contract on the bridge has at times been controversial.

In March 2002, critics complained about the \$750,000 tab to put soldiers up in hotels — including San Francisco's four-star Marriott. In April, that year, guards complained to the Contra Costa Times that their equipment was poorly maintained.

But others have liked having the guards on the bridges. San Jose's Robin Lynn detected home-cooked breakfasts and hunches to the workers' 12-hour shifts on the Golden Gate and Bay bridges Wednesday.

Michael Green and his 11-year-old daughter, Skylar, from Central City, stopped at the souvenir shop on the San Francisco side of the bridge.

Guant and Higgins were arrested on the federal charges last December at Higgins' Burley home, which is where Higgins had been arrested in February 2003 after officers raided the house, suspecting meth was being manufactured there.

Tom Moss, U.S. Attorney for Idaho, offered his ludo to the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and Idaho State Police detectives who worked the case.

Utah city declines to display founder's statue

WASHINGTON, Utah (AP) — The City Council voted 3-2 Wednesday night against displaying a statue of city founder John D. Lee, who was executed for his part in the Mountain Meadows Massacre.

"Whether John D. Lee did anything good or bad is not the issue," Councilwoman Jean Arbutnot said. "The issue is that it has polarized our community."

Arbutnot and Councilman Robert Burley had originally supported the placement of Jerry Anderson's \$40,000 memorial in the horseshoe-shaped memorial in front of the Washington City Museum, but both voted against it Wednesday.

Councilman Steve Vanderveid had originally supported the statue, but his opposition to erecting the statue on city property, and

council members Michael Heaton and Trent Stahel voted in favor of erecting the statue.

"I'm disappointed the city officials are sticking with their convictions," Heaton said, contending that it was unfair to pass judgment about a time and circumstances that he said were unknown.

City officials originally intended the Lee statue to be erected last year, along with four other statues and 26 canoes of city pioneers in front of the city museum.

Due to the controversy, the action was put off.

Charge

Continued from C1. some was manufactured for distribution to other people, Fica dismissed other charges against the pair, but he pointed out that under federal sentencing guidelines, dismissed charges can be considered as relevant conduct when the judge is issuing the sentence.

Higgins faces a maximum possible penalty of 30 years in prison on the drug charge, along with a maximum of seven

years of supervised release after he's out of prison, a maximum \$1 million fine and a \$100 special assessment.

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# National park eyes cell tower

**DURANGO, Colo. (AP)** — The government is considering an application to erect a cellular telephone tower at Mesa Verde National Park, one of the nation's premier archaeological preserves.

The application is the first for the park in southwestern Colorado, said Patty Trap, Mesa Verde's chief of planning.

"This is a learning process for us because we want to be sure that we handle the application (properly) to meet the laws and policies, and to make sure the applicant has been treated fairly," said Trap, who refused to identify the applicant.

The 52,000-acre park is home to mesas and cliff dwellings used by the Anasazi people 700 years ago. It is one of the top tourist attractions in the Four Corners region.

At least 15 National Park Service sites have recently approved to put up cell towers. Yellowstone National Park alone has five, including one near Old Faithful that has been criticized as an eyesore.

Mark Pearson, director of the San Juan Citizens Alliance, panned the idea of cell phones at Mesa Verde.

"I would be dubious about the real compelling need for cell phone use at a national park," Pearson said Tuesday. "It seems people could check their cell phone at the park. They should be on vacation. They shouldn't need to use their phone."

Trap said the park service will have to make sure any tower complies with federal environmental policy the National Historic Preservation Act.

"Can a cell tower be placed in Mesa Verde National Park that ensures the protection of the cultural resources and the natural resources for the preservation of those future generations?" Trap said. "That is the bottom line."

# Arizona steps up West Nile campaign

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Arizona is stepping up its campaign against the West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne killer that arrived in the state last year.

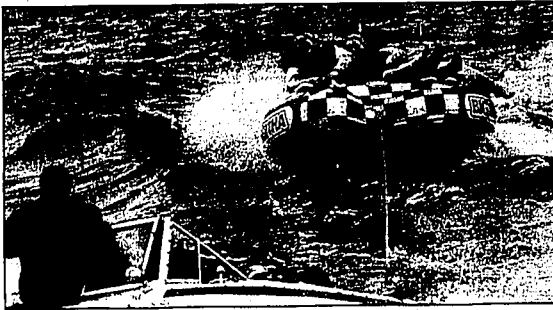
Gov. Janet Napolitano signed an order Wednesday authorizing the Department of Health Services to spend \$100,000 from a health crisis fund on prevention efforts, chiefly to provide counties with money for additional mosquito abatement efforts that will vary by county.

"We are determined to be as proactive as possible to keep West Nile virus from inflicting Arizona," Napolitano said.

The state also is launching a federally funded public information campaign called "Fight the Bite." It will use radio and television public service announcements and other means to encourage Arizonans to reduce their exposure to mosquitoes.

"It's serious. We don't want to get people to overreact but we have to get prepared," said Health Services Director Cathy Edén.

# COLD RIDE



Amanda Ramsberg, left, and Tiffani Winingham hold on tightly as they ride behind a boat Tuesday on Foye Lake near Kalispell, Mont. Despite the extremely cold water, the two seemed to enjoy their spin on the lake.

# Documents show Al-Hussayen involved in charitable group

**BOISE (AP)** — Federal prosecutors on Wednesday introduced documents detailing the significant role a University of Idaho graduate student played in the operations of an Islamic charitable group they claim he used to foster terrorism.

Two dozen intercepted e-mails and telephone conversations, along with a handful of other documents, were shown to jurors to reinforce the government's claim that Sami Omar Al-Hussayen used his position with the Islamic Assembly of North America to set up an Internet network that financed and recruited terrorists.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Lindquist said the documents, most translated from Arabic, show the deep involvement Al-Hussayen had with the

organization and what he called its business operations. Furthermore, he said, they lay the foundation to support the charges that he conspired with others to promote terrorism, despite the fact that no others have been charged.

The 34-year-old Saudi national is charged with three counts of supporting terrorism and 11 counts of visa fraud and making false statements to hide his association with the assembly.

Defense attorney David Nevin has repeatedly argued that Al-Hussayen was only a volunteer to the assembly and its Islamic outreach efforts, and much of the \$140,000 to \$180,000 federal agents say he gave to the organization was in the form of loans that were being repaid.

The government contends Al-Hussayen's 2002 visa

application failed to disclose his association with the assembly as required since late 2001 after the East Coast terror attacks. His student visa, they say, specifically prohibits his engagement in business activities since it limits his activities in the United States solely to pursuing his computer science education.

James Pritchett of the U.S. State Department had previously testified that the government has never prosecuted anyone holding a student visa under the claim that the person was not spending his time in the U.S. solely pursuing an education.

Nevin claims his client's volunteer work for the assembly, but for the organization to be able to engage in business and did not interfere with his education since his grade point average has never fallen below 3.88 on a 4.0 scale.

# Prisoner pleads guilty to 1998 hot tub killing

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — A man already serving time for another murder has pleaded guilty to the electrocution of a 46-year-old woman in her hot tub in 1998.

Bradley Marion Steckman, 36, of Clarkston, Wash., is already serving time for the 1996 murder of an 89-year-old Pullman, Wash. woman.

He pleaded guilty Tuesday to the Post Falls murder of Barbara Dean Loesch as part of a deal with prosecutors to avoid a death sentence. If the deal is approved by 1st District Judge

John Luster, Steckman will return to Washington to serve a life sentence for the 1996 murder along with the remaining 17 years of his earlier murder sentence.

If the judge does not go along

with the deal, Steckman can withdraw his plea, Defense Attorney John Adams said.

Loesch, 53, was found floating in her backyard hot tub, a plugged-in television in the water with her.

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### BEDROOM FURNITURE

Three piece bedroom set with double bed, box springs and mattress, wooden head and foot boards, dresser with back mirror, five drawer chest of drawers (nice older set). - Four drawer wooden chest of drawers. - Older four drawer chest of drawers. - Older four drawer wooden double bed. - Old metal head and foot board with rails. - Blankets and other type of bedding.

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# University cuts staffing budgets

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The University of Idaho will slash its spending by 6 percent and begin requiring faculty and staff to take unpaid leaves in an effort to make up a budget deficit of nearly \$6 million.

Interim President Gary Michael and Provost Brian Pitcher said at a faculty meeting Tuesday that the one-time holdback will apply to all departments.

But defiant professors said the administration was punishing them for their own mistakes.

The school's move comes after faculty members unanimously rejected an administration-backed rule that would have allowed departments to use unpaid furloughs immediately to help achieve the 6 percent cut.

Instead, the mandatory furloughs will be phased into employee contracts. That move will not require faculty approval because the contracts are negotiated individually.

"The administration won't be pulling any mandatory furlough of big pay," Pitcher said. "But it's important to have the option for furlough available."

If that still isn't enough to make up the gap, Pitcher said, departments will have to resort to non-merit cuts of some one-year contracts and even outright layoffs to achieve budget reductions.

A proposal to cut the school's studio arts degree program is still under consideration.

In addition, the office of Diversity and Human Rights and the University Press have been cut.

And more program cuts are expected after Tim White assumes the presidency July 1.

Some faculty members took the opportunity to vent their frustrations at the administration.

# Police say Utah residents accessed child-porn site

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A Utah resident has been identified 153 Utah residents who used a credit card service to gain access to a child-pornography Web site.

They are among 23,000 people who allegedly made use of Site-Key, a California company that provided credit card services for several illegal sites.

The Utah Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is using credit card records to track down the Utah customers, reviewed their computer and looking for proof that they actually downloaded child porn.

So far 15 have been arrested and six convicted.

Another 55 residents may be arrested depending on what a forensic review of their computers shows, said ICAC Director Ken Hansen.

In April 2001, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received a tip about a Dallas Web site using Site-Key, and investigators later conducted a raid. Since then 700 people in the United States have been arrested in what is now dubbed "Operation Site-Key."

The suspects nationwide include a New Jersey state superior court judge, who regularly presided over child abuse cases, and a Catholic priest based in the Northeast.

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### LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

Powder horse squeeze chute + 3 pt. feeder platform + cast table + (2) International 4 wheel rubber tire hay wagons + 6' x 3' Speed King grain auger w/B65 motors + 8 ft. metal pickup rack + 2 wheel cart + pony cart w/ rubber tire wheels + hay grabber + Decker & sawback pack saddles + some tack + horse shoes + several new rolls of barbed wire + water tank truck + horse hay slips + approx. 100 1/2 ton bales of hay (2 yrs) + some straw bales.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Truck school has new simulator

**TWIN FALLS** — B&T Truck Driving School has a new training aid that simulates common driving hazards, and the public is invited to experience the simulator first-hand.

The simulator allows truck drivers-in-training to experience conditions such as, ice, snow, fog, traffic congestion, mountain roads, pedestrians and road debris, said Bob Ester, school owner/creator of B&T Truck Driving School.

"We look forward to increasing safety for all road users with this new training tool," Ester-Holt said in a statement.

The school, located at 1300 Kimberly Road, Suite 15, will offer a "virtual tour" of the facility from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. The tour is free and open to the public.

### Lithia's quarterly earnings rise

**MEDFORD, ORE.** — Auto dealership group Lithia Motors Inc. this week said its first-quarter earnings rose in line with higher revenues.

Lithia, which operates car dealerships in Magic Valley, said it earned \$7.5 million, or 39 cents per share, compared with \$4.2 million, or 23 cents a share, a year before.

Income from continuing operations increased to \$7.6 million, or 40 cents a share, compared with \$4.3 million or 24 cents a year ago.

The increase exceeded the company's first-quarter forecast and came as revenues rose to \$637.8 million from \$559.6 million.

For the full-year, Lithia said it was raising its forecast of earnings from continuing operations to a range of \$2.06 per share to \$2.14 per share and set a second-quarter forecast at 51 cents a share to 53 cents a share.

Lithia had previously said it saw 2004 earnings between \$1.95 a share and \$2.05 a share. In addition to its first-quarter results, Lithia said it was finalizing plans to launch an \$18 million convertible note offering.

### Anheuser-Busch reports earnings

**ST. LOUIS** — Growth in each of its operating segments helped lift Anheuser-Busch earnings by 13.4 percent in the first quarter, the company said Wednesday.

The world's largest brewer — which buys barley from Magic Valley growers — earned \$550 million, or 87 cents per share, in the quarter ending March 31, up from earnings of \$485 million, or 57 cents per share, a year earlier.

Gross sales for the St. Louis-based maker of the No. 1 beer and light beer, Budweiser and Bud Light, rose to \$4.0 billion from \$3.8 billion a year earlier.

Excluding a gain for commodity, Anheuser-Busch earned 67 cents a share in the quarter. Thomson First Call said that topped by 2 cents a share the consensus estimate of analysts it surveyed.

Anheuser-Busch president Patrick Stokes noted the quarter was the 22nd straight with double-digit earnings per share growth, which he expects to continue "over the long-term."

Stokes also expressed confidence that the company will reach its 12-percent earnings per share growth target for 2004.

Anheuser-Busch's share of the domestic market dropped slightly to 51.7 percent from 52 percent.

The company blamed the decline on the timing of 2004 beer shipments.

### Comcast drops bid for Walt Disney Co.

**PHILADELPHIA** — The cable giant Comcast Corp. is dropping its takeover bid for The Walt Disney Co., saying Disney management has made it clear there is no interest in putting the two companies together.

The decision was announced Wednesday by Brian L. Roberts, president and chief executive of Comcast, who said the Disney team had made it clear it was time to abandon the proposed merger.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

# Ameristar posts record earnings

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

**JACKPOT, Nev.** — A casino company that owns two Jackpot casinos turned in a profitable first quarter of 2004. But the company's other properties fared less well.

Ameristar Casinos Inc. again posted lower operating earnings at its Jackpot casinos just south of the Idaho border, blaming poor weather conditions and increased administrative costs for hurting profits there. But the casino company overall saw quarterly revenues increase by about 14 percent and net income rise even faster.

Las Vegas-based Ameristar owns and operates six properties in Missouri, Iowa, Mississippi and Nevada. The Nevada casinos are major Magic

Valley employers.

Ameristar is another local tie through its chairman and chief executive officer, Craig H. Nielsen. The former Twin Falls resident also is the developer of property on the Snake River Canyons south rim in Twin Falls.

Ameristar on Wednesday announced these companywide financial results for the first quarter, which ended March 31:

- Record net revenues of \$214.4 million — an increase of 13.7 percent over the first quarter of 2003.
- Operating income of \$42.1 million for the first quarter — an increase of 20.5 percent over the first quarter of 2003.
- Net income of \$15.9 million for the first quarter, up 35.7 percent from a year earlier.
- Diluted earnings per share

of 58 cents for the first quarter, compared with 44 cents for the first quarter of 2003.

"Our record first quarter financial results further validate the strength of Ameristar's brand," Nielsen said in a statement.

"We are extremely pleased with our market share leadership in all of the jurisdictions in which we operate. We believe that we are well positioned for continued financial success that will enable us to continue to grow the company, pay dividends, reduce debt and improve leverage."

Here's a rundown on how Ameristar's Jackpot properties — Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino — performed during the quarter:

## Jackpot performance

Ameristar Casinos Inc. reported these first-quarter financial results from its Jackpot, Nev., properties — Cactus Petes Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino. Dollar amounts are in thousands.

Three months ended March 31	2004	2003
Net revenue	\$14,052	\$13,631
Operating income	\$1,345	\$1,688
EBITDA	\$2,251	\$2,888
Operating income margin	9.6%	12.1%
EBITDA margin	16.0%	19.7%

(EBITDA's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA margin is EBITDA as a percentage of net revenues.)

At the Jackpot properties, operating income margin and EBITDA margin decreased 2.5 and 3.7 percentage points, respectively, in the first quarter compared with the first quarter of 2003.

properties grew by \$421,000, or 3.0 percent, from a year ago. But Cactus Petes and The Horseshoe reported operating income of \$1.3 million, down 18.8 percent due to bad weather and higher administrative expenses.

# BOOMER BUSINESS



Franchise owner Olig Wilkowsky poses with signs Tuesday that his company makes at 'Signs By Tomorrow' in Atlanta. A veteran sales executive, Wilkowsky left a job that kept him on the road five days a week and started his own business.

## Workers explore entrepreneurship

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Gig Wilkowsky decided it was time to change his life. A veteran sales executive, he left a job that kept him on the road five days a week and started his own business, joining a growing number of baby boomers who have become entrepreneurs.

Wilkowsky, 50, was earning a comfortable salary during his 23-year sales career with a national sunglasses company. But a punishing schedule made him feel like a stranger in his hometown, and he saw his wife only on weekends.

"I lived in Atlanta for 20 years," Wilkowsky said. "I knew my neighbors and my wife's friends, and the guys at the airport who took my bags on Monday morning."

Millions of boomers, whether they left long-held jobs by choice or were unexpectedly laid off, have discovered a sense of ownership and unexpected freedom as entrepreneurs. According to a recent survey by the AARP 40 percent of all people in business for themselves in the U.S. are older than 50, with that percentage rising in recent years.

"Boomers are leading the way

in this entrepreneurial wave," said Tony Lee, editor-in-chief of StartupJourn.com, a site for small businesses. "They have the resources and the built-in talents, and there are ways for them to work for themselves without starting from scratch."

Boomers are finding two avenues for self-employment that don't require starting from whole cloth — franchising and consulting. Franchising provides a support system for new entrepreneurs in the form of the franchiser's guidance and a network of other franchise owners, while consulting allows the newly self-employed to make use of his or her existing skills.

Wilkowsky spent a year looking for a way to work for himself, even setting up his own corporation with the thought of continuing his work selling sunglasses on his own. But the idea of buying a franchise became more attractive as he considered the startup investments that creating a business from scratch would require.

"Here I am, walking away from a big income, bending an expense account. The franchise gave me hope that if I fell, the parachute would catch me on the way down," Wilkowsky said. "You can't guarantee you

anything, but they wouldn't let you step off into a deep hole."

Today Wilkowsky owns a 5-year-old Signs By Tomorrow franchise in Atlanta. While Wilkowsky didn't know anything about making signs — the franchiser taught him how to do that — he knew how to sell. His store is now the company's top franchise under 10 years old.

"If I have an issue, I can call other franchise owners and ask what they've done. We talk about business problems and solutions," he said. "Without the franchise network, I would have had to learn it from the ground up. I wouldn't have known how to start. The franchise, it was so important to get me started."

Margo Spellman, 49, of Seattle chose the other option. After working in marketing and communications for the Port of Seattle and, subsequently, the Pacific Northwest Ballet, she struck off on her own last summer, joining her sister in a small public relations consultancy catering to local businesses.

She quit her job fearing she might lose it anyhow, particularly given Seattle's declining economy since the dot-com bust. What she gained was a more fulfilling work experience.

"I put way more energy into the actual work, the product," Spellman said. "I spend way more time writing, working on campaigns and things. And I'm working with people I love — entrepreneurs and small businesses here in town."

In a few months, their client list has grown to include a number of restaurants, coffeehouses and retailers.

However, just because consultants are familiar with their work, and franchise owners receive help in making their businesses successful, there are still hurdles.

Boomers seeking to work for themselves should make sure they have a comfortable nest egg, at least a year's salary or more, to live off while they start the business. A spouse or partner who has health insurance can help defray those costs.

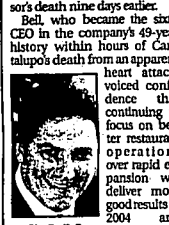
They also need to expect to learn new skills, sometimes in a hurry.

"The record keeping, book-keeping side of it was tough. The franchise helped a little bit, but there's only so much they can teach you in a couple of weeks," Wilkowsky said. "It gets better, though. A year and a half later you go, 'Oh, now it makes sense!'"

## New fast food boss will stay the course

By Dave Carpenter  
The Associated Press

**CHICAGO** — New McDonald's chief executive Charlie Bell pledged Wednesday to adhere to the discipline and the late Jim Cantalupo to help stimulate sales, commenting publicly for the first time since his predecessor's death nine days earlier.



Charlie Bell

Bell, who became the CEO in the company's 49-year history within hours of Cantalupo's death from an apparent heart attack, voiced confidence that continuing to focus on better restaurant operations would ensure rapid expansion and deliver more good results in 2004 and 2005.

"As chief executive officer, I intend to maintain the discipline and focus that Jim Cantalupo put in place," Bell said at a conference call a day after McDonald's reported a 56 percent increase in first-quarter profits.

The Oak Brook, Ill.-based company saw its stock ratings upgraded Wednesday by at least two brokerages — an endorsement of its continuing recovery and of Wall Street's confidence in the 43-year-old Bell to keep it going.

Bell, whose McDonald's career began at age 15 as a crew member in his native Australia, helped implement Cantalupo's strategy as president and chief operating officer and the CEO's proxy. It had paid off in four straight strong quarters on the heels of two years of weak results, particularly in the United States.

McDonald's said worldwide comparable or same-store sales, measuring results in restaurants open more than a year, rose 9.4 percent in the quarter — the biggest increase in nearly 20 years.

The company's restaurants served 2.3 million more customers per day than it did in the first quarter a year ago.

Bell said that was the equivalent of having 1,500 new restaurants, even though just 102 new McDonald's were added in the past 12 months.

U.S. same-store sales continued to lead the way, climbing nearly 14 percent, while European sales increased 3.5 percent for their best showing in two years, thanks partly to the recent introduction of salads.

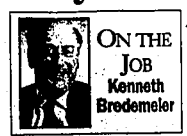
The U.S. resurgence has been fueled by longer hours, improved efficiency and some new products such as McGriddles breakfast sandwiches and entire salads, although the company said it still sells eight to nine times as many double cheeseburgers as salads.

McDonald's also is embarked on a push to show its commitment to healthier menu options, including phasing out super-sizing, launching adult Happy Meals on May 11 with salad, bottled water and pedometer, and offering fruit and other options in kids' Happy Meals starting in June.

## Exposing a lazy colleague's scam at work

One of your colleagues is scamming the company. Should you tell?

Q. I am an assistant to an executive vice president at a large company. She heads a 30-person department and has a big hand in putting the company through a reorganization. I am not a high-level employee, in fact, he is just out of college. Do I have an obligation to say anything to my boss because I am her executive as-



stant? I kind of want to keep my mouth shut, but I also don't want it to come back to haunt me because I never warned my boss about him.

A. Steven M. Darien, chairman and chief executive of the Cabot Advisory Group, a Bed-

minster, N.J., firm that advises corporate clients on employment issues, said the executive assistant "ought to arrange a meeting with her boss. She can say that she's a little hesitant to talk, that she hopes her boss will take it in the right spirit and that she's not trying to cause trouble. But that she does have something to say that's important to the department."

"She can say that she felt an obligation to protect the health of the company and the boss's reputation," Darien said.

He acknowledged the natural aversion to being a tattletale that

is ingrained in many people, but he said this was not a case of "frivolous telling tales out of school" to talk about the aide's deceptive behavior.

Darien suggested the executive assistant tell others who have complained about the "right-hand man" skipping out of sight when the boss leaves the office and that she is going to tell the boss. Moreover, Darien said, the executive assistant should ask whether she has their permission to mention their names as co-workers who would be willing to verify her account of the aide's actions.

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Large advertisement for 'Follow the path to sell your home!' featuring a house image and text about real estate services, including '2 weeks... Only \$99' and 'Classifieds'.

Large advertisement for Grover Electric & Plumbing Supply, featuring various plumbing products like faucets, toilets, and valves, with prices and contact information.



## 'Calendar Girls' reveal what went wrong

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was an enterprise bound to bring bloopers on the way to creative success.

With a local photographer's help, 11 long-time friends set out to learn about the home, work and social lives of the women who helped shape the city's early decades, and to document those lives in pictures and words.

The result was a women's historical calendar dubbed "Remarkable Women of Early Twin Falls."

The 18-month calendars, covering July 2004 through December 2005, go on sale Friday at \$12 each (including tax) to benefit history projects and women's education.

You'll find the calendars at six places: Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, Cloc Office Supply, Everybody's Business, the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center and the Twin Falls Public Library.

Because underwriters paid production costs, the entire purchase price will be donated to the College of Southern Idaho, for a new academic scholarship for swimmers, and to the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, said Barb Allen, one member of The Twin Falls Calendar Girls.

The Calendar Girls are Allen, Judi Baxter, Jan Brumbach, Jill Chestnut, Fran Frost, Cindy Jardine, Jan McBride, Jan Mittelder, Lelle Poppleton, Jeanne Sinclair and Sonnie Strolberg, all of Twin Falls.

They collaborated with photographer Connie Wood.

To adorn the calendar pages, the girls donned vintage clothing from the Twin Falls County Historical Museum and posed in settings meant to evoke century-age women's lives as

teachers, shopkeepers, nurses, postmistresses and photographers.



Barb Allen, left, Jeanne Sinclair and Jan McBride, right, narrowly escape an unintended dip in Bass Lake while modeling vintage swimwear for a new calendar that evokes the lives of early Twin Falls women. The making of the calendar, for which a handful of today's women dressed in vintage clothing, involved a few mishaps. Shown here are a sampling of the outtakes — shots that never made it onto calendar pages.

### Meet the Girls

Magie Valley Arts Council will host a reception next week, with hors d'oeuvres and wine, for The Twin Falls Calendar Girls to sign copies of their new calendar and to honor the project's underwriters.

About eight of the Calendar Girls will be at the event, in costume.

• **When:** 7-9 p.m. May 7. It's an open house, so come anytime during those two hours.

• **Where:** 132 Main Ave. S. Inside the Main Street Plaza in downtown Twin Falls.

• **Who's invited:** Everyone. And admission is free.

• **Calendar underwriters:** Clearwater Health Resources; College of Southern Idaho Foundation; JTM, FLP; Grace Smith Keveren Foundation; Magie Valley Women's Health; Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties; and TitleFact Inc.

# Getting it right

Other poses show women socializing, singing, swimming, taking outings in family automobiles and participating in club meetings.

(Note that the intent was evoking, not duplicating, decades past. So don't complain if you spot plastic cups or toenail polish in some of the shots.)

For each month, the calendar also features an actual historical image as a smaller, parallel companion to the modern women's pose, supported by explanatory text.

What you won't see on the calendar's pages are those bloopers: A price tag showing on a would-be vintage clothing. A skirt gapping be-

tween buttons, revealing a bit of leg. A trash can in the scenery. A horseback model's slide off her mount. An accidental giggle.

But the women, in good humor, plan to display dozens of those outtakes at a reception and calendar signing next week. (We give you a taste of the collection here.)

In other rejected frames, costumed models push a vintage car into place, or picnicking women in hats and long dresses fall to disguise the heat's wilting effect.

In another, a man represents one ill-fated husband of a Twin Falls murderer, and the poison in his teacup appears to be working much too quickly.

"It's just little things that didn't work out," Allen said.

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Lelle Poppleton, right, experiences an old-style wardrobe malfunction. Her friends — Jan Brumbach, left, Jan Mittelder and Judi Baxter — pretend not to notice, but everyone knows otherwise.



Fran Frost, left, is a little too candid about the singing of Lelle Poppleton, at piano, Sonnie Strolberg and Jill Chestnut, right.



Less-than-ideal posturing puts wings on the head of Lelle Poppleton, left, as she poses for a shot in Blaine County's historical museum with Barb Allen.

## Country teacher presides over learning and lunch

Never underestimate a "Little Old Lady." Spend an hour with Fern Manning and she might just teach you a thing or two.

At 92 years young, this petite woman joins Jan Mittelder's exercise class at the College of Southern Idaho three days a week. She still dresses to impress and lives in her own home. She plays castanets and sings with an "all-girl band." They have a regular gig at Bridgeview.



PIONEER PORTRAITS  
Donna Scott

Fern comes from a hardy stock of pioneers who came to Idaho from Missouri to homestead around Declo. Her schooling at Albion Normal prepared her for a lifetime of teaching. Fern's first experiences were in small county schools where she taught all eight grades every subject, including music. She had 15 students her first year. A strict disciplinarian, this



Teacher Fern Manning poses in 1938 or 1939 with her class of first-through fourth-graders at The Shamrock School southeast of Twin Falls. Five of the first-graders pictured here spent all of their school years together and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1950 — Stanley Hutchison, top left, and the four girls at the bottom right, Naomi Heron, Betty Lou Dean, Joanne Stafford and Rosemary Dean.

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Pictures of playtime  
Sunday in Centennial



Lions in our midst:  
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Photo courtesy of BLM/OTW/BLM

Looking down toward the western portion of the butte. The upper road leads to a hang-glider jump-off.

# Big Southern Butte

Nature landmark offers plenty of nature beauty and adventure for well-worn travelers

By Mike Cothran  
Times-News correspondent

The landmark sits nearly in the center of Idaho's largest plain, but the feature cannot be missed. Only three miles in diameter but rising 2,500 feet from the desert floor, Big Southern Butte is readily noticeable. In fact, from many strategic vantage points, the uplifted rhyolite dome can be seen from a hundred miles.

Given a "National Natural Landmark" designation in 1976, the eastern Idaho butte was an important feature to mankind long before the latter half of the 20th century. Goodale's Cutoff used the large feature as a point of reference to those pioneers seeking an alternative to the traditional but sometimes less safe Oregon Trail. Web Spring, on the northeast side of the butte,

served as an important resting place on their journey. In addition, several significant archaeological sites have been discovered around the butte. These finds of pre-history existence of Native Americans offer further proof of the area's importance.

On a recent spring day, my family became the explorers of the eastern Idaho desert and its most prominent feature. Several routes access Big Southern Butte. Unfamiliar dirt roads that hook up with the Arco-Minidoka road approach from the south and west. And while maps indicate that the most direct route is from the north, traveling through the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory probably isn't advisable.

We, therefore, took the standard approach from Atomic City and headed west. Near the base of the butte, we had the good fortune of encountering a sage grouse lek. We observed nearly 20 birds strutting and displaying during their mating dance.

A road leads from the base of the butte to its summit, but a locked gate stops car traffic in the winter and spring. According to Bill Boggs of the Bureau of Land Management, the road is normally opened in May after the snow is off certain stretches and the road has had a chance to firm up.

Even then, four-wheel drive is strongly recommended. And while tracks around the gate indicate motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles are allowed, our family was there for a hike.

The steep road is ideal for walking, but must ascend nearly 2,000 feet in elevation in more than three miles. The initial route leads up the Frenchman Creek drainage and then cuts across the side of an open hill. Shortly after the first switchback, the road allies through a forest. Snow drifts in the pines answer all questions as to why the gate is closed at the bottom.

After the forest, the road simply meanders through the folds of the butte that are hidden from below. With each forward and upward step, the hike obtains increasingly better views across the desert plain.

The view at the top is as pleasing as when the butte is the focus. Even with the unfortunate haze that limited visibility to 50 miles, we could see a lot of landscape. American Falls Reservoir spread out low to the south, and the Albion Mountains could barely be seen. Better air to the northwest gave us views of the Pioneer and White Knob Mountains. And more peering northward, we had a good panorama of the Basin and Range Province of the Lost River, Lemhi and Beaverhead Mountains.

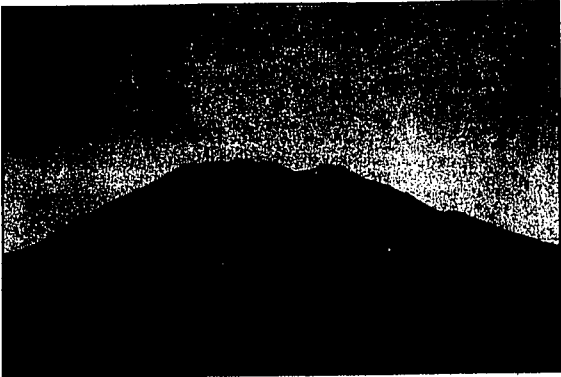
## Finding your way

The best route for first-time visitors to Big Southern Butte is from Atomic City, which lies on Highway 26 halfway between Arco and Blackfoot. From Atomic City, head west and follow the signs.

The best dirt road curves first around the south and then the west sides of the butte. At Frenchman Cutoff, make a hard right back to the butte to access the ascent. A good map is a must!

Because of this view, the BLM had once maintained a fire lookout. Boggs indicated that the lookout might once again be manned, but at present, the most obvious reason for people being on the summit was simply recreationists seeking the sight. He also pointed out that Big Southern Butte was an important destination for hang gliders who launched off the steep south face slightly below the summit.

While we had hopes for a glimpse of Wyoming's Tetons, the haze made our attempts for a sighting impossible. The view obtained was reward enough, however, along with the drive across the plain and the walk up the butte. And not seeing the Tetons gave us a good excuse for a return trip.



Big Southern Butte rises from the Upper Snake River Plain.



A view down Frenchman Creek.

OUTDOORS

# Local group holds annual banquet

## Ducks Unlimited plans Feathers and Lace Banquet

TWIN FALLS — The annual Feathers and Lace Banquet sponsored by the Magic Valley Ladies Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will be held Saturday at the Tuff Club.

The event starts with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m., with a fundraising auction and "diamond mining" promotion to follow.

Ducks Unlimited is the oldest preservation organization in the United States and Canada. It is primarily dedicated to protecting, restoring, and managing wetlands and associated uplands that are important to migratory waterfowl as well as other wildlife. More than 20,000 acres in Idaho have been created or preserved through the fundraising efforts of the organization. The banquet also serves as an opportunity for those who wish to join or learn more about the organization.

Tickets are \$65 for singles or \$120 for couples. The cost includes membership, dinner and collector gifts. Children's "Green" memberships are \$50.

For more information, call Char Sutton at 732-6248 or Megan Ruffing at 732-6216.

## Institute plans 'Idaho's Wilderness' workshop

STANLEY — The Sawtooth Science Institute will present a workshop on "Idaho's Wilderness" on June 8 and 9 at Redfish Lake.

Teachers will be trained to use a traveling trunk and curriculum endorsed by national land management agencies. This "wilderness box" contains everything needed to bring the wild into the classroom, such as slides, audio and video tapes, skulls, skins, books and maps. Outdoor experiences, hands-on interactive activities and discussions of current wildland issues are scheduled for the workshop. Participants will discuss techniques for integrating material into a variety of disciplines.

Transcript fee for teachers is \$55 for undergraduate credit and \$66 for graduate credit. For more information, call 788-9686 or send e-mail to cgrtschen@velocitus.net.

## Sawtooth Institute holds birding workshop

POCATELLO — "Birding on the Water," a workshop offered by the Sawtooth Science Institute, will be held June 10 and 11. This workshop will include participants to birding and the basics of canoeing. They will learn about bird behavior and how to identify common species found in southeastern Idaho. A short course on the techniques of canoeing on small rivers is included. Follow-

## Learn how lizards live

JEROME — Living in a desert climate, residents of the Magic Valley Region have a great opportunity to view lizards. Finding and studying these fascinating animals can be a great time.

Although closely related to snakes, lizards are easily distinguished by having limbs and short bodies. Most Idaho lizards live in the hot, desert canyons of the southwest.

Most lizards lay eggs from which young hatch, feed on insects, lizards, and are active during daytime. In the Magic Valley there are several different lizards to view, including longnose leopard, western fence, sagebrush or "blue-belly," sparrowhawk, or "horny toad," aldo-blotched, western whiptail, desert horned and the western skink. Many of

## 'Summer Fun' deadline approaches

The 2004 Southern Idaho Explorer is coming soon, and The Times-News wants your event announcements.

The Explorer (issue, commonly known as the Summer Fun guide), will include a calendar of community club plans, county fairs, outdoor events, youth camps and local events scheduled throughout the summer season. The guide is a handy resource of maps and features used by both locals and tourists

### Outdoors in brief

ing the instructional portion of the workshop, participants will spend a day and a half birding by canoe on Marsh Creek and the Blackfoot River, paddling will be easy Class 1.

Cost of the class is \$60. For teachers, the transcript fee is \$50.

For more information, call 788-9686 or send e-mail to cgrtschen@velocitus.net.

## Parks department offers trip to tube caves

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a trip to several Gooding County lava tube caves on May 22.

The event is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10, which includes transportation, equipment and instruction; lunch is not included.

Registration deadline is May 12. Register at 136 Maxwell Ave. or call 738-2265 for more information.

## Sportsmen sponsors 2nd annual banquet

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Magic Valley Chapter will hold its 2nd Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser on Saturday, May 15 at the Radio

Rondeau, 241 Main Ave. West, Twin Falls. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or you may purchase online at [www.sfwish.org](http://www.sfwish.org).

Dinner packages range from \$45 to \$180 sponsor package. The evening events will include speakers, slide show, auction and raffles. A ladies raffle and youth items will be among the prizes offered. The grand prize will be your choice of an Alaska Caribou Hunt for two (if guided, airfare included), or Swarovski Optics Package, includes spotting scope, binoculars and range finder.

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife was organized in Idaho in 2003 and is committed to be a political voice for hunters and fishermen in our state. SFW Idaho is a part of the National organization of Western States.

More information is available by contacting Scott Allan, 733-4160; Rusty Waymatt at 733-5010 or Scotty Tews at 308-3771.

## Jerome Gun club plans several May events

Members of the Jerome Rod and Gun Club are encouraged to attend a clean-up day at the Jerome County range on Saturday, May 8, starting at 10 a.m. Other activities will include free shooting and a barbecue. Come as you are and bring the family. Club members will also meet Wednesday, May 12 at the range building at 7:30 p.m. A trap shoot will be held before the meeting at 4:30. The cost is \$2.

## Kid's corner

The lizards' names describe some part of their physical characteristics or describe the type of area they inhabit. When searching out lizards to view, it is best to wear hiking boots or shoes that give ankle support and long pants. In our area, lizards are commonly seen in the rocks and sagebrush in the Snake River Canyon.

Take along binoculars to view the quick reptiles. As people approach, lizards will often quickly disappear from sight, running around rocks or into cracks. Binoculars allow people to study them from a distance.

For more information on lizards go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/wildlife/nongame/>.

## Red's plans Kinslow course

TWIN FALLS — Red's Trading Post is sponsoring a NRA Basic Pistol course, which will be taught by Certified NRA Instructor George Kinslow of Idaho Ordnance. The course will be a one day class on Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

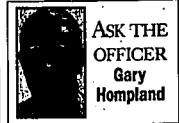
The courses will be held at 2635 5th Ave. West located in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Cost is \$55 at the door or \$45 if you prepay. Each class will be limited to eight students. This course meets state training requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapons License. For more information please call Idaho Ordnance at 420-6163 or Red's Trading Post at 733-3566.

# F&G uses volunteers in many capacities

Question: "I saw a newspaper article containing a photo of Fish and Game volunteers working on a mule deer winter range improvement project. What volunteer opportunities are there to help fish and game?"

Answer: The Idaho Department of Fish and Game relies heavily on volunteers for manpower and local support. In the Magic Valley last year 165 volunteers contributed almost 4000 hours of work. The value of their efforts exceeded \$51,000.

The department has formal and informal volunteer programs. Formal programs include the Volunteer sponsored mentor program, trained volunteer instructors for hunter education and archery education, and wildlife rehabilitators.



Fish and Game reservists are a select group of trained volunteers that provide assistance on numerous projects ranging from fall hunting check station planting habitat and windbreaks. Reservists are selected to the program based on their interest, expertise, knowledge and desire to serve.

Archery education and hunter education programs are totally supported by volunteer instructors. These volunteers give their time to make first-time hunters safe.

Wildlife rehabilitation involves nursing injured wildlife back to health so they can be returned to the wild. These volunteers are closely associated with local veterinarians and Department staff.

There are also many informal opportunities to assist Department programs. Manpower needs are often met using volunteers that are members of organized groups such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Federation, Mule Deer Foundation, Idaho Wildlife Federation, or Idaho Wildlife Unlimited.

Individuals can also help the department by becoming members of citizen advisory committees, Citizen committees are an easy way to provide guidance or input on regulations.

As an ethical and interested sportsman, citizens can always get involved protecting their resource when they witness poaching incidents. Conservation officers regularly use information supplied by sportsmen to prosecute poachers. Without the extra eyes and ears of the public many fish and wildlife crimes would go undetected and unreported.

If you would like to contribute your time or expertise to the department contact the volunteer coordinator at your local fish and game regional office or get involved in an organized fish and wildlife conservation group.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Idaho Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Contact him at (208)324-4350 or e-mail me at [fishandgame@idaho.gov](mailto:fishandgame@idaho.gov) or visit our website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

# State releases brown trout

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is releasing 1,800, 12-inch brown trout this month into Billingsley Creek, between Vader Grade and downstream to the Billingsley Creek Wildlife Management Area.

Biologists believe Utah chubs in the system will provide a good food source for brown trout, and produce a strong fishery for anglers. Earlier stocking of rainbow trout in the stream did not produce desired angler catch rates to meet management goals.

This is the second year for releasing brown trout in the system. In 2003, approximately 9,000 fingerlings (4-inches) and 6,500 catchable (9-inches) brown trout were released throughout Billingsley Creek.

This summer, the Fish and Game will continue doing creel surveys to determine if the restocked brown trout stocking program has improved fishing.

The brown trout released, were raised in a cooperative effort at the University of Idaho



Fish and Game Hatchery Manager Joe Chapman releases brown trout in Billingsley Creek, with the help of a Filer High School student.

Hatchery, with feed being provided by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Fishing on Billingsley Creek opens on May 29. Regulations include: Fly fishing only from Vader Grade and Tupper Grade, a six fish limit; artificial flies and

lures from the Tupper Grade and downstream to the old Railroad Grade, a two trout limit none under 20-inches; from the Old Railroad Grade downstream is managed under general fishing rules - bait, flies and lures with a six fish limit.

## Fish and Game Notes

of the runoff went into the ground rather than the reservoirs. Many reservoirs are in danger of draining this summer, they include: Little Camas, Morrison, Thom Creek, Roseworth, Magic, and Oakley. The only area not receiving fish this spring is Fish Creek Reservoir, north of Carey. Dam problems, resulting in low water storage, makes the reservoir unusable as a fishery this season.

Biologists are closely watching other reservoirs in the Magic Valley Region. Snowmelt came fast and early this season, much

- Anderson Ranch Reservoir — 6,000
- Blair Trail Reservoir — 800
- Cystal Lake — 10,384
- Dierkes Lake — 1,900
- Dog Creek Reservoir — 1,600
- Frank Oster Lake #1 — 6,620
- Frank Oster #2 — 550
- Frank Oster #3 — 1,155
- Frank Oster #4 — 1,235
- Hagerman Pond — 400
- Freedom Park Pond — 190
- Oakley Reservoir — 3,000
- Lake Walcott — 7,000
- Snake River — 10,384
- Billingsley Creek — 100
- Riley Creek — 9,398
- Salmon Falls Creek — 400
- Little Camas Reservoir — 4,000
- Magic Reservoir — 11,700
- Mormon Reservoir — 5,000
- Emerald Lake — 2,300

## Twin pianos

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# Lions IN OUR midst

Study finds cougars become adept at moving unseen near humans

**CIJAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK, Calif. (AP)** - New technology is giving scientists a window into the life of the mountain lion, a hunter so stealthy that the American Indians called it "the ghost of the Rockies." The results are surprising, researchers say: The big cats are not as leery of urban settings as had been thought, and they don't necessarily develop an appetite for domestic livestock.

For the past three years, 20 lions in and around San Diego County's Cuyamaca Rancho State Park were outfitted with \$5,000 Global Positioning System collars that allowed researchers to trace their nocturnal travels.

The collars' signals showed that mountain lions — also known as cougars or pumas — were crossing busy highways and just skirting clusters of homes.

"What surprised me the most is the degree of adaptability to what I consider to be high human activity in puma habitat," said Ken Logan, one of the researchers on the study and the author of "Desert Pumas: A Study of a Decade of Research in New Mexico."

The continuing \$200,000-a-year study by the University of California, Davis, may provide a better understanding of why a predator that normally avoids people sometimes comes dangerously close.

In January, a lion killed cyclist Mark Reynolds in an Orange County park and then seriously injured a second cyclist a short time later. A scenic canyon outside Tucson, Ariz., was closed for part of March because pumas were repeatedly seen in broad daylight and apparently without their



A mountain lion is shown in this undated photo provided by the California Department of Fish and Game. The elusive mountain lion is beginning to give up some secrets. Lions equipped with GPS collars are offering researchers a unique window into the predators' lives in southern California — crossing Interstate highways, using park trails and passing unnoticed by suburban homes.

normal fear of humans.

The UC Davis researchers want to understand whether mountain lion behavior changes as they get used to people. It's a question that's key to the cougar's survival in the fast-growing West. In California, even though a voter initiative outlawed trophy hunting of mountain lions, more than 700 have been killed over the past decade for threatening or harming people. From 1909 to 1963, more than 12,000 were hunted and killed in California.

"There might be ways with better understanding to know how to behave around lions to reduce the public safety incidents or lion attacks," said Walter Boyce, director of the UC Davis Wildlife Health Center and lead researcher on the project.

The study in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 35 miles east of San Diego, found that during the day, the GPS-collared lions typically slept at least a football field's length away from the nearest trail and even farther from buildings.

After the sun set, however, the cats used the park's extensive trail system and crept closer to buildings.

One 3-year-old male, dubbed M-2, crossed Interstate 8 and two other highways a total of 48 times during a two-month period in 2002. He ultimately was killed by a vehicle.

The GPS plot of the travels of a 2-year-old

female called F-8 showed a clear orbit around — although never through — private properties in the rural eastern San Diego County community of Harrison Park.

A separate study of three pumas in the Santa Monica National Recreation Area outside Los Angeles found one ventured into a graffiti-covered underpass to cross a highway.

The results of the UC Davis study are challenging some of the assumptions of state game wardens.

L.L. Bob Turner, who has killed dozens of mountain lions over more than two decades with the California Department of Fish and Game, said he no longer believes that a cougar must be killed once it eats domestic animals.

F-8 was collared after she ate an alpaca, a small cousin of llamas, in a pen near the park. But after the alpaca breeder modified the fencing around her remaining livestock, the mountain lion returned to hunting deer.

"Close to 50 percent of the lions killed could be avoided if people could be responsible," Turner said.

"Most people are plain stupid." "We are not on the menu," said Doug Updike, a biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. "If a lion had any desire to catch and eat people, we would see literally hundreds of people dying every day."

# A grizzly problem



A grizzly bear at the Grizzly Bear Discovery Center attempts to pry open a storage container in this September 2003 file photo taken during a U.S. Forest Service container certification test in West Yellowstone, Mont.

## Forest Service will enforce new food storage rules in Wyoming

**CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)** - With mountain snows melting and grizzlies emerging from hibernation, rangers in northwest Wyoming's national forests are preparing for what could be a contentious first season with stricter rules aimed at keeping human food away from bears.

The new rules, which took effect this month, are meant to reduce conflicts between humans and bears and make the Shoshone and Bridger-Teton national forests safer for visitors.

But they have drawn sharp criticism from outfitters and several Wyoming counties and prompted threats of lawsuits and disobedience.

Officials in conservative Fremont County threatened to sue the U.S. Forest Service over the rules and wrote Vice President Dick Cheney in hopes of a last-minute intervention.

The intervention never came, although commissioners still insist a lawsuit is possible.

The order spells out how human food, pet food, dead game animals, livestock grains and feeds, garbage and hygiene items should be stored by forest users so they don't attract bears.

More than 700 human-bear conflicts have been reported in the forests the past two years, and the Forest Service believes

expanding food storage rules to the south to include new bear territory may keep those numbers down.

Fremont County and other detractors argue the rules are unnecessary and will hurt tourism, calling the order a thinly veiled attempt to expand grizzly bear habitat.

Enforcement is another looming issue. While rangers stress their initial focus will be on education and not writing citations, some worry the rules will be hard to enforce due to limited manpower and could lead to confrontations.

"I think the general public perception of a forest ranger is not as an enforcement person, and I would caution the Forest Service to consider that when they're making rules," Fremont County Sheriff Skip Homecker said.

"What they're doing, I think, is shifting from being a friendly public service oriented person to being a law enforcement officer."

Homecker is also opposed to his deputies being dragged into the controversy.

"I don't want to have my deputies going to a trailhead where we have some packer that took exception to Forest Service personnel trying to give him a citation for a violation," he said.

# BACKYARD ZOO

## Man's yard becomes a welcome mat for wildlife

**TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)** - David Andrews Jr. sees his back yard as a place for more than a barbecue grill.

Namely: hummingbirds, mourning doves, butterflies, jackrabbits, coyotes, javelinas, an occasional bobcat and other desert wildlife.

Andrews' property in Tucson was certified recently by the National Wildlife Federation as a "Backyard Wildlife Habitat" site.

"I have a lot of native plants like mesquites, palo verde, ocotillo and a bunch of cactus," said Andrews, who operates an investment service out of his home.

"These things seem to attract a lot of birds and butterflies and some of the other animals.

"To be honest, lots of the plants are native to these areas. They were already here in 1938, when I moved in," he said. "But I've planted some mesquites and a couple of acacia trees. I have a small pond as a water source, and also a couple of birdbaths."

Andrews said he also maintains hummingbird feeders to attract tiny hummers to his land, approximately 1 acre in size.

Mary Burnette, spokeswoman for the Virginia-based Wildlife Federation, said Andrews' yard is one of about 55 sites the organization has certified in Tucson. The federation, the largest member-supported conservation education and advocacy group in the nation, has designated some 440 sites in Arizona and nearly 40,000 nationwide since beginning the program in 1973.

"It's a very hands-on kind of thing people can do to help the environment right outside their back door," she said. "It's often the first step people take on their journey into environmental stewardship."



David Andrews Jr. of Tucson, Ariz., trims away a portion of a plant that has died from the frost next to a fountain in his backyard. Having a water source is one of the ways his residence qualifies as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat site. He also has a mix of native and planted vegetation on his lot where he sees a lot of coyotes, javelinas, rabbits and birds. Andrews' yard is one of about 55 sites the National Wildlife Federation has certified in Tucson.

"Today they're concerned about the birds in their back yard. Tomorrow they're concerned about what's happening in the Everglades or other areas."

Burnette said residents seeking certification must complete an application, describing vegetation, food sources, water sources and areas offering shelter for wildlife on their property — and submit it to the federation.

"When they submit it to us, it's reviewed by naturalists at the federation, and they decide whether it meets the criteria" for certification, she said.

There's no on-site inspection of property, Burnette said, noting that the group charges a \$15

application fee.

Andrews said he learned about the certification process in a magazine article and submitted an application in November. His yard was approved for certification early this year.

"Seeing animals here has become second nature," he said. "I've seen coyotes, javelina, rabbits, a lot of different things."

"I've had two or three bobcats on my roof at 2 o'clock in the morning. They would just be running around on my roof. I worried they might attack, and I called the (Arizona) Game and Fish Department. But they didn't cause any problem."

Some wildlife experts have suggested that potentially dangerous wildlife encounters — with mountain lions, for example — could increase if people take steps to lure wildlife into their yards.

But Burnette, of the Wildlife Federation, discounted that concern.

"It's unlikely that the kinds of things people do in their back yard to accommodate the wanted wildlife is going to attract mountain lions," she said. "What's causing mountain lions to come into (urban) areas is the massive destruction of their habitat in other areas. I haven't heard that putting up bird feeders or other things will cause a puma to move into the neighborhood."

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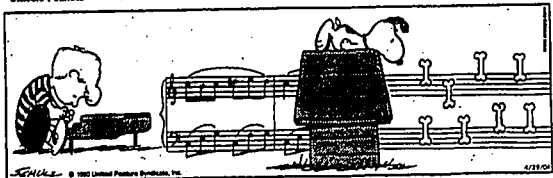
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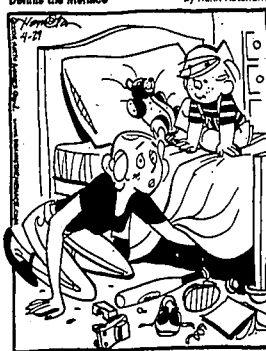
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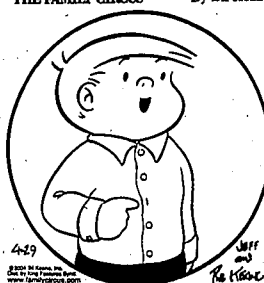
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## The Zocolo impresses visitors

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The Metropolitan Cathedral on the Zocolo in Mexico City.

the second story. These murals were painted by the famous Mexican artist, Diego Rivera between 1928-1945 and represent his view of two millennia of Mexican life and history.

Another highlight at the Palace is the famous Bell of Dolores, which was rung by Father Miguel Hidalgo to proclaim Mexican independence from Spain in 1810. The bell hangs is rung by the President each Sept. 16 to celebrate the anniversary of Mexico's independence.

The Zocolo holds more historic significance on its north side. Here the magnificent Metropolitan Cathedral takes up the entire city block. After Cortes ordered the destruction of the Aztec temples, he commanded the construction of a church. The original church was built with the stones from Aztec temples.

In 1573, the original church was destroyed and work began on what is now known as the largest colonial cathedral in the Americas. Construction took more than two centuries, ending in 1813.

This masterpiece holds many beautiful architectural styles.

The interior is breathtaking with gleaming marble floors, gold altars, 14 side chapels and famous paintings and artwork throughout. It is so beautiful and ornate, we found it impossible to fully absorb it all in one brief visit.

Our last stop was the most significant archaeological site in Mexico City, the Templo Mayor. These ruins were discovered in 1978 when workers came upon an eight-foot rock covered with carvings representing the moon goddess, Coyolxauhqui.

When the stone was identified, archaeologists knew they had exposed the key element that would guide them to the lost Aztec city of Tenochtitlan.

Today, visitors can enjoy the ruins and admire the many artifacts recovered from Tenochtitlan.

The heartbeat of the Aztec culture continues to pound at the Zocolo in Mexico City.

Stop and feel the pulse of the city's historic center on your next visit to Mexico.

*Karla Barnes of Burley and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.*

## Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in Burley

BURLEY — A Miss Cinco de Mayo contest, stereo sound-of and dance and essay contests are just some of the events scheduled for the "Fiesta Grande" Saturday and Sunday.

The events will be held outside the Snake River Plaza, 342 E. Fifth St. N. if weather permits. Otherwise activities will move inside the mall.

KFTA AM 970, the Snake River Plaza and Kim Hansen Chevrolet are sponsoring the event.

Contestants for the Miss Cinco de Mayo for ages 15-19 and Miss Chiquita Cinco de Mayo for ages 4-7 must sign up by Friday by calling the radio station.

A lowrider and stereo sound-of competition, salsa and dance contests also will be held. Contestants can enter by calling the radio station or at the event.

There are no entry fees for any of the competitions.

Kim Hansen Chevrolet has donated savings bonds for the essay contests.

The essay topic for high

school students is on the importance of the Hispanic culture in the United States. Elementary students can write an essay on the importance of Cinco de Mayo. Essays must be turned in to the radio station by 5 p.m. today. The winners will be awarded cash prizes. The station is located at 120 S. 300 W., Rupert.

The station is also seeking nominations for the "Eagle Award," designed to honor an Hispanic or non-Hispanic person who makes a significant contribution to tearing down cultural barriers.

The winner will be announced on Mexican Independence day, Sept. 16.

The schedule on Saturday starts at 3 p.m. with a presentation by sponsor Kim Hansen, car sound-off at 3:15 p.m., reading of winning essays at 3:45 p.m., yelling contest at 4:20 p.m. and lowrider contest at 4:25 p.m.

Big Valley Elementary children will dance at 3:10 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Vanessa Lopez will sing at 3:05 p.m. and 4:10 p.m. and raffles will be held at 4:40 p.m.

On Sunday, activities start at 3 p.m. with Kim Hansen, Miss Chiquita contest at 3:20 p.m., salsa contest at 3:40 p.m., singer Refugio Macias at 3:50 p.m., most authentically dressed contest for ages 15 and up at 4:15 p.m., dancing contest at 4:25 p.m., singer Alejandra Paredes at 5 p.m. and Miss Cinco de Mayo contest at 5:15 p.m. and a raffle.

Lopez will sing at 3:05 p.m.; Heyburn Elementary children will dance at 3:15 p.m. and 4:10 p.m.

There will be karaoke and pinatas throughout both days.

For more information, to sign up for the events or donate your time, merchandise or money to cover the costs of the event and for part of a fund-raising raffle, call Belamin Reed or Araceli Macias at 436-5757.

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## Southwest explodes with mariachi programs

By Karin Brillant  
Special to The Washington Post

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Anastasia Wilkins calls herself a "typical teen-ager." Her bedroom, its walls painted in pink and white stripes, is strewn with clothes. She runs on her high school's track team and wears a singlet when she listens to music. It is likely to be oldies or country and western.

For nearly a decade, though, the bright-eyed 17-year-old has directed her passion toward singing and playing violin and vihuela — a small five-string guitar — in local mariachi ensembles. Last November, on an evening she said she hoped would never end, her dedication to mariachi paid off. At the

largest national competition for school mariachi ensembles and especially San Antonio, where more than 40 percent of the population is of Mexican origin.

At least 50 schools in San Antonio and 250 others in Texas offer mariachi programs, said Cynthia Munoz, a public relations executive whose firm organizes the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza.

Mariachi is so big in Texas that from San Antonio south to the border, schools with mariachi ensembles outnumber those with jazz bands, music educators say. Drawn to mariachi for its festive rhythms and melodic songs about home-land, liquor and love, the students learn music theory and can become accomplished singers and instrumentalists.



**BUENAS VISTAS**  
Karla Barnes

On a recent trip to Mexico City, the Zocolo was one of our main destinations. The square offers excellent shopping and entertainment, but our main purpose was to check out the nearby fabulous historical buildings.

Our first stop was the National Palace on the east side of the square. Once home to the Aztec emperor Montezuma, it was later the residence of Hernan Cortes until it was purchased by the King of Spain in 1562. The current building was finished in 1628 and is the official residence of the President of Mexico, as well as the location of the Federal Treasury.

The most popular attraction in the Palace are the outstanding murals lining the walls of

## Archaeologist works to preserve rain forest

By Alexandra Wittze  
The Dallas Morning News

EL PERU, Guatemala — Deep in the Guatemalan jungle, the battle rages of an ancient world are reawakening.

Fourteen centuries ago, Maya kings fought for control of Waka, a city on a crucial river route westward out of Maya country. Today the city is the epicenter of a different kind of battle — to preserve some of Central America's last intact rain forest and its treasures.

Chief among the modern warriors is Dallas archaeologist David Freidel, a Maya specialist at Southern Methodist University. Working with Guatemalan colleagues, Freidel has begun the first modern survey of Waka's majestic ruined temples and palaces.

The history being unearthed at Waka involves epic tales of kings and queens, warriors and princesses. But the archaeologists have also dug up far less glamorous discoveries, including forest fires and land grabs.

More than a millennium hidden in the jungle, said Freidel, one of the last great Maya sites is in danger of being lost forever.

Last spring, people illegally cleared the land for cattle set fires near Waka that turned the rain forest air into a smoky haze reminiscent of Los Angeles smog. Two weeks ago, workers cutting fire lines a few miles from the site were run off by a

group of armed men claiming the land for themselves.

In theory, the site of Waka — known today as El Peru — should be immune to attack. It lies within Guatemala's Laguna del Tigre National Park, the largest such park in Central America and a focus of conservation work. The area is a focus of conservation work because it is home to the endangered scarlet macaw.

But wealthy cattle ranchers have begun to dig up Laguna del Tigre among themselves, said Roan McNab, director of the Wildlife Conservation Society's office in Flores, Guatemala. The park has been officially off-limits to grazing, at least 10,000 cattle browse the park's western half.

Things are better — for the moment — in the eastern part of the park near Waka. Still, cattle browse in fenced areas in the so-called buffer zone between sanctioned rangeland and the park. And people have moved in, too: entire communities have sprung up inside the park.

In response, Dr. Freidel has proposed an unusual collaboration of scientists, conservationists, residents and the government. Called the K'at' Alliance, for the mythical place where the Maya maize god was reborn, the group will soon ask the government to set aside 230,000 acres within the national park for special protection.

Along with pristine rain forest,

scarlet macaws and jaguars, the proposed reserve contains several key Maya sites.

Before the ancient Maya civilization collapsed in the ninth century, several million people lived in the northern part of Guatemala, building giant temples and pyramids out of native limestone. Modern Maya still live throughout the homeland of their ancestors, which also included southeastern Mexico, Belize and Honduras. Many of the workers at the Waka site are of Maya descent.

The dig at Waka is in the second year of three years' work and involves 20 archaeologists, 11 of them Guatemalan.

Discoveries here clarify many of the mysteries that surround the Maya, said the dig's co-director, Hector Escobedo, of the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala in Guatemala City.

"It's a big part of the puzzle of ancient Maya civilization that has not yet been put into place," he said.

Discovered by oil prospectors in the 1960s, Waka has been professionally studied only once — by Harvard archaeologist Ian Graham in 1971. He mapped about 650 buildings in just less than 1 square kilometer (about 250 acres).

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

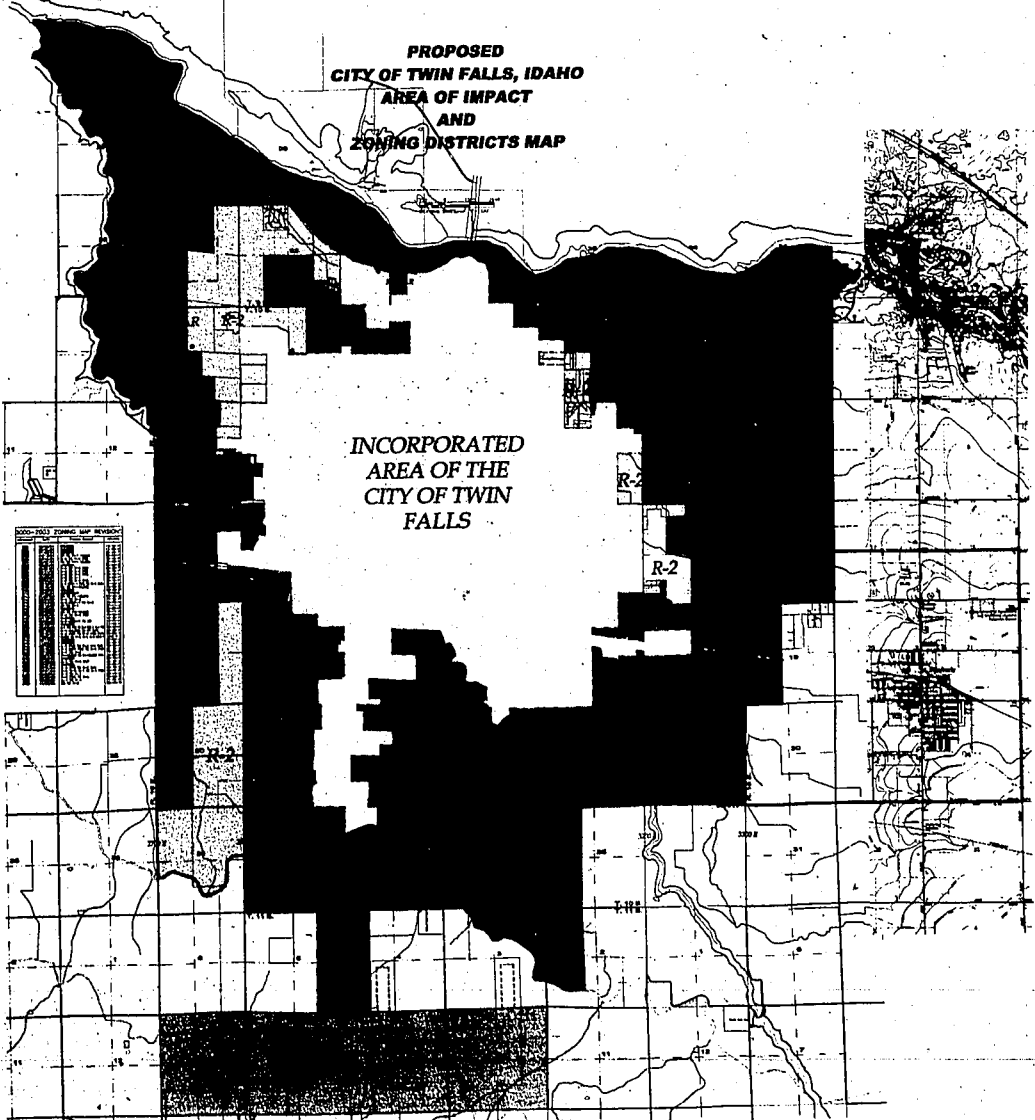
**MAGISTRATE DIVISION**  
Case No. CV-04-1020  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In the Matter of the Estate of SIMON MACIAS CAMPOS, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate should file them with the undersigned no later than 60 days after the date of this notice.  
DATED this 17th day of March, 2004.  
J/Kristina Glascock Clerk  
By Deputy Clerk  
PUBLISH: April 6, 15, 22 and 29, 2004

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission and the City of Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the new Twin Falls City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to consider amendments to the City of Twin Falls Area of Impact Agreement, the Geographic Area of Impact, and Area of Impact Zoning Map. The proposed Geographic Area of Impact and Zoning Map are shown in the published map. The amendments to the agreement include: establishing an additional 18% building permit fee to be paid to the County within the Area of

Impact, revising the procedure for zoning applications within the Area of Impact so that the Twin Falls County Commissioners will make the final decision on final plats, variances and rezones, and deleting the Area of Impact Board of Appeals. The joint public hearing may be continued over to the following evening, Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., at the same location, if additional time is needed to receive public testimony. A copy of the proposed City Ordinance and Area of Impact map may be reviewed at the office of the City Zoning Administrator, Twin Falls City Hall, 321 2nd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. A copy of the County Ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the County Zoning Administrator, 246 3rd Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time.  
Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7287 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.  
J/Lamar N. Orion, Community Development Director  
PUBLISH: Thursday, April 15, 2004, Thursday, April 22, 2004, Thursday, April 29, 2004







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of April 2004. Voces & Affairs LLP By James A. LaMure Attorneys for the Personal Representative 1150 Stone St. East P.O. Box 2 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0050

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6 and 13, 2004

IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF BANWET COUNTY STATE OF UTAH

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

Probate No. 042600010 Judge David L. Mowbray In Matter of the Adoption of S.S.F. A Minor

THE STATE OF UTAH JESSICA GABRIEL FREGOSO, Natural Mother

You are hereby given notice of a Petition for Adoption filed by Jay Thomas Yardley and Jann Cox Yardley and are hereby summoned to file with the above Court a written Answer to said Petition if you wish to contest the adoption of the minor child, S.S.F.

Said answer to the Petition for Adoption on the Court docket and be in writing and filed with the Clerk of the above-named court at the address of 50 North Main, Mantel, Utah 84442, and a copy sent by registered mail to Douglas L. Nealey, at 1st South Main, Suite 205, P.O. Box 7, Mantel, Utah 84442, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons and Notice upon you.

DATED this 13th day of April, 2004.

David L. Nealey Attorney for Petitioners

PUBLISH: April 29, May 6 and 13, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE TWIN FALLS STORAGE

Under provisions of Idaho Code 29-7210 with respect to the storage of stored items ASAP.

Will Hedgecock, last known address: 341 West 1st Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Dwain Hoffman, last known address: 313 W. Main Street, Kimberly, ID 83841

PUBLISH: April 29 and May 3, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on May 11, 2004, a Tuesday, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, Amending Twin Falls City Code 110-4-1 by removing the rural residential district (RR) to the agricultural district (AG) and revising the purpose of the district to include future higher density residential.

The above description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administration, 1150 Stone St., East, Second Avenue East, 735-7267.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time.

Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7267 at least five days prior to the meeting.

/s/ LaMure N. Orton, Community Development Director

PUBLISH: Thursday, May 6, 2004, and Thursday, May 20, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on May 11, 2004, a Tuesday, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

DICK STERLING ON BEHALF OF ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH OF TWIN FALLS AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Requesting annexation with a zoning designation of C-1 PUD for approximately 60 acres (±) of land proposed to be annexed with a zoning designation of R-4 for approximately 8.5 acres located south of the 200 and 300 blocks of Pleasant Road.

VAS, LLC - DONOR DEVELOPER, INC. Requesting annexation with a zoning designation of R-4 for approximately 8.5 acres located south of the 200 and 300 blocks of Pleasant Road.

ROGER KRUGER ON BEHALF OF MAGIC VALLEY PARTNERS, LP Requesting a Use Agreement Modification to allow two existing trailers to be located on Lot 2, Block 1, Magic Valley Mall Subdivision, with the total exterior footage for both buildings not to exceed 10,000 square feet.

In addition, the City Council will hear an appeal from Katy Touchette concerning the decision of the City Planning and Zoning Commission on March 10, 2004, regarding the City Council's Special Use Permit which allows the applicant to operate a 24-hour convenience store with drive-through window and gas station on the northwest corner of Falls Avenue East and Locust Street North.

The City Council may vote to suspend the rules set forth in the related ordinance on the first or second meeting date. If that occurs, no further public hearings will be held on the issue(s).

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at 1150 Stone St., East, 735-7267.

Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7267 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

/s/ Glenda Thompson, Mayor

PUBLISH: Thursday, April 29, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-17885

On the 17th day of August, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, the County of Blaine, 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent, which is lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and compliance with Section 45-1506(i) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and BARRY'S SUBDIVISION, Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Block 27 of TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, Twin Falls County, Idaho, plat recorded in the Office of the County Assessor, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as follows:

This Trustee's Sale is subject to any bankruptcy filing, payoff, reinstatement, or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful purchaser(s) or bidders, at the Trustee's Sale, for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 304 7th Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by MICHAEL R. BLOKHMAN, a single man, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as beneficiary, recorded October 17, 2003, as Instrument No. 199902815, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal and interest of \$360.00, due per month for the months of August, September, October, November, December, 2004 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$40.00, with interest accruing on the unpaid balance of the debt from November 1, 2003. Also due are delinquent and unpaid taxes for 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$83,540.62, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued interest, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary sells to satisfy said obligation.

Date: April 14, 2004

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO /M/Minnie Cole, Trust Officer

PUBLISH: Thursday, April 29, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-17886

On the 17th day of August, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, the County of Blaine, 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent, which is lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and compliance with Section 45-1506(i) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and BARRY'S SUBDIVISION, Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Block 27 of TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, Twin Falls County, Idaho, plat recorded in the Office of the County Assessor, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as follows:

This Trustee's Sale is subject to any bankruptcy filing, payoff, reinstatement, or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware of, and that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful purchaser(s) or bidders, at the Trustee's Sale, for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 304 7th Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by MICHAEL R. BLOKHMAN, a single man, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as beneficiary, recorded October 17, 2003, as Instrument No. 199902815, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal and interest of \$360.00, due per month for the months of August, September, October, November, December, 2004 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$40.00, with interest accruing on the unpaid balance of the debt from November 1, 2003. Also due are delinquent and unpaid taxes for 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$83,540.62, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued interest, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary sells to satisfy said obligation.

Date: April 14, 2004

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO /M/Minnie Cole, Trust Officer

PUBLISH: Thursday, April 29, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-17887

On August 5, 2004, at the hour of 3:00 o'clock P.M. of said day, in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, Escrow, 605 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES G. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, all that certain real property of the United States, all payable at the time of the sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Lot 8 and the Northeast One-half of the Northeast One-half of Lot 6 in Block 122 of BARRY'S SUBDIVISION, Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as follows:

This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 815 12th Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jack L. Netz and the Beneficiary, as beneficiary, recorded March 22, 1999, as Instrument No. 199900344, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments of \$285.00 for the months of September 2003, through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly interest on the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$73,937.92, as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, and any all funds advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure, and interest accruing at the rate of 10.789% from August 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

The 1999 Deed of Trust is recorded in the P/O/ Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

For information concerning this sale please contact Jack L. Netz, Just Law Office, at www.justlaw.net or Toll Free at 1-800-823-9106.

PUBLISH: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-17888

The following described real property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States. In the office of Twin Falls Title & Escrow, 605 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, on 7/27/2004 at 11:30 a.m. (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded as Instrument No. 199900344, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and executed by KEVIN DEWBERRY, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, which said Deed of Trust is recorded in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and assigned to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, recorded March 22, 1999, as Instrument No. 199900344, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 412 11TH STREET NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, certified funds, or a check from a federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 09/01/2003 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges of 5% per month on the unpaid balance of the principal balance of the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments of \$285.00 for the months of September 2003, through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly interest on the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$73,937.92, as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, and any all funds advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure, and interest accruing at the rate of 10.789% from August 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

The 1999 Deed of Trust is recorded in the P/O/ Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

For information concerning this sale please contact Jack L. Netz, Just Law Office, at www.justlaw.net or Toll Free at 1-800-823-9106.

PUBLISH: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2004

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-17889

On the 5th day of August, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, the County of Blaine, 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent, which is lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and compliance with Section 45-1506(i) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Range 15 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 1: A parcel of land located in Government Lot 3, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 1;

THENCE North 69°47'30" East along the North boundary of the NW1/4 of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 663.20 feet to a point on the West boundary of said Section 1;

THENCE South 69°47'30" East parallel with the North boundary of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 663.20 feet to a point on the West boundary of said Section 1;

THENCE North 90°08'37" East along the West boundary of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 663.20 feet to a point on the West boundary of said Section 1;

TOGETHER WITH A 50.00 foot wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, said easement being adjacent to and on the North boundary of said Section 1.

SUBJECT TO A 50.00 foot wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, said easement being adjacent to and on the West boundary of said Section 1.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$422.00, due per month for the months of December, 2003 and January, February, 2004 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$40.00, with interest accruing on the unpaid balance of the debt from November 1, 2003. Also due are delinquent and unpaid taxes for 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$31,282.22, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Date: March 30, 2004

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. /R/Eliasha M Ricky, Trust Officer

PUBLISH: April 18, 22, 29 and May 6, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING

CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 2005 WATER QUALITY LISTS AND ASSOCIATED INTENDED USE PLANS (IUP) FOR WATER QUALITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND DRINKING WATER WASTEWATER PLANNING GRANTS LISTS

This notice is given to fulfill the public information requirements of the Administrative Code of Idaho regarding drinking water and wastewater construction grant and loan programs.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has scheduled a public comment period and one public hearing concerning the following documents:

1. The Draft Fiscal Year 2005 State Drinking Water Quality List (IUP), which contains the Loan Project Priority Lists

2. The Draft Fiscal Year 2005 State Water Quality Loan Intended Use Plan (IUP), which contains the Loan Project Priority Lists

3. The Draft Fiscal Year 2005 State Wastewater Planning Grant Project List

4. The Draft Fiscal Year 2005 State Drinking Water Planning Grant Project List

DEQ will award grants and loans from these four lists in priority order, highest ranked projects first. The public is invited to provide comments on each list and its associated Intended Use Plan (IUP). An opportunity will be provided for the public to comment on all lists and the IUPs.

Copies of the lists and IUPs are available for public review at the following address: DEQ State Office Drinking Water and Wastewater Loan Program 1410 N. Hilton Street, 2nd Floor Coeur d'Alene Regional Office (208) 373-0502 Contact: Alan Stanford

Public Comment Period: May 11, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Public Hearing: May 12, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The four priority lists and two IUPs can also be viewed on the DEQ Web site at: <http://www.deq.state.idaho.gov/water.htm>

A Hearing Will Be Held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2004

IN THE CONFERENCE CENTER Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

1410 N. Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83708

Anyone may submit comments regarding the proposed lists. Oral and/or written comments may be submitted at the hearing. Written comments can be sent by regular mail or email to Alan Stanford at the address above. All written comments and data concerning the Priority Lists must be received on or before May 21, 2004.

PUBLISH: April 29, 29 and May 6, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-17890

On the 28th day of July, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, the County of Blaine, 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent, which is lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and compliance with Section 45-1506(i) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Range 15 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 1: A parcel of land located in the SW1/4(NE1/4), being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of said Section 1; then North 69°47'30" East along the South line of said Section 34 for 1234.33 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE North 69°47'30" East along the West line of said Section 34 for 1234.33 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE South 69°47'30" East along the West line of said Section 34 for 1234.33 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE North 90°08'37" East parallel to the West boundary of Government Lot 3 for a distance of 663.20 feet to a point on the West boundary of said Section 1;

TOGETHER WITH A 50.00 foot wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, said easement being adjacent to and on the North boundary of said Section 1.

SUBJECT TO A 50.00 foot wide access easement for the purpose of ingress and egress, said easement being adjacent to and on the West boundary of said Section 1.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$408.13, due per month for the months of December, 2003 and January, February, 2004 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$40.00, with interest accruing on the unpaid balance of the debt from November 1, 2003. Also due are delinquent and unpaid taxes for 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$31,282.22, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Date: March 23, 2004

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. /R/Eliasha M Ricky, Trust Officer

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**EMPLOYMENT**  
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**PRESS OPERATOR**  
**The Times-News** is looking for a press operator with experience preferred in Urubante press, color process, camera work and plate development and registration. Must be knowledgeable on working around heavy machinery safely and be familiar with mechanical maintenance and adjustment. Additionally, the ability to work with others, to fit into the team and walk the majority of the work shift, and climb ladders is necessary. Hours of work are primarily 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., including weekends.

**SALES/TELEMARKETER**  
Industrial products & services. \$20-75K. Local. \$88888-12345678. **WAREHOUSE**  
General warehouse delivery driver. Must have own driving record and pass drug screen. Full oil application between 9am-3pm at 167 Eastland Drive WELDON  
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Excellent pay & benefits.  
Call US at 208-436-4600

**SALES**  
Livestock nutritionist  
Well established SE Idaho feed retailer is looking for a self-motivated individual with sales exp. and at least 5 yrs. exp. in Dairy Self Production, competitive salary/well earned benefit pkg. send resume to: Birmingham Co-op Inc., c/o Mike Jensen, P.O. Box 887, Blackfoot, ID 83221\*

**SALES**  
Todd now hiring  
PT Sales Associate at the Magic Valley Mall location.

**SALES/WANTED**  
3 people who want to make Money.  
\$45,000 per month.  
1st year income potential selling cars. No experience necessary. ID exp or in exp. willing to train right person. Best pay, Best management, Best selections.  
**CALL NOW ASK FOR KEVIN**  
1-800-473-2225  
208-788-2225.\*

**SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Residential, adolescent treatment center has a full-time opening for a p.m. to 11 p.m. shift for Treatment Technician. Job duties include direct supervision, interacting, teaching, role modeling and holding youth accountable to center rules, structure and behavior management plans. Successful candidates will possess ability to learn behavior management, allowing for natural consequence and allowing the youth to have their own account of control in making their own decisions. Must be willing and able to work with youth with a variety of behaviors, emotions and situations with the juvenile, without the ability to lock them down if they misbehave. Any higher education is a plus. \$8.50 per hour. Full benefit package for full-time employees including medical/dental/vision insurance, retirement, vacation, sick and personal leave. Applications available on-line www.hartfordsocial.com

**PROFESSIONAL**  
IBI Specialist needed in the Twin Falls area. Salary starting at \$27,500 per year. Fax resume to 678-3558 or call 678-3555\*

**PROFESSIONAL**  
Data Entry Clerk. Must type 50 wpm. Hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 733-2128 for appl.\*

**RESTAURANT**  
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