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More Idaho troops head for Iraq

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In their two months of marriage, Terus and Trish Dahlquist have not had much time to enjoy wedded bliss. The day before the Twin Falls residents' March 19 ceremony, Terus was sworn in to the Army National Guard. Three weeks later he was in Fort Knox, Ky., for basic training. Saturday, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced that members of the Idaho Army

National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade are being mobilized to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom. "All Idahoans should recognize not only the dedication and sacrifices being made by our citizen soldiers, but also the contributions being made by the soldiers' families, employers, and others in their communities," he said. "The state is doing all it can to help Guard families during the deployment, and I call upon all citizens to support our fellow Idahoans in this mobilization.

While Private Dahlquist is not in the initial group, he will soon join his comrades in Fort Bliss, Texas, for mobilization station, which is a preparatory phase for deployment. The mobilization order affects about 750 Idaho guard members in support, administration and intelligence. The brigade, which has been on alert since Feb. 29, has about 3,500 citizen soldiers from five states. About 2,600 are in Idaho. Nine soldiers from the Mage

Valley — all of them from Twin Falls County — have received mobilization orders. Mobilization will start June 7, when members of the National Guard will officially become part of the United States Army, said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, a spokesman for the Idaho National Guard's joint force headquarters in Boise. The governor commands National Guard soldiers. But once the soldiers are mobilized, they fall under the command of the president. On June 7, members of the 2-

116 Armored Battalion, headquartered in Twin Falls, will muster — or present themselves — at the Idaho National Guard Armory. They are scheduled to be in Fort Bliss, Texas, by June 10, Marsano said. "All this is important so the groundwork is laid so the rest of the brigade can be mobilized," he said. "So when they get to Fort Bliss they have everything they need." The next step before deployment. Please see IRAQ, Page A2

BRACING FOR AN OUTBREAK



Top, Scott Gamo, a wildlife biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, manages the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area. Part of his job is finding mosquito breeding areas on the property.

Agencies prepare for West Nile virus

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There were several people relaxing on the patio that warm summer evening, but it was the sweet scent of one man's cologne she found most attractive. More than 100 feet away, she zeroed in on her unsuspecting prey. The conversation blocked out the sound of her high-pitched whine, allowing for a stealth attack. She made a smooth landing on his bare arm, dotted with small beads of sweat from the moist air. Ever so shyly, she inserted her needle-like proboscis underneath his skin and injected a blood thinner to make her liquid meal easier for drinking. Finally, she began her blood feast.

All about mosquitoes' lives as well as West Nile virus precautions.

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which gave her the life-sustaining protein she needed to make her eggs.

Mosquitoes are not the most popular creatures, but they play an important part in the ecosystem. Mosquitoes are food for fish, bats, birds, spiders and other insects. Mosquitoes feed on nectar which helps pollinate the flowers.

But mosquitoes have been carriers of some particularly nasty, and ... Please see WEST NILE, Page A6

Taking aim at mosquitos

Fourteen Idaho communities have created mosquito abatement districts which allow a tax to be levied on property owners to pay for mosquito control.

"They provide structure, surveillance, monitoring and control," said Bob Hays, the Urban Pesticide Program coordinator for the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Mosquito abatement districts appoint boards which hire employees to operate the districts. Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman said there had been some discussion of creating a mosquito abatement district in Twin Falls County, but the idea was not well received. "I've talked to a couple of groups

about it, but again, that's another taxing district, and the people I talked to in Twin Falls County were not in favor of it at this time," Brockman said. "I think it's too bad, because I'd like to be proactive rather than reactive. We know West Nile virus is coming. We don't know when, and we'll have to deal with it when it gets here."

Creating a mosquito abatement district takes time. First, the county would have to circulate a petition, then hold hearings and an election, submit a budget, set a levy and collect the money. "If they started today with a petition, it would be almost two years before they'd have enough money in the bank to become functional," Hays said.



South Central District Health epidemiologist Wendell Lane demonstrates how this mosquito trap uses carbon dioxide from dry ice and light to attract the insects. They are then frozen and shipped to Boise for tests.

Jerome revises grant request

Seeks T.F. support

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

JEROME — In an effort to gain the support of folks south of the Snake River Canyon, Jerome leaders have made changes to a request for a \$2.7 million grant they say would help Magic Valley become a high-tech mecca.

One change bound to catch people's attention is that Jerome is hacking off a \$3 million water and sewer extension to the Crossroads Point area at the Interstate 84 (U.S. Highway 93 interchange). Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said Friday.

Initially the city had asked for grant dollars in order to develop road, sewer and water improvements to the Jerome Butte and Crossroads Point areas. The plan was to provide infrastructure to help support new high-tech jobs at the location, in addition to retail and restaurant jobs. Also, there were to be new hospital jobs.

But there was such an uproar from the Twin Falls side of the Snake River that Jerome leaders began a series of revisions — all in the name of pleasing Twin Falls, they say.

After all, it's the only way they can get the grant. If Twin Falls

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At Abu Ghraib, Army discipline disintegrated

The Associated Press

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq — A U.S. Army investigation into abuses at Abu Ghraib prison depicts the military police running the penitentiary as a motley lot, overwhelmed by one of the worst assignments in Iraq and bitter about the military's broken promises of going home.

When Pentagon investigators arrived at the prison west of Baghdad, they found fatigued Army Reservists tugging weapons while wearing civilian clothes. Also, command authority had been replaced by old friendships, said a report written by Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba.

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Antonio Taguba

7 days, 7 reasons to read

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A very nice Mother's Day for it will be warm, breezy and partly cloudy. Highs in the middle 70s... Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and breezy... Tomorrow: Cooler with increasing clouds and possible late showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with columns for Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and high/low temperatures: Today High 75, Low 45; Monday 65/42; Tuesday 58/38; Wednesday 54/35; Thursday 57/33.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities: Boise (High 79, Low 47), Idaho Falls (High 77, Low 46), Pocatello (High 74, Low 42), etc.

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Today: A very nice Mother's Day for it will be warm, breezy and partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to middle 70s... Tomorrow: Cooler with increasing clouds and possible late showers or thunderstorms. Highs low to mid 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today will still be mostly sunny, mild and very nice, but a Pacific storm will bring clouds, cooler temperatures and developing showers to the area by late Monday... Today High/Low: 63 to 69 / Tonight's Low to 22 to 32... Tomorrow High/Low: 75 to 80 / 45 to 60.

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

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases for May 11 (Last Old Moon), May 19 (First Old Moon), May 27 (Full Moon), and June 3 (New Moon).

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Twin Falls: Today (Moonrise: 1:49 AM, Moonset: 10:27 AM), Tomorrow (Moonrise: 2:26 AM, Moonset: 11:52 AM).

U.V. INDEX

U.V. INDEX section with a scale from 1 to 10 and a note: 'The higher the index the more sun protection needed.'

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional Forecast table listing cities like Boise, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and their respective high/low temperatures.

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National Forecast table listing cities like Denver, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and their respective high/low temperatures.

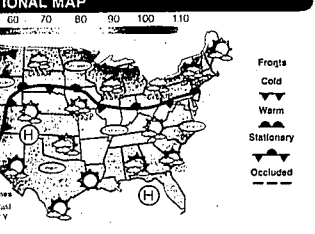
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World Forecast table listing international cities like London, Paris, Tokyo, Sydney, and their respective high/low temperatures.

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Canadian Forecast table listing cities like Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, and their respective high/low temperatures.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Iraq

Continued from A1. Among the first-round-to-be-called up is Pvt. Dahlquist's brother, Capt. Corey Dahlquist, of Twin Falls... 'I was identified as someone who should steady my job,' he said, 'so I was on the list.'

more comfortable that he's going to be there. We watch everyone grow in their careers and families (in the Guard),' he said... 'I was really proud and really supportive,' she said, 'and of course worry comes in your mind.'

Iraq via Texas

'While in Texas, soldiers will add to their skills and master ones they've been working on... Soldiers will train on theater-specific tasks until they become second nature, Dahlquist said.'

Grant

Continued from A1. 'The EDA (Economic Development Administration) people don't like it when anyone in the region can't get along,' said Carleen Herrington, the grant writer... 'It was billed as a regional plan,' he said.

What's in the latest grant request

Table listing grant projects and costs: Project, Cost. Items include Sewer line to Jerome Butte (\$350,000), Water, sewer and roads to batte (\$500,000), Fiber optic cable to College of Southern Idaho (\$608,000), etc.

Improving communication

On May 17, Rothweiler and other city leaders plan to explain their latest plans for the grant to the Twin Falls City Council... 'I think the main thing we have learned from all this is a need for better communication.'

Abuse

'We were stretched thin and (detainees) continued to assign us more missions far outside of our capabilities,' the unit commander, Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, told The Associated Press in an e-mail... 'The report lists Karpinski for giving the 320th, the brigade's most troubled unit, the formula-

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Bush: Abuse won't stop mission

WASHINGTON (AP) — The abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American military guards is "a stain on our country's honor and reputation" but will not deter America's mission to bring democracy to Iraq, President Bush pledged Saturday.

The president said the abuse and sexual humiliation of prisoners in Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison "was should not reflect on the thousands of U.S. military personnel who are serving and sacrificing in Iraq."

"Our mission in Iraq will continue," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

"We have no intention of leaving the nation at the mercy of thugs and murderers. We determined to help build a free and stable Iraq, a nation at peace with its neighbors and with the world," said Bush.

Bush, who earlier in the week

apologized for the abuse of the Iraqi prisoners, indicated that punishment arising from the prison incident will go beyond the seven members of the Army Reserve's 372nd Military Police Company already charged by the military.

"We will learn all the facts and determine the full extent of these abuses," said Bush. "Those involved will be identified. They will answer for their actions."

He said all prison operations in Iraq will be reviewed "to make certain that similar disgraceful incidents are never repeated."

In a separate broadcast, Democrats suggested that was not enough.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark, the former Democratic presidential candidate, suggested the prison abuses were yet another example of Bush's poor leadership.

"The president made mistake after mistake as commander in chief, taking us into a war we didn't have to wage, alone and under false pretenses, and is now managing it poorly," Clark said in the Democratic response to Bush's radio address.

He called for Bush "to change course... bring in our allies, give them a seat at the table and together create an international organization to provide economic and political assistance to the Iraqis... We must not bear so much of the burden."

As a symbolic gesture, said Clark, the notorious 280-acre Abu Ghraib prison should be dismantled.

It is Iraq's most visible symbol of brutality under Saddam Hussein

where his henchmen tortured and killed inmates opposed to the regime.

The stark penitentiary is perhaps Iraq's most visible symbol of brutality, sitting amid palm groves and farms just north of the main highway between Baghdad and Fallujah.

Bush reiterated the photographs of naked prisoners being humiliated by U.S. soldiers "do not reflect our values."

"They are a stain on our country's honor and reputation," said the president in his radio address.

Noting that more than 700 Americans have died in Iraq, Bush said, "The brave and honorable soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines who are serving and sacrificing in Iraq — not the few who have let us down — show the true character of America."

Three die after boat sinks

TIVERTON, R.I. (AP) — A small boat carrying six people home from a family outing capsized in Mount Hope Bay during the night, the Coast Guard reported. Three people died, and one was missing.

Officials said a change in the weather might have contributed to the accident.

One survivor was 14-year-old Christopher Duarte, who swam to shore and had a resident call authorities about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Christopher's father, Allen Duarte, 35, was rescued and hospitalized in critical condition, authorities said.

Police Chief Thomas Blakely said authorities were still searching for the boy's aunt, Kelleigh Ouellette, 24.

The dead were the boy's mother, Edwina Duarte, 34; a cousin, James Duarte, 23; and Ouellette's boyfriend, Richard Doehrer, 30. All the passengers were from Fall River, Mass.

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Two women symbolize war's glory, shame

FORT ASHBY, W.Va. (AP) — One came home to glory, honored with medals and a nation's warm embrace. One returned a symbol of the dark side — a growing scandal in a far-off war.

Ten months ago, Americans celebrated the return of former Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was feared dead, then rescued by U.S. special forces.

This past week, the nation shuddered at photos of Army Reserve Pfc. Lynndie England smiling and gesturing at naked, handcuffed Iraqi prisoners — deeply troubling images that led to a presidential apology.

Two 21-year-old women from tiny towns in the hills of West Virginia joined the Army, determined to see the world and follow their dreams.

Lynch inspired the country, her name a synonym for the fortitude and courage of America's troops. England is facing charges under military law, the photos an indelible reminder of the ruthlessness war can breed.

"We just very frankly," says retired Navy Capt. Lory Manning, who tracks military issues for the Women's Research and Education Institute, "These two young women wanted some education and ... to serve their country and they got caught up in the larger world."

"They're the ones who were on the pointy edges when all hell broke loose — in two different ways."



Pfc. Jessica Lynch waves to well-wishers with her brother Spc. Greg Lynch Jr. at her side, as she rides in a convertible down the main road during her homecoming parade in Elizabeth, W.Va., in this July 22 file photo.



Jessica Kilstetter, Army Reserve Pfc. Lynndie England's older sister, pauses during a news conference Friday in Fountain, W. Va.

part of everyday life, though both were hesitant about actual killing.

Each grew up in a tight-knit family, the middle of three children.

Both enjoyed rough-and-tumble play with their brothers and sisters and though Lynch developed a reputation for prissiness, England for feistiness.

Both saw serving their country as a stepping stone. Lynch, who entered the Army after high school, loves children and dreams of teaching kindergarten. England, who joined the Army Reserve after her junior year in high school against her parents' wishes, enjoys chasing storms and dreams of becoming

a meteorologist.

Their experiences in Iraq could not be more different.

Part of the U.S. march toward Baghdad in March 2003, Lynch's 507th Maintenance Company convoy was ambushed near the Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. Eleven soldiers died. Lynch was taken prisoner and assaulted.

She suffered spinal fractures, other broken bones and nerve damage and continues to struggle with her injuries, walking with a cane.

Her dramatic rescue on April 1, 2003, captured worldwide headlines and transformed the soft-spoken woman into an instant hero and sought-after

media celebrity.

Later reports that the dangers of the hospital raid had been embellished did little to tarnish Lynch's luster. Over the last year, she has been the subject of a book, a TV movie and numerous interviews, hobnobbed with Hollywood celebrities such as Ben Affleck and Leonardo DiCaprio and spoken at motivational seminars.

The world has learned much about the woman it first met in a grainy Pentagon video showing her rescue. But England remains a mystery — a grinning face in a sheaf of grotesque prison photos.

Family and friends describe her as direct and strong-willed, capable of enormous generosity — the paid a close friend's car insurance — but willing to buck expectations and act impetuously.

At age 19, she married a longtime friend. They divorced within two years.

England went to Iraq in May 2003 as part of the 372nd Military Police Company, charged with guarding Iraqis at Abu Ghraib, a prison near Baghdad known for its torture chambers during Saddam Hussein's reign of terror.

Former American hostage returns to Mississippi

COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) — Former hostage Thomas Hamill returned to American soil early Saturday, stepping off a private jet to see a banner proclaiming "Welcome Home TOMMY" and to hear family and friends cheering and clapping wildly.

Hamill, 44, and his wife, Kelle, landed just before 1 a.m. at a small airport about 30 miles from their home in Macon. They were met at the plane by about a dozen friends and neighbors; members of the media outnumbered the supporters 2 to 1.

A state highway patrol car whisked away the couple, who waved to the group. Several people chased the car down the street.

Hamill, whose plight cap-

tured the attention of the nation, escaped his Iraqi captors Sunday and has been treated for an arm injury at Landstul Regional Medical Center in Germany. He was wounded when his convoy was ambushed April 9.

When he arrived at his home, Hamill, wearing blue jeans and a red western-style shirt, raised his arm in the cast to a handful of television cameras and said something that couldn't be clearly heard.

Longtime friend Jesse Green, who rode in a patrol car behind the Hamills, spoke with reporters briefly before going inside. He described Hamill as "relieved" to be back in the United States.

Asked if Hamill fully under-

stood the community support shown during his captivity, Green said: "He'll be learning that in the next few days."

Waiting for Hamill inside were his 12-year-old daughter, Tori; his 14-year-old son, Thomas; and his mother, Phyllis Hamill, who lives with the family.

Hamill said earlier this week that he was particularly looking forward to quiet time with his children. As a result, Macon Mayor Dorothy Baker Hines said plans for a parade and other celebrations in his hometown were called off for now.

In an interview Friday, Phyllis Hamill said her son faces additional treatment for his arm.

"He's got to have a bone graft and skin graft — that's a priori-

ty," she said.

After meeting with his family, one of the first things Hamill will have to deal with are letters and calls offering him movie deals and all sorts of things," Phyllis Hamill said.

"I don't even think he'll consider that for a while," she said. "He says foremost is there are people still over there in the military and others that are still being held hostage and all. Next is his family, seeing his kids."

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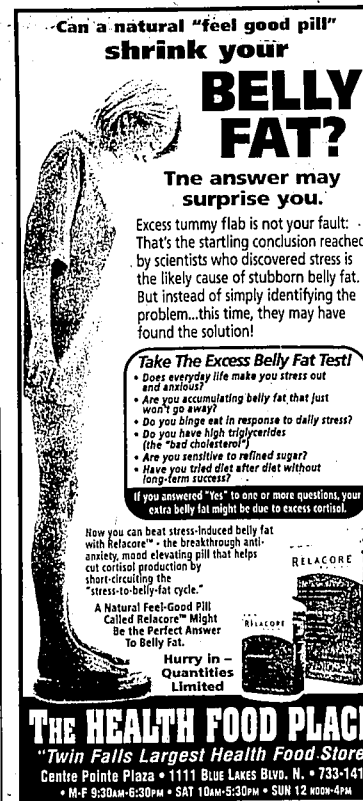
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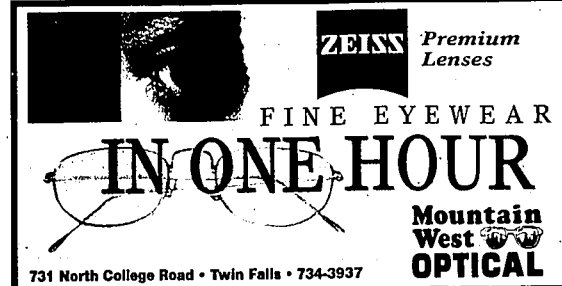
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IN CITY OF DEAF AND BLIND

Traffic signals speak, waitresses use sign language

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — For more than a decade, site salesman Robert Weaver volunteered to teach blind children how to bowl, wrestle and lift weights at the nearby school for the blind.

Then, approaching his 58, he added another skill — sign language — and organized chorale groups and taught Sunday school for deaf and blind students.

"I knew fewer people could communicate with the deaf than the blind," says Weaver, now 76. "I slowly found my niche."

That kind of accommodating attitude is becoming more common in this city of 15,000, which is the home of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind and where 1 in 15 residents do not hear or see.

The town square and a handful of streets have traffic signals that speak, telling blind pedestrians when it's safe to cross. Several churches offer services in sign language, and it's not unusual to find store and restaurant workers who sign.

Christa Camp, a waitress at Stampede Steakhouse and diner, has mastered signing foods to her customers.

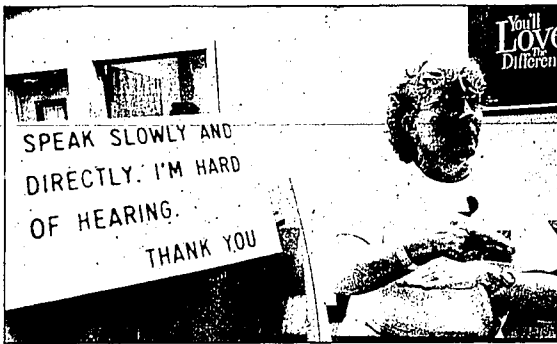
"It makes them a lot more comfortable," Camp, said. "They're in every business around here. They have to shop and eat just like we do."

Next in store for the Stampede: menus in Braille.

And thanks to college-prep and vocational programs at the state school, more employers are hiring students from the institute.

Beverly Stone, who graduated from AIDB's school for the deaf in 1974, said her education needed to attend a public college and get a job.

She has worked at the local First Citizens Bank for 26 years



Beverly Stone signs to a deaf customer at the First Citizens Bank in Talladega, Ala., April 30. Stone graduated from the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind in 1974, and said her education there gave her the confidence needed to attend a public four-year college and join Talladega's work force. She has worked at the local bank for 26 years and said she has noticed her co-workers and customers are trying harder to communicate with the deaf and hard of hearing.

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"All of them try to use sign language," she said, communicating during an interview through an interpreter. "At first I was very nervous with people, but after a while it was no problem."

William "Blain" Ransome Gordon Jr., case manager for the deaf and hard of hearing for AIDB, said people in Talladega have become much more willing to communicate with sign language than they were when he arrived 24 years ago.

"I think they realize sign language will become almost a universal language," he said. "Now they come up to us. They

know when we need help."

With the school's combined 410 students at its deaf and blind campuses, housing students ages 3 through 21, the community has grown accustomed to young deaf and blind people.

But Gordon said he worries about the world outside Talladega. He cited recent federal cuts in closed captioning for entertainment programs as an indication that people need to be more aware of disabilities.

"We don't need them to cut back on services for us," said Gordon, whose two children also are deaf. "With closed captioning, it's like going to Florida and finding the fountain of youth. It's like finding something you lost a long time ago."

Weaver recalls making dozens of visits to a hearing-impaired church, trying to pick up the intricacies of signing. Within a few years, he was organizing choral groups of deaf and blind children to sing and sign. He beams when he recalls the time his students sang for President Reagan at a National Prayer Breakfast.

He remembered blind students who could hear cheers at basketball games, but didn't know what the cheering was about until they were given a chance to experience sports by touch. Or how his deaf students could see churches and people praying, but couldn't grasp the concept of religion until it was explained to them through sign language.

States feel less pinch to budgets, services

The Washington Post

CARSON CITY, Nev. — One year ago, Kenny Guinn recalls, the state of Nevada was like a casino gambler digging into his life savings just to stay in the game. "We had built up \$136 million in a rainy-day fund," the white-haired Republican governor remembers with a grimace. "And things were so tight, we ended up using \$135 million of it to get our budget balanced."

But this spring, Nevada — along with many other states — has found a winning hand. A brace of newly enacted fees and taxes, coupled with the reviving economy, has put the budget firmly in the black for fiscal 2004.

"We're very ahead of our projections, and we'll be able to put back a lot of the millions we took from that fund," Guinn says.

A similar pattern is playing out across the country, two new surveys show, as state governments' tight budgets give way to more generous ones. "After three years during which state revenues proved exceedingly dismal, the picture is not only — but cautiously —

brighter at the end of fiscal 2004," noted a report last week from the National Association of State Budget Officers. The National Conference of State Legislatures has found that eight states have all major taxes performing higher than projections.

State governments report the strongest tax revenue and healthiest budgets, they have seen in the 21st century some states feel confident enough to launch new programs, but with unemployment still a serious concern in much of the country, and the cost of Medicaid — government-paid health care for the poor, which is partly funded by states — rising fast, most states are sticking with austerity plans, regardless of the better budget news this year.

In urging the Virginia General Assembly to approve one of the biggest tax increases in the state's history this year, Democratic Gov. Mark R. Warner often said that revenue would never match the government's growing obligations despite the improving economy.

So in Virginia and many other states, taxes will continue to go up next year.

Kerry pulls into tie with Bush on state-by-state race

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry are virtually tied in their race for state electoral votes as a crush of political problems has prevented either candidate from breaking open the contest.

Six months before Election Day, Bush controls or has an edge in 24 states that account for 205 electoral votes, 65 shy of the 270 needed to win the white-open race. The Democratic challenger has the advantage in 14 states plus the District of Columbia for 205 electoral votes.

In the dozen remaining states (128 electoral votes), the contest is either tied or there's no adequate polling, according to an Associated Press review of public and private surveys, as well as interviews with analysts in key states.

"The country is so polarized. The president has done nothing to sway Democrats and moderates to his point of view," said independent pollster Ed Surber of Michigan. "Kerry has to be pleased that it's still close, despite the fact that the president started out with such an advantage."

The electoral picture has changed little since Kerry secured the Democratic nomination two months ago.

While the Democrat appears to have made gains in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin — three "tossup" states with 37 electoral votes — Bush has countered with leads in West Virginia (5 votes) and Arizona (10 votes).

All five states are still in play and will likely remain fluid. In addition, one state considered solidly Democratic two months ago — New Jersey (15 votes) — appears to be closer than expected. Two states thought to be firmly GOP — Colorado (nine votes) and Louisiana (nine votes) — are in play because Kerry is airing ads there.

However, even most Republicans believe New Jersey is still a long shot for Bush, while many Democrats feel the same about the South for Kerry.

"I don't think a Massachusetts liberal is going to carry Louisiana," said Jim Duffy, a Democratic strategist from Washington.

An AP Ipsos poll suggests the race is tied nationally, with Bush's support at 46 percent, Kerry at 43 percent and independent Ralph Nader at 7 percent. Nader tilts the race toward Bush in at least a half dozen states, according to separate polling.

Barney Kessel, jazz guitarist, dies at 80

Los Angeles Times

Barney Kessel, the innovative and influential jazz guitarist known for his lyrical voice and harmonic improvisation, has died. He was 80.

Kessel, a pioneer of the electric guitar, died Thursday night in San Diego, where he had lived since 1989. The cause of death was a malignant brain tumor. He had been in poor health since 1992 when he had a stroke that effectively curtailed his nearly six-decade musical career.

"Barney was a wonderfully lyrical and melodic player and could also swing very hard," jazz critic Nat Hentoff told the Los Angeles Times on Friday. "He was a guy who could sit in and play with anybody. He had what jazz players call 'big ears,' meaning he had a great capacity to listen and to respond musically to what he was hearing."

Between 1947 and 1960, Kessel was rated the No. 1 guitarist in many of the music polls in Esquire, Downbeat and Playboy magazines. In the 1950s, he recorded several albums and performed with drummer Shelly Manne and bassist Ray Brown in a ground-

breaking piano-less trio. Kessel also appeared and recorded with Charlie Byrd and Herb Ellis as the "Great Guitars." A Times reviewer catching a 1982 concert by Kessel and Byrd — Ellis had the flu — wrote that it was "such a near-perfect performance of melodic, swaying jazz that a more appropriate appellation might be the 'Teacuply Guitars.'"

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Kerry calls for new commitment

Urges young people to enter public service

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — John Kerry on Saturday urged college graduates to commit to public service, saying their participation in the Peace Corps and other programs can overcome the damage to America's image from the prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq.

"America needs your generation to surprise those who underestimate the idealism and commitment of young people in the United States of America," the Democratic presidential candidate said in remarks prepared for delivery at Southern University's commencement.

"If there was ever a time when every young person in the most deprived countries, cities and villages of the world need to see idealistic Americans working to help them, it is now. We are engaged in a struggle to win the hearts and minds of people everywhere," he said at the historically black college.

The Massachusetts senator said the Peace Corps was "the most powerful symbol of non-military service in our history." Kerry acknowledged the reluctance of many young people today to enter public service, but said he was confident that can be overcome.

"I know that many of you may be skeptical, and I'm sure you will," said Kerry. "It's hard to find faith and answer the call of citizenship and service when you believe today's call to arms may be a tomorrow's broken promise." A spokesman for President Bush's campaign declined comment on Kerry's speech. The Bush campaign released a statement arguing that Bush has lived up to his pledge to increase funds by 30 percent for historically black colleges and



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., greets supporters as he leaves his hotel, Saturday, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

that educators have praised the president for his efforts.

Kerry said the prison abuses in Iraq "have done enormous damage to our country. They've hurt us in our objectives in Iraq, and empowered those who find fault with America."

Young people, Kerry said, can make a difference. "It requires us to work even harder to present who we really are and if you choose to, you can help do that," Kerry said.

Kerry made the case for a new focus on the Peace Corps, noting there are only 6,700 volunteers around the world, much fewer than in the 1960s. "Because of the day-to-day focus on just making ends

meet, because of a culture that too often puts self over community, too many people have lost sight of a basic truth about America. The fact is, our greatest strength, our greatest responsibility, and our greatest need today," Kerry said, are service and citizenship.

Kerry said he rejects suggestions that young people have become cynical about politics. He said many college students get involved in community projects and other volunteer activities, even while they spurn traditional political activism.

He says he can tap into that energy and bring them into the voting booth, and his campaign has focused on college campuses.

"America needs you on the front lines," Kerry said. "The fact is this kind of service will not only change every American's heart. It will change the way America works."

The Democrat said a generation of idealistic young people working in developing countries is a long-term solution to repairing the country's image.

"We need once again for young Americans to serve in all the places where we can make a difference — from the Middle East to African nations ravaged by AIDS," said Kerry. Kerry spent Saturday morning privately with supporters before delivering the commencement speech.

Will war help or hurt Bush?

The verdict is still out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wars can help presidents get re-elected — or drive them from office. World War II helped President Franklin D. Roosevelt an unprecedented fourth term in 1944. A deteriorating Korean War compelled Harry Truman not to seek re-election in 1952. An increasingly unpopular Vietnam War did the same for Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

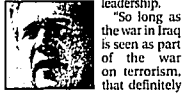
Pundits say the jury is out on how President Bush's war — both in Iraq and the broader one against global terrorism — will play out politically in November. It depends on what happens on the ground between now and the election, most agree.

But history may offer some guidance. "We're seeing a volatile war situation which could either make or break this president, depending not on what he says but what actually happens in the war," said Allan J. Lichtman, a history professor at American University. "And everything is relevant, including these revelations of prison abuse."

The international outcry over the mistreatment and humiliation of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. forces drew a rare apology last week from Bush as he stood alongside the king of Jordan in the White House Rose Garden. Lichtman draws a parallel with the summer of 1864, the Civil War was not going well for the war-weary North. President Abraham Lincoln, under heavy political criticism, feared he would lose his bid for re-election. It took battlefield victories in the fall to turn things around

for Lincoln, Lichtman said. Bush has made his performance as a wartime president a main campaign theme. But six months before Election Day, Americans are expressing doubts about his Iraq policy. His approval ratings are slumping as violence in Iraq escalates and the prison abuse scandal is playing out.

Polls show that Bush continues to hold an advantage, though declining over Democratic rival John Kerry on foreign policy and terrorism-related leadership.



President Bush helps Bush, said pollster Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center in Washington.

National security crises can rally the public around a president.

Bush's approval ratings soared after the Sept. 11 attacks and got a smaller boost after the Iraq war began in March 2003.

Public sympathy, however, has its limits. Memories, too, can be short: Humiliation at Iraq's prolonged holding of U.S. hostages contributed to Jimmy Carter's defeat in 1980. While wars can drive up public approval ratings, such support has evaporated once the fighting has ended, as Bush's father found out. The elder Bush's surge in popularity from the 1991 Gulf War disappeared when the public lost confidence in the way he handled the slumping economy.

Battle over Medicare cards rages

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Medicare discount drug cards clear benefit for low-income seniors is being drowned out in the partisan political tussle about their value, advocates for the elderly say.

Republicans say the prescriptions will help bring down prescription costs and Democrats say they are practically worthless.

James Finn, president of the National Council on Aging, makes no attempt to conceal his frustration when he says, "Clearly things are confusing, and the politics is making it more confusing. The truth is somewhere in the middle."

Enrollment for the cards began last week, although Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and other officials suggested Medicare beneficiaries window-shop for a couple of weeks

before choosing a card.

The cards can be used starting in June. The Medicare Web site is providing price comparisons among the 40 national and 33 regional cards and telling people where the cards can be used. The same information is available from operators at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

The cards were conceived initially as a modest bridge to the prescription drug insurance that will be offered under Medicare beginning in 2006. They have taken on outsized importance, however, because they are the first widely available tangible benefit of last year's Medicare overhaul, which was bitterly contested and narrowly won approval in the Republican-controlled Congress.

Republicans were eager to take

credit for the new law, predicting it would neutralize Democrats' historical advantage among older voters. Those plans have been scuttled by a steady stream of accusations by Democrats about ethical improprieties in drafting, passing and promoting the law. At least three investigations are underway.

Now GOP lawmakers and the Bush administration are promising more than the cards probably will deliver, Finn said. Many advocates believe the card benefits will be small for people who don't qualify for government aid.

Thompson and other Republicans are telling audiences around the country that not only will the savings be real, but the online price comparisons will pressure pharmaceutical companies "to bring prices down for everyone."

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West Nile

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sometimes deadly diseases — malaria, yellow fever, encephalitis, dengue and more recently in the news, West Nile virus. Mosquitoes don't get those diseases themselves; they merely transport them. They bite the infected animal or person and transfer the bacteria, parasites or virus to the victim of their next blood feast.

West Nile virus, which attacks the central nervous system, has long been found in Africa, Eastern Europe, West Asia and the Middle East. But it's still relatively new in the United States. Scientists found the first case in 1999 in New York City. Soon, the numbers grew. There were more than 9,800 cases in the United States in 2003, more than double the previous year's 4,156, according to the Centers for Disease Control. There were 262 deaths in 2003, down from 284 in 2002.

The first case of human West Nile virus acquired within Idaho's borders was reported in November 2003. The man, in his 40s, caught the virus not from a mosquito, but from handling infected baby alligators at Fish Breeders of Idaho near Buhl. The alligators — 1,000 in all — had been imported from Florida and became ill almost immediately, according to South Central District Health. Hundreds of the alligators died, and the rest had to be euthanized. The man only suffered mild symptoms and completely recovered.

But now that West Nile has arrived, it will always be part of the ecosystem, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The birds

Up until now, Idaho, with just one case of West Nile contracted within its borders, has been luckier than most states. But that luck is expected to run out this year.

"We assume it's coming this way," said Scott Gans, wildlife biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "It's made a sway farther west. We're expecting it has a higher potential of showing up this year."

The birds are arriving. West Nile is a viral disease that infected birds have steadily zigzagged across their north and south migrations across the United States toward Idaho.

"In all honesty, we do expect to see it," said Wendy Lane, an epidemiologist with South Central District Health. "It's already in California, so it's made its way coast to coast."

Since West Nile was first discovered in 1937, more than 150 bird species have been diagnosed with the virus. Crows, ravens, magpies, jays and some raptors seem most susceptible, according to Fish and Game.

Fish and Game, the Idaho Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare say they have been working closely to monitor the situation, collecting dead birds and testing them for the virus.

Mosquitoes pick up the virus from drinking the blood of infected birds. Mosquitoes then transport the virus to their human and animal victims.

A large number of dead birds could be the first signal that West Nile has arrived. South Central District Health wants anyone who comes across a large num-

West Nile Q&A

• What is West Nile virus?
It's a potentially serious illness. Experts believe West Nile virus is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall.

• What are the symptoms?
West Nile virus affects the central nervous system, and symptoms vary. About 80 percent of people who are infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms at all. Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display mild symptoms, including fever, headache and body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms typically last a few days.

• There are serious symptoms in a few people. About one in 150 people who are infected with West Nile virus will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

• How does it spread?
Generally, West Nile virus is spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are carriers that become infected when

they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread West Nile virus to humans and other animals when they bite.

• In a small number of cases, West Nile virus also has been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding and even during pregnancy from mother to baby.

• West Nile virus is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing a person with the virus.

• How soon do infected people get sick?
People typically develop symptoms between three and 14 days after they are bitten by an infected mosquito.

• How is West Nile virus infection treated?
There is no specific treatment for West Nile virus infection. In mild cases, people experience symptoms such as fever and aches that pass on their own. In more severe cases, people usually need to go to the hospital where they can receive supportive treatment including intravenous fluids, help with breathing and nursing care.

• How does it spread?
If you develop symptoms of severe West Nile virus illness, such as unusually severe headaches or confusion, seek medical attention immediately. Severe West Nile virus illness usually requires hospitalization.

Prevention measures

The easiest and best way to avoid West Nile virus is to prevent mosquito bites:

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Follow the directions on the package.
- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Consider staying indoors during those times, or use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants. Light-colored clothing can help you see mosquitoes that land on you.
- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes, and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill drainage holes in the swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.
- If you find a dead bird, don't handle the body with your bare hands. Contact your local health department for instructions on reporting and disposing of the body.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

Mosquitoes live short, busy lives

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Spanish called them "musketas," which means "little fly," and the native Hispanic Americans called them "zancudos," which means "long-legged." They've since come to be known as "mosquitoes."

They spend most of their short lives in water. Female mosquitoes lay their eggs in water, often in rafts of 200 or 300 at a time. A female mosquito can lay a raft of eggs every third night of her lifespan, according to the Public Health Entomology Research and Education Center.

It takes about two days for the eggs to hatch into larvae, which hang upside-down from the surface of the water where they feed on microorganisms and organic matter. Meanwhile, fish feed on them. Larvae that don't get eaten enter the pupal stage, a resting, non-feeding stage of development. When development is complete, the pupal skin opens and the adult mosquito emerges.

But she's not ready to take flight just yet. First, she has to rest on the surface of the water

and allow herself to dry and her body to harden.

The entire development process has taken between one to two weeks. Now, dried off and ready to fly, the female mosquito sets out for her first blood feast while the smaller male mosquito will venture out to feed on the nectar of flowers.



Photo courtesy of Centers for Disease Control

From the top, a culox mosquito lays a raft of eggs; culax larvae hang upside-down from the water's surface; a culox mosquito feasts on blood from a human finger.

She prefers to hunt at dawn and dusk. She's not the best flier, but she can get up to speeds of 1.5 miles per hour. The thousands of hairs on her antennae can sense

nearby lactic acid, carbon dioxide, body heat and movement from more than 100 feet away. When it comes to humans, she is a finicky diner, preferring some people over others. She is particularly fond of itchy hairsprays and

certain brands of perfume and cologne and even detergents. If mosquitoes escape the bats, birds, frogs, spiders and other insects that would like to dine on them, the male can expect to live less than a week while the female can live up to several weeks, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

No need to panic

Though people can die from West Nile virus, 780 percent of people who get West Nile won't even know they have it," Lane said.

The other 20 percent of the people who become infected will display mild symptoms, including fever, headache and body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Symptoms typically last a few days.

However, about one in 150 people infected with West Nile virus will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss,

numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent. And some people will die.

Colorado led the nation last year in the number of human cases of West Nile virus reported to the CDC. Out of 2,947 cases reported, 2,326 came down with a fever and 621 suffered from neuroinvasive disease. There were 61 deaths.

Lane said people who need to be extra careful are those over 60 and those with compromised immune systems.

Meanwhile, South Central District Health is busy educating people about the virus and making sure medical providers have the information they need.

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ber of dead birds to contact them. Any kind of birds.

"If we start to see a huge die-off of pelicans, we want to hear about it," Lane said.

Mosquito patrol

Here in the Magic Valley, mosquitoes are under close watch.

"We have some potential areas mapped and identified at Hagerman, Billingsley Creek and Niagara Springs," Gans said.

Wildlife management area managers, fish hatchery workers and other state agencies, including the Ag Department, Health and Welfare and Idaho State Parks and Recreation are working to control and prepare for West Nile virus.

Where there is slow-moving or stagnant water, there are usually mosquitoes.

Hatchery and wildlife area managers are regularly checking rain gutters, outdoor garbage containers, old tires and other areas for standing water.

"We'll push to create more wetlands bring more mosquito problems," said Bob Hays, the Urban Pesticide Program coordinator for the Ag Department.

Hays said wetlands are not a problem, because where you have water more than a foot deep, you have a balanced ecology.

"You'll see birds, fish, frogs, tadpoles, dragonflies," Hays said. "It's a balanced ecology that feeds on itself. Those usually aren't the problem areas. They're not high on my list. I'm looking at storm water drains, water troughs and irrigation behaviors."

Meanwhile, South Central District Health has started trapping mosquitoes. The agency recently sent off the first traps of mosquitoes from the Hagerman Valley to the Idaho State Depart-

ment of Labs which will test them for West Nile. Starting May 7, they'll begin setting more traps in Twin Falls, Blaine, Minidoka, Cassia and Gooding counties, Lane said.

Mosquitoes hunt within a seven- to 10-mile radius, so that's how large each trapping area is, Lane said. The carbon dioxide traps attract and trap the unwitting mosquitoes.

"Basically it's just dry ice and light which are attractants to mosquitoes," Lane said.

South Central District Health also set up traps at Fish Breeders of Idaho, where the infected alligators were discovered. There has been no sign of the virus since the alligators were euthanized and the area sterilized.

Owner Leo Ray is working closely with South Central District Health to continue to monitor the situation. Meanwhile, Ray said he won't order any new alligators until there's some testing process in place.

"We aren't bringing any more out until we know they don't have it," Ray said.

Out of more than 2,700 species of mosquitoes in the world, relatively few "carry

human pathogens. There are three species of mosquitoes known to carry West Nile — the aedes vexans, culax pipiens and the culax tarsalis.

Should there come a need to control the mosquito population, Fish and Game would probably turn to a bacteria called *Bt*. Bt pellets added to water will kill mosquito larvae without harming other beneficial insects and animals.

But Fish and Game doesn't plan to set out and destroy all mosquito larvae.

"Larvae are especially good because they provide food for fish," Gans said. "More importantly in Hagerman, mosquitoes provide food for ducklings which need the high protein content."

And when it comes to controlling the number of flying mosquitoes, the bats in the canyon should provide some assistance. Some bats can consume up to 600 mosquitoes an hour.

"Bats are very beneficial," Gans said. "They kind of get a bad rap, but they scarf them down at night. They're going to be our little buddies."

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Journalists cover events during Arab foreign ministers' gathering Saturday at the Calro, Egypt, headquarters of the Arab League to try to resurrect a summit of their leaders. The task is complicated by a more volatile regional environment than when the annual summit collapsed in late March.

Many Arabs express their anger at U.S.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — When U.S. ambassador David Welch took the Egyptian media to task for "proposing crazy conspiracy theories, or attacking the United States in very hostile terms," Egypt's Journalists Syndicate responded by urging a boycott.

That was months before the Iraq prisoner-abuse scandal emerged, but the angry and unyielding reaction to Welch's complaint showed how hostile Arab opinion already was to America.

Even before America's anti-Iraq, its Middle East policies — particularly its support of Israel — were viewed as anti-Arab.

Its reaction to the Sept. 11 attacks was portrayed as anti-Muslim. And now Arabs are saying the prisoner-abuse scandal shows the United States is both.

President Bush, who took the extraordinary step of trying to appeal directly to Arabs with appearances Wednesday on two Arabic television stations, acknowledged that the prisoner abuse makes it harder to get the U.S. message across to Arabs.

"I think people in the Middle East who want to dislike America will use this as an excuse to remind people about their dislike," the president told the Al-Arabiya network.

Bush also acknowledged to an Egyptian newspaper that "times are tough" for the United States and the Middle East and again repeatedly apologized for U.S. soldiers' conduct in Iraq, according to an interview published Friday.

Egyptian political scientist Gehad Auda said the dislike is coupled with, and perhaps compounded by, ignorance of American ways. Arabs who

heard Bush, for example, were likely frustrated by his refusal to condemn the soldiers involved until the investigation was complete.

"Because Arabs are not bred in a democracy, they don't understand the whole idea of an investigation, they don't understand due process," Auda said.

Auda noted as have other Arab commentators — that few of the newspapers and TV stations now in uproar raised their voices when Saddam Hussein was hurting Iraqis. Even as they excoriated America's behavior in Iraq, Arab media were much less

intention to accusations from the United Nations and human rights groups that an Arab government, that of Sudan, is committing atrocities against its own people.

While many Arab governments are quietly sharing intelligence with Washington, few are openly allying with its war on terror for fear of angering their anti-American publics. Arab support for America's nation-building effort in Iraq is even thinner.

Embassy spokesman Philip Frayne said despite the boycott call, the ambassador is still interviewed by Egyptian media. But the rhetoric hasn't changed.

"The issue isn't really whether we can get out our messages, the issue is whether they aren't overwhelmed by far more numerous negative criticism," Frayne said.

Folks, "he shown that the U.S. government enjoys little credibility in much of the Arab world," Frayne said, attributing much of that to the perception of a U.S. pro-Israel bias.

Teenager admits creating 'Sasser' worm

HANOVER, Germany (AP) — A German high-school student has confessed to creating the "Sasser" worm that generated chaos across the globe by infecting hundreds of thousands of computers, authorities said Saturday.

The teenager, whose name was not released, was arrested Friday in the northern village

of Waffensen, where he lives with his family. Investigators in nearby Hanover said they were put on his trail by a tip earlier Friday from Microsoft Corp.

It added that "as a result of the student's detailed testimony about the viruses he spread, he has been identified clearly as the author."

The worm raced around the world over the last week, exploiting a flaw in Microsoft's Windows operating system.

The teenager is being investigated on suspicion of computer sabotage, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison, said Detlef Ehrke, a spokesman for the state criminal office.

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Marine dies, another injured

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — One U.S. Marine was killed and another injured in an overnight attack on a patrol in southern Afghanistan, the military said Saturday, in the Marines' first loss to hostile fire in Afghanistan.

The soldiers were fired on by militants south of Tirin Kot, about 250 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul, in Uruzgan province, said military spokesman Lt. Col. Tucker Mansager.

Spokeswoman Capt. Cindy Bean said the soldiers were attacked during a patrol through Uruzgan and Kandahar provinces.

She gave no further details of the clash, but said the injured Marine underwent surgery at the U.S. military base near Kandahar city for "multiple gunshot wounds to the lower extremities."

A 2,000-strong Marine force was recently deployed in Uruzgan to bolster the fight against resurgent Taliban-led militants. It was unclear if the two were part of that force. Marines are also operating in eastern Kunar province and guard facilities including the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

The troops from the special operations-capable 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, began arriving in Afghanistan in late March and have set up a new base near Tirin Kot, the Uruzgan provincial capital.

Mansager said the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan had swelled to 20,000 — up from about 11,000 late last year.

Part of the increase was down to "overlap" during a routine rotation of units, he said, but declined to say how many would remain once the switch is complete.

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Navy hospital sees wounded again

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Cpl. Laura Langdeau grimaces when a nurse starts a suction machine attached to the gaping shrapnel wound on her left arm.

"It hurts," she says, her tough Marine demeanor cracking for a moment. "It hurts a lot."

For the past month, wounded Marines like 23-year-old Langdeau have been arriving in a steady stream at the National Naval Medical Center, so many they take up a whole wing on the fifth floor.

The hospital had a long lull after most Marine Corps units left Iraq soon after the U.S. military gained control of the country a year ago. But with the troop rotation this spring, the Marines are back and suffering casualties.

Marines arrive at the hospital daily, sometimes as many as 18 at once and usually in the middle of the night. Two trauma

surgeons perform up to 10 operations apiece daily.

"We are getting about as many people" as during the first months in Iraq, said one of the trauma surgeons, Cmdr. James Dunne. "The trouble is, it is more steady. There is no end in sight."

The hospital is usually notified that more wounded are on the way, giving it time to clear out beds and have enough staff on duty, but the staff always knows how busy they will be by keeping up with the news.

"Everyone has their eyes and ears trained to what is going on out there," said Capt. Raquel Bono, the doctor who oversees treatment of the Marines.

The hospital just outside Washington has seen about 100 patients who were wounded just during April. In all of last year, the usual hospital treated roughly 560 patients from Iraq

and Afghanistan.

In peacetime, it provides routine medical care for veterans and military personnel living in the area. The president and members of Congress are also frequently treated there.

In the past year, however, the hospital also has been an important way station for wounded troops on their way home.

Flights arrive at nearby An-

draws Air Force Base, carrying wounded Marines and soldiers from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. The soldiers are taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Most arrive only two or three days after they are injured, following quick operations to pluck out shrapnel and bullets, patch broken bones, even remove shattered limbs.

Spec. Jessica Ellington, 21, holds her 2-year-old daughter Brianna in her arms April 22, in Evansville, Ind., before her Indiana National Guard unit, Detachment 1, Company A, 113th Support Battalion, 76th Brigade got their orders to report to Camp Atterbury, a mobilization station 30 miles outside Indianapolis, Ind.

Homefront tugs at mother soldiers

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Spec. Jessica Ellington, who will soon deploy to Iraq for up to 18 months, has tried to prepare her 2-year-old daughter, Brianna, for her impending absence.

"I told her that Mommy's going bye-bye for a long time," Ellington said. "Being gone a day is a long time for her, so she really doesn't understand."

To ease the transition, Ellington recorded her voice in a stuffed animal for Brianna to listen to at night.

Ellington, 21, has plenty of company as she juggles her dual roles as soldier and mother. Nearly 70 percent of the 60 soldiers in her Indiana National Guard detachment are women, reflecting a trend that has seen the number of women at war rise more than 700 percent since Vietnam.

Like Ellington, many are parents struggling with leaving their children behind.

Retired Navy Capt. Lory Manning, who tracks military issues for the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington, says it's difficult for any parent to leave a child to go to war.

"You worry whoever is taking care of your child is doing well. You miss them every morning and night and day," Manning said.

But many soldiers say the guilt tends to weigh more heavily on women.

Daddies go all the time. I understand there's a difference between a mother's role and a daddy's role, but people don't get heartbroken over daddies leaving, and that's important to a child's development too," said Ellington, a nursing student who joined the National Guard at 17.

More than 60,000 women have been deployed overseas in support of the war in Iraq since December 2002. During the Vietnam War, about 7,000 women served, most as nurses.

Since the Pentagon relaxed enlistment restrictions in 1994, women have taken on additional roles in medical, supply and other specialty units, Manning said.

Ellington's unit, Detachment 1, Company A, 113th Support Battalion, 76th Brigade, was formed two years ago specifically to provide an option for southern Indiana women interested in joining the National Guard. Previously, the area only offered infantry units open only to men.

The 113th has reported to

Camp Atterbury, a mobilization station 30 miles south of Indianapolis. The soldiers know Iraq, where 18 female soldiers have died, is a likely destination.

With departure looming, Spec. Faith Whitney, 27, takes comfort knowing she isn't the only parent in her unit going to Iraq. Still, it isn't easy.

Her husband, Marine Lance Cpl. James Whitney, spent eight months in Iraq last year and will return this summer. Their four children, all under the age of 6, are struggling to understand why their mother must go, too.

"My oldest asked me, 'Daddy killed all the bad guys, so why does Mommy have to go?'" Whitney said.

Whitney's children will stay with their grandparents while both parents are gone. Ellington's daughter also will live with a grandparent during the unit's absence.

Ellington hopes her tour of duty sends her daughter a message.

"Hopefully, what I do will set an example for her and her future that she can do whatever she wants to do if she sets her mind to it," Ellington said.

"Hopefully, she'll understand," Spec. Sherrie Foltz, 27, who has two children ages 7 and 8, said she is trying to say focused on the mission ahead.

"We all know what we have to do," Foltz said. "A female, make it do. Doesn't matter — we're all in here to do the same job."

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Casablanca gets a Rick's Cafe after many years



Rick's Cafe's pianist Issam plays Friday in Casablanca, Morocco, in homage to the 1942 movie 'Casablanca,' a former U.S. diplomat spent two years of work and a million dollars in investments to bring Rick's Cafe to Morocco's largest city.

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP) — There's a new gin joint in town, and now everybody comes to Rick's.

In homage to the movie "Casablanca," a former U.S. diplomat has opened a Rick's Cafe in this bustling port city. But you won't find Sam at the keyboard — these days, the pianist's name is Issam.

The elegant nightclub where Humphrey Bogart's character Rick pinned for Ingrid Bergman's Ilsa was just a set on a Warner Bros. sound stage in California.

The new Rick's has the same warm atmosphere as the Hollywood original. It's a white villa near the port, with palm trees flanking the door. Inside are arched passageways and traditional hanging lamps of colored glass.

And there's not a single photo of Bogart on the walls.

"Rick's Cafe is no longer just a film. It's not a museum. It's a reality," said founder Kathy Kriger, sipping a glass of Moroccan cabernet. Nearby, waiters in traditional fez caps and wide-legged pants serve customers at candlelit tables.

The elegant restaurant, which debuted in March, is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. A typical meal costs around \$30.

Pianist Issam Chabaa, who is from the capital, Rabat, plays songs from the '40s and '50s. On Sunday nights, Kriger serves popcorn and chili con carne and screens Casablanca.

Kriger, 57, says she watched the classic film hundreds of times to study the atmosphere, lighting and lines.

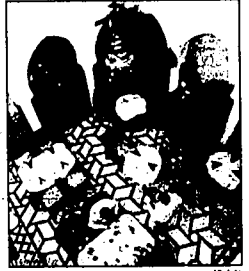
"I'm surprised my tape didn't wear out," she said.

Kriger left her job as a commercial attache at the U.S. consulate in Casablanca when she was supposed to transfer to Tokyo in 2002. She'd become too attached to her new home.

She scouted for locations and decided to open the restaurant in Casablanca's medina, a bustling labyrinth of narrow streets and shops. It took months to get the various authorizations, including a liquor license — no small task in this mostly Muslim nation.

Kriger said she wanted to promote American-Moroccan dialogue in the North African kingdom, which stretches from the Mediterranean to the Sahara.

"After Sept. 11, I realized that maybe cer-



A Rick's Cafe's employee brings a plate Friday in Casablanca, Morocco.

tain authentic American values were no longer understood in the Muslim world," Kriger said. "I wanted to show how Americans can be: open, determined and persevering."

Many Moroccans have become deeply resentful of U.S. policies, especially after the war in Iraq.

The Moroccan government, however, is one of the Muslim world's closest U.S. allies, and Washington has routinely praised Morocco for its democratic changes under King Mohammed VI, who took the throne after the death of his father, King Hassan II, in 1999.

It also is barding an extremist movement at home. Last May, suicide bombings in Casablanca killed 33 bystanders and a dozen bombers. Most of the suspects charged in the March 11 train bombings that killed 191 people in Madrid, Spain, were Moroccans. Kriger, a native of Portland, Ore., says she hopes to show a positive image of Americans by doing business in Morocco. And she hopes that Rick's will prove Morocco is ripe for investment and open to female entrepreneurs.

"Because there has never been a Rick's Cafe here, I could be reasonably assured that it would succeed," she said. "It was already an institution, and it never even existed. It's not often you get a chance to turn myth into reality."

Candidate gains power in Haiti

Los Angeles Times

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The most popular man in Haiti is a 36-year-old fugitive whose band of thugs drove the elected president into exile, torched public offices, emptied the nation's jails of all 4,000 prisoners and left 300 people dead.

It is testimony to Haiti's historically troubled search for heroes that rebel leader Guy Philippe has emerged at the forefront of the political power brokering under way since President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled the rebels' deadly onslaught two months ago.

The rebels are supported by 80 percent of the population, insisted Philippe, a slight, boyish figure who returned from Dominican exile in the camouflage uniform of the disbanded Haitian army but now holds court in polo shirts and jeans.

"Ask any person on the street who they want to see in charge. They all say the rebels. People love us," he said.

With the bravado that many Haitians still find attractive, Philippe dismisses criticism of his force's actions in the February uprising.

"The international community has to decide whether it wants to protect a corrupted president or the Haitian people," he said. "Democracy is more than a five-year term. The international community didn't say anything when Aristide was killing people. They didn't say anything when he stole the country's money."

Interim Justice Minister Bernard Gousse confirmed in an interview that central bank authorities have evidence of massive misappropriation in double-digit millions so far, which is likely to prove more extensive as an investigation continues.

As to his own ambitions, Philippe says he has no interest in seeking political office "for now," observing that his hero status would be awkward for other presidential hopefuls because he would outshine them.

"I could have taken power. I had people with weapons and the national police with me," he said of the frenzied jubilation that swept the capital after Aristide's departure. "We were not fighting for power. We were fighting for better living conditions. Power will never corrupt me."

Philippe, bestowed with more vanity than vision, acknowledges that he might prove a disappointment as the country's leader.

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British beat back Shiite gunmen Iraqi judges find veteran counsel

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — British soldiers beat back attacks by militiamen loyal to a radical Shiite cleric in southern cities Saturday, and U.S. forces stormed Muqtada al-Sadr's stronghold in Baghdad.

Al-Sadr's militia launched attacks in Basra and Amarah in an apparent attempt to open up new fronts after another cleric called for a jihad, or holy war, against British troops and promised rewards for the capture of coalition soldiers.

Sheik Abdul-Sattar al-Bahadli, al-Sadr's main representative in Basra, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, fired up worshippers during Friday prayers with denunciations of U.S. abuse of prisoners and alleged rapes of Iraqi women.

Coalition forces responded to the violence with moves against officials in al-Sadr's movement, arresting his main representative in the southern city of Nasiriyah, Sheik Moayad al-Asadi.

U.S. troops backed by armored vehicles and helicopters also stormed al-Sadr's office in Baghdad's Shiite district of Sadr City, a militia stronghold, and detained three people, witnesses said.

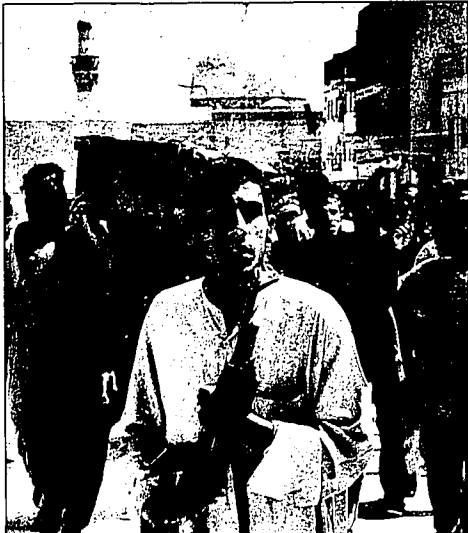
The new U.S. commander of Abu Ghraib — the prison near Baghdad at the center of the abuse scandal — blamed the mistreatment of detainees on the previous leadership and vowed "an eye for an eye" that it would not happen again.

"The alleged abuses ... appear to be due to leaders and soldiers not following the authorized policy and lack of leadership and supervision," Maj. Gen. George Miller told journalists in Baghdad. "We will ensure that we follow our procedures. ... It is a matter of honor."

A U.S. military convoy was attacked on the main highway Saturday near Abu Ghraib, destroying an SUV that burst into flames. After the attack, children cheered around the burning car, shouting "Long live al-Sadr," until U.S. troops opened fire nearby.

Witnesses said four Westerners were in the car, but no casualties were confirmed.

American troops have been stepping up their crackdown on



An armed member of Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi army leads the funeral procession of Iraqi Alim Karim, 25, in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, Saturday. Karim was killed when al-Sadr's Mahdi army clashed with British coalition forces in the southern town of Basra.

al-Sadr in the southern holy cities where his militia hold sway — Najaf, the birthplace of the prophet Muhammad. Intensifying skirmishes in the region have killed dozens in the past week, including 23 on Friday.

U.S. troops backed by tanks entered Karbala from two directions on Saturday, blocking roads leading to the sacred Imam Hussein Shrine at the city center. Troops fired fire with al-Sadr gunmen, and two armored vehicles were in flames.

The uprising in Basra on Saturday was the strongest since Najaf, with hundreds of black-garbed and masked fighters attacking the streets and attacking passing British patrols. At least two Iraqis were killed and four British soldiers wounded, a U.S. military spokesman said.

British troops repelled an attack on the governor's building and armored vehicles, pursued

large numbers of gunmen into Basra's impoverished Hanayya neighborhood. Unable to enter the district's small alleys, the Britons fired fire with militiamen trudging from behind buildings.

British troops in some 50 vehicles surrounded al-Sadr's headquarters in an hours-long standoff with militiamen inside. A fierce gunbattle broke out in the front of the Iraqi Central Bank, and gunmen seized a key bridge on the main route from the city to points south.

The British Ministry of Defense said troops and Iraqi police quelled the uprising and the situation was "under control" by afternoon.

Fighting in Amarah, 100 miles north of Basra, began when gunmen attacked a military convoy, wounding two British soldiers. Militiamen and British troops exchanged fire across the city, as helicopters hovered.

By Christine Spolar
Chicago Tribune

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Zahair al-Malky read all that he could about the new and unfamiliar constitutional landscape of Iraq. The young Iraqi judge mulled over the concepts of separation of powers, federalism and the role of the judiciary in free societies but, still, he allowed that he felt a bit wobbly about how to interpret those ideals.

So last week U.S. officials invited him to a nurturing democratic impulses in Iraq ferried al-Malky and more than two dozen other Iraqi lawyers and judges to this hub of international law for counsel from a few unlikely tutors: U.S. Justices Anthony Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor.

"They talked about their experiences with the law and the mechanisms for law," al-Malky, a 38-year-old investigative judge, said after a day of meetings with the justices. "You know, we've read these things in books. We tried to stay in touch despite 35 years of Saddam. But today, we could see and talk to people who live the law. It's not just cold words."

Far from the unsettled cities of Baghdad, Basra, Mosul and Irbil, Iraqi judges were sent to the Hague for a two-day seminar to discuss the law. They are waging a psychological war, said Sheikh Qais al-Khazali, senior al-Sadr spokesman in Najaf. "They are trying to turn it into a prolonged war, a war of attrition."

Justice and the International Tribunal on former Yugoslavia. The U.S. justices should be allowed to ask their questions in private, so reporters were barred from hearing the justices give-and-take. Just how much the Iraqis whose court system adheres to a European tradition of legal review rather than a U.S. common law approach could really benefit from the experience seemed debatable.

The seminar, by its very concept, shielded away from tackling some of the judges' biggest worries. There was no discussion of the prosecution of war crimes, a major challenge for Iraqi society. There was no elaboration beyond the theories of federalism and regional authority that directly addressed one of the most vexing realities in Iraq: how to balance the rights and rivaling demands of its ethnic factions — the Kurds, the Turkmen, the Shiites and the Sunnis — in the new, evolving government.

But some Iraqi judges said any opportunity to have an unrestrained discussion of how judges and the law can shape society could only help bolster their resolve and commitment to building an independent judiciary at home.

"There were lots of exchanges about ideas," said Hasan al-Hamrani, a deputy judge in Iraq's highest national court. "We always had laws. But we couldn't make our laws work. Saddam didn't let us make the law real — and we couldn't make any decisions about his authority."

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— Hasan al-Hamrani, deputy judge

Mexicans feud over new dam

By Chris Kraul
Los Angeles Times

ARCEDIANO, Mexico — From the bottom of the canyon where her family has lived for four generations, Lupita Lara looks up at the zigzag contours that will be inscribed — along with her home — when the dam comes.

The diminutive Lara, 55, is determined that it will never happen. She refuses to leave her property in this village situated in the bottom of a canyon, which would be flooded by the reservoir that the 500-foot-high dam would create. A lawsuit she filed to stop construction of the dam, which would funnel water to the city of Guadalajara, Mexico's second-largest city and one of its thirstiest, could tie up the project for months or years.

The crusty Lara, her aged mother and the local priest are the last inhabitants of this town sealed off from the rest of the world by the canyon's forbidding black basalt walls. At times, this isolated place reeks of the Santiago River's pollution, but for Lara, it's home.

"In the city, you feel caged like a bird. Here," Lara said, looking upstream, "you feel free."

Win or lose, Lara has focused renewed attention on the severe water problems faced by Guadalajara and many other regions of the country. Mexico's often haphazard approach to water-management policy is also under scrutiny. Lara's cause has been taken up by government watchdogs, local Green Party politicians and professors who say the project northeast of the city is a colossal boondoggle, environmentally unsound and based on faulty research. But her resistance has more to do with dollars and cents and stubborn pride than environmental principles.

"At first they offered us crumbs — \$30,000 for the house and our 25-acre orchard — less than the cost of a house in Guadalajara. Now they are offering us nothing at all," said Lara, who used to make a living selling food and refreshments from her home to weekend visitors.

Palestinian leaders reject Bush comments

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian leaders said Saturday there was still hope for creating a Palestinian state by next year as scheduled if the United States is willing to push for serious peace talks.

The comments came after President Bush suggested that the internationally backed "road map" peace plan call for an independent Palestinian state in 2005 was unrealistic.

Also Saturday, Israeli Justice Minister Tommy Lapid threatened to pull his moderate Shinui party out of the government if Prime Minister Ariel Sharon does not find a way to implement his planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

In an interview published with the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram, Bush said ongoing violence has pushed back the road map's schedule for Palestinian statehood.

"Think the timetable of 2005 isn't as realistic as it was two years ago," he said, according to a White House transcript of the interview released Friday. Bush's comment angered Palestinian leaders, who insisted a state could still be formed according to schedule.

"It is realistic and more," Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat told reporters outside his com-

pound in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

In a Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia called on Bush to reconsider his statement. "We have plenty of time to seriously negotiate, if the American administration indeed wants serious negotiations and wants to reach a final agreement," he said.

"There is no longer an opportunity to delay this matter," Qureia said. "Wasting time is not in the interest of the peace process and stability in the region."

Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians have stalled amid the continuing violence and both sides' refusals to fulfill their initial road map obligations.

Israel has yet to pull down scores of unauthorized settlement outposts in the West Bank, and the Palestinians have said they will not dismantle militant groups for fear of sparking a civil war.

On Saturday, the militant Islamic Jihad group condemned the Palestinian Authority for arresting two of its militants — a would-be suicide bomber and his recruiter — and called on its members to open fire at Palestinian security officers who come to arrest them.

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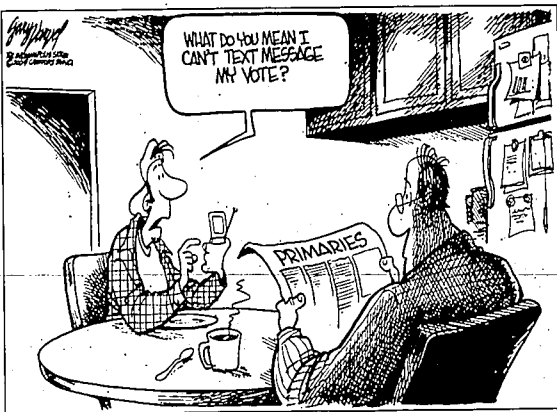
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I have had the pleasure of doing business with Chuck Coiner and his farming operation for many years. It has been a pleasure because of his easy-going manner, his ability to be a good listener and work through problems and the pride he takes in doing the job right. You don't have to be around Chuck long to get a sense of how much he cares about this area and the personal commitment he has made to address the issues that effect us all.

I believe that Chuck would be a tremendous asset to the people of this area if elected to the Idaho Senate. I know he would bring the same qualities to the Senate that have earned my respect in his agribusiness. I know he can be counted on to complete whatever job he starts.

Please join us in voting for
 Chuck Coiner
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 LINDA WAAG
 Twin Falls

Edmunds delves into the tough issues

Who's the best candidate for state Senate District 24?
 I lands down: it's Ken Edmunds! I have had the good fortune to be Ken Edmunds' business partner in multiple businesses for the past nine years, which has placed me in almost daily contact with Ken. From the beginning of our partnership, I've always known where Ken stands on any difficult issue, no matter the cost, time required or consequences. Ken has always been candid and ethically right. How refreshing it will be to have a politician whose actions are based on principles of ethically correct decisions.

The time to prepare for a job is not when the job is handed out, but years prior to acquiring the job. Ken has done exactly this through his business diversification which ranges from commercial warehousing of agricultural products, furniture moving, freight brokering, auto repair and maintenance, property development and construction. Along with these businesses and many others, Ken has traveled throughout the United States with his consulting practice, where he has been able to glean from the diverse backgrounds and social situations he's encountered.

Ken has also served as mediator between many businesses and individuals where difficult situations have arisen. Ken has the talent of being able to weigh the difficult issues at hand and reach agreeable terms between the conflicting parties without costly litigation.

Ken's certified public accountant background has allowed him to utilize his photographic memory for remembering numbers and recognizing where something is not financially sound, which is a huge asset for the people of Idaho, since it's our money he will be overseeing.

The public service Ken has rendered is exhausting. In mentioning a few, Ken was on the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission, the Regional Technical Educational Coalition, served as vice president of Magic Valley Builders Association and president of Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. Ken is currently the chairman of Twin Falls Centennial Commission, sits on the Southern Idaho Learning Center Board, is president of the Idaho Youth Soccer Association and sits on the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization Board. Shouldn't all politicians give of themselves privately before seeking

public office?
 So the question is, who is the best candidate for State Senate District 24? Based on the three candidates' history and preparation for the Senate, it is definitely Ken Edmunds.
 DARREN SMITH
 Twin Falls

Tax money for relocation center is poorly spent

Again, Ms. Bosteder conveniently needs facts with her own falsified version of history. Let's address more of the Constitution, shall we?
 Article 1, Section 9 says, "The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it." Executive Order 9066 was unanimously passed by both houses of Congress and the decision upheld in three separate wartime Supreme Court cases and stands to this day.

I shudder to think what your billion dollar taxpayer-funded "Interpretive Center" will teach the unknowing public. The silent majority in the Magic Valley, the general public that you not hard food and shelter by Uncle Sam during the war and the World War II Veterans in the Magic Valley area that were in the Pacific know the truth.

Furthermore, the searches were not unreasonable. In fact, they were quite fruitful rendering the discovery of cases of dynamite, an assortment of weapons, two-way radios, search lights and much more. What were the Japanese-Americans doing with that contraband, Ms. Bosteder?

Another question: If no amount of money could repair your alleged "suffering" by relocation, why was it taken if apologies heal your "wounds," you got your apology. Now you want memorials and a nation party to boot? Good grief, what next?

Another question. You now say the "Mindoka Resurrection" that the taxpayers are being forced to pay for is because the Constitution says you have the right to peaceful assembly. Where does it say my tax dollars are supposed to support your right to assembly?

Why not use all those payments of \$20,000 to rebuild your center? I know it's probably been a dead end, but let me remind you again, Mindoka was a relocation center, not an internment camp. I should think you would know the difference.

The evacuation was necessary for other reasons. Persons of Japanese descent were not very popular on the West coast after that sneak attack on the innocent people of Pearl Harbor. There was no fear or hysteria, but there was mistrust — and rightfully so.

In hindsight, it too had the evacuation took place. The Japanese should have been left to fend for themselves. But with all that espionage and plans of sabotage relocation had to take place.

I am very proud to have Sheriff Jim Weaver as my sheriff, friend and neighbor, including his family. I am very glad they live in our town on the east end of Jerome County. He has done a lot of good for us here. I know he is dedicated and will continue

Weaver deserves respect as a fair sheriff

I am a fourth-generation Hazelton resident raising my children here. I would like to express my support for Sheriff Jim Weaver in the upcoming election.

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to do a good job for all citizens of Jerome County.
 Personally, I am sick of hearing about the shooting in Eden. It is over. Did you know that Sheriff Jim Weaver does a lot of other things besides the shooting in Eden? Every day, he is our sheriff and every day, he protects and serves his community. I am going to offer this opinion but once on the Eden shooting, although it appalls me, don't point guns at policemen.

My sincere condolences to the families of the two fallen deputies. A terrible, unfortunate outcome, as everyone agrees. But my personal view has been and always will be you don't point guns at policemen. You don't shoot policemen.

It is said that Mr. Williams was hard of hearing and his girlfriend was with him and her daughter was nearby. When a "knock of sounds" came from his door, he so anxiously and recklessly raised his gun, pointed it and began shooting. What if who entered would have been that little girl? If any police officer wants to come into your house, it is no different than them flashing their lights to pull you over on the highway. Do what they ask.

I do not believe in a police state, but anyone should know better than to point a gun at a policeman. Jim Weaver did not shoot his deputy. Period. Guns deserve respect. Our officers deserve respect. Jim Weaver deserves respect.

I fear the kind of people who continually bring up the Eden shooting and support the man who killed two Jerome County deputies.

Jim Weaver makes me feel safe. I know I can depend on Jim Weaver. He cares about his job, our children and our community. He takes his job very seriously. He is tough. He is strong. He is no nonsense.

I support Jim Weaver in the upcoming election. Please join me in re-electing our sheriff, Jim Weaver.
 JULI BAISCH LEE
 Hazelton

Election deadlines

The Times-News wants your letters to the editor in regard to this month's local elections. All letters must be submitted before that election's respective deadline.

School board — All letters related to the May 18 election for the Twin Falls School Board must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 13.

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Ken Edmunds on Education...

The primary for the State Senate District 24 seat will be very important for education in our area and Idaho. Our state education budget for next year is \$1.33 billion, or 63.7% of our state budget. Many people in Idaho are concerned with the value we receive for our investment. We need to find better ways to reach our goals on a limited budget. With education as one of my greatest concerns, I decided to seek this Senate seat.

My wife, Jane, and I are strong supporters of education and have worked diligently over the years to be involved in our schools. Jane has served with one or two of the parent/teacher organizations each year. Together, we have served on several committees, ranging from in-school fundraising and activities to twice being chairmen of the TFHS All-Night Drug-Free Senior Graduation Party. My other areas of educational involvement have included:

- Chairman of the last two District 411 bond election committees, resulting in the TFHS expansion, the Roper Auditorium, Oregon Trail Elementary and other improvements.
- Co-chairman of the fundraising committee to expand the TFHS Roper Auditorium.
- Revision of the activities and extracurricular guidelines for District 411.
- Organization of the joint committee to establish the TFHS block program.
- Former Board member of ARTEC.
- Member of Development Board of the Southern Idaho Learning Center.

My focus has always been on bettering our schools and improving the relationships between the community and educators. In my campaign, I have found people are very supportive of our schools and proper education funding. This is different from the attitude held by many members of our Legislature and other government leaders. I particularly find the fight for control of education between the Board of Education and the Department of Education to be counterproductive and damaging.

As the date for the primary approaches, I feel an even greater desire to serve as Senator because education needs a strong voice in our Legislature. I can provide that voice. My history of working with our schools demonstrates I am committed to education for the long haul.

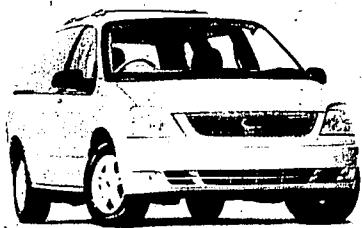
Please contact me at 735-0144 or edmunds@ceableone.net with your comments and concerns. I ask for your vote for State Senate on May 25th.

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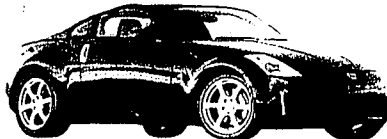
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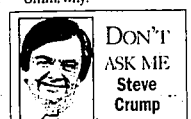
It's time to cap men's headwear

I was in a rib joint in Meridian not long ago, surrounded — be- cause it's Idaho — by men in baseball caps noisily slurping down barbecue.

A couple of tables away sat a fellow and his family, enjoying platters full of belly-bucks. The process was precisely so the bent close to his dinner, finished his corn on the cob and raised his head. Most of the bill of his white baseball cap was covered with barbecue sauce from his plate.

I wonder if the ball cap, Idaho's unofficial state costume — might finally have become overexposed.

A friend of mine in Pocatello, whose family used to run a sporting goods store there, told me recently that he'd seen a marketing survey indicating three-fifths of Idaho men over the age of 15 regularly wear baseball caps. Half of those do so indoors.



Umm, why?

I looked up the Census report on what Idahoans do for a living. Combining the categories, I'd guess that no more than 20 percent spend a majority of their work week out in the sunshine.

The rest of us labor mostly indoors, protected by the fluorescent lights by ginneux seed-company caps.

It would be a different story if we were all friends for baseball, but Our National Pastime currently ranks sixth among games that Americans prefer to watch or to play.

So how come so many baseball caps, especially in Idaho? I have two theories.

One is that there's a more socially acceptable alternative to cowboy hats, which were everywhere when I was growing up here in Spudnut Acres.

The other theory is that Idaho men are going hard at an unending race.

That's possible, I suppose. It's a simple fact that baseball caps are cheaper than flannel, pliers or a rug, and if you pull a cap far enough down on your brow, a football can buy himself four, maybe five years more durability — provided that he never takes off his hat.

But there is a distinct downside to cap-wearing. It seems to me. Not to put too fine a point on it, but a lot of guys in baseball caps simply look like doofuses.

One blue collar-chic combination in these parts just now is a baseball cap over their tied in a ponytail, with the big, thick, three-day growth of beard, a T-shirt, baggy jeans and high-top sneakers.

These guys not only couldn't get a job or a date; they couldn't get arrested unless the big pickup trucks they so often own drove over somebody's lawn ornaments.

Seems to me that a baseball cap on a driver takes 20 points off his IQ — 50 points if he also owns a cell phone.

Plenty of Idaho women wear baseball caps, but they seem to be capable of moderation on this subject. It's significant — don't you think? — that girls play softball bareheaded.

Perhaps they subscribe to the same philosophy as my Uncle Brick, who ran a men's clothing store for 40 years.

But he said thousands of Panamas and homburgs over the years, but when asked, he had a simple rule for hat-wearing:

• Don't do so unless you have a real reason.

Traveling salesmen and farmers did, but bankers and schoolteachers could — and should — live quite happily without them.

When John Kennedy was elected in 1960, the dress-hat business essentially collapsed, when the public saw that the new president never covered his head. I think that was the only time in his life that Uncle Brick ever voted for a Democrat.

"The country can stand a tax increase or two," he said. "But it won't survive four years of looking at Richard Nixon in a fedora."

Times-News features editor reminds you that a gentleman is a man, who could wear his John Deere cap to bed, but chooses not to.

Judges: Cities will share costs

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cities in Twin Falls County must share the expense of court services in processing misdemeanor cases and infractions, a group of district judges has decided.

"That will take a \$370,000 burden off the county and place it on the cities," said Jennifer Gose-Eells, the county's civil deputy prosecutor. "I thought it was a well-thought-out decision and that it was well written. I think the judges supported their decision very well."

Gose-Eells said although

state law says counties have to provide magistrate courts, "there's nothing that says it should provide it for cities or for free."

Entities will pay according to their use of the county's magistrate facilities, resources and personnel. The city of Twin Falls, which had the largest number of cases — 16,452 — ended up with the largest bill — \$207,200.

"Obviously, this creates a fairly significant problem from a budgetary standpoint," Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said. "We have \$56,000 in the current budget for court costs.

The ruling says we'll have to pay an additional \$151,000."

Courtney said city officials will meet with county representatives and try to work out a payment schedule.

"That might reduce the burden this year, but next year we'll have to work it into the budget," Courtney said.

It will be up to the City Council to decide whether to appeal the decision. City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich said he did not want to comment on the judges' decision until the council has a chance to discuss it.

The same is the case for the city of Kimberly, which filed a lawsuit to keep the county from

withholding court fine revenues that were going to the city — a move county officials say is simply an effort to collect the money they're owed. Kimberly — Councilman — Dave Overacre said Friday the council hadn't decided whether it will appeal.

The county and cities presented their cases to the panel of district judges in March. Gary Evans, finance director for the city of Twin Falls, pointed out that things like housekeeping and maintenance are fixed costs, services the county would have to pay regardless of whether cities used the county courthouse.

The judges disagreed. "The undeniable fact is that the cities realize the benefit of the fixed costs, which include such unglamorous but indispensable costs like custodial services, janitorial supplies and the like, and it would be unjust not to require the cities to bear a reasonable share of these costs," the judges said in their April 30 decision.

Twin Falls County and County Clerk Kristina Glascock will establish a mechanism to calculate reimbursements in future years.

A city that disagrees with a proposed allocation can file a

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FOUNDERS DAY ON DISPLAY



Brianna Reed hugs her pigmy goat while preparing to walk in the Split Lips and Company entry in the Gooding County Founders Day parade in Gooding Saturday.

Gooding County residents celebrate with parade

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

GOODING — For Kyle and Jodi Smith, the Gooding County Founder's Day Parade is just another thing to like about their new home.

"For raising kids, it's perfection, I think," said Jodi Smith as her three children ran to gather candy thrown by parade marchers.

The Smiths brought their three children see the parade after they heard about it in the grocery store.

"I think it's actually pretty cool," said Brianna Smith, 11.

Parade groups included local businesses, political candidates and lots of classic cars. Founder's Day celebrations commemorate the founding of Gooding County on January 28, 1913. The celebration was moved to May for weather reasons.

"It looks like there's more people in it than there are watching it," said Bando Bean, of Gooding, as he watched llamas and goats bring up the rear of the parade.

He said it's good to see lots of

people participating. The Split Lips and Company 4-H group was back in the parade after a year hiatus.

These 4-H members raise llamas, sheep, rabbits, goats and pigs.

For the parade, they brought out several llamas and two baby goats.

"It's going to be fun," said Malachi Huggins, 16, of Gooding.

She has been raising and training llamas for nine years and brought her 8-month-old llama, Sugar Baby, to march.

She said the parade is good for show llamas because it helps them get used to crowds of people.

"I like doing it now," Huggins said. "They grow on you."

Janice Ewing, of Gooding, was sitting pretty in a teal and white 1955 Chevy Bel Air. She and her husband have been

driving it in the parade for the last three years.

"It's nice to show our support for Gooding County," Ewing said. They've lived here since 1957.

George McLaughlin of Gooding, was in the parade to represent his business. Co-ordinating Transport Repair, and "to show off."

He drove a red 1946 Kenworth tractor-trailer that he had just finished restoring. It had everything done except the bed.

The Wendell Optimist Club had an old tractor pulling a trailer with a giant baked potato on it surrounded by 21 children.

Adam Carter, a sergeant at arms in the club, drove the Massey Ferguson tractor.

"It's a pretty good day for a parade and it's a pretty good

turnout," Carter said.

Sally Walker, a member of the Gooding County Historical Society that sponsored the parade, said the parade with about 25 groups, was smaller than last year's.

She said several other competing events might have drawn some participants away.

Walker said the Founder's Day celebration was revived nine years ago when the historical society took it over.

Saturday's events also included a speech at the Schubert Theater by John Bietler from the Cenarussa Center for Basque Studies in Boise. There was a gala at the Basque Cultural Center Saturday evening to raise money for a new county museum.

Walker said the museum's current location has no heating, no plumbing and a leaky roof.

"Our antiques are actually in danger," she said.

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Judge halts grazing decision

The Times-News

ARCO — Grazing within the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve will continue as usual after an administrative judge halted a new grazing plan authorized by the Bureau of Land Management.

Western Watersheds Project of Halley appealed the BLM's decision contending it actually increased the amount of cattle and sheep allowed to graze law park within the monument.

Judge James H. Jefferson, an administrative judge with the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Hearings and Appeals in Salt Lake City, had harsh words for the BLM in his written decision dated April 28.

"The new grazing system may only exacerbate the poor

vegetative conditions and hasten the listing of the sage grouse," the judge wrote. "The public's interest in maintaining the integrity of its lands and sensitive species outweighs the interest of BLM and the permittees in keeping livestock on the allotment. The potential hardship to be suffered by the public — permanent or long-lasting damage to the land — outweighs the largely economic hardship which the permittees face."

Grazing within the monument will continue but will revert back to the previous grazing decision for now because of the judge's order, said Rick VanderVoet, manager of the Craters monument for the BLM. That plan is more than 10 years old, he said.

The new decision, in the BLM's opinion, accomplished what needed to be done to make improvements to the allotment, VanderVoet said.

Laidlaw Park includes 93,578 acres divided into seven pastures grazed by sheep and cattle.

Fourteen ranchers graze the allotment. Combined they have been permitted to graze 11,431 animal unit months. An animal unit is enough forage for a cow and her calf and for five ewes. But since the 1980s, the ranchers have used only about half of the permitted amount of forage.

Because of that, even though the revised decision would reduce animal unit months to 9,600, it still in theory would permit use higher than historical levels, according to the judge's decision.

Boy who fell in coulee remains hospitalized

BOISE — A 22-month-old boy was still hospitalized in Boise Saturday evening after falling into a coulee Friday near his home in Twin Falls.

Ian Nice was found up against a grate of the Harmon Park Coulee Friday afternoon and developed a heartbeating CPR, said Capt. Jim Munn of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The toddler was transported by LifeFlight to St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise Friday evening.

A spokeswoman for the hospital would not reveal the child's condition Saturday evening, but did confirm he was still a patient there.

Cassia school levies' cost depends on variables

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Property tax levies are a vital part of the Cassia County School District's budget, but how much do they cost taxpayers?

Unfortunately, there's no simple answer.

On May 18, voters will be asked to approve a \$623,435 supplemental levy and a \$465,398 plant facility levy.

The supplemental levy is voted on each year, but the plant facility levy only comes up for approval every 10 years.

Both levy amounts are unchanged from 2003, but the plant levy has a built-in 5 percent increase in the dollar amount each year for the life of the levy — meaning that it would generate \$726,639 in its final year.

Assuming the supplemental levy amount remains constant, the total generated by the two levies would increase from \$1,088,833 in 2005 to \$1,250,074 in 2015.

But how much this will cost the average taxpayer depends on several variables, not the least of which is changes in the tax base.

"In the past two years the tax base has increased \$18 million," Cassia County Superintendent Mike Chesley points out. Continued growth of the tax base at this rate would substantially reduce tax increases.

Cassia County Assessor Martell Holland explained that individual taxes fluctuate every year based on assessed values and various exemptions for which homeowners and farmers may qualify.

For example, the owner of a \$70,000 home which is that person's primary residence would qualify for a homeowner's exemption of 50 percent of the value of the house.

If the lot is valued at \$10,000 and the house at \$60,000, then the taxed amount would be \$40,000 — there's no exemption for the lot.

The total of both levies for 2003 was \$1,088,833, according to Holland.

That means the homeowner in the example paid \$259.59 for the school levies in 2003 as a portion of his overall taxes.

If the tax base and the supplemental levy remain the same, this amount would increase to about \$324 by 2015 due to the 5 percent annual increase in the plant levy.

The amount would be \$288 in 2015 if the tax base increases at the same rate as the past two years and the supplemental levy is unchanged.

If the tax base decreases, it would mean that fewer taxpayers would be funding the set dollar amount of the levies and would therefore pay more, depending on the amount of the decrease.

Farms are even more complex when it comes to property tax levies because of the numbers of variables in their assessed values.

Farmland assessments depend on whether land is dry or irrigated and what crops are planted year to year, according to employees at the assessor's

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OBITUARIES

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Clifford Dean Billman - Twin Falls

Clifford Dean Billman of Twin Falls died Friday, May 7, 2004, at his home. —Cliff was born on Dec. 18, 1923, at Tripp County, S.D., the son of Richard D. and Vera G. (Billings) Billman. He attended grade school in Lantry, S.D. The family moved to Twin Falls in 1938. In 1942, Cliff left Twin Falls for Los Angeles, Calif., taking a job with North American Aviation, building airplanes. On Feb. 15, 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. This being during World War II, he spent his tour in Italy in Northern Africa and India, being honorably discharged on Feb. 7, 1946. Cliff was a mechanic during his tour. He became a son of Magellan by returning home via the Pacific Ocean, thereby encircling the globe.



Equipment Co. in Twin Falls. Cliff started Cliff Billman Auto Repair in 1959 and operated this business until his retirement. He and Dee then moved to Bandon, Ore., for a few years before returning to Twin Falls. Cliff bought an old house and remodeled it, this being where he resided until his death.

Cliff was a very hard worker, a man of few words, was very honest, and could build or repair anything he set his mind to. He lived by a motto of, "if it's worth doing — it's worth doing right." He instilled this motto and abilities into his

children. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Deloris of Twin Falls; one brother, Ervin of San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Alice Joan of Sitka, Alaska; his three children, David Billman of American Falls, Idaho, Tom (Tami) Billman and Mary Ann (Dwayne) Stienert, both of Twin Falls, as well as a stepson, Dana Dade of Twin Falls. Also surviving Cliff are his grandchildren, Melissa and Levi of Boise, Lashann (Doug) Lane and Evelyn Billman of Twin Falls, Alicia and Catherine of Portland, Ore.; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

A graveside service for Cliff will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls with Pastor Brian Vriesman of the Twin Falls Reformed Church officiating. Military honors by the area veterans and auxiliary. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday with family to greet friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Katherine 'Kay' Schnell Hansen - Twin Falls

Kathrine 'Kay' Schnell Hansen, 86, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at her home. She was born Nov. 23, 1917, at Hogerson, the daughter of Carl and Anna Leonard Schnell. She received her education at Hogerson and then graduated from Hollister High School. Kay later attended beauty school and then worked in the Russell Hotel in Salmon. She also worked at F.W. Woolworth's and for a number of years at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Company. She married LaVarr Hansen at Twin Falls on July 3, 1940. They farmed at Richfield and later moved to Twin Falls three years ago. Kay had a great love for Arabian horses, and they



also raised and showed the Arabians. She also loved to bowl.

Survivors include her husband, LaVarr of Twin Falls; a

daughter, Diane (Roger) Buist of Whitebird, Idaho; a brother, Ralph (Hazel) Schnell of Hogerson; a sister, Helen Young of Rogerson; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Joe; and a sister, Margaret.

A memorial service for Kay Hansen will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2004, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Quinton Kimbro officiating. No viewing is planned. Cremation preceded the service under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service. The family suggests memorials to your charity of choice.

Helen M. Knapp - Buhl

Helen M. Knapp, 76, resident of Buhl, Idaho, passed away peacefully May 6, 2004, with her family by her side. Helen was born on July 8, 1927, in Colorado Springs, Colo., the sixth of 11 children, to Donald and Ruth Bruner. As a young child, she moved with her family to Winlock, Wash. After school she moved to Bremerton, Wash., where she worked in the Naval Shipyard during World War II. While there, she met and married Hiram Knapp on Jan. 11, 1948. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Skagit County, Wash., where she raised her family and worked in the food processing industry. In October 1958, Helen moved to Buhl, where her youngest son resides. Helen attended Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon and the Graceville Baptist Church in Buhl. She was a longtime member of TOPS in Mt. Ver-



non and enjoyed cooking and canyoning at the ocean with family.

Helen is survived by two sons, Ronald and his wife, Judy of Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; and Dennis of Buhl, Idaho, one daughter, Ruby of Eureka, Nev.; and a former daughter-in-law, Linda Knapp-Strobel

of Bow, Wash. She has six grandchildren, Jennifer Chandler, Jason Knapp, Todd and Jeff Knapp and Alan and Andrew Knapp and three great-grandchildren, Ashley, Weylin and Elizabeth Chandler. She also has three brothers, four sisters and numerous nieces and nephews surviving. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992, son, Dale, in 1994 and three brothers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 13, 2004, at Hurlbush Funeral Home in Burlington, Wash. A graveside service will follow at the Burlington Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601 in Helen's name. All local arrangements are under the direction of the Parks & Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Wilda O. Wilcox - 12

Wilda O. Wilcox, 93, a resident of Gooding, Idaho, and formerly of Burley, went to be with Jesus on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 16, 1910, to John Harrison (Harry) and Eliza Snook Miskimins near Cambria, Iowa. She taught school in Iowa for eight years prior to marrying to Dean Wilcox of Declo, Idaho, on May 21, 1938. They resided in the Declo/Burley/Paul area until moving to Burley in 1960. She worked at Ore-Ida Foods in Burley from 1960-1974 when she retired.



She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Burley/Declo, the Presbyterian Women's Group, the Emerson Ladies Aid, Emerson and Claremont Amalgam and Farmers Union.

Her hobbies included sewing, quilting, flowers, cooking and crocheting. She made many lovely quilts, which she shared with her family. Wilda and Dean were

12 great-grandchildren, Markelle Bravay and Brielle Bowen, Emily Hilary and Wendy Vandan Ross, Kaleb, Paige and Jaden Ross, Kevin, Katrina and Kelsey Wilcox; two brothers, Lyle (Mildred) Miskimins of Alton, Iowa, and Rickard (Betty) Miskimins of Mitchell, S.D.; a brother-in-law, Artie Partridge of Corydon, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dean in 1984; twin sister, Wilma Sutton in 1976; sister, Lois Partridge in 1994; a grandson, Larry Dean Bowen in 1960; and a son-in-law, Weldon Esterbrook in 2001.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, Idaho. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

OBITUARY

Gary C. Pfler - Boise

Gary C. Pfler of Boise passed away Thursday, May 6, 2004, at a local hospital.

The funeral will be held at 12 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise. Minister Don Mason will be presiding.

Gary was born in Galena, Kan., to Truman and Rosetta Pfler. He grew up in the heart of the Midwest in Kansas, eventually going to school at Kansas State University, where he played both varsity football and basketball. He served three years in the Air Force Reserve, serving a short stint in Vietnam. He then attended school at Brigham Young University, finishing his doctorate of education in 1979. He served several communities in Idaho and was coaching and coaching in Washington, Colorado and Southern Idaho. He moved on to a career in sales eventually leading the successful development of "Puzzle-Magic," an educational training tool for children with his wife, Susan, who is also a teacher in Boise.

His life was dedicated to service of people with a partic-



ular love for helping children in their education. He cared much for lost souls whether they were people having a tough time or simply a lost dog or cat. He gave much in his life and will be greatly missed. He finally gets to spend Mother's Day with his mom that he missed so much.

Gary is survived by his wife, Susan; Gary of Page, Ariz.; daughter, Jacque of Portland, Ore.; stepson, Alex of Boise; and six wonderful grandchildren. He was preceded in

death by Rosetta Pfler, his mother, and Truman Cecil Pfler, his father.

"The family requests no flowers," but suggests memorials may be made in his name to the Boise Rescue Mission, 1415 W. Jefferson, Boise, ID 83702, and the Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman, Boise, ID 83705.

There is no night without a dawn, No winter without a spring, And beyond death's dark horizon our hearts one more will sing.

For those who leave us for a while, Have only gone away, Out of our restlessness, careworn into a brighter day Where there will be no partings and time is not counted by years — Where there are no trials or troubles, No worries, no cares, and no tears." — H.S. Rice

SERVICES — DEATH NOTICES

Ralph Willes

HEYBURN — Ralph Willes, 76, of Heyburn, died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parks & Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Gordon Allen Bair

BURLEY — Gordon Allen Bair, 80, of Burley, died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Paul Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

ACEQUIA

— Cecil Cooper, 80, of Acequia, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Thurdoka

Janet (Pastor) Plank of Ephrata, Wash., memorial service at 2:30 p.m. today at the Church of Christ in Ephrata (Nicoles Funeral Home).

Laurel 'Harry' Woodland of Paul, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Paul Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 124 W. Bliss, Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Glenn T. Bertleson of Twin Falls and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Harold Packham Lee of Fairfield, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Canyon County High School gymnasium in Fairfield; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Jerry Charles Mintun of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Haily Cemetery (Wood River Chapel, Haily).

Evelyn McDonald Christofersen, gathering of family and friends at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Bruce and Verma Moore, 1718 N. 12th, Boise (Acelea Funeral Home).

Idaho mining company's outlook improves

POST FALLS (AP) — Although the revival of Helix Mining Co. depends largely on its South American and Mexican mines, the outlook is good at its Silver Valley operations, company officials say.

President Phillips S. Baker Jr. told the annual shareholders' meeting Friday that when he joined the Coeur d'Alene-based Idaho company three years ago people warned him, "These are the darkest days of Helix."

But 2003 saw silver prices increase to nearly \$6 an ounce from less than \$5, while gold went from \$220 to nearly \$420, he said.

In 2003, Helix produced 9.8 million ounces of silver, more than any other time in the company's 113-year history, at a cost of \$1.43 per ounce. It also produced 204,000 ounces of gold.

"The spiraling price of silver peaked recently at more than \$9 an ounce, but retreated to \$5.60 at the close of trading Friday. But the current pricing trend is still good for Helix, Baker said.

"It creates capital and provides opportunities we wouldn't otherwise have," he said.

Helix reported a net income of \$6.2 million for the first quarter of 2004, compared to \$6.7 million the year before. However, last year's net income was dented and \$1.1 million from a change in accounting.

Net income for the first quarter of this year is a direct result of an over 90 percent increase in gross profit from 2003, the company said.

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OBITUARY

Cora Faye McKee - Jerome

Cora Faye McKee, 80, of Jerome, died May 7, 2004, in Buhl, Idaho.

She was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Buhl, Idaho, to George W. Tibbets and Lena May Higgenbotham Tibbets. Faye began a career with Mountain Bell in Soda Springs, Idaho. She was transferred to Gooding for a short time and then moved to Jerome in 1971. She retired in 1981 with 25 years of service. Faye married Richard "Dick" McKee in 1982. She lived in the family home in Jerome until 2001 when she moved to Caldwell to live with her daughter, Cheryl. In 2003, she returned to Buhl and made her home at Country Living until her passing. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend who loved her family and will be missed by all who knew her.



Faye is survived by her children, Cheryl Kay (Ace) Allen of Caldwell, Sally Ann Worcester of Kuna, Terrea Faye (Jon) Kientlen of Boise, Lonnie (Janet) Johnston of Jerome and stepdaughter, Connie Jo (Jim)

Sharkey of Twin Falls. She is also survived by 10 beautiful grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

The funeral for Faye will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho 83338. A visitation will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Farnsworth Mortuary, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. and again one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Faye's family would like to give a special "Thank You" to her Guardian Angel, Tami Nichols and her family, for the wonderful and loving care they provided for Faye.

FANCY FLYING



Belle, a yellow lab owned by Cynthia Dunbar of Seattle, takes her second attempt, jumping off a dock Friday during the 4th Annual Dock Dogs Western National Championships at Marymoor Park in Redmond, Wash. The top dogs this weekend will automatically qualify for the 2004 ESPN Great Outdoor Games.

Brewery magnate Peter Coors enters Colorado senate race

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — At times, Peter Coors has stuck out like a sore thumb in his conservative family. He once sat down with a union to iron out problems at the Coors Brewery and later helped secure benefits for gay employees.

The Republican scion of the Colorado-based beer empire is bucking family tradition again with a Senate campaign expected to be one of the most expensive and closely watched in the nation.

While his father and grandfather preferred to push their agenda from behind closed doors, Coors stepped up when GOP leaders came calling. He had only to ask his wife, Marilyn, what he should do.

"She said, 'If not now, when?'" Coors said with a laugh.

Wealthy candidates from Democratic Sen. Tom Garzone of New Jersey to Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California have gressed their campaigns with millions of dollars of personal wealth. Coors may need to do the same thing.

He faces former Rep. Bob Schaffer in what is shaping up as a tough GOP primary, with the winner expected to face a formidable Democrat that fall in Attorney General Ken Salazar. All are trying to replace GOP Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who is retiring because of health concerns.

The race could determine the control of the Senate, where Republicans hold a 51-48 majority with one Democratic-leaning independent.

The campaign is already heating up. Salazar has launched ads a statewide pitching himself as a sort of cowboy populist. Schaffer

is railing against candidates with "the right genetics and a big enough checkbook" and calling the primary a fight for the "heart and soul" of the party.

The telegenic Coors, a political novice, has avoided any misfiring so far and has not agreed to any debates. But history has shown he can sit on the sidelines for only so long.

The 57-year-old Coors took over as president of the Golden-based company in 1987 and in 2000 was named chief executive. He now runs the nation's third-largest brewer with 8,500 employees and \$4 billion in sales last year.

Relatives were stunned when Coors in 1984 declared it was time to negotiate with union officials to end a nearly decade-long labor dispute.

"My uncle and my father said if you sit down with them, it will be a sign of weakness," Coors recalled. "I said it would be a sign of weakness for them, too, if they wanted to sit down and talk about it."

The company exceeded the workers' demands and the union disbanded.

The brewery was back in the headlines when it started requiring lie detector tests for employees, including questions about religious, sexual and political beliefs. Peter Coors ended up backing benefits for gay workers and promoting the family beer in gay bars.

"We have benefits for common-law husbands and wives, and I don't see why we should discriminate against gay employees who have long-term, committed relationships," he said. "There aren't that many." Michael Brewer, public policy

director for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center in Denver, said he does not believe the policies were a marketing ploy.

"I've referred other businesses to Coors as a model," Brewer said. That Coors is considered moderate in some quarters might come as a surprise. Over the years, the family has supported a variety of right wing organizations, including the Heritage Foundation and the John Birch Society. Coors' mother, Mary, was among a handful of people who persuaded Ronald Reagan to run for president.

Ernie Duran, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers local in Denver, said he will never drink a Coors beer. "Peter Coors is a Republican and there are very few Republicans who support workers' rights," he said. "The Coors company track record is not friendly to workers' rights."

Steve Adams, president of the Colorado AFL-CIO, said the union is backing Salazar. "Peter Coors is a Republican and there are very few Republicans who support workers' rights," he said. "The Coors company track record is not friendly to workers' rights."

Coors shrugs off the criticism. "It was a personal decision," he said of his Senate bid. "I didn't do this with a thought toward whether it would hurt or help my company. We'll have to wait and see."

Pundits suggest Coors is a more attractive candidate not just because of his wealth — he estimated his personal worth at about \$25 million — but because he will be perceived as less conservative than Schaffer.

Prosecutors seek death penalty in shooting

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai county prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty for a man charged in a February slaying in Athol.

On Friday, Prosecutor Bill Douglas filed the notice of intent in the first-degree murder case of Richard Elliot Hanes. Hanes, 30, of Coeur d'Alene,

is accused of breaking into his ex-wife's home in February and shooting her friend, Eddie Edmiston, 40.

Hanes was charged with killing Edmiston as well as holding Carol Mae Hanes-Bacon and three children from a previous marriage at gunpoint Feb. 6, the day he was scheduled to

be sentenced for an earlier assault on his former wife.

Hanes was sentenced in March to five years in prison for that assault.

First District Judge John Luster set trial for Aug. 23.

The jury in Hanes' case could be the first in Idaho to decide for the death penalty.

Utah calls for congressional investigation of prisoner abuse

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Rep. Jim Matheson on Saturday condemned the abuse of Iraqi prisoners and called for a congressional investigation into the matter.

Characterizing the abuse and torture of the prisoners as "outrageous behavior," Matheson said that the House of Representatives on Thursday tried unsuccessfully to get the body to endorse a bipartisan commission to investigate the abuse.

"We have to hold people accountable. This was kept from Congress for a number of months. That bothered me," he

said. Matheson, Utah's lone Democrat in Congress, was in Salt Lake City attending the Utah Democratic Party Convention on Saturday. He would not comment on Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's statements before the Senate Armed Services Committee Friday, telling The Associated Press he wasn't able to watch the testimony and hasn't had time to read the transcript.

"It's not just him at the top. We need to get this out in the open. Was there any direction for this to happen?" Matheson asked.

"This really blemishes the good name of everyone else serving in the military."

Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, said Saturday he hadn't heard or read Rumsfeld's testimony, either.

"I assume his job is safe. I certainly hope it is," he said during a break at the Utah GOP convention. "And I don't think there needs to be a congressional investigation."

Bennett, who is seeking a third term in the November election, noted the military didn't try to cover up reports of the prisoner abuse.



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Gubernatorial candidate Nolan Karras, right, gets a hug from campaign staff person John Boyd after it was announced that he is heading to a primary election during the state Republican convention Saturday in Sandy, Utah.

Parties pick their candidates

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Scott M. Matheson Jr. became the official candidate for governor Saturday without challenge at the state Democratic convention, while his brother, 2nd Congressional District Rep. Jim Matheson, promised to make a fight against any new nuclear testing in Nevada his top issue in Congress should he win a third term.

Education, jobs, health care, nuclear waste and anti-discrimination led the list of candidates' concerns, with speakers taking aim at the deficits, job losses and funding cuts for military families that have occurred under the Bush administration's watch.

"We must make our children, and their education and their well-being our top priority," Scott Matheson said. "We do that, our commitment to jobs, health care and quality-of-life will grow even stronger."

Scott Matheson will face either industrialist Jon Huntsman Jr. or state Board of Regents chairman Nolan Karras, both of whom beat out the other six candidates in the crowded Republican race for governor. A June runoff election will determine who gets the Republican nod.

Jim Matheson ran in 2002 in a narrowly won election that takes in almost all of eastern and southern Utah and half of Salt Lake County, defeating Republican state legislator John Swallow by a mere 1,641 votes. On Saturday, Swallow received 45 percent of the Republican delegate vote at the Republican convention in Sandy, forcing a run-off with software executive Tim Bridgewater, who won 51 percent.

State tries to help customers get money

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Division of Consumer Protection is trying to help as many as 1,400 customers of a defunct credit counseling service get the money they may be owed.

The state took control of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Utah last month. The service closed this week and delegations at financial mismanagement.

On Friday, the consumer protection division announced it had amended an earlier lawsuit filed against the company, which helped financially overwhelmed people deal with creditors and avert bankruptcy by negotiating better repayment terms and establishing debt-re-

payment plans. Customers claimed CCCS paid their bills late, and sometimes not at all.

The division claims CCCS President Scott McCagno is personally liable for the company's actions and financial problems because he operated the company without a board of directors in violation of a state law.

The lawsuit also alleges CCCS is overwhelmed with debts — including more than \$95,000 for rent, utilities and other services — and has filed false reports with the IRS and is not current on reported, tax and withholding reports.

McCagno and CCCS are also cited on 30 counts of violating the state Consumer Sales Practices Act. Each count carries a maximum fine of \$1,000.

McCagno's attorney Jim Bradshaw declined to comment Friday.

"As soon as I'm able to review the state's actions, I'm sure we'll have a response and we'll defend them," he said.

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Costs

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All of the cities have the right to appeal the decision. In March, Bill Hollifield, attorney for the cities of Kimberly and Hansen, said deciding who should pay what might be a question for the Legislature to decide, not local judges.

In their decision, the judges encouraged the parties to pursue a legislative solution on the issue of the entities' obligation to contribute to the support of the magistrate division.

Cose-Bells said other counties in Idaho are watching closely to see what the outcome will be.

"People all over the state are looking at this," Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3204 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Sharing court costs

In a decision dated April 30, a panel of district judges led by 5th District Administrative Judge Barry Wood ruled that cities in Twin Falls County must share with the county the court costs involved in processing misdemeanor cases and infractions.

Based on statistical information compiled by County Clerk Kristina Glascock on the total number of misdemeanor and infraction cases filed during the combined 2001-02 and 2002-03 fiscal years, here's what each entity must pay for use of facilities, resources and personnel of the county's magistrate division:

Entity	# of cases	Por. of total	Allocation
City of Twin Falls	16,452	56%	\$207,200
Twin Falls County	8,535	29.2%	\$108,040
City of Buhl	1,822	6.3%	\$23,310
Kimberly/Hansen	1,743	6%	\$22,200
City of Filer	747	2.5%	\$9,250
Total	29,294	100%	\$370,000

Hawaiian shrimp farm kills 20M shrimp to stop spread of virus

HONOLULU (AP) — A Kauai shrimp farm killed 20 million shrimp last month to check the spread of a devastating virus, but says it expects to restock its ponds this summer.

The outbreak of the white spot syndrome virus at Ceatech USA Inc. has been contained, and there has been no evidence the virus escaped the site, state officials said. The virus is harmful to humans but highly contagious and deadly for shrimp.

Paul Bienfang, senior vice president at Ceatech, said the company expects its ponds to be ready for new shrimp by July, but harvesting won't begin until March or April of next year, at the earliest.

Demand for Ceatech's pacific white shrimp, sold under the brand name Kaula Shrimp, far outpaced the supply before the virus hit.

The shrimp, bred to be healthier than ocean shrimp, have a distinct, sweet taste, he said.

The company supplies restaurants and hotels, mostly on the West Coast, as well as retail seafood stores and supermarkets, he said.

"Now, 'everything's gone,'" Bienfang said. "The impacts to the marketers and the retailers is unknown at this time. That's

always the danger with an interrupted supply."

The virus has cost Ceatech between \$1 million and \$2 million in crop loss, and the company has laid off some of its 50 employees, he said.

The disease was discovered April 14, and the state immediately placed the facility under an emergency quarantine. The company then began eradicating its stock.

"Something like 20 million shrimp were killed, Bienfang said. "That is the entire farm."

The virus was contained to Ceatech's facility at Kekaha. State agricultural officials tested shrimp from a sedimentation basin, the last stop for effluent from the growing ponds before it is released to a ditch outside the property and eventually into the ocean, and all those animals tested negative for the virus, said Dr. James Foppoli, the state veterinarian.

"It was a good sign that the shrimp in the sedimentation basin were negative because effluent is circulating directly into those," he said.

The company is disinfecting and drying out its ponds and sedimentation basins, which are less than a mile from the coast, Bienfang said.

"At some point they're going

to be chlorinated," Foppoli said. "The chlorine will kill crustaceans that are in the sedimentation basins, and it will eventually kill the virus because the virus is pretty sensitive."

The virus also can't survive in the water, without an animal host, Foppoli said.

"It's considered pretty devastating because it has such high mortality and it rapidly kills shrimp," Foppoli said.

The outbreak was the first time the virus had been diagnosed in an aquaculture facility in Hawaii, Foppoli said.

White spot syndrome virus is common in Asia, and it has been making its way to Hawaii and the mainland in frozen uncooked shrimp since at least 1995, Foppoli said.

How it infected the Ceatech facility is under investigation, Bienfang said.

Dee Montgomery-Brook, a health management associate who works with disease prevention in the Department of Agriculture's aquaculture development program, said she has been working with Ceatech since the day after the virus was diagnosed.

"They've been very cooperative and they should be commended for their openness and willing to work with all the departments," she said.

Albion waits for details on school plans

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — City officials are waiting for written information from two developers who want to convert the former Albion Normal School campus into a youth drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

Mayor Don Danner reported during the regular May meeting of the City Council that no written proposal had yet been received from Gordon Jones and Jerry Kirkman regarding their proposed use of the campus. Jones is the developer of a business plan to be submitted to the council.

Danner noted that Jones said that he will put up \$100,000 to be used in preparing the written proposal following criteria outlined in city policy. Jones also said he will dedicate \$1 million in the fall to start the project.

The proposed rehab center would accommodate up to 150 people for a yearlong program. The center could create between 30 and 35 jobs and generate \$5.25 million in revenues.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The first class of a collaborative effort between Salt Lake Community College and a hospital system trying to avoid a shortage of nurses has graduated.

About 30 students received an associate degree in nursing Friday night as part of a collaboration with the Utah Intermountain Health Care and SLCC. The students worked for the health-care system while studying and were paid for their time. Their tuition also was paid in exchange for a commitment to work for IHC for at least

two years.

The program was created by Advanced Intermountain Hospital Specialty Hospital and LDS hospitals and the SLCC nursing program almost two years ago.

"This is a great way that industry has contributed to help avoid the nursing shortage," said Betty Damask-Bernbeck, director of SLCC's nursing program. "We've had expertise to deliver nursing education. Our limitation was space and funding. Together, we're able to address the shortage."

UDOT and SJU covered the costs, officials said.

times, supporters say.

The Normal School was established in 1893 as a teacher training college. It was closed in 1951 because it couldn't meet state enrollment requirements. It reopened from 1958-1969 as Magic Valley Christian College, but has been empty since. The city of Albion owns the property.

Danner said last week he had received two additional inquiries about the campus. He suggested the city investigate forming an urban renewal authority to redevelop the site.

Albion resident David Cole was present to ask if and when the proposed project will be open to public comment and discussion. He also presented some research he had done that said that redeveloping the site would cost less than the city's current plan to build a new school building.

In another matter, Larry King of Bonneville Power Administration was invited to discuss with the council the future of electrical power for the city. He reported that a proposed settlement with investor-owned

utilities failed and that further negotiation is being conducted.

"Until the matter is settled," he said, "BPA cannot move forward and begin strategic planning."

The council was asked to give written comment about the issue before the deadline May 14. He left council members with some printed information about the problems.

Regarding rates, he said they are likely to go up, but emphasized that Albion's pre-subscription contract with BPA guarantees the city the lowest cost. Another concern he mentioned was that the dry March weather has decreased the amount of water for generating power.

City Clerk Mary Yeaman recommended the council schedule a public hearing on the 2004-05 budget will be held at the beginning of the regular meeting on Aug. 3. She asked that they and city employees have their budget requests submitted by the meeting so that she can prepare the proposed budget for council review during the July meeting.

Cars hit mountain lion cubs

HELPER, Utah (AP) — A mountain lion cub was killed after two yearlings were hit by cars on Highway 6, officials said.

The second animal disappeared over a ridge with no apparent injury, witnesses said.

The incident occurred within an hour of each other Friday afternoon.

The animals may have been siblings trying to catch up to their mother, who may have been nearby, said Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officer Mike Milburn. The animals were estimated at between 30 and 40 pounds each, he said.

Witnesses saw the second cub get hit.

"It regained its composure and got up and walked about 1,000 feet," Milburn said.

Levies

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The \$900,000 farm could assess for about one-third of that value based on exemptions, and the levy rate is the same for homes, farms and businesses, Holland said.

The 5 percent annual increase has been in effect since the plant levy was first approved 20 years ago, Chesley said.

The supplemental levy is used to keep class sizes small and support programs such as the arts and orchestra and physical education for elementary students.

It's also a major source of funding for the Cassia Regional Technical Center, Chesley said.

The plant levy represents about 40 percent of the total plant facility budget, which is used for buses, perform maintenance and repairs at schools, and upgrade computers for students and teachers.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia bureau at 208-677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at chipthompson@magicvalley.com.

What the levy could cost

Based on information provided by Cassia County Assessor Martell Holland, here are the current and projected costs of the proposed supplemental levy and plant facility levy for the Cassia County School District:

Property	2003	2015*	2015**
\$70,000 home	\$259.59	\$324	\$288
\$900,000 farm	\$1,946.43	\$2,430	\$2,160
\$100,000 business	\$648.98	\$810	\$720

* Calculations are based on a 5 percent annual increase built into the plant facilities levy, no increase to the supplemental levy and no increase or decrease in the tax base over 10 years.

** Estimates assume no increase to supplemental levy and growth of the tax base consistent with the past two years.

Voting Information

Polls will be open at all Cassia County School District schools from noon to 8 p.m. May 18. Voters may register at the polls, and absentee ballots are available from the district office at 217 E. 19th St. in Burley.

IDAHO/WEST

Idaho firm recalls undercooked hot dogs

TWIN FALLS (AP) — Independent Meat Co. has voluntarily recalled 12,000 pounds of "Falls Brand" hot dogs because of undercooking, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The recalled one- and two-pound packages of "Falls Brand Old Fashioned Recipe Beef Wieners" are marked with the establishment code 225.

The hot dogs were manufactured April 20 and distributed to stores in California, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

No illnesses had been reported at the time of the recall.

An after-hours message left with company CEO Patrick Florence was not immediately returned.

Customers with questions may call the USDA hotline at 888-674-6854.

J.R. Simplot returns to dried potato business

BOISE (AP) — Dehydrated potatoes from the J.R. Simplot Co. helped carry American soldiers through World War II and built the Idaho enterprise into a multibillion-dollar corporation.

Now, the agribusiness is returning to its roots.

After 30 years away from dehydrated spuds, the company has announced an agreement with Idaho Fresh Pak Inc. of Lewistown to distribute that company's Fresh Pak Idahoan

brand of dehydrated potatoes.

In a separate deal, Simplot plans to complete the acquisition of the dehydrated potato granule business from Nestle USA this summer with an eye toward once again producing dehydrated potatoes under the Simplot brand.

The potato granules, used to make mashed potatoes, are being produced at the company's Moses Lake, Wash. plant.

"We are particularly pleased to be working with Idahoan, an

outstanding homegrown Idaho company," Simplot Food Group President James Munyon said in a statement.

Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said dehydrated potatoes were a big part of the business into the 1950s, but began tapering off in the 1960s when the frozen french fry, another Simplot creation, gained market share.

Now dehydrated potatoes are again gaining in popularity, especially in the food service industry, Zerza said.

The company believes it can be a profitable business again and add to the extensive line of potato products it still offers.

In 1941, the company built its first onion dehydrating plant in Caldwell at a cost of \$35,000. With the outbreak of the war, Simplot began dehydrating potatoes as well as onions.

Between 1942 and 1945, the company shipped more than

50 million pounds of dehydrated potatoes to the military.

The number of employees at the Caldwell plant increased from 100 in 1942 to more than 1,200 near the war's end.

During the war, Simplot also launched other companies, including a fertilizer manufacturer and cattle feeding business at Grand View.

The company has 12,000 employees and annual revenues exceeding \$3 billion.

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- Below average rain and snowfall.
- Changing water use practices throughout Idaho that are negatively affecting ground water supplies.
- Declining spring flows - the flows at Blue Lakes are dropping by 3% a year and the prediction is that it will continue to decline as the drought persists. Blue Lakes is our primary source of drinking water.

The City of Twin Falls is working to increase awareness of the regional drought and encourage conservation of water resources. There are a variety of tips and practical suggestions available to citizens who would like to learn more. Please use the following resources -

- www.tfid.org - Hot Topics
- Your City of Twin Falls water bill includes your personal consumption history.
- Water Conservation Committee 735-7228
- Cable One Channel 17 - city information channel

"It's time to Conserve"

The City would like to promote citizen participation in the following conservation measures:

- Encourage the community to conserve water wherever possible
- Limit irrigation by all water users to the following schedule;
 - Odd numbered Addresses: Sunday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Even numbered Addresses: Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday
- Schedule lawn watering before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm
- All commercial & retail businesses are requested to design and implement a

Best Water Use Program



If you notice any water leak problems please call the Water Department at 736-2275 or 736-2274 Monday through Thursday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For all after-hour calls, please dial 311.

Please watch your local media for additional information on this issue.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

SCHOOL LUNCHES

AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

Milk or juice served daily
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Fish sticks
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Sloppy joes
Friday: Pizza day

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Cook's choice
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Tuna fish
Tuesday: Beef and cheese nachos
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Bagels
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Breakfast McMuffin
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cinnamon rolls
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Nachos grande
Thursday: Deli sandwich
Friday: Doggone chicken

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Scrambled eggs
Tuesday: Pork chops
Wednesday: Sliced turkey
Thursday: Sausage pizza
Friday: Sloppy joes on a bun

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Deli turkey sandwich
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Chicken patties
Thursday: Hot dogs
Friday: Sloppy joes

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Finger steaks
Tuesday: Sloppy joes
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Chicken fajitas
Friday: Sub sandwich

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Egg McMuffin
Tuesday: Ham
Wednesday: Hot dog on a bun
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Combination pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Ham sub
Thursday: Chicken wrap
Friday: Peanut butter sandwich

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Ham sub
Thursday: Chicken wrap
Friday: Peanut butter sandwich

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Fish sticks
Tuesday: Spaghetti

Wednesday: 1/2 bagel sandwich
Thursday: Turkey and cheese wrap
Friday: Baked potato bar

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Rib-b-cue sandwich
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Cheesburgers

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken drumsticks
Tuesday: Barbecue beef sandwich
Wednesday: Soft shell tacos
Thursday: Finger steaks
Friday: Hamburger deluxe

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken wrap
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Chicken nuggets

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Hot oatmeal
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger deluxe
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken
Thursday: Nachos supreme
Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Turkey gravy
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Chicken paty sandwich
Friday: Bean and cheese burritos

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Hot oatmeal
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Turkey and hamburger bar
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Beef tacos
Friday: Hamburger deluxe

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Cheesburger

Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Beef enchiladas
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Roast turkey
Thursday: Nacho chips
Friday: Baked cheese sandwich

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken patties
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Turkey sub
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Tuna pie

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Hamburger stroganoff
Wednesday: Fajitas
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Pizza

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Chicken fajita
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Hot dog
Thursday: Sloppy joes
Friday: Chef salad

GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Chicken burger and fries
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Fajitas
Friday: Chili

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Ham torpedo
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Fish nuggets
Tuesday: Sloppy joes
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Ham and cheese

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Yogurt
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Muffins
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Chicken fillet sandwich
Wednesday: Pepperoni or cheese pizza
Thursday: Italian dunkers
Friday: Beef chulupa

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Monday: Fiesta pizza
Tuesday: Chicken breast strip
Wednesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Chef salad
Friday: Chicken burger

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Cinnamon sticks
Friday: Pancakes
Lunch
Monday: Nacho
Tuesday: Bean burrito
Wednesday: Cheesburger
Thursday: Crisp taco
Friday: Lam chips w/ chili

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Country fried steak
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: Roast turkey and gravy
Friday: Rib-b-cue sandwich

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken paty
Tuesday: Ground beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Surfburger

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Pigs in a blanket
Tuesday: Pizza or cheese square
Wednesday: Breakfast only
Thursday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or burrito
Friday: Chicken sandwich or corn dog

MINIDOKA SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
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CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast on a bun
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Maple bar
Friday: Breakfast crookie
Lunch menu
Monday: Pork chops
Tuesday: Enchilada
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: School choice
Friday: Taco salad

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to The Times-News, P.O. Box 2616, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Californian fires dwindle

CORONA, Calif. (AP) — Wildfires that blackened thousands of acres across Southern California and destroyed 20 homes this week were mostly contained Friday.
In Riverside County, the nearly 16,500-acre Corito Fire near Corona and the 8,900-acre Eagle Fire south of Temecula were fully surrounded. Fourteen residences were destroyed in each of these blazes, along with about three dozen other structures.
"We're almost done, we're wrapping up," said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Becky Luther. "Fire personnel will concentrate on anything within the burn area and make sure all hot spots are out and then we can call it controlled."
Elsewhere in Riverside County, a 30-acre blaze in the Whitewater Canyon area, about 10 miles northwest of Palm Springs, grew to 75 acres but was fully contained Friday night, said CDF Capt. Fernando Herrera. No structures were damaged.
In San Diego County, the 2,050-acre India Fire on the Marine Corps' Camp Pendleton remained contained.
Firefighters made headway on a Santa Barbara County blaze in Los Padres National Forest, the 1,127-acre Cachuma Fire was 80 percent surrounded with full containment expected by 6 a.m. Saturday.

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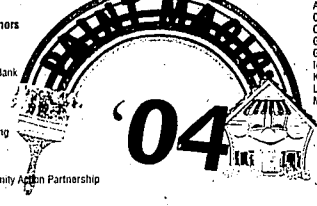
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General who reported abuse went to Idaho State

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army general whose report on prisoner abuse has rocked the military was born in the Philippines when it was newly freed of U.S. control but still greatly influenced by Americans.

What young Antonio M. Taguba learned from them shaped his ideas about his future home and the Army that would become his life.

Americans of Asian-Pacific heritage can succeed through education and should assimilate in U.S. society, he told a gathering to honor them at a Pentagon ceremony a year ago. But, he said, "We still need to be visible and humble because



Antonio Taguba

that's the American way of doing things."

Suddenly, the 53-year-old Army major general is eminently visible.

He wrote the 1.5-foot-high report that outlined American soldiers' abuse of Iraqi detainees at a Baghdad prison complex. Publication of the Taguba report might carry the Filipino-American name into history as a pivotal event of the

Iraq war.

Taguba's Army career came naturally. His father, Tomas Taguba, retired from the Army as a sergeant first class.

The elder Taguba was away for long stretches. His son was raised mostly by his mother and grandmother, according to an 1997 account in the San Francisco weekly AsianWeek.

"I had an absentee father who was in the Army, but I had an enjoyable childhood," Antonio Taguba was quoted as saying.

Born Oct. 31, 1950, Taguba spent his first 10 years in the Manila district of Sampaol. The residential area features

the Philippines' oldest institution of learning, the University of Santo Tomas. He grew up in a family household with two brothers and five sisters.

The Tagubas' home district has a military history of its own.

Filipino historian Benito Legarda says Sampaol was the site of the first American artillery bombardment and ground assault of the Philippine-American War, a bloody three-year exercise that followed the 1998 Spanish-American War and cemented U.S. control over the islands ceded by Spain.

From Sampaol, the Tagubas emigrated to Hawaii when the

boy was 11.

Antonio left the islands for Idaho and graduated in 1972 from Idaho State University. He joined the Army and, taking his advice about education being the key to success, steadily made his way through the ranks by attending numerous military and other schools.

Just promoted to major general, he was acting director of the Army staff last year when he honored his fellow Asian-Pacific


Americans. He was deputy commanding general of the 3rd Army when assigned to investigate reports of wrongdoing among American military jailers in Iraq.

On Friday, the Pentagon announced that Taguba was being reassigned to the office of the assistant secretary of defense for Reserve affairs as deputy assistant secretary of defense for readiness, training and mobilization.

THE MISFITS

Why aren't clothes of the same size actually the same size?

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

- Walter Lee, 31, 1102 Eighth Ave. E., Twin Falls, delivery of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$25,000 bond.
- Charles William Fetterly, 39, 3338 N. 2300 E., Kimberly, probation violation, driving under the influence, public defender appointed, pleaded guilty, disposition hearing set for May 13, \$25,000 bond.
- Nathan H. Shirley, 26, 4126 S. 2200 E., Wendell, possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$15,000 bond, driving without license, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing set for May 13, \$25,000 bond.
- Clifton A. Wormsley, 63, 3700 N. 2605 E., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, no plea entered, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, released under own recognizance.
- John W. Cerepes, 10, 216 Fourth St. N., Twin Falls, theft by receiving/possession of property, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$15,000 bond.
- Patricia D. Jenkins, 28, 208 Harrison St., Twin Falls, theft by receiving/possession of property, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$15,000 bond.
- Adrienne S. Garver, 33, 127 Seventh St. N., Twin Falls, grand theft, private counsel, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, summons issued.
- John Van Fairbanks, 42, 266 Buchanan, Twin Falls, trafficking in methamphetamine and amphetamine by street vendor, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$15,000 bond.
- William Edwin Grifick, 51, 203 Eden St., unit F2, Twin Falls, domestic battery, public defender appointed, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$500 bond.
- Bernard J. Chene, 49, no address listed, disturbing the peace, public defender appointed, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$500 bond.
- Daryl James Zahromes, 27, 645 Iwainbrook Ave., No. 246, Twin Falls, first-degree sexual abuse, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$10,000 bond.
- Joseph Shores, 16, 195 Monroe St., Twin Falls, failure to appear - minor consumption, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$250 bond, failure to appear - minor consumption, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, court trial set for August 16, \$500 bond.
- Rene A. Ahearn, 22, 249 Ransage St., Twin Falls, probation violation - possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed, pleaded guilty, disposition hearing set for May 20, \$25,000 bond.
- Catherine D. Wain, 26, 112 Eighth Ave. S., public violation of a no-contact order, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$1,000 bond.
- Richard T. Doreen, 41, 1016 Sparks St. N., Twin Falls, domestic battery, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$1,000 bond.



- Greenview Dr., Twin Falls, failure to purchase driver's license, failure to appear, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$100 bond.
- Christopher Steven Ellison, 21, 719 Second Ave., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, posted bond.
- Carpino Mosqueda-Chavez, 30, 3495 13th Drive, Twin Falls, failure to purchase driver's license, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$1,000 bond.
- Jason H. Jolley, 20, 222 1/2 Ave., Twin Falls, probation violation - resisting/strapping an officer, possession of paraphernalia, providing false information to an officer, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 27, \$2,000 bond, probation violation - driving under the influence, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$1,000 bond.
- Dennis L. Falconburg Jr., 26, 774 E. Ave. E., Jerome, failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 14, \$20,000 bond.
- Tracy Russell Adkinson, 36, 832 Rosewood, Twin Falls, forgery, private counsel, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, posted bond.
- Sheryl L. Hedger, 36, 1157 Lavinia, Twin Falls, probation violation - possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$20,000 bond.
- Sammy A. Kana, 27, 2300 Ilwaco, Burley, possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$300 bond.
- Gonnie L. Cantrall, 43, 211 Rita Lane, Kimberly, driving without privileges, attempt, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for June 1, \$1,000 bond.
- John P. Saue, 36, no address listed, possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$15,000 bond.
- John Holly Kowalski, 28, 222 Eiler Ave., Twin Falls, forgery, possession of forged checks, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing set for May 15, \$15,000 bond.
- Bodine Lee Anderson, 44, 2316 Keston St., Boise, unlawful entry, assault, malicious injury to property, private counsel, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$10,000 bond.
- Kenneth T. Maddan, 33, 720 12th Ave. N., Burley, possession of a controlled substance, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$10,000 bond.
- Sammy A. Kana, 27, 209 Seventh Ave. N., Burley, violation of a no-contact order, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for May 25, \$1,000 bond.
- Steven Eugene Hordleski, 34, 269 Birch Ave., Twin Falls, disturbing the peace, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent, pretrial conference set for June 1, \$200 bond.
- Jeffrey Allan Zimmerman, 23, 2413 Stephen Ave., No. 182, Boise, grand theft, public defender appointed, no plea entered, preliminary hearing set for May 14, \$25,000 bond.
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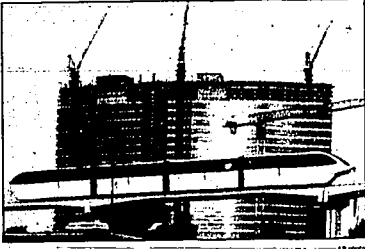
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WEST



The Las Vegas Monorail passes the under-construction Wynn Las Vegas hotel and casino in Las Vegas, April 20. The Las Vegas Monorail was supposed to be whisking tourists by now between some of the Strip's biggest hotel-casinos and the Convention Center. It isn't. Instead, empty cars are being tested on the elevated rail while administrators say postponements from January to March to summer have been for routine safety testing.

Setbacks delay Vegas monorail

Opening date moves to September

LAS VEGAS (UPI) — Patricia Williams looked up at the empty monorail track in front of the Las Vegas Convention Center and contemplated what should have been a quick, cheap and scenic trip. "We're taking a fast, and it sucks," said the 42-year-old rail care consultant from Baldwin, N.Y., waiting with a friend for a \$12 cab ride. If the \$650 million rail project was not months behind schedule, she could have whisked between the always-busy Convention Center and some of the Strip's biggest hotel-casinos for \$3.

Instead, passengerless trains glide between stations on white elevated concrete rails above a side street behind the Las Vegas Strip. The opening, originally scheduled for Jan. 20, was postponed to March — and then to sometime this summer. The delays came after a drive shaft fell off a train during testing in January and technicians detected a glitch in a computer control system in February.

"It's not going to open until it's reliable and able to provide an efficient and safe mode of transportation," said Cam Walker, president and CEO of Transit Systems Management, the private company that will operate the monorail for the nonprofit Las Vegas Monorail Co.

The drive shaft was fixed. But Walker said the software problem has proved more daunting: The control system is designed to keep a safe dis-

tance between trains running at up to 50 mph on the 3.3-mile track.

"Once the system can handle seven trains at a time, it must run for 30 days before passenger service can begin. So far, up to five trains at a time were being tested, Walker said.

The delay is costing Canadian transportation company Bombardier Transportation and project partner Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville, Calif., about \$65,000 a day in construction penalties, Walker said.

Helen Gagnon, a spokeswoman for Bombardier, said her company was less concerned about when the system opens than with making sure it runs properly.

"It's important to take the time and make sure we get it right," she said.

Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn approved funding for the rail system as a member of the state Board of Finance. A total of \$644.3 million in tax-exempt bonds were sold — to be repaid over 40 years with money made on fees and advertising.

Some Nevada lawmakers are concerned the state could be left holding the bag.

"I still think you need more oversight when the state's bond rating is on the line and there have obviously been problems," said Democratic state Sen. Dina Titus.

But Guinn and other state officials say if the project fails, the monorail company's insurer, or not the state, will have to pay.



Spring wildflowers:

Nature bursts into spring with Magic Valley wildflowers. Thursday's in Outdoors



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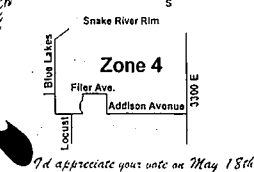
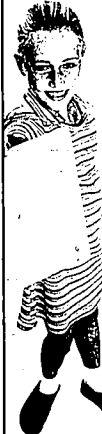
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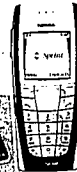


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SPORTS

Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

▶ **Coming Monday**
This Cub didn't go for the money.

The Times-News

Sunday, May 9, 2004

Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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I was rounding the bases, and I thought, 'Oh, my God, I just hit a home run off Curt Schilling.'

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— Cleveland catcher Victor Martinez, who hit a two-run homer in the first inning of a recent Indians' 2-1 victory over Boston

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who holds the record for highest scoring average in an NBA playoff series?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Burley GC offers golf classes

BURLEY — The Ponderosa Golf Course will offer a golf class for beginning golfers starting May 19, at 8 p.m. Earl Simpson, PGA golf professional, will instruct the golfers. The class will run for six weeks. For more information and to register call 679-5730.

Canyon Springs ladies accepts teams

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Ladies Golf Association is still accepting teams for its A, B, C, and Scramble golf teams. The league golfs Tuesday nights at the Canyon Springs Golf Course at 6 p.m. starting May 11.

Contact Sunny McKelvey at 735-1760 (days) and 736-7141 (nights) or Anne Lynch at 734-2008.

Twin Falls Muni plans ladies twilight league

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Ladies Twilight League begins play June 7 at 6 p.m. The league is currently signing up players.

The format is two lady teams competing for match points and best ball points. The cost is \$60 a team and all of the money is paid back in prize money for the first three places in each division. Green fees are \$10 and participants need to join the ladies league and have a handicap. If you are interested in playing this year of having questions, call Barbara Pith at 326-5314 or Billie Mason at 733-0843.

Sign up for seniors golf tourney in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Seniors Golf Association is sponsoring a tournament May 14-16 at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls. Registration is due by 4 p.m. May 15. The tournament is open to all men 55-years-old and older and women 50-years-old and older.

The entry fee is \$55 and includes two days of golf, lunch Wednesday and greens and cart rentals on all nights. Golf cart rentals are an additional \$11.

Players must have an IGA handicap and belong to the ISGA. ISGA fees, which can be paid the day of the tournament, are \$14 per person or \$20 for married couples.

Prizes will be awarded for closest-to-the-pin in all flights. Contestants also have a chance to win a car from Beth Cronin Pontiac, Buick and GMC for a hole in one.

Prize tickets can be mailed to Del Ericson at P.O. Box 5912, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

Call Canyon Springs Golf Course at 734-7828 to arrange Tuesday to time.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jerry West of the Lakers averaged 46.3 points in a six-game series against the Baltimore Bullets in 1955.

Eagles split with CEU



College of Southern Idaho's Zach Aekhus (4) dives back safely to first base, beating the pickoff attempt from College of Eastern Utah pitcher Kam Mickello in the third inning Saturday at Walker Field. CEU first baseman Zach Coon (27) was unable to haul in Mickello's throw and Aekhus advanced to second.

CSI clinches third seed at Region 18 tourney

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team split its doubleheader with the College of Eastern Utah Saturday at Walker Field, but the games were secondary.

The day marked what could be the final time CSI coach Jim "Skip" Walker served as head man in the Golden Eagles' dugout on his home field. Next season, Walker, who is completing his 30th season as head coach at CSI and has more than 1,000 career wins, will be the director of baseball operations and serve as hitting coach when his son, Boomer, assumes head coaching duties.

"I was really dreading this day," Skip said.

"But I was sitting there today and saying, you fool. You're not going [anywhere]."

Skip threw out a ceremonial pitch between games to honor the occasion — a heater right down the middle of the plate to Boomer.

"We really wanted to put in a good effort for him today and try to do the things that he's been teaching us all along," CSI sophomore Charlie Strandlund said. "... We just wanted to come out and play hard for him because he's done a whole lot for everybody."

CSI also knows where its headed for the Region 18 tournament this week. As of early Saturday evening, Dixie State College had clinched at least a share of the SWAC title with the Community College of Southern

Nevada. Regardless of the result of the final game between those two games Saturday night, DSC will host the regional in St. George, Utah due to the Rebels holding a tiebreak edge with CCSN.

CSI receives the third seed and will play sixth-seeded Colorado Northwestern Community College on Thursday.

Oh yeah. There was baseball in Twin Falls, too. Southern Idaho (33-22-1 overall, 23-17 Scenic West Athletic Conference) held on for a dramatic win in the first hit, defeating CEU (16-38, 10-30) 6-7 in a game likely similar to dozens Walker has witnessed in his time at CSI.

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Pacers stifle Heat

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers used a familiar combination to take a 2-0 lead over Miami in their second-round playoff series — 3-point shooting and suffocating defense.

The Pacers hit seven 3-pointers and held the Heat to 40.5 percent shooting in a 91-80 win on Saturday night. Reggie Miller led the way with 19 points, including three 3-pointers. His buzzer-beating shot at the end of the first half got the Pacers rolling.

Indiana set an NBA record with its sixth straight playoff win by double digits. The previous record was five, held by the 1985 Los Angeles Lakers and 1947 Philadelphia Warriors.

The series now moves to Miami, where the Heat have won 16 straight games. Game 3 is on Monday.

The Heat were in it in the first half, despite shooting just 37 percent from the floor. Eddie Jones hit two free throws to bring Miami within five before a critical mistake at the buzzer. With 1.6 seconds to play in the half, Jones allowed Miller to catch a rebound lob at the top of the key. Miller heaved a shot off one foot that swished at the buzzer for a 44-36 lead.

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REFORMING SPORTS:

A call for a cultural change

Schools out soon at colleges and another season of scandals will be in the books.

At Colorado, a Board of Regents panel investigating whether the football program used sex and alcohol to entice recruits is due to issue its report at the end of May. Coach Gary Barnett's job and the school's reputation are on the line.

STEVE WILSTEIN

The state attorney general is conducting a separate probe into allegations that at least eight women were raped by Colorado football players since 1997.

Accusations that other schools used sex and alcohol-laced parties to lure star high school athletes led the NCAA to draft strict new recruiting standards that will be reviewed in July.

Academic frauds, small and large, continued as usual this year. Coaches fired for various violations a year ago were rehired at different schools.

Abysmal graduation rates permeated many major universities, embarrassing the NCAA once again during the Final Four and leading to passage of the reform of April of a broad package of reforms.

NCAA president Mark Matney called the package "landmark legislation" adding that "the academic reform movement has now come to fruition."

For all the hype and hope that attended those reforms, they are like sputnik as compared to the builders some critics would like to catapult onto America's college sports culture.

From the Drake Group — a faculty organization working to restore academic integrity in college sports — to a variety of ethics and student rights groups, the critics are getting louder that the system needs more than a few little fixes.

Corruption and commercialism are rampant, as much a part of major college sports as

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High fives for Reynolds

Player lifts Buhl over Wood River

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

BILLI — In a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference softball tournament game dominated by two of the area's most highly touted pitchers, a struggling hitter turned out to be the hero.

Bull's Abbo Reynolds stepped to the plate against Wood River's ace pitcher Chandra Prasad in the bottom of the eighth inning with the score tied at 3-3 and teammate Casio Tipton at third. With the Indians already down two outs in the inning, Reynolds came through with a line-drive single to bring in Tipton and advance Buhl to the SAC tournament championship game on Wednesday.

"I've been struggling this year, but I just decided to step up at the right time," Reynolds said. "I knew I had to make it count, so I didn't try to kill it. I just made contact and got the base hit."

By the time Reynolds made it to first base, Tipton had crossed home plate and was heading with the rest of the Indian bench toward Reynolds.

"I watched the ball travel and then I ran," Reynolds said. "When I turned around there were players running out on the field screaming and a lot of orange in the background."

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Buhl catcher Casio Tipton celebrates with Abbo Reynolds after Reynolds' two-out single in the bottom of the eighth inning drove in Tipton to give the Indians a 4-3 win over the Wood River Wolverines in their SAC tournament game Saturday.

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Lightning strike first against Flyers

The Associated Press

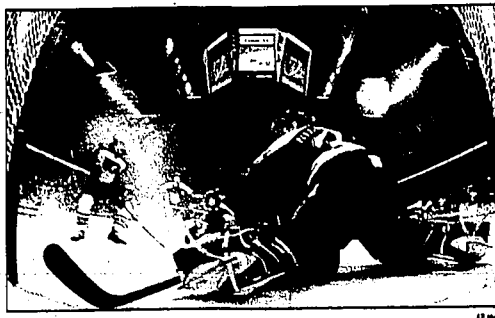
TAMPA, Fla. — It took the Tampa Bay Lightning just one period to get back into the flow of the playoffs.

Showing little rust from an eight-day layoff between series, the Lightning won their eighth straight playoff game Saturday by beating the Philadelphia Flyers 3-1 in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals.

"I think, overall, if you ask a lot of guys, I don't think they felt as confident as they thought they might," Tampa Bay's Brad Richards said. "But at the same time, as the game went on, I think our game kind of calmed down and we played a little bit better."

Richards, Dave Andreychuk and Chris Dingman scored and Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 19 shots for the Lightning, who beat the Flyers for the fifth straight time this season and improved to 9-1 in these playoffs.

Game 2 is Monday night in Tampa. "I'm definitely not discouraged," Philadelphia goaltender Robert Esche said. "We didn't come in here by no stretch



Philadelphia Flyers' Sami Kapanen, left, fires on Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin, foreground, as Flyers' Keith Primeau (obscured) crashes into Khabibulin during Game 2 of the NHL Eastern Conference Finals in Tampa, Fla., Saturday. Primeau was given an interference penalty.

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On cloud nine Angels fly high despite injuries

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Two stars are on the disabled list, two sluggers are nursing injuries, and a key reliever hasn't pitched all season.

So how are the Anaheim Angels coping?

Despite all the problems, the Angels are off to their best start in 34 years.

Manager Mike Scioscia's bench can thank an impressive haul of signings in the offseason and significant contributions from a versatile corps of reserves.

Anaheim carried a six-game winning streak into the weekend, had won 12 of 14 and owned a 19-10 record to equal the franchise's best start ever, in 1970. It also was the best record in the majors this season.

All that despite longtime mainstays Garret Anderson (neck and shoulder pain) and Tim Lincecum (sore knee) being on the disabled list and Vladimir Guerrero and Troy Glaus battling nagging injuries.

David Eckstein and Bengie Molina missed some playing time, and reliever Brendan Donnelly has yet to pitch this year because of a severe nose injury.

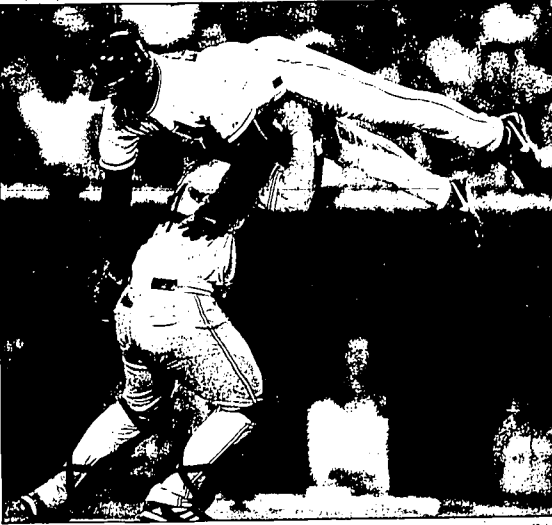
A similar string of injuries was the key factor in the Angels' 77-85 mark last season, a year after winning their first World Series championship.

So Scioscia is happy they're surviving — and thriving — this year despite the health problems.

"We have the most depth since I've been here. It's like night and day from last year," said Scioscia, in his fifth season as the Anaheim manager.

He noted the offseason signings of Guerrero and Jose Guillen, Glaus returning to form and the play of Chone Figgins, Jeff DaVanon and Shane Harper coming off the bench.

"Even with Garret and Tim out, because of the additions of Vladimir and Jose, Troy regaining his stroke after being injured last year, with Eckstein and Bengie Molina healthy, and with input from guys like Figgins and DaVanon, you see some continuity there," Scioscia said.



Anaheim Angels' David Eckstein tries to jump over Tampa Bay Devil Rays catcher Toby Hall while attempting to score on Chone Figgins hit during the sixth inning at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., on Thursday. Eckstein was tagged out.

Although their pitching has been solid, helped by free agent Bartolo Colon, it's the offense that has made the difference for the Angels. They're averaging nearly six runs a game.

Guerrero, bothered by a sore knee, was hitting .330 with six homers and 21 RBIs going into the weekend. Glaus has a sore shoulder and is being used as the designated hitter — Salmon's usual role — instead of third base and was batting .298 with 10 homers and an AL-high 26 RBIs.

Guillen has hit well despite some lingering pain in his left wrist after being plunked by a pitch. He was at .315, with five homers and 24 RBIs.

The versatile Figgins, equally

at home in the infield and outfield, has a .333 average, eight steals and has scored 19 runs. DaVanon (.233) and Haller (.196) have slumped recently but have had their moments this season, too.

"They've got a good ball club," Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella said. "Figgins is hitting. DaVanon's a good player. Sometimes it's easier to miss an everyday player than a piece of your rotation. That's what you have a bench for, anyway."

Figgins is happy to be able to contribute however he can.

"You know it's probably going to be impossible to get through 162 games with your full lineup, so it's good to have the guys who can come off the bench

and help," said Figgins, who started at third earlier this week for the first time in the majors.

"Talking about the versatility of the Angels' reserves, he said, "It's good from a manager's standpoint that you have guys like Shane, Jeff and me, that type of player coming off the bench."

Detroit manager Alan Trammell is impressed by the way the Angels have played despite the injuries.

"It is pretty amazing, but they do a lot of things well. I really admire them," Trammell said after the Angels swept three games from the Tigers earlier this week. "They're a real good club and they have some grinders over there."

Brewers shut down Mets batters, 6-4

NEW YORK (AP) — Lyle Overbay hit a three-run homer and drew in four runs, and four Milwaukee pitchers combined on a two-hitter.

Adrian Hernandez, making his first start in nearly two years, pitched hitless ball into the fifth inning. But he walked seven batters and was lifted after 4 1/3 innings.

Matt Kinney (1-2) allowed New York's first hit. Luis Vizcaino pitched the eighth and gave up New York's only other hit, and Dan Kolb worked the ninth for his sixth save in six chances.

Yler Yates (1-1) walked five and was tagged for five runs in five innings.

Reds 5, Giants 3

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. homered twice, and Barry Larkin added a tiebreaking extra-inning homer Saturday, powering the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-3 victory over the struggling San Francisco Giants.

Griffey hit two solo homers, and Larkin broke a fifth-inning tie with a two-run shot for his first homer since Aug. 1.

Paul Wilson (4-0) extended the best start of his career by giving up only two runs in seven innings — solo homers by Jeffery Hammonds and J.T. Snow.

Danny Graves finished for his 13th save in 16 chances. Graves has 144 career saves, four shy of John Franco's franchise record.

Dustin Hermanson (1-2) allowed four runs and six hits in five innings.

Rockies 4, Cubs 3

CHICAGO — Jason Jennings hit a game-tying homer off Greg Maddux and Colorado's starting pitcher ended a personal three-game losing streak.

Jennings' two-run homer — the second of his career — tied it at 3 in the fifth, and the Rockies took the lead in an inning later on an RBI single by Jeremy Buzart.

Jennings (2-1) gave up homers to Sammy Sosa and Moises Alou and Todd Walker. Shawn Chacon pitched the ninth and held on for his eighth save in nine chances.

Maddux (2-3) allowed seven hits and four runs in seven innings.

Sosa also struck out three times, giving him 2,002 for his

career and moving him into second place all-time behind Reggie Jackson (2,597).

Expos 2, Cardinals 0

MONTREAL — Tono Ohka and Rocky Biddle combined on a three-hitter, and Jose Vidro homered and drove in two runs in leading the Expos over the Cardinals for their season-high third straight win.

Ohka (1-5), who lost his first five starts of the season, struck out six and walked one, and Biddle pitched a perfect ninth for his seventh save in as many opportunities to complete Montreal's third shutout of the season.

Vidro hit an RBI double off Jason Marquis (1-3) in the third to give Montreal a 1-0 lead. He added his fourth homer in the fifth, a drive just over the wall in the left-field corner on a 3-2 pitch to make it 2-0.

Padres 6, Marlins 3, 10 Innings

MIAMI — Sean Burnham hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning to lead San Diego over Florida.

With the score 3-1, Miguel Ojeda opened the 10th with a broken-bat single to left, and Frankly Gracioso (0-1) hit a leadoff homer with a pitch. Kerry Robinson's bunt single loaded the bases, and Burnham singled for a 4-3 lead. Mark Loreta followed with a two-run single.

Dodgers 4, Pirates 3

PITTSBURGH — Alex Cora hit a tiebreaking double in the ninth inning, and Los Angeles recalled Pittsburgh to its season-high fifth straight loss.

Adrian Beltre led off the ninth with a single off Salomon Torres (1-1) that extended his hitting streak to 12 games. Torres, on one-day rest, lost to Jose Hernandez. Cora doubled down the right-field line.

Guillermo Mota (2-0) pitched a perfect eighth as Los Angeles won for the fourth time in five games. Eric Gagne extended his streak of consecutive save chances converted with his 73rd, his 10th this season.

Jack Wilson's solo homer on Hideo Nomo's first pitch of the sixth inning tied it at 3.

Twins beat A's on 10th-inning error

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Shaounn Stewart kept his eye on the ball while Bobby Crosby lost sight of it.

Stewart scored from first base when Crosby dropped a fly ball in the 10th inning Saturday, lifting the Minnesota Twins over the Oakland Athletics 3-2.

Stewart beat out an infield single against first baseman Eric Kinsler (1-0) with one out. Cristian Guzman flied out, and Stewart ran on an 0-1 pitch to Doug Mientkiewicz, who hit a soft fly to shallow left field. Crosby jogged to make the catch, and the ball bounced off his glove into the bullpen area for an error.

"I thought it was going to drop in, anyway. It was right in a good spot," Stewart said. "I saw (Eric) Chavez and I saw the shortstop. I looked up third and didn't see the pitcher, so I kept on running. I saw the ball roll away and I was going. It was a good bounce for us."

Mientkiewicz wound up on second. After an intentional walk to Corey Koskie, pinch-hitter Mike Ryan struck out.

"I make that play 99 out of a 100 times," Crosby said. "It was going away from me, and I put my glove up. The ball was shaded a little bit, but my glove. I shouldn't have put it up so soon. It ticked off the tip. I'm never going to make an excuse for something like that. I should have made that play."

J.C. Romero (1-2) pitched 2 2/3 innings, helping the Twins win their third extra-inning game in five days. Joe Nathan struck out the side in the 10th around a walk for his eighth save in nine chances.

"You never know what's going to happen in extra innings," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We lost last night and lost in Seattle but we've won our share of these things over the years. They made a mistake, and I scored a run. You have to feel lucky when you face (Tim) Lincecum. You don't get many opportunities."

Oakland has lost four of six and 10 of 14 overall, and nine of its last 10 against Minnesota. The A's left their bases loaded in the ninth when Romero threw a called third strike past Erubiel Durazo.



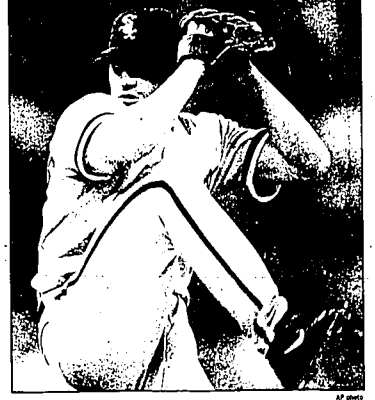
Minnesota Twins third baseman Corey Koskie, left, waits for the ball as Oakland Athletics' Erubiel Durazo slides safely advancing to third on a single by Scott Hatteberg in the eighth inning Saturday, in Oakland, Calif. The Twins won 3-2.

— the first two-homer game of his career — and Curt Schilling pitched the first AL complete game Saturday to give the struggling Boston Red Sox a 9-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Since losing five in a row, the Red Sox have won four straight.

Schilling (4-2) allowed one run and five hits while striking out eight for his 80th career complete game.

Jimmy Gobble (1-1) gave up six runs and eight hits, striking out three before he was chased in the five-run sixth. Benito Santiago homered and added a single for the Royals, who fell to 18 of their last 22 and have lost 2-14 on the road.



Chicago White Sox pitcher Scott Schoenwelder winds up as he delivers a pitch during first-inning action against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto on Saturday.

a four-run seventh, Melvin Mora had three hits and Baltimore came back from two deficits.

John Parrish (3-1) pitched 2 1/3 innings of relief and Jorge Julio worked a perfect ninth for his

fourth save.

Jody Gerut and Travis Hafner both hit three-run homers for Cleveland, which lost its fourth straight.

Scott Stewart (0-2) was the loser.

Major League Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE										
East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Boston	19	11	.633	-	2-5	W-4	10-3	9-8	0-0	
Baltimore	15	12	.556	2.5	5-5	W-2	10-8	5-4	0-0	
New York	16	13	.552	2.5	2-2	L-2	9-5	7-8	0-0	
Toronto	12	18	.400	7	5-5	W-4	6-5	7-9	0-0	
Tampa Bay	9	19	.321	9	1-3	6-7	6-7	3-12	0-0	

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Chicago	17	12	.586	-	2-4	L-2	10-5	7-7	0-0	
Minnesota	17	12	.586	-	2-5	W-1	10-5	7-7	0-0	
Detroit	14	15	.483	3	3-7	W-1	7-8	7-7	0-0	
Cleveland	12	17	.414	5	2-5	L-4	8-7	4-10	0-0	
Kansas City	8	20	.286	8.5	2-9	L-4	6-6	2-14	0-0	

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Anaheim	20	10	.667	-	8-2	W-7	9-5	11-5	0-0	
Texas	18	11	.621	1.5	2-7	L-1	12-5	9-6	0-0	
Oakland	14	16	.467	6	4-6	L-1	6-8	8-8	0-0	
Seattle	12	17	.414	7.5	6-4	W-2	7-7	5-10	0-0	

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Florida	17	13	.567	-	2-4	L-1	8-6	9-7	0-0	
Atlanta	14	15	.483	2.5	2-4	W-1	8-6	6-9	0-0	
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	2.5	2-4	W-1	7-7	6-7	0-0	
New York	17	13	.433	4	5-5	L-2	7-8	6-9	0-0	
Montreal	10	21	.323	7.5	5-5	W-3	6-8	4-13	0-0	

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Houston	19	11	.633	-	2-2	L-1	10-7	9-4	0-0	
Chicago	17	13	.567	2	2-5	L-1	9-6	8-7	0-0	
Cincinnati	16	14	.533	3	4-6	W-1	9-5	7-9	0-0	
Milwaukee	15	15	.500	4	2-5	W-2	7-7	8-8	0-0	
St. Louis	15	16	.484	4.5	2-5	L-2	6-11	9-5	0-0	
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429	6.5	2-4	L-5	4-9	8-7	0-0	

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Los Angeles	19	10	.655	-	2-7	W-3	9-6	10-4	0-0	
San Diego	19	12	.613	1	2-7	W-1	11-5	8-7	0-0	
Colorado	13	16	.448	6	2-5	W-1	8-7	5-9	0-0	
Arizona	12	16	.429	6.5	2-5	L-2	6-7	6-9	0-0	
San Francisco	13	18	.419	7	2-5	L-1	8-9	5-9	0-0	

2nd game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Lotte 4-1) at Toronto (J.Miller 0-0), 11:05 a.m.
 Cleveland (Ja Davis 1-2) at Baltimore (DuBois 3-2), 11:35 a.m.
 Kansas City (May 0-4) at Boston (Leve 3-2), 12:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Roberson 1-2) at Texas (Rogers 4-1), 12:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Osborne 2-0) at Seattle (Foggy 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Lince 1-2) at Oakland (Wilder 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Zambrano 3-2) at Anaheim (Washburn 5-1), 2:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Sunday's Games

Houston (Pettite 2-1) at Atlanta (Ru Ortiz 3-1), 11:05 a.m.
 St. Louis (Carpenter 2-1), 11:05 a.m.
 Milwaukee (Tomas 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-3), 11:30 a.m.
 San Francisco (Gonzalez 1-2) at Cincinnati (Vazquez 1-0), 11:35 a.m.
 Los Angeles (De Poma 2-1) at Florida (Foggy 2-2), 1:35 p.m.
 Colorado (Kennedy 4-0) at Chicago Cubs (Mire 1-2), 12:20 p.m.
 San Diego (Eaton 1-2) at Florida (Beckett 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Myers 0-2) at Arizona (Sparks 2-1), 6:05 p.m.

Tiger falters at tournament

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The view from the top looks much better to Arron Oberholser.

With a 20-foot eagle to jumpstart his back nine, Oberholser surged past a pack of contenders and left struggling Tiger Woods far behind by posting a 4-under 68, giving him a one-shot lead in the Wachovia Championship and another chance to win his first PGA Tour event.

Despite a three-putt bogey on the 18th hole, Oberholser survived a crazy afternoon at Quail Hollow and finished at 11-under 205, the second time this year he has gone into the final round with a chance to win.

The other occasion was at Pebble Beach, only the circumstances were much different. He was tied with Vijay Singh, the hottest player in golf, and struggled to a 76.

This time, the 29-year-old Oberholser has the lead to himself and will play in the final group with Geoff Ogilvy of Australia, who matched the best round of the steamy afternoon with a 6-under 66 and was at 206.

Michael Begay, coming off two years of injuries and four missed cuts, reversed his fortunes with four birdies and two great pars over the final six holes for a 69 and also was only one shot behind.

There were 20 players within six shots of the lead, and Saturday showed anything can happen if players are not on top of their game at Quail Hollow. No one suffered quite like Woods, who hit two balls in the weeds, five tee shots into the trees and was lucky to escape

Golf roundup

with a 75, leaving him five shots back.

"I fought my rear-end off just to make pars," Woods said.

Oberholser still might have to deal with Singh.

Jeff Maggert (67) was at 9-under 207, while the group at 208 included Carlos Franco (69) and Kirk Triplett (71). All three were in the lead at various times Saturday.

Kerr, Ochoa one up with round left at Kingsmill
•WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — A swirling wind made par a good score Saturday on the River Course at Kingsmill, leaving the tournament wide open for the final round.

Round-round leader Kim Williams lost a four-stroke lead in the first 11 holes, while Cristie Kerr and Lorena Ochoa moved to the front at 7-under 206 after three rounds of the LPGA Michelle Wie Open.

Kerr shot 67 and Ochoa had her second straight 68, a round she preserved with a winding 40-foot putt for par on the par-4 18th.

Kerr and Ochoa accounted for two of only five rounds under par Saturday on the 6,276-yard course.

Teenage sensation Michelle Wie struggled with her accuracy, but repeatedly showed a deft touch around the greens and battled for a 2-over 73 with four bogeys and two birdies. She was six back in a tie for 16th at 1-under 212.

Christina Kim, four shots be-



Tiger Woods hits from a sand trap near the first green during the third round of the Wachovia Championship at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday.

hind Williams at the start of the third round and playing with her in the last group, shot at 5-under 208. Williams (70) and Jennifer Rosales (73) were three shots back.

Rosales won her first career tournament last week.

Contenders also included Hall of Famer Juli Inkster and Se Ri Pak, who were both four back at 3 under, and Annika Sorenstam, another shot off the pace.

Charles, 68, shares second-round lead

AUSTIN, Texas — Bob Charles, trying to become the

oldest winner in Champions Tour history shot a 2-under 70 on Saturday for a share of the second-round lead in the Fred's Kinks Classic.

The 68-year-old New Zealander matched Wayne Levi and Zimbabwe's Mark McNulty at 5-under 139 on The Hills Country Club course. Levi and McNulty shot 71s.

Charles, the 1963 British Open winner who won the last of his 23 Champions Tour titles in 1996, also is trying to win a professional tournament for the sixth straight decade. Mike Petchick is the oldest winner in the history of the 50-and-over circuit, taking the 1985 Hilton Head Seniors Invitational at 63.

Former teammates compete in finals

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — When the San Jose Sharks traded Mikka Kiprusoff to the Calgary Flames last November, they were fully aware they might be giving away a future star for a mere second-round draft pick.

Nobody thought the trade might haunt the Sharks six months later in the Western Conference finals — not Kiprusoff, and not the goalie he couldn't unseat in San Jose.

"It's pretty strange that it worked out this way," said Evgeni Nabokov, who will lead the San Jose Sharks onto the ice for Game 1 of the series on Sunday.

"This series isn't just about me against Kipper, it's 20 guys on both teams ... but it's kind of strange."

Kiprusoff, a Finnish goalie drafted and trained by the Sharks, backstopped the Flames all the way to their first conference final in 15 years, earning a nomination for the Vezina Trophy and serious consideration as an MVP candidate.

He set an NHL record with a 1.69 goals-against average while earning 24 victories, in just 38 games.

Both goalies have excelled in the playoffs, too. Kiprusoff has posted statistics nearly identical to the regular season, while Nabokov has allowed just 15 goals in 11 post-season games, posting a 1.34 GAA and a 94.9 save percentage.

But when the season began, Kiprusoff was the Sharks' third-string goalie behind Nabokov and Vesa Toskala. Kiprusoff had struggled in his only regular playing time early last season while Nabokov was in a contract holdout, and Toskala had snatched the backup job.

Western Conference Finals

Flames at Sharks
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"He was professional, and he worked very hard," coach Ron Wilson said. "If he hadn't worked as hard as he did, he wouldn't have been ready to do what he's done in Calgary."

He wanted to be a No. 1 goalie, and he knew he wasn't going to get the chance here, so he kept himself ready and finally got the opportunity.

Kiprusoff was aching for an everyday job, but the Sharks couldn't send any of their prized goalies to the minors without putting them through waivers, where they would have been snatched up.

Both games joined the Sharks from fairly humble hockey origins.

Nabokov, who's from a large city in the mountains of Kazakhstan, had no interest in North American hockey until he was drafted by the Flames in the ninth round in 1994.

Kiprusoff was a fifth-round draft pick a year later, but didn't leave his teams in Sweden and Finland until 1999.

By most accounts, they were excited to win in San Jose during parts of three seasons as teammates.

Nabokov was the league's top rookie in 2001, but Kiprusoff found the spotlight a year later when he replaced his injured counterpart and became the first Finnish goalie to win an NHL playoff game.

"It was a great place to play, but now I'm glad I can be here and get a chance to be a (starter)," Kiprusoff said earlier this year.

"I still have a lot of friends over there."

Sweden beats U.S. to reach hockey final

PIAHUJE, Czech Republic (AP) — Dick Tarnstrom scored 18 seconds in and Sweden beat the United States 3-2 Saturday, setting up a rematch of last year's final against Canada at the World Hockey Championships.

Canada, which beat Sweden on a disputed overtime goal last year, edged Slovakia 2-1 earlier Saturday on Shawn Horcoff's third-period goal.

The United States hoped to

create the first all-North American final in 54 years, but instead will face Slovakia on Sunday in the bronze medal game.

Tarnstrom, who this season became the first defenseman to lead the World Hockey Championships in scoring, netted the second fastest goal at the start of a game in the tournament.

Jonas Holmgund, now playing in Switzerland after eight years in the NHL, tipped in Michael Nylander's pass to give Sweden

a 2-0 lead with 1:02 left in the period as Mike Grier served a double minor for high-sticking.

It was Holmgund's third goal in two games against the United States. He scored twice in a 3-1 victory in the qualifying round earlier this week.

Canada, which has reached the semifinals eight times since 1992, beat previously unbeaten Slovakia with Horcoff's goal that also was disputed.

Horcoff scored 6:10 into the

final period. Slovakia's Jan Lasak came out of the crease, swinging behind the net to send the puck out. But he was downed by Rob Niedermayer's stick, when the Anaheim Mighty Ducks forward swooped in to chase him.

The sprawling Lasak was unable to get back in position in time. Horcoff took a pass from Steve Staios and swept the puck from inside the crease, under pressure, into the unprotected net.

Hall of Famer's patience pays off with Wolves

By Andrew Ybarra
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — After practice ended, Minnesota Timberwolves rookie Ntudi Obi stayed on the floor to work on his perimeter moves.

His defender, Kevin McHale, had a hand in his face.

"What are you gonna do?" the Hall of Famer asked the young forward.

It's a common scene: The team's 46-year-old general

manager and vice president of basketball operations, dressed in shorts and a sweat shirt, giving pointers to players like Ervin Johnson, Michael Olowokandi, Mark Madson or Wally Szczerbiak.

McHale has a special affinity for helping younger guys like Ebi, the Wolves' first-round draft pick who came to the NBA right out of high school.

He did the same nine years ago with another player trying to make the jump from high

school to the pros: Kevin Garnett.

"I've played basketball my whole life," McHale said. "That's the one thing I do know. So if you can help a guy out with some things, you try to help him out."

McHale found quick success as a power forward for the Celtics. As a rookie reserve on a 1980-81 roster that included Bird, Robert Parish and Larry Randal Archibald, McHale won his first

of three NBA championships in Boston.

But it's been a longer, tougher journey for McHale as an executive trying to turn the Timberwolves from perennial losers to No. 1 seed.

Following his retirement after 13 seasons as a player, the former University of Minnesota star became a special assistant for the Wolves in 1993.

At that time, the franchise hadn't won more than 29 games in a season.

Reforming

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cheerleaders and bands. Each year it gets tougher to pretend otherwise and buy into the idea that the first part of the phrase "student-athlete" is as important as the second.

It's a happy phrase to be in with, created by the NCAA to prevent workman's compensation claims and any possibility that athletes might be considered university employees.

The Drake Group would dump that phrase and go much further. Restore freshman ineligibility, shorten seasons, insist that athletes go to classes like other students, schedule games on weekends rather than school nights and replace one-year renewable athletic scholarships with guaranteed four-year, need-based financial aid.

As sensible as that might seem, powerful forces — namely, coaches, athletic directors, boosters, TV networks, pro leagues and the Nikes of the world — are loath to do anything except make cosmetic changes. Unfortunately, pancake makeup can't cover up bleeding wounds.

Reflect, then, on the upheaval being urged now by Bruce B. Sware, director of the National Institute for Sports Reform.

In his recent book, "Reforming Sports Reform: The Clock Runs Out," Sware makes a compelling case for tearing down the college sports structure before it collapses of its own weight, and rebuilding it along new, and old, lines.

Good intentions aside, not all of Sware's notions are worth pursuing, even if they merit discussion. A lifelong sports enthusiast and professor of psychology and neuroscience at the State University of New York at Albany, Sware puts too much faith in government and in think tanks like his own.

Among the needed reforms, he says, are a federally funded national sports commission that would be charged with overseeing the entire spectrum

of sports from the promotion of health and fitness for all to the training of Olympic athletes.

The goal of the commission would be to elevate sports funding and "encourage the formation of a club system of athletics for the entire life span of our population."

That sounds great in theory but would fall apart in practice. Congress isn't even been able to get the U.S. Olympic Committee to work right, much less consider taking on the whole sports scene. Pro leagues, player unions, colleges and corporations aren't about to sit down to cobble together some grand plan for the future.

A think tank/research center for sports reform might help. The problem is in getting anyone of influence to listen.

Sware has plenty of good ideas about youth sports, particularly regarding elite teams and high-

pressure championship play, and about developing more minor league sports to replace the college feeder system for the pros.

It's right that colleges need to "turn down the volume on intercollegiate sports." He's persuasive that American college athletes would benefit academically by a move toward the European and Australian sports club system, though he's probably dreaming if he thinks it will happen in any of our lifetimes.

Yet even if that degree of radical change isn't on the horizon, the NCAA and all levels of sports would do well to listen to deep thinkers like Sware. He goes beyond criticism and cover-ups and offers serious solutions.

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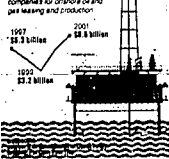
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Buhl chamber readies for auction

BUHL — In keeping with its goal of becoming self-sufficient in the next two years, the Buhl Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Special Events Auction on May 22 at Popplewell Elementary School.

Lyle Masters donated his time to serve as auctioneer. The chamber said it needs the community's help to make the auction successful and is seeking items of interest to the public to sell at the auction. Chamber members will contact local residents soon.

The chamber has been successful in reducing costs in the past year but still needs to generate money, chamber president Holly Langdon said in a press release. The fund-raising auction will help support all of the chamber's annual events.

Langdon said the chamber enables business people to accomplish collectively what no business could do alone. Members provide a united effort to improve the overall community well-being.

One of the greatest values of chamber membership comes through programs to improve Buhl-area economic climate and quality of life, she said.

Jerome Ambassadors slate lunch meeting

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber Ambassadors Club will hold its monthly lunch meeting at noon Wednesday at the China Village restaurant.

Lunch is \$7 per person, payable to China Village. Those attending may choose a Chinese or American entree or salad bar and drink.

Idaho Works! Board sets agenda

TWIN FALLS — The South Central Idaho Works! Board will meet at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Magic Valley Job Service, 771 N. College Road.

Items on the agenda include Workforce Investment Act funding for the next program year, board goal-setting and discussion about hosting a meeting with other regional work-force investment boards.

The meeting is open to the public.

Jerome gets ready to clean the city

JEROME — The city of Jerome and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold a Jerome Community Clean-up Day beginning at 8 a.m. May 21 at the Old Wells Fargo Bank on Main Avenue West.

Businesses are invited to form teams, each to clean up one block of downtown Jerome. Call the chamber at 324-2711 to choose an area to clean. Bring your own cleaning tools; the chamber will furnish the trash bags and pick them up.

Raffle drawings, door prizes and more will be awarded for the most accomplished team, most spirited team and other categories.

Organizers are encouraging citizens in residential areas to clean up at home, too. The Jerome Public Works Department will be picking up in alleys of residential areas May 20.

— compiled from staff reports

Chance to sweeten the pot

City Hall official asks agency to give another \$50,000 to incoming manufacturer

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A California manufacturer of hydraulic valves and fittings already got a \$200,000 gift from the city's Urban Renewal Agency to help it move about three dozen jobs to Twin Falls later this year.

But during delays in assembling financing for Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp.'s plant construction, metal building and other construction prices have shot up.

"As the time has elapsed on completing the Hydro Fitting project, costs have certainly escalated," said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' director of economic development.

So McAlindin on Monday will ask Urban Renewal to sweeten the pot.

"I'm asking the board to consider approving an additional \$50,000 to the project," he said.

The company also is scaling back the amount of land it is securing in a southeast Twin Falls business park, McAlindin said. Hydro Fitting is still buying lot 1 of Magic Valley Business Park — just over 4 acres — but is dropping its purchase option on lot 2 — about 2 1/2 acres — and instead contracting for first right of refusal to buy that lot.

When their initial financing plan failed to come together, McAlindin and company leaders approached D.L. Evans Bank.

"D.L. Evans has been absolutely wonderful to work with, and they'll be the ones financing the project," McAlindin said. "This is the first time that we've used a local bank for a large project like this. We're thrilled to death that the local bank

was willing and able to do it."

He added: "We want to thank, as well, the developers of Magic Valley Business Park — in this case, Joe Russell, Joe Shelton and Mike Wood — for really cooperating with us throughout this process and being flexible with us to make sure this project went forward."

Two other major topics are on Monday's agenda for the Urban Renewal Agency:

- Developing downtown housing — One long-standing revitalization goal of the city's downtown leaders is increasing the number of second-story apartments above downtown businesses.

- Mascov-based consulting firm Tom Hudson Co. — under contract with the city, Urban Renewal and Historic Old

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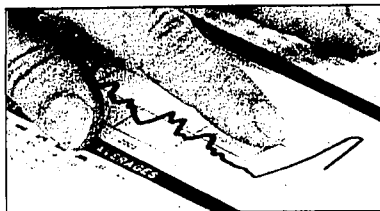
Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency meets:

- When: 11 a.m. Monday (That's a hour earlier than the agency generally meets.)

- Where: City Hall conference room, at 321 Second Ave. E. (That's the former City Council chambers.)

- Who: The public is welcome — except during one agenda item.

The agency said it plans a closed-door executive session for preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations. Leader Dave McAlindin declined to elaborate.



Stove Killgore, the president of McKenzie Forest Products, points to last year's plywood prices during an interview.

Plywood renaissance



Stove Killgore, the president of McKenzie Forest Products, makes remarks during an interview at McKenzie Forest Products last month in Springfield, Ore. The plywood resurgence began in May and climbed 'like a rocket ship,' said Jim Enright, general sales manager at Roseboro Lumber, also in Springfield.

Record high prices spur higher prices in industry

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. — A year ago, Steve Killgore walked into his mill's cafeteria, a white-collared executive entering the den of some of the timber industry's most bitter workers.

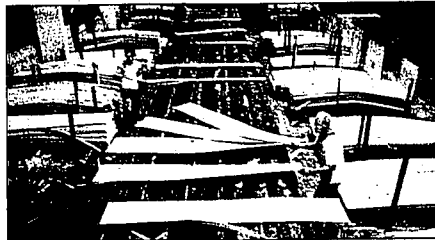
The plywood economy was in freefall. The county assessor had served the mill with foreclosure notices for failure to pay \$800,000 in back taxes, and rumors of bankruptcy were rippling through the lunch room.

"One out of three of you will be let go," Killgore, the president of McKenzie Forest Products, told the men in the cafeteria; steadying himself against the door.

It was the lowest point in his career, said Killgore, a man whose great-grandfather logged the mountains in eastern Oregon with a team of mules. Six months later, Killgore's company is out of the red, one of 34 mills in the Pacific Northwest that has been revived by an unprecedented increase in plywood prices.

Last May, the price of 1,000 square feet of plywood sold for \$392, according to Random Lengths, a trade publication in Eugene, Ore. A month later, prices took off "like a rocket," said Jim Enright, general sales manager at Roseboro Lumber, another plywood manufacturer in Springfield.

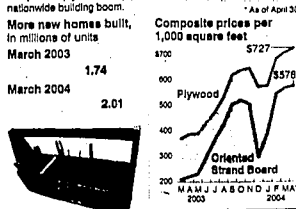
By June, the same product sold for \$435, and in August, prices topped \$500. Prices reached an industry high of \$650 in November — a record that was broken month after month in the first part of this year, peaking at \$735 in the April 23 report. The price declined to \$727 in the April 30 report. "That's the highest price in the his-



Workers at the Roseboro Forest Products Plywood Plant in Dillard, Ore., pull plywood along a production line last month.

Building boom, plywood prices soar

The price of plywood has jumped in the past year due in part to a nationwide building boom.



SOURCES: Department of Commerce, Random Lengths
K. Tom/AP

In Springfield, a city surrounded by mill-tre reserves, marks the first time in recent memory that the manufacturer, not the builder, called the shots.

"You can hear the sense of panic in people's voices when they have a job to fill and they can't find the wood in time. When you know it's time to raise the price," said Josh Gibeau, sales manager for McKenzie Forest Products.

The plywood renaissance is a direct result of the booming housing industry, which represents 70 percent of the plywood market. Last year, builders broke ground on 1.5 million single-family homes, a building industry record. Houses are also bigger than they used to be, said Carliner — from an average of 1,600 square feet in 1973 to more than 2,300 square feet last year.

"That translates into more wood," he said.

For many in the plywood industry, the dramatic recovery is not a time to brag, but an opportunity to recover.

"We've just come out of a horrible period. People are just hanging up. You hold, you know it's time to raise the price," said Josh Gibeau, sales manager for McKenzie Forest Products.

Ford shut down one of his mills last year, shedding 600 jobs. In Springfield, Killgore trimmed his mill workforce from 325 to 200, but that managed to save it.

Since 1989, 35 of the state's 60 mills have been shuttered and 6,000 jobs have been lost — a decline brought by the listing of the spotted owl as an endangered species, which resulted in the closure of vast reaches of Northwest forests to logging.

But the turnaround has allowed Killgore to pay the Lane County assess-

ment price used to be \$6. Now it's \$17," said Carliner.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Patio Pleasures goes under new ownership

BURLEY — Patio Pleasures, a hot tub sales and service business in Burley, is under new ownership.

Mike and Sharolyn Briggs purchased the business at 1106 Hansen Ave. in Burley — directly behind the South Idaho Press — and took it over on April 15.

The phone number is 678-1717.

The business sells hot tubs, pool tables, jetted and non-jetted bathtubs and patio furniture. It also has a new line of steam showers and Brunswick regulation pool tables and equipment.

Mike Briggs, a licensed electrician, said he purchased the business because it fit so well into his profession.

"Hot tubs and jacuzzis need to be wired, and that's right up my line," he said.

Hampton opens seven hotels in April

TWIN FALLS — Hampton, the national brand of more than 1,250 mid-priced Hampton Inn and Hampton Inn & Suites hotels, last week announced the opening of seven Hampton hotels in April, representing 647 new rooms.

The seven new openings, all of which are new developments, consist of five Hampton Inn hotels and two Hampton Inn & Suites hotels.

"With more than 1,250 hotels, giving Hampton a strong brand presence in the U.S., the brand continues to see growth in international developments this month with the opening of our sixth property in Mexico," said Phil Cordell, senior vice president of Hampton brand management. Additionally, the brand continued its growth in the Northeast with the opening of two hotels in New York state and New Hampshire.

The seven new Hampton hotels include a 75-room Twin Falls one, which opened April 29. The others are in Torrion, Coahuila, Mexico; Norfolk, Neb.; Ithaca, N.Y.; St. Louis/Peebles Park, Mo.; Lafayette, La.; and Manchester/Bedford, N.H.

The Hampton brand continues to have growth in its development pipeline, and it announced the groundbreaking of four new hotels in the past month. They're in Heath/Northwood, Ohio; Greenwood, Miss.; Ontario, Calif.; and Smyrna, Tenn.

Cassia medical center lab receives accreditation

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center's laboratory achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The accreditation is a result of demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized health care standards. Cassia Regional said.

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. Its on-site survey of the laboratory occurred Feb. 17-18.

"Our laboratory has always done a great job with compliance and quality at every survey. The new survey process tracks patients from the laboratory services throughout the facility," said registered nurse Rebecca Harper in quality management.

Henningsen Cold Storage kicks off new division

TWIN FALLS — Oregon-based Henningsen Cold Storage Co., which has operations in Twin Falls, launched a new division of the company, Henningsen Transportation Services.

The new service will offer multimodal transportation management solutions to Henningsen's current customers as well as non-Henningsen customers. The operation, which is an asset-based, is working with several national carriers to handle the freight.

Henningsen Transportation Services offers dry, refrigerated,



Steve Thompson, host of 'The Highlighter' on KBAR Radio, interviews Mistle McClure about her upcoming fund-raiser to raise money for her participation in a student ambassador program. Thompson does similar interviews weekly with local people to promote upcoming events or note accomplishments.

Local radio show expands broadcast time

RUPERT — The Highlighter, a local radio talk show on AM 1230 KBAR, is expanding its broadcast time.

The Highlighter, with host Steve Thompson, is now on the air from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

Thompson created the program to highlight good things happening in the area. The program includes success stories, heroes, announcements of community events, new and



Hydro-Tech Services in Burley holds a ribbon cutting to commemorate its grand opening. From left in front are Angela Garcia, Hydro-Tech owner Michael Cooper, Hydro-Tech associates Chris Cooper and Luke Fuller, and Carleen Clayville; in back are Dawnelle Alford, Bob Hamblin, Randi Nelson and Ward Maxfield.

New business sells spas, offers services

BURLEY — Hydro-Tech Services, a new Mini-Cassia business, is open at 1230 Overland Ave. in Burley.

The phone number is 878-8324. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Hydro-Tech offers frozen and flat-bed services including full truckload, less-than-truckload, local short-haul service and backhaul. It also is available for dedicated daily, weekly and monthly service to all points in the 48 states and Canada.

For information on Henningsen Transportation Services, call Lowell Giesbrecht at (509) 375-0463 or Bill Daniel at (503) 531-5400.

Nextel announces new walkie-talkie connections

TWIN FALLS — Nextel Communications Inc. and Nextel Partners Inc. announced availability of International Direct Connect walkie-talkie service.

The service provides under-a-second digital walkie-talkie connections between the United States, Brazil, Argentina and Peru and the United States and Canada.

Nextel U.S. subscribers traveling in these countries can now use data services including BlackBerry and mobile e-mail, two-way messaging and wireless Web access.

Nextel said it was the first cellular service to offer digital walkie-talkie service in 1992 and is currently the only cellular provider in the United States offering cross-border walkie-talkie services.

Nextel and Nextel Partners plan to launch International Direct Connect Service in Mexico this summer.

growing businesses, flag education, farm news and entertainment.

Thompson said he does news, interviews and reviews, holds a community forum and keeps the community posted on economic development. Listeners may call in — at 678-2244 or 1-800-225-0939 — to comment on the subject at hand or to tell of other happenings in the area.

Thompson can be reached by e-mail to highlighter@thehighlighter.com or by calling 679-3143 or 431-6105.

Owner Michael Cooper also works as a technician and sales manager. Employees include Chris Cooper, technician; Luke Fuller, administrative assistant; and Melissa Cooper, image consultant.

Products and services offered at the business include spa repair, monthly cleaning services, chemical sales, spa sales and rental specials on spas.

Nextel Partners local sales office is at 10333 N. Emerald in Boise. For information, call (208) 672-6100.

Ameritel Inns selects guest printing service

TWIN FALLS — Ameritel Inns recently selected Print-e-Go's remote guest printing service for all of its brand properties.

The service makes it possible for Ameritel Inn guests to print from a notebook computer, either wired or wireless, to a printer in the hotel's business center without special cables, drivers or technical support, the company said.

To use the service, guests simply connect to the Internet and use their Web browser to visit the hotel's printing Web site. In addition to notebook printing, guests can print documents using wireless hand-helds such as a Palm Powered hand-held, BlackBerry or Pocket PC.

Ameritel Inns owns and manages upscale mid-service properties across four states. The guest printing service will be fully deployed in all Ameritel Inn properties by the second quarter of 2004.

For a list of Ameritel locations offering the complimentary remote printing service (they include the Twin Falls location), visit www.printer.net/solutions/ameritel.html online.

Daily paper award winners

TWIN FALLS — Nine Times-News employees won awards in the Idaho Press Club's 2003 competition for daily newspapers:

Health and county government reporter Sandy Miller took first place in the light reporting category for "They called them 'boys,'" an article on local men who died fighting in World War I.

Miller also won first place in health and medical reporting for "On thin ice," a story on people without health insurance. She won third place in watchdog/investigative reporting for "Healthy salaries," a report on top annual salaries at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and on employee shortages and overtime work.

Miller won third place in arts and courts reporting for "Clerk's cash advances grew over time," a story about a Twin Falls County clerk's use of taxpayer money for gambling.

Chief Photographer Cory Myers won first place in feature photography for "Struggles with the list," an image of a high school student during math class. He took first place in sports photography for "Flying high," a picture of motocross stunts at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins won first place in business reporting for leading creation of "Precious perks," a survey and analysis of job benefits offered by local employers. Hutchins also took second place in light feature for "The light fantastic," a package of stories about various uses and effects of illumination in such areas as agricultural research, entertainment and energy efficiency.

Public safety reporter Rebecca Meany won first place in crime and courts reporting for "The big squeeze," a package of stories about Twin Falls County overcrowding and its causes. Meany also took second place in that category for "Juvenile offenders," a story about options available to Magic Valley juveniles offenders.

Environmental reporter Jennifer Sandmann took first place in environmental reporting for "A river's redemption," a series about efforts to clean up the Snake River.

Managing Editor Clark Walworth took first place in specialty columns for "Between the Lines," his Monday column about the newspaper business.

Features Editor Denise Turner won second place in religion reporting for "Volunteer nurtures El Milagro kids," a story about a Twin Falls volunteer who ministers to disadvantaged children on the grounds of a housing complex. Turner also won third place in

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that category for "Serving God by helping others," about a Twin Falls woman who worked with local churches to establish a homeless coalition. She won third place in general columns for "Life and Times"; titles of the three winning columns are "It's quiet at my house these days," "Some good reasons to do it right" and "We forget what's important during the holidays."

Features Editor Steve Crump took second place in general columns for a selection of three "Don't Ask Me" columns titled "They call me Bwana uber-camper," "Idaho: Where saavor-faire and "Some-thing life shouldn't go on as usual."

Sports writer Eric Larsen won an honorable mention in the Rookie of the Year competition with stories about Boise State lineman Korye Hall, Valley High School's Michael Grant and Minico High School's Meghan Joetchter.

Weekly paper award winners

TWIN FALLS — Ag Weekly, a weekly agricultural publication of The Times-News led by editor Carol Dumas won third place in the Idaho Press Club's general excellence competition for weekly newspapers.

Also, six employees of weekly publications associated with The Times-News won individual awards in the press club's competition for weeklies.

Dumas won first place in editorials for "Some folks need more brain food," and an honorable mention in that category for "Salmon lawsuit has a fishy aroma." Dumas also took second place in business reporting for "Business force bankruptcy" at Magic Valley Foods. She won second place in agriculture reporting for "Ag groups blast FIA with Australia."

Karen Bosstick of the Wood River Journal took first place in general news reporting for "Danger: deer crossing" and "Third place in that category for "Don't dream, Bossick also won first place in sports news for "Baughman wins BMT." She took first place in general columns for "Eye on the Valley." She won first place in arts and entertainment reporting for "Artist for all seasons" and an honorable mention in that category for "All that jazz." She took second place in series for "Challenging: Economic woes for the wild." She won third place in sports features for "Residents take a hike."

Kristan Kennedy of the Wood River Journal won second place in light feature reporting for "The illustrated man." She won second place in special sections for "Wood River Journal's Women in Business."

Jennifer Liebrum of the Wood River Journal took first place in series for "A disordered life and a public unmasking." She won an honorable mention in light feature reporting for "Cowboy dad."

Dev Mukh Khalsa of the Wood River Journal won first place in photo essay for "A new beginning." Khalsa also took first place in health and medical reporting for "Camp Rainbow Gold." Khalsa won second place in spot news photography for "Burning desire rare opportunity."

Pedro G. Salom V of the Wood River Journal took second place in education reporting for "Simulating Spanish." He won second place in the Rookie of the Year competition.

Salom and Kennedy won an

honorable mention in crime and courts reporting for "Judge may issue gaurd order."

Brenda Field

SUN VALLEY — Horizon Air promoted Brenda Field to regional director of its Mountain West region. In her new position, Field — oversees — the customer service and employee relations aspects of 12 stations in Idaho, Montana and Washington.

Field joined Horizon in 1986 as a customer services agent in Sun Valley.

Founded 22 years ago, Horizon Air has grown to become the nation's eighth largest regional airline, serving nearly 5 million passengers last year. Horizon Air serves 46 cities throughout Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon, California, Arizona, British Columbia and Alberta. In Idaho, Horizon serves Sun Valley, Boise, Idaho Falls, Lewiston and Pocatello.

Weatherization workers

TWIN FALLS — Randy Wright, Rod Burk and Ed Campos were honored as recipients of the 2004 State of Idaho "Pushing the Envelope Award" at the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy OutWest Conference in Sacramento, Calif.

The award was given for "innovative and creative approaches in the field of weatherization." All three men are trained and certified in providing cost-effective weatherization by using diagnostic equipment to determine energy efficiency in low-income housing.

Wright leads the senior management team at South Central Community Action Partnership's Weatherization Program coordinator and safety director. He has been with SCCAP for more than 20 years.

Burk, utility/housing supervisor, and Campos, senior energy technician supervisor, each have 16 years with SCCAP providing direction and training for their weatherization crews locally, statewide and throughout the Northwest.

Bank leaders

TWIN FALLS — Directors of Magic Valley Bank approved the election and promotion of Ernie Bergegochoa as senior vice president/chief credit officer; Pam Rasmussen to senior vice president; and Ray Rausch to vice president/branch manager.

All three of these title changes are well earned, and we are proud to have these people associated with Magic Valley Bank," said Phil Bratton, bank president.

Owned by shareholders throughout Magic Valley, the full-service community bank has offices in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome. A member of FDIC, serves agriculture, small businesses, individuals and communities in the valley.



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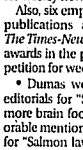
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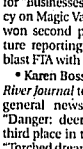
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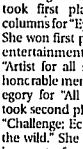
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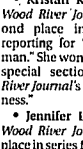
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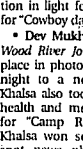
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YOUR BUSINESS

Eisner foes say Disney hid value of ABC Family

Los Angeles Times

Sharpening their attack on Walt Disney Co. and its chief executive, former directors Roy E. Disney and Stanley P. Gold have accused the company of concealing from shareholders the diminished value of one of its key cable channels.

But outside experts say the Burbank, Calif., entertainment giant seems to be operating within the scope of federal accounting rules, despite questions that for weeks have been swirling around the finances of the ailing ABC Family Channel.

In a letter to the board, Gold and Disney cited an internal financial analysis of ABC Family Channel that concluded it was being sold at a profit of \$1.2 billion. Disney purchased the channel and other related assets in 2001 for more than \$5 billion.

"The stark reality of this investment must not be hidden from shareholders," Disney and Gold said in their four-page letter, which was sent two weeks ago, according to sources familiar with its content. "You must carefully consider the propriety of failing to write down this significant investment."

For several months, Wall Street analysts and others have debated whether Disney should account for the fallen value of ABC Family. Under federal accounting rules, companies may be forced to write down an asset if the difference between the purchase price of an asset and its current market value. That requirement led media giants Time Warner Inc. and Viendi Universal to take major charges against their earnings in recent years.

In the view of some experts, however, Disney might not have to comply. Companies generally do not have to write down a so-called underwriter asset if it is included within a broader group that has appreciated in value, said Lisa Munro of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, whose rules are enforced by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ABC Family, for its part, is an underwriter of a cable group that includes powerhouse ESPN as well as the profitable Disney Channel.

"From my limited knowledge of Disney's accounting," Munro said, "nothing jumps out at me."

Gold and Roy Disney did not comment on their latest challenge to Disney's management.

Company executives also declined comment. But they provided a caveat, maintaining that no writedown for ABC Family was required by the rules. They also have publicly acknowledged that they paid too much for the channel.

"I hate to state the obvious, but if the company believes it should take a writedown, it would obviously take a writedown," Chief Financial Officer Tom Staggs said at an investor conference earlier this year. "We've got quite a valuable asset there. It's taking some time longer than we hoped initially to get it where we think it should be."

The letter from Gold and Disney was sent to the board late last month before its annual retreat, apparently in an effort to head off a possible takeover by CEO Michael Eisner. This week, the two men vowed to nominate an alternate slate of directors next year if the board fails to move decisively to improve the company's financial performance and find a successor to Eisner.

Gold and Disney, the nephew of the company founder Walt Disney, were the driving force behind the shareholder revolt in March that culminated in a 45 percent vote to gain some confidence against Eisner. The board stripped Eisner of the chairmanship but allowed him to remain as chief executive, a job he has held for nearly 20 years.

A massive writedown on ABC Family would play into the hands of Eisner's critics, who have picked apart his strategic decisions. In addition, it could effectively wipe out the company's bottom line in a potentially make-or-break year for the Disney-led company.

Disney, which is enjoying a modest recovery in its theme parks, has promised a 40 percent increase in income from operations this year and is expected to report strong second-quarter results May 12.

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Editt Szanto

TWIN FALLS — Editt Szanto accepted the position of library director at the College of Southern Idaho.

Szanto will continue to be director of CSI's Instructional Technology Center, a job she has held for the past eight years. Szanto plans to apply the existing synergies between library/information services and instructional technology in her new role.

"She is a strong proponent of information literacy and lifelong learning," CSI said in a statement. "She looks forward to working collaboratively with other libraries, schools, organizations and the community and invites CSI students, faculty, staff and community members to stop by the CSI library to check out the range of services offered."

Richard Dale Cowger

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls resident Richard Dale Cowger of Farmers Insurance Group became part of an elite group of Farmers' professionals now licensed to offer their customers investment products, in addition to the traditional insurance products they already provide.

Cowger passed the securities license exam and completed specialized training sponsored by the Farmers Financial Solutions LLC, the broker-dealer affiliate. He offers a variety of investment products and services including several mutual funds, variable annuities and variable universal life insurance.

Cowger's office is in the company's district office in Twin Falls.

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies includes the nation's third-largest home and auto insurer. Based in Los Angeles and doing business in 41 states, Farmers provides home, auto, business, life insurance and financial services to more than 10 million households through 15,000 exclusive agents and district managers.

Larry Christensen

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Air Force Academy presented a 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award to Lt. Col. (Ret) Larry Christensen, the area liaison officer for southern Idaho.

Although retired from the Air Force, Christensen still interviews all southern Idaho applicants to the Air Force Academy. Recent applicants who will enter the academy in July are Brian Elliott of Bliss High School, Charlton Coats of Minico High School in Rupert, and Robert Slough and Duane Miller, both of Wood River High School in Hailey.

Christensen is the senior officer in the Idaho ALO program, where he is responsible for 39 high schools in communities covering the largest geographic area and number of schools of all Idaho ALOs. He has had 75 academy appointees during his ALO career, including at least one appointment for every year he has been with the program. He consistently sends at least one student to the Academy Summer Seminar each year and has sent at least one area educator to the Educator Orientation each year.

He is a member of the Idaho Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee, where he deals with conflicts between employers and employees who are members of the Guard and Reserves.



Ashley Corner

Ralph Bayer



James Morrow

Kim Lewis

Commercial truckers

TWIN FALLS — The Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced five late-April graduates. Each received a Class A commercial driver's license with all endorsements. They are Ashley Corner, who is employed at Central Refrigerated Trucking; Ralph Bayer; James Morrow; and Kim Lewis; and Ryan Shoup.

Brett Lezaminz

TWIN FALLS — Brett Lezaminz, daughter of John Lezaminz of Twin Falls and Ann Lezaminz of Sarasota, Fla., will graduate Friday from the University of Southern California in the department of biokinetics and physical therapy with a doctorate of physical therapy.

Brett Lezaminz is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School and obtained a bachelor's degree from University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., in 2000. She lives in Seattle and is employed as a staff therapist at Factoria Sports and Spine Physical Therapy in Bellevue, Wash.

Dr. Duane Jeffers

TWIN FALLS — Cassia Regional Medical Center's new Internal Medicine Clinic announced a new staff member, Dr. Duane Jay Jeffers, specializing in internal medicine.



Duane Jeffers

Jeffers graduated from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham and completed his fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Jeffers will join Dr. James Spackman and is accepting new patients at their office in the Cassia Regional Medical Center, Suite E. It can be reached at 677-6212.

David Johnson

TWIN FALLS — First Federal Savings Bank hired David Johnson as network administrator. Johnson has 15 years' experience in computer networking, raised in Burley, Idaho.

He attended the University of Utah and the DeVry Institute of Technology. Johnson is married with five children.

Jaffe Zinn

BUHL — Buhl High School graduate Jaffe Zinn, a 2003 graduate from New York University, won several awards for being at the final awards titled "BLISS," which was shot during summer 2003 in south-central Idaho.

"The film was screened at the First Run Film Festival in New York City and judged by a panel of judges from Genart, New York Magazine, New Yorker Films and HBO and other industry professionals.

At the Craft Awards Ceremony prior to the film festival, Zinn received an award for sound design, and his main actor, Chris Ford, received an award for acting. At the final awards and screening, Zinn received the King Award for best prize (\$5,000) as well as the Wasserman Award in Directing (\$2,500). Semifinalists in the film festival included over 150 films.

Zinn's film was the only award-winning film shot on video, and of all the finalists, "BLISS" was the only film directed, produced, edited and photographed by one individual.

Zinn's film will be screened next in Los Angeles in June at the Director's Guild of America Theater. Zinn is living in Japan, teaching English in a private school and working on a new script for a feature-length film.

Judy Holland

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Realty's Judy Holland has been its top listing and selling agent for the past three years. She was the top agent for the first quarter of 2004.

Holland sells farms, dairies, homes, commercial properties and building lots. She works with mortgage companies and banks in the area to help buyers get the best loans possible.

She and her husband, John, have lived on their farm in Hazelton for 30 years. Holland can be reached at 734-1991.

CONTRIBUTION



Heather Walker, store manager and vice president for Wells Fargo Bank, presents a check to South Central Community Action Partnership's housing director, Bill Lehman, left, and executive director, Ken Robinette.

Wells Fargo Foundation recently contributed \$2,500 to South Central Community Action Partnership's transitional housing program for homeless families.

The partnership, with offices in Twin Falls, Burley and Jerome, is dedicated to reducing the effects of hunger, poverty and homelessness in Magic Valley's eight counties. It has a long-term plan to increase affordable housing for homeless and other low-income individuals.

Focusing on homeless families with children, SCCAP has 11 transitional housing units in Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties — where families can stay for up

to 24 months. Rent is based on the families' incomes. Transitional housing helps the previously homeless families stabilize their lives, find permanent housing, keep their children in school and become self-sufficient, the partnership said. Licensed family development specialists work with the families to build skills toward self-sufficiency.



This is the second year that the Wells Fargo Foundation has contributed to development of SCCAP's transitional housing program.

Better Business Bureau warns of first aid scam

TWIN FALLS — The Better Business Bureau advised Idaho businesses to be wary of telephone solicitations claiming affiliation with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Treasure Valley businesses reported receiving calls from National Medical Supplies of New York.

The caller tells the business that it is required to purchase an OSHA-approved first-aid kit at the cost of several hundred dollars in order to avoid thousands of dollars in fines, the BBB said.

Although OSHA requires employers to provide first-aid kits, it does not have any specific company selling the "approved" first-aid kits.

In the Better Business Bureau's investigation, National Medical Supplies was found to have a private mail drop in Champlain, N.Y. OSHA representatives deny any affiliation with the company, the BBB said.

Businesses interested in learning more about OSHA guidelines for first-aid kits may visit www.osha.gov, then do a search for first-aid kit/mandatory.

Women's Realtor group slates monthly meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Women's Council of Realtors will hold its monthly meeting at noon Friday at Tomato's Italian Grill in Twin Falls.

Gail Anderson of Irwin Realty will speak on "Communication and Listening Skills."

SBA holds free online 'webinar' on marketing

TWIN FALLS — A free online "webinar" on "Email Marketing for Small Businesses" will be hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and

Money in brief

Topica Inc. at noon Wednesday. The live, 60-minute webinar on e-mail marketing strategies is intended for small business owners such as retailers and marketing professionals, as well as e-commerce Web sites of all types.

The SBA said topics include: A checklist of best practices for responsible e-mail marketing, including ways to obtain the recipient's permission, working unsubscribe links, and a posted privacy policy.

• Tips for successful e-mail selling, covering areas like effective offers, how to build a list, e-mail design, the power of confirmed opt-in, frequency and personalization.

• Resources to get started, including a carefully selected catalog of resources that can help marketers increase effectiveness of their e-mail campaigns.

• Stories from the e-mail retail front, including examples of how various companies have used e-mail to boost sales, recruit paying attendees and generate demand.

The webinar also will cover overall principles in making e-mail work for e-commerce. Following the presentation will be an overview of the SBA's programs and services. The session will end with questions and answers.

Small-business owners can participate in the free session from their own computers and telephones. Participants can sign up at <http://topica.raindance.com/icedocs/seminar/12.sthtml> by clicking the "Register" button next to the event titled "Topica: Email Marketing for Small Business" dated May 12.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a woody feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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- Awards and achievements.
- New certifications.
- Charitable business activities.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Other business news.

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Plywood

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son, replace broken machinery and recoup \$3 million in environmental cleanup costs.

The resurgence has hit all aspects of the timber industry, but plywood has seen the most pronounced recovery.

While the industry as a whole grappled with the spot-

ted owl, it was plywood alone that suffered from the introduction of oriented strand board, a composite product made primarily from Canadian aspen. Introduced in 1980, the cheaper board has taken a sizable chunk of the plywood market, said Jack Merry of the Engineered Wood Association in Tacoma, Wash.

Still, many caution that the wave is about to crest. "It's a bubble," said Ford. "I live in hope. But in my old age, I have come to learn that you cannot sustain this level of activity."

The sound of a mill going full throttle is like a hailstorm. As the logs enter the mill, they are pushed into a house-sized

saw, which peels rind after rind off the log, like a giant wooden orange. The plywood sheets spit out, the plywood is assembled line.

"It's like Beirut in here," joked Killgore, as he walked past the assembly line in his Springfield mill.

One worker approached him with a question. Others

waved. "Before, I would walk through the mill and they wouldn't acknowledge me," he said.

"Now they see the trucks and the railcars, the movement of the wood. I don't think anyone is making obscene gestures when I walk through the mill anymore."

Higher cable rates bring objections

By Bobby White
Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — The phone calls at Barry Williams' home are few and far between. Sometimes, irate people blast him with their grievances. On other occasions, they accept de-mure objections.

When Fort Worth residents call, there's very little Western-man's office at hand. Williams, the city's cable manager, can say, "The city can't tell its cable television provider, Charter Communications, how much to charge. It can only set minimal regulatory parameters and field complaints."

Williams has not complained once, subscribers see their new bills, he said.

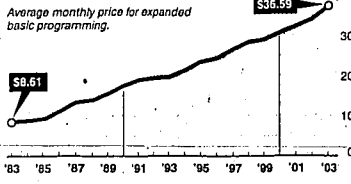
"Some call and cannot understand why they can't pay for specific channels rather than an entire package or tier."

"Why does he have that?"

"I just give them Charter's telephone number," Williams said.

Explaining cable rates is like explaining the forces at large getting rindrops fall: it gets complicated. Many consumers accuse cable companies of using their monopoly status in most communities to drive up rates. What's clear is that rates move up when baseball superstar Alex Rodriguez signs a contract worth hundreds of millions or MTV rolls out a new show. In any case, consumers are angry and confused about why it costs so much more to watch Tony Soprano on Sunday.

Cable rates 1983-2003



Source: Cable companies; Knight Ridder News Service

ent said, "And we believe it would cause prices to go even higher."

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more cash, they are responding to their own pricing pressures, said Gary Arlen, a media analyst with Arlen Communications in Maryland.

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Cable operators also point to the costs of upgrading their infrastructure. A report from the General Accounting Office — said the cable industry spent more than \$75 billion between 1996 and 2002 to upgrade its infrastructure. A report from the Philadelphia-based Comcast spent \$70 million alone in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in 2003 on upgrades, Biasatti said.

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But the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which scaled back cable regulation, Congress believed that there would be more competition from telecommunication companies and power companies.

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Some are suggesting that consumers be allowed to pay only for the channels they want to see.

"When it comes to purchasing cable channels beyond the basic tier today, consumers have the all-or-none of a Cable Choice ballot," John McAvet, CEO said during the hearing. "One option: Take it or leave it."

Industrywide, cable rates have risen 56 percent since 1996, nearly three times the overall inflation rate.

Anita Lamont, spokeswoman for Charter, said the inflation component is inaccurate, citing the costs of improving networks and adding more programming and services.

She also said the concept of a la carte cable, in which consumers pick which channels they want, is shortsighted.

"We really don't think it would work and would argue it would reduce the quantity and quality of programming," Lam-

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Policy shift helps Wi-Fi muscle into airwaves

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — As demand for wireless services surges, the federal government is weighing whether to wrest valuable swaths of the public airwaves from the exclusive use of television broadcasters and make them available to technology companies.

The proposal is part of a major policy shift backed by the Bush administration and the Federal Communications Commission, which aims to open more of the crowded broadcast spectrum to emerging technologies such as the popular wireless networking standard known as Wi-Fi.

The administration and the FCC also want to speed the much-delayed transition to digital television by taking away spectrum from broadcasters and other users that are

not making efficient use of it. For instance, some channels use the frequencies assigned them rarely — or not at all.

"This is their wake-up call," said Michael D. Gallagher, an acting assistant Commerce secretary who oversees wireless communications policy for the Bush administration.

The policy shift reflects the growing influence of tech companies in Washington, D.C. It has angered broadcasters, which ridicule the ideas as "unrealistic," saying they would "wreak havoc" on the tightly regulated spectrum. Technology companies say they need greater access to airwaves that support everything from instant text messaging on the subway to wireless laptops at Starbucks.

Television airwaves particularly are prized by purveyors of wireless devices they

can pass through walls and other obstructions more easily than the unlicensed portion of the spectrum, which is choked with 400 million cordless phones, microwave ovens, garage door openers and other electronic gadgets.

The growth in wireless is beginning to have a real impact on policymakers, said lawyer Greg Staples, who is leading a project to bring free Wi-Fi service to the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

In 1997, broadcasters were given \$70 billion worth of spectrum to provide digital television by 2006. In exchange, they pledged to return their existing analog TV channels, which were to be auctioned off to wireless service providers.

Few believe digital television will be widespread enough in two years to end analog trans-

missions. The Bush administration and FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell have made it clear that they are frustrated by the slow rollout.

The first step toward accelerating it came this spring, when the FCC more succinctly announced support for a plan that would count cable and satellite TV subscribers toward the audience threshold Congress set to trigger the digital transition. Lawmakers decreed that once 85 percent of TV viewers in a local market could receive a digital TV signal, broadcasters had to turn off analog service and return the channels to the government.

Broadcasters protested that such a quick switch would cut off millions of viewers without cable or satellite service and the expensive digital TV tuners required to get the new channels.

called the Idaho Housing and Finance Association who is now involved in private housing projects — approached McAlindin a month ago to talk about launching some kind of downtown residential project.

"That's been a priority of the agency over time and, we think, a critical piece in the revitalization of downtown," McAlindin said.

Hegg works with developer groups in providing private funding for housing projects — both market-rate ones and those dubbed affordable. He and McAlindin are talking specifically about market-rate housing in or near the downtown core, both above and below existing stores and in vacant buildings which could be renovated for ground-floor

commercial use and upper-floor homes, McAlindin said.

It might be a good time to push for more downtown apartments. Computer maker Dell Inc.'s chief in Twin Falls has hired many tech-savvy young people who might be drawn to downtown living in urban-style lofts and upscale apartments.

"That would bring a critical mass to the downtown that we don't have now," McAlindin said.

A bigger downtown population, he said, "brings the coffee shops, the bakeries, the dry cleaners, all the amenities that people need when they're living in that downtown, urban setting."

• Fixing interest costs —

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Campus dorm shortages prompt parental action

Some decide to purchase housing

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Freshman year for Emily Williams meant cramming her life into a 14-foot-by-14-foot dormitory room that came with a shared bathroom and, alas, two roommates trying to cram their lives into the same space.

Sophomore year has brought Williams her own bedroom, but also another set of domestic headaches: term papers, contracts and mortgage payments.

To free her from the dorms, Williams' parents recently bought her a house across the street from Barry University in Miami Shores. Fly the Nova Southern term \$1,000 a month, which Emily shares with a housemate and a third student renting an attached apartment.

The strategy amounts to a pricey but increasingly popular response to the national campus housing crunch: a dorm room off-campus rents commanding top dollar and schools like Barry shuffling students in hotels until dorm spaces open up.

Meanwhile, low interest rates are convincing more parents it may be time to pay for a down payment and a mortgage to put a child through school.

"I am definitely seeing an increase in interest" in off-campus purchases, said Liza Hancock, director of residential life and housing for Nova Southern term University in Davie, Fla. "There are more people asking about it than used to."

Emily's father, David Williams, said her share of the mortgage costs less than what he'd have to pay for a dorm room. The self-employed fence contractor in Kentucky is hoping to break even with the extra expenses that come with off-campus living (like a car) once graduation day arrives and she sells the property for a profit.

"She's paying me the mortgage plus a little bit of interest," Williams said in a telephone interview from Lexington. "She was enthusiastic about doing it. I think she's going to be a good business person."

Owning off-campus housing eliminates many of the hassles associated with college living while creating some of its own.

Students aren't forced to move out every spring and move in every fall. The summer breaks can mean the loss of roommates and rental revenue.

The space is almost always roomier than in a dormitory, but administrators say off-campus students tend to feel they miss out on extracurricular activities.

And students reveling in college-age independence find themselves once again living under Mom and Dad's roof, even if it's hundreds of miles from home.

"I told the boys this wasn't a party-type neighborhood," said Debbie Preston, a Miami Beach, Fla., real estate broker who recently joined her ex-husband in buying a house in Miami, Fla. House for their two sons at the University of Florida. "You'll have to call me in six months to

What's a parent to do?

Go for the long haul. Buying a house for your child's junior year gives you a short window of appreciation until graduation. That may not be enough to cover closing costs.

Work the angles. A student living nearby might qualify for in-state tuition, and putting your child on the mortgage could let you qualify for first-time homebuyer incentives.

Otherwise, you'll have to treat the property as an investment, which typically means paying an interest penalty.

Go big. Extra bedrooms can help you subsidize the mortgage payments with tenants. Plus getting them lets your child enjoy and suffer one of the signature college features: roommates.

Stay close. How far away is the house from campus? A few blocks may mean the difference between a car and needing a car to get to class.

—SOURCE: Colwell Banker, CPA Esther Superstein, KRT reports

find out if they're taking care of the place."

Party worries aside — the Prestons picked a house with a hot tub for Marc and Ryan — it's the aversion to throwing rent money to the property most families to purchase real estate for their college-age children.

"In the last couple of years, buyers have been crawling out of the dormitory," said real estate agent Dolores Long, who also teaches in a dormitory at the University Inn condominium complex near the University of Miami. "Rates have been the big factor, no question."

And off-campus ownership isn't necessarily a financial no-brainer, even for families who have the extra cash for a down payment.

Investment strategies don't always mesh with academic calendars, warns accountant Esther Superstein. It can take several years to cover the transaction costs associated with purchasing real estate — even with the booming real estate market of the last several years.

"If they're just going for two years, it's definitely not going to be economical. They should just rent," Superstein said.

A renter would have to lease parents faced with either selling their child's college digs or trying to rent and manage it from several states away.

"It's a little bit of a risk for me," said David Williams of his daughter's house near Barry. "I hope I don't have to turn it over quickly."

He said he isn't worried about his daughter, a 19-year-old scholarship student who works on campus and at the Macaroni Grill to help cover her school expenses. She's serving as landlord for the property, even though she's still a student. Most other residents of the modest bungalow. She's responsible for upkeep, which her father pays for.

Job recruiting experts: Don't get bummed by bad news

The Associated Press

It can seem mighty bleak for those hunting for a new job. And while no one would ever advocate that you stop reading the newspaper, recruiting experts warn job seekers not to let the negative news become too discouraging. It just might wreck your chance at a new position.

Even with a good plan of action, job seekers who are discouraged or fatalistic tend to unwittingly neglect or sabotage their searches," says Bernadette Kenny, executive vice president of Lee Hecht Harrison, a New Jersey-based career consulting and coaching company.

Experts say one reason the unemployment rate has stabilized in recent months is because of the long time it now takes to find a job. As the search appears futile, people stop looking.

But remember: Those headlines aren't written to keep you on the couch. You need to stay focused, resilient and determined. How?

• Take care of yourself: Exercise (you DO have the time now) and proper diet and good sleep habits go a long way toward keeping a positive mental outlook.

• Set short-term goals: Sure, you want to land a job, but you need to have other success, such as meeting a weekly target for letters, phone calls, new business contacts, etc.

• Know the industry terrain: Educate yourself on the broader trends shaping your general field. The job you're seeking today may not exist in a few months. But which ones probably will? And how are those kinds of positions changing?

• Enlist a buddy: A friend, a former colleague or a relative can be an invaluable coach, or source of ideas for new directions and advice.

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Economic recovery gathers momentum

The Baltimore Sun

The U.S. economy appears to be hitting... adding 280,000 jobs in April and giving President Bush's re-election effort a boost at a time when the administration faces escalating criticism over the situation in Iraq.

The strong number helped push the nation's unemployment rate down one tenth (0.11) of a percentage point to 5.6 percent - even though more workers entered the job market. The Labor Department reported Friday. Growth was across the board, and even in the ravaged manufacturing sector hit by record layoffs.

The jobs increase was better than the 175,000 economists expected, and the good news was amplified by an upward revision of March job gains to 337,000 from the 308,000 initially reported. This is an all-systems-go hiring report, said Alan D. Levinson, chief economist at T. Rowe Price Associates, a Baltimore-based mutual fund company. "The Fed has been talking about wanting to see a sustainable expansion, what makes an expansion sustainable is when labor is participating."

Friday's report means that more than half of the 1.1 million jobs added since August were created in the last two months - a sharp turnaround from a year ago when jobs were still being lost.

Now, many economists expect to see the pace of job growth accelerate as the economy heats along.

As far as I'm concerned, this is confirmation that we are in the midst of a full-blown expansion," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors in Holland, Pa. "There is no longer any weakness in the economy anywhere."

Naroff said companies could add from 200,000 to 250,000 jobs a month for the rest of the year.

"This was the last piece of the puzzle," Naroff said. "It is a very pretty picture."

Levinson added that a "labor market recovery of this kind of magnitude lends itself to the expansion. I guess nobody is talking about outsourcing anymore," he said, referring to the growing number of white-collar workers who have lost jobs to workers in India, Canada and other countries.

The upbeat employment re-

port reinforced expectations that the Federal Reserve will begin raising interest rates sooner rather than later, possibly as early as June. That prospect rattled Wall Street Friday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average down 123.92 points, or 1.21 percent, to 10,117.34. The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index slipped 15.30 points, or 1.37 percent, to 1,098.59, and the NASDAQ composite index lost 19.78 points, or 1.02 percent, to 1,917.96.

"The economy is very solid, it probably doesn't need as much stimulus as it did a year ago," said Gary Thayer, chief economist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

He said the Fed could push the benchmark federal funds rate, now 1 percent - its lowest in about 45 years - to 3 to 3.5 percent by late next year.

The Labor Department's report was welcome news to the Bush administration, which credited the president's tax cuts with engineering the economy's turnaround.

In a speech Friday at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Treasury Secretary John Snow said the economy has "turned the corner."

"I believe this economy has plenty of room to run without creating inflation," Snow said. But he acknowledged that consumers are "facing some jarring prices on everyday purchases."

"Prices of gasoline, groceries and houses have increased, and they can be a strain on 2003 household budgets," Snow said.

Sen. John Kerry, the likely Democratic challenger for the race against Bush, criticized the president's record, saying the administration has presided over the worst job recovery since the Great Depression with 2.2 million private-sector jobs lost and 8.1 million people out of work.

Kerry said that he has a plan to create 10 million new jobs - a pace of 200,000 jobs a month - by rewarding companies that add jobs in the United States instead of moving them overseas.

Manufacturing, which has lost 2.9 million jobs in the last three years, is again on a rebound, adding 21,000 jobs in April. The bulk of them were in the higher paying durable goods sector where furniture, computer and electronic products and machinery are made.

Analysts say resurgence of inflation part of recovery

By Meg Richards Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Higher prices for everything from gas and groceries to industrial commodities are labor have translated into a gigantic "sell" signal for Wall Street, and left little doubt that inflation is on its way back.

With the Federal Reserve contemplating when, and how much, to raise interest rates, inflation is an increasingly worrisome factor for stock investors. But analysts say a modest rise in inflation is a necessary part of the economic recovery, and not necessarily something to fear.

"A couple percentage points of inflation is not that big a deal. It just shows the economy is growing," said Mitch Zacks, director of research at Zacks Investment Research in Chicago. Generally, as the economy grows, inflation starts to rise... it's times of hyperinflation when things break down.

It was only a few months ago that the Fed was concerned about deflation, which happens when prices fall too quickly. The core inflation rate rose from between 1 percent and 2 percent, and is likely to rise further as the Fed tightens rates, perhaps as early as this summer. Economists say this kind of inflation is a healthy side effect of growth, and far different from the damaging pricing pressures of the 1970s and '80s, when inflation was measured in double digits, and mortgage rates were as high as 15 percent.

The market lures institution of about 2 to 3 percent, said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist with A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. "It means the economy is growing, and corporate America can raise the price of its products, and earnings can rise." But Goldman is part of a contrarian market segment that has questioned whether the Fed is

actually doing enough to stop more dramatic inflation before it starts. When inflation gets above 5 percent, it tends to be more unsettling to markets, and more difficult for policy makers to control.

The market, which seessoared after the Fed said it would take a "measured" approach to lifting rates from their current 4-year lows, might have responded more positively to a stronger statement, Goldman said. A promise of "vigilance" on the inflation front might have been more reassuring to investors - even though that further raises the prospects for higher rates, he said.

"The Fed has one main responsibility, and that is to control inflation. It is a killer for everybody," Goldman said. "If you wait until the evidence is right in your face, it's too late. That's why it's the job of the Fed to start tapping on the brakes sooner rather than later. It's preventive medicine. And that's what a modest rate hike would be."

After 10 quarters of steady corporate growth, and with almost a million jobs created since October, most analysts agree the economy is doing fine. But inflationary pressures have put many on their guard.

Oil topped \$40 a barrel on Friday, its highest level since 1990, and prices are rising for other commodities, as well as steel and lumber. The Institute for Supply Management's monthly survey of purchasing managers showed many are seeing higher prices in the goods they buy. The ISM's price index hit its highest level in 88 in April, its highest reading since November 1979.

Pricing pressure is reflected in other measures as well. The Labor Department found employment costs rose 1.1 percent in the first quarter, and benefit expenses soared 2.4 percent, the fastest pace in two decades.

Drought forces a change in ways

RUPERT - Another year of drought - and ensuing water shortages - is causing farmers to tweak their techniques and farming practices. Some might even be practicing rain dances.

Duane Grant, who farms northeast of Rupert, said planting sugar beets as early as possible to take advantage of the possibility of rain is one thing many beet farmers did this year.

"Fortunately, we had a nice rain storm and ended up not having to irrigate early beets," Grant said. "Part of it is relying on Mother Nature. You set yourself up to take advantage of weather when it happens."

Normally, Grant could begin watering as early as April 1, but this year April 10 was the earliest water was provided by the irrigation districts.

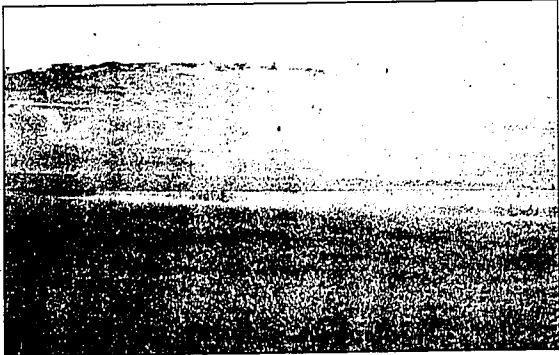
Grant said he believes enough water will be available for farmers in the Rupert area to complete their crops. Farms in the Mindokla Irrigation District are so far receiving their allotments, he said.

"But it is not guaranteed," Grant said. "We are going forward assuming there is enough water to complete the crop."

Drought tightens its grip across West

TWIN FALLS - Above-normal temperatures and continued dry conditions in April make shortages of irrigation water a probability across southern Idaho.

Data from 70 SNOTEL sites in Idaho for the months of March and April show recording low precipitation. Twenty-seven of those sites set new record lows for the amount of precipitation recorded, and another 24 sites recorded the second lowest amount of precipitation for the 20-plus years that the sites have automatically been



A field on Mike Telford's farm in Rupert soaks in some of the wet stuff. Telford is one of many farmers who is making changes in the way they irrigate because of water shortages.

Farmbeat Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

recording daily precipitation. Add temperatures of up to 15 degrees above normal, and streamflow projections are about half of normal for the summer.

Ron Abramovich, a hydrologist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, monitors the status of SNOTEL sites. He said some basins will experience the lowest water supply since the drought began in 2000.

The Big Lost River at Mackay is expected to flow at just 32 percent of normal from May to September. At 51,000 acre-feet, that's the lowest flow since

55,000 acre-feet in 1971.

USDA agrees to rekindle decision on BSE

BILLINGS, Mont. - In a case of bending its own rules, the U.S. Department of Agriculture agreed this week to temporarily restraining order to thwart a relaxed policy on "high risk" beef imports from Canada.

The Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund USA called USDA's compliance a "huge victory for U.S. consumers and for food safety."

On Wednesday, the USDA acknowledged that it had skirted its own regulatory requirements in making the change without public input and agreed to rescind the decision.

USDA spokeswoman Alisa Harrison said the agency agreed to the preliminary in-

junction because "we probably could have been more clear in our administrative steps... We were just expanding our permitting process to allow for some additional beef products from Canada."

R-CALF filed a lawsuit against the USDA in April after finding a notice posted on the agency's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Web site saying, in part, "We now believe it would not be necessary to require that beef imported from BSE minimal-risk regions be derived only from cattle less than 30 months of age."

The 30-month ruling was put into effect in August 2003, just three months after a Canadian cow tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, a fatal, progressive neurological disorder of cattle, suspected to be transmissible to humans by eating BSE contaminated meat.

Tortillas demand a bigger place at the table

Knight Ridder News Service

Watch out, Wonder Bread. Sales of the unassuming but versatile tortilla are surging up to white bread, reflecting the growth of the nation's Hispanic population and the broadening of the American palate.

"Tortillas have had steady growth 10 to 15 percent a year seemingly forever," said Steinberg, the founding president of the 14-year-old Tortilla Industry Association, which is based in Dallas.

The popularity of wraps - reknowned flour tortillas that are sometimes flavored - also helps boost the round, flat bread's share to 32 percent of the combined retail and food service market for bread, just behind white loaves at 34 percent, according to a report from market researcher Mintel for the association.

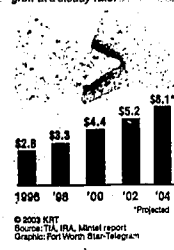
"I think people are bored with white bread, but tortillas and ethnic breads have caught their imagination," Steinberg said.

In Fort Worth, Texas, Leo's Foods not only bakes millions of Steinberg's tortillas for food service accounts throughout the continental United States, Puerto Rico and Brazil, but also produces such exotic flavors as pineapple and chocolate for a client in South Florida.

"I don't know when they use them for, but people love them," an amused company president Leo Jimenez, 73, said of choco-

How big is the tortilla industry?

Market size, in billions, of the U.S. tortilla industry, which continues to grow at a steady rate:



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late tortillas. "We try to give customers what they want - within reason."

Steinberg said small tortillas are used by some Chinese restaurants as wraps for moo shu dishes.

Noting that many producers, including Leo's, are now certified kosher, Steinberg is trying to establish whether unleavened tortillas would be acceptable for the Jewish holiday of Passover.

"And why not?" asked Steinberg, a determined West Point graduate who is himself Jewish and a former chief executive of the U.S. subsidiary of Gruma, owner of the Mission and Que-

roero brands. "You can't show me some place in the Bible where it says you can only eat matzo," he said, referring to the flour-and-water, crackerlike unleavened bread.

Although there are areas where tortillas remain unfamiliar, the greatest sales growth has been in the upper Midwest and Northeast, where Hispanic communities are not large, according to Baking & Snack, Inc. of New England, demand has been stimulated by selling them as wraps, Heidi Hartung of Harbor Corp., Massachusetts-based tortilla maker, told the industry journal.

In response to the popularity of the low-carbohydrate Atkins diet, La Tortilla Factory of Santa Rosa, Calif., has been producing low-carb tortillas - in whole wheat, herb garlick and green-onion varieties.

Albertson's, which has carried the low-carb tortillas for three months at its 200 North Texas stores, has moved its 30 or so tortilla products from end-cup shelves to permanent shelves in the bread section. This, spokeswoman Jen Vroman said, "indicates they are doing very well."

Kroger and some health-food stores also carry low-carb varieties.

What is clear in the industry is that white bread sales are stagnant while tortilla sales are booming.

According to market research company IRI, supermarket sales of white bread dropped 0.6 percent in 2002 from the year before, while tortilla sales grew 11 percent. Private-label tortilla sales jumped a whopping 26 percent.

In dollar terms, retail and food-service sales of tortillas have nearly doubled in a six-year period to \$5.2 billion in 2002, up from \$2.8 billion in 1996, said the association, which predicts \$6.1 billion in sales in 2004.

Thirty years ago, annual sales were just about \$300 million when tortillas were considered a narrow, ethnic food item.

Manufacturers range from numerous mom-and-pop operations to industry giants, such as Irving, Texas-based Mission, which has a 5.6 percent share.

The word tortilla comes from the Spanish word tort, which means round cake. What we know today as the corn tortilla was, according to an ancient Mayan legend, invented by a peasant as a gift for his monarch. The flour tortilla originated either in Texas as a convenient food during roundups, or in northern Mexico to form burritos for people working in mines or fields.

Higher oil prices don't look to be going away soon

Los Angeles Times

Crude oil prices hit \$40 a barrel for the first time in 13 years Friday, reinforcing worries that months of high energy prices could cripple trucking airlines and other key industries and become a drag on the U.S. economic recovery.

The high cost of everything from gasoline to jet fuel is driving up prices for many industries. "It doesn't look like it's going to go away," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp., and the consequences are being felt throughout the economy.

Already, some airlines have added a fuel surcharge to ticket prices, tugged-out truckers are

refusing to carry port freight, shoppers are steering clear of gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles, and farmers are paying extra to get their goods to market.

Higher fuel prices have added about a penny to the roughly 10-cent cost transporting a pound of strawberries from Central to Southern California, said Dan Crowley, sales manager of West-Pac Berries Inc. in Watsonville, Calif.

"That might not sound like a lot, but when you are shipping by the truckload it starts to add up," Crowley said.

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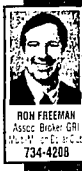
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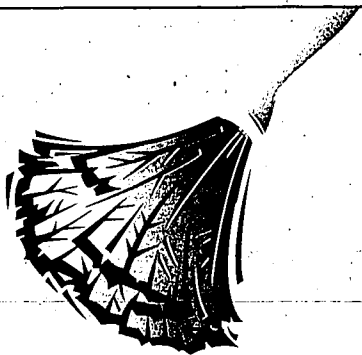
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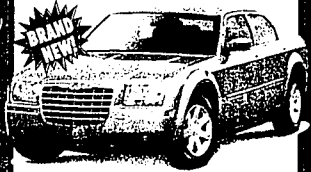
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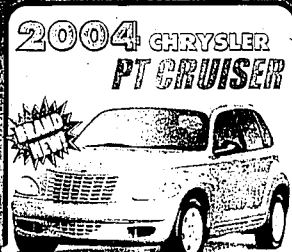
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Section E

Tracing the origins of Mom's Day

"M" is for the million "things" she gave me! Mom like the million dollars. That's about what it takes to raise a kid now days. But the sentiment is nice.

Several holiday sites on the Internet tell the history of Mother's Day. Some trace the event all the way back to ancient Greece, when spring celebrations honored Rhea, the mother of the gods. Or to 1600s England, when servants got a day off for "Mothering Sunday."

Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," suggested honoring American mothers in 1872 — and Ana Jarvis persuaded her mom's in West Virginia church to hold Mother's Day services in 1908.



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In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the official proclamation: Mother's Day would be a national observance, held each year on the second Sunday of May.

One Web site has a section titled "What the Bible says about Mothers." As in, "Honor your father and your mother." And, "A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother." And "Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all living."

There's also a section of "Motherly Advice." Surely none of us could have grown up successfully without hearing that stuff. "Don't put dirt in your mouth; you don't know where it's been." And, "Always change your underwear; you never know when you'll be in an accident." And the always timely, "Be careful or you'll put your eye out."

When I was about to become a mother, many people felt the need to give me the same warning: Your life will never be the same.

It already wasn't.

I once read that anyone who wants to know what it feels like to be pregnant should put a giant beanbag strap it onto her stomach 24 hours a day. Then, at the end of nine months, she should remove four beans.

After the children arrive, the advice keeps coming.

When I gave birth to my second, a mother of five was the first to speak up. "Now you can figure out which is easier," she said, "getting two children to share something or a stringer basket over burning coals."

Another experienced mom put it this way, "Someday you might see your children become best friends, but you probably won't live long enough."

The family lifestyle enters a new phase, too. My friend there saw a came home from work one day to find so many new kids in her house that she felt "compelled" to ask them, "Who are you — and where are MY kids?"

Raising children has never been easy in fact, it takes more time, energy and hard work than anything I know for me, to raise my two with my husband's able help. And there were days when I did little more than bicker about mumbing. "This better be worth all this."

Then it would hit me: I don't mean that, not really. In fact, it's all moving too fast. I'm not ready for it to end. Even though they've turned out right, even though I've done it all I can do.

It's too much fun.

One parent wrote a newspaper story about his children's growing-up years in which he explained that, as each child advanced to a new stage in life, he began discovering a strange truth: Wiping the jelly off the last child's face is not nearly as much trouble as it once was.

"We want him to grow up, of course," the father wrote of his last-born son. "It's just that it doesn't seem as urgent as it once did."

"Today's a good day that we're thankful for all the kids that touch our lives."

Happy Mother's Day.

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Pets and West Nile virus:

Biting Question

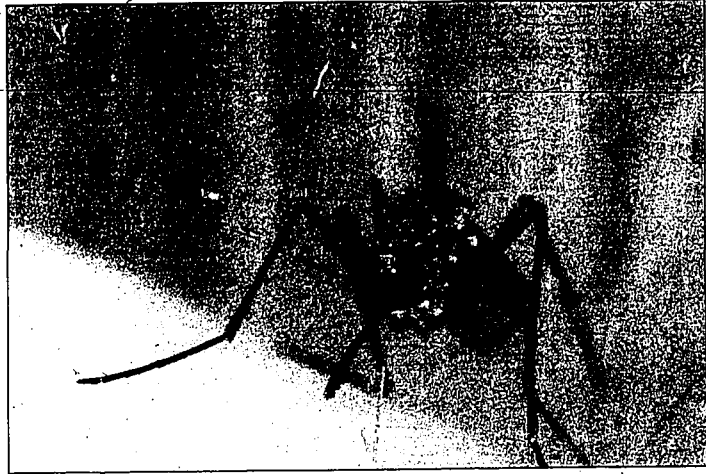


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The bite of an infected mosquito transmits West Nile virus to both humans and pets.

Risk is low, but precautions are warranted

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — File this news under Cold Comfort: You're more likely — a lot more likely, as it turns out — to contract West Nile virus than your dog or your cat is. And to become dangerously ill if you do.

"There have only been five or six cases in the past few years of dogs in the United States with documented cases of West Nile," said Zsigmond Szanto, a Twin Falls veterinarian. Most of those were in Louisiana, and they were in dogs that had immune systems that had been compromised by other illnesses."

Still, with Idaho squarely in the path of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus this summer, a few precautions are warranted, according to Mary Becker, a former Twin Falls veterinarian who now reports for ABC's "Good Morning America" and writes a syndicated newspaper column that appears in *The Times-News* and hundreds of other papers nationwide.

"Should I be concerned about the risk to my pets?" Becker said. "The

answer is yes."

West Nile is a viral disease that can cause encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain and spinal cord in humans, horses, dogs, cats and domestic and wild birds. And there's every indication that it's in the United States to stay.

"There's good news and bad here," Becker wrote in his column last year. "The lack of information or uncertainty of this disease can cause dog owners to feel stressed out and fearful, which can make living with a pet less joyful than it should be. But here's the good news, which is far more important: Your veterinarian is ready and able to answer your questions and to provide you with the latest products and information to keep your pet happy and healthy. And you worry free."

At the very least, the consensus among veterinarians seems to be the threat to your pet from West Nile is low, and with a few precautions, negligible.

"There are insecticides that you can use on your pet that are effective," Szanto said. "And there are things you can do to minimize the risk of your pet's exposure."

Double-check your home's win-

dow screens for rips and tears. Eliminate nooks of standing water in your yard, including flower pots and drain pipes. Change the water in your dog's or cat's dish daily. Avoid walking your dog for extended periods at twilight — prime time for mosquitoes. And consider putting a light cotton T-shirt on your dog when you go out for an evening walk.

The pet insecticide of choice at the moment seems to be K9 Advantix, a relatively new product from Bayer Animal Health that claims to offer triple parasite protection from mosquitoes, ticks and fleas and is available from veterinarians. It kills and repels mosquitoes, and if the mosquito doesn't bite and feed, the risk of transmission of West Nile is dramatically reduced.

There are other products on the market that also are effective on pets, but don't use mosquito sprays meant for humans on your dog. The popular human insecticide DEET, if licked off by a dog, is toxic to many animals.

Much of the rising confidence that veterinarians have about preventing West Nile in pets comes from the fact that they know much more about the disease than they did four sum-

mers ago, when it burst onto the scene in America with dozens of human and hundreds of equine deaths.

State health departments — including Idaho's — now monitor bird populations for signs that West Nile is present. Birds are essential to the virus' transmission to humans and other animals. Testing — especially of horses — has grown more sophisticated. And the recent spate of human deaths from West Nile — including those in the high, dry state of Colorado — has made the general public much more aware of the dangers of West Nile, even in unlikely places like Idaho.

"Enjoy the warm weather with your dog," Becker advises. "It may be West Nile season, but it's also the best time to be outside with your pet. After all, the safety precautions you take to protect yourself from mosquito bites don't prevent you from enjoying the season, nor should these simple precautions prevent your dog from having its fair share of fun either."

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Boulder City gains fame as best non-gambling town in Nevada

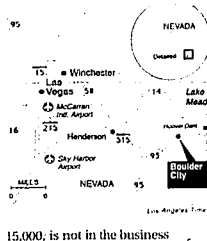
By David Colker
Los Angeles Times

Boulder City, which bills itself as the country's first planned community, was created for workers who built one of the most spectacular public-works projects in U.S. history: the Hoover Dam.

The town was supposed to be disbanded when the dam was completed in 1935, but it has lived on as a gateway to the dam (seven miles away) and Lake Mead National Recreation Area (five miles).

It's especially pleasant for visitors now that the Boulder Dam Hotel has been restored and reopened as a bed-and-breakfast. The hotel opened in 1933 for tourists, including celebrities who came to site the huge construction site and, in some cases, to take advantage of Nevada's relaxed divorce laws.

Boulder City — the only municipality in Nevada that does not permit gambling — does not, at first, seem like much of a tourist attraction. It lacks nightlife and elegant dining and there's little in the way of interesting shopping. The town, population about



15,000, is not in the business of being quiet or cute.

All of which makes it an offbeat place to stay when you are sightseeing and visiting recreational venues nearby or wanting to get away from the casino atmosphere of Las Vegas, 25 miles away.

There is a casino-restaurant-movie complex, the Hacienda, just a few miles outside city limits on U.S. 93. When my friend Charlie and I drove past, its flashing sign out front advertised slot machines, cheap steak dinners and "The Passion of the Christ."

Boulder City was more our

speed. We got there last month on a Friday afternoon, which was lucky because Chiarelli's Deli & Market, across from the hotel, closes at 6 p.m. weekdays and isn't open on weekends.

Chiarelli's had two great things going for it. The first was the food. We were there just for a snack after the drive

(about 275 miles from Los Angeles), so we shared an order of cold blackened salmon. It was wonderfully flavorful, moist and slightly spicy, and didn't have that rubberized crust found all too often on blackened fish. The second was the proprietor, Rich Assalone, a warm and funny guy who gave us a quick run-down of the town.

"Three streets, two traffic lights, 10 people," he said. "You came to the right place if you want quiet."

His wife, Judy, makes the specials, and the shop bears her family name. "Take a

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Kids who aren't yours: Tips for misbehavior

Experts suggest parents try these techniques when dealing with other peoples' children who are visiting.

• If children squabble, help them work out their own solutions. "Too often, parents want to step in for their kids," said Sharon Romppanen, a parent education instructor for Bellevue Community College. Parents can step alternately, but let the kids make amends, she suggests.

• If a parent is present but seemingly unaware of a child's behavior, a casual "You might want to check on Billy" should prompt some action, suggested Joanne Barber, a PEPS group facilitator. Another approach is to state the facts: "John pushed Mary."

• Keep playdates short or prevent them. This helps prevent misbehavior that stems from children being overexcited or tired. One hour is plenty for many preschoolers, Romppanen said. If kids simply aren't getting along, the host should call the other parent to pick the child up, with the assurance they can try again another day.

• Pick your battles with other people's kids; focus on safety and preventing property damage. Ig-

nore the open-mouth chewing.

• Remember kids might not break rules deliberately. While obviously a no-no to you might be acceptable in their home, "Young children are still learning other people have other rules," Romppanen said. "It's confusing to them that they're not allowed to do something here that they can at their house."

• Give kids the benefit of the doubt. One mom was appalled when a child who just moved into the neighborhood waded into her house without knocking. It turned out he was accustomed to an open-door policy with friends in his old neighborhood.

• Reiterate important house rules to visitors, but focus on the positive. For example: "At our house we sit on the couch instead of jumping on it" or "We only eat snacks at the table, not walking around on the carpet."

• Choose neutral territory for a playdate, such as a park or zoo.

• Don't judge, let your second child be payback. Feel smug because your angel proves your parenting style is the best way? Wait until your second child turns out to be "sprited" and proves all your theories wrong.

—Source: Seattle Times

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St.W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for tele- vision, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meals:
Monday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, beet salad, bread, raisin bars.
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: Meatloaf or liver, potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, Waldorf salad, custard.
Thursday: Ham and scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, cranberry w/ apples, bread, coffee
Friday: Fish or chicken, fried potatoes, veggies, Jell-O salad, muffin

Activities:
Tuesday: Closed for Mother's Day
Monday: Quilting Exercise
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure
Wednesday: Quilting Flk card club
Foot clinic
Exercise class
Jackpot trip
Thursday: Center pinocchle
Friday: Quilting
Lunch bingo
Blood pressure
Exercise class
Saturday: Volunteer dinner

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Meals:
Tuesday: Turkey dinner
Monday: Book's choice
Tuesday: Lemon pepper cod, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, peaches, cornbread, cranberry/orange cookie
Wednesday: Barbecue beef sandwich, pasta salad, celery and carrot sticks, baked quarts, peach delight
Thursday: Ham, baked potatoes, broccoli, fruit salad, angel biscuits, birthday cake

Activities:
Tuesday: Sunday buffet
Monday: Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 1-4 p.m.

Blood pressure check, 11:35 a.m.
Birthdays dinner, noon
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

Filler Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Meals:
Tuesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Roast beef

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Meals:
Monday: Chicken patties, potatoes and gravy, Italian veggies, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, Jell-O fruit, brownies
Wednesday: Lasagna, garlic bread, country veggies, fruit medley, applesauce cake
Thursday: French pig sandwich, scalloped potatoes, carrots, green salad, peach cobbler
Friday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, creamed corn, fruit, cherry crisp

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocchle, 7 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Meals:
Monday: Chicken paty, parished potatoes, peas, tossed salad, biscuit and butter, cake
Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, pudding
Friday: Salad bar, rolls and butter, apricots
Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo 11:55 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
Dinners served at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Meals:
Monday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, Calif. veggies, salad, bread, apricots
Tuesday: Beef stew, coleslaw, cornbread, mixed fruit, cookies
Wednesday: Fish and chips, mixed veggies, pinapple/colgate cheese, bread, chocolate chip cake
Thursday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, Capri veggies, pasta salad, roll, peach cobbler

Activities:
Today: Hand/foot, 1 p.m.
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocchle, 12:30 p.m.
Potluck at Glenns Ferry, 5 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pool 1 p.m.
Pinocchle at Shoshone, 1:30 p.m.
Bridge, 6 p.m.
Art quilt, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages, 10:15 a.m.
Computer lessons, 12-15 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shuttleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting and sewing, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Knot/Washington, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 7 p.m.
Mexican train, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donated is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Meals:
Monday: Chicken Tetrazzini
Wednesday: Pork roast
Friday: Potato bar

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon rolls and maple bar bake days. Closed for

Memorial Day

Meals:
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, beet borscht, peas, fruit, cookie
Thursday: Open faced turkey and mashed/dressing, coleslaw, broccoli, fruit
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Hall St.W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Meals:
Tuesday: Ham and beans, green salad, fried potatoes, corn bread, tapioca pudding
Thursday: B.L.T.s cucumber and carrot sticks, fries, banana cream pie
Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, five-way mixed veggies, apple salad, homemade rolls, gingerbread
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocchle w/ Gooding, 1 p.m.
Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Meals:
Monday: Meatballs and gravy, Calif. mixed veggies, green salad, hot rolls, bread pudding
Thursday: Split pea soup, tuna fish sandwich, blueberry pie
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Meals:
Tuesday: Meatloaf w/ tomato gravy, biscuits, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, coleslaw, iced brownies
Wednesday: Chef salad, ham and turkey, chives, boiled eggs, bacon bits, hot rolls, cream of potato soup, grapes, orange sherbet, cookie
Friday: Chicken cordon bleu, hot rolls, baked potato, seasoned green peas, carrot raisin

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Meals:
Monday: Salad, ham w/ scalloped potatoes, broccoli, rolls, pudding
Tuesday: Tossed salad, enchiladas, rice, beans, brownies
Wednesday: Fruit salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, pudding
Thursday: Carrot salad, chili, cornbread, fruit ice cream
Friday: Smorgasbord

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Meals:
Monday: Pot luck
Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetable, rice and cottage cheese, bread
Thursday: Baked ham w/ pineapple sauce, scalloped potatoes, peas, coleslaw
Activities:
Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.
Beef raffle
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday party, 2 p.m.
Bingo
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Meals:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy, mixed veggies, green salad, fruit cocktail, cake
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket, chili, Raspberry Jell-O, applesauce, assorted desserts
Wednesday: B-day dinner, turkey and trimmings
Thursday: Salisbury steak, noodles and gravy, summer veggies, breadsticks, Waldorf salad
Friday: Sweet and spicy chicken wings, baked potatoes, cream peas, breadsticks, Jell-O salad, apple bread pudding
Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dominos, 10 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Teddy bear run
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
AARP, 1 p.m.
Hearing aid assistance, 11 a.m.
Organ lessons
Night pinocchle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Chips make pet-tracking easier

Knight Ridder News Service

Finding a lost pet today can mean more than posting flyers on neighborhood telephone poles.
Pet owners can have a tiny microchip implanted that will help track their missing pet.
"We like to microchip puppies and kittens when they are 3 months old because their bodies are big enough and their skin is pliable enough," says Paty Hugg of Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.
Microchips can also be implanted in horses, cows, birds and reptiles.
The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice. For cats and dogs, it is placed between the shoulder blades, just under the skin, with a 15-gauge needle.
The injection site is sanitized, and the pet's hair does not have to be shaved. Your pet does not have to be sedated, either. Most veterinarians offer microchip implantation for \$50 to \$65.
Advantages of the chip include the fact that it is permanent, tamper-proof and cannot be lost.
Intox, for identification, can be altered with ink or scarring. Collars can fall off. And tags can fade or get scratched and become difficult to read.
But Hugg says your pet should always wear license tags, so rabies vaccination tags even after having a microchip implanted.
The microchip is read with a handheld scanner. The information on microchips includes your pet's identification number, used to find your contact information.
Pets found without an identification tag can be scanned at a veterinarian's office or animal shelter to determine whether a microchip is present.

Town

Continued from E1
look at my last name," he said, "and that will tell you why we used hers."
A few steps outside the door, two kids on bicycles suddenly whizzed by. One of the kids quickly turned to us — to apologize, sincerely.
"We weren't in Los Angeles." If we needed further proof, there was the "Police Officer" column in the weekly Boulder City News. The most serious infraction that week was "in reference to a juvenile running into a building with a slingshot. Officer Wood locates the local juvenile and confiscates the slingshot." The people of Boulder City could again rest easy.
The two-story Boulder Dam Hotel, like most of the early buildings in the town, was constructed in a hurry. The groundbreaking was Sept. 1, 1953, and it opened Dec. 15 the same year.
It doesn't look hastily built, but with its Colonial style, it does look out of place. The lobby, paneled in caramel-colored southern gumwood, is the most pleasant spot in the hotel. The rooms, all upstairs, are small but tidy, clean and comfortable.
All the rooms have only one bed — \$89 for a double, \$99 for queen-size. That price might be a tad stiff given the locale and amenities, and you can get a better bargain at other motels in the area, but the Boulder Dam Hotel is steeped in history.
After the hotel's heyday in the 1930s and '40s, it declined. By the 1960s, it had become a dump-house. The town and local organizations bought the property in 1993 and spent \$2 million and eight years restoring it.
"The price of the room includes breakfast in the restaurant and admission to the Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum, also in the hotel."
Some of the exhibits were hokey. Volunteers told us proudly that the museum was "interactive," but that often meant opening little cabinet doors to read text inside.
Through the text, pictures and sound recordings, though, you could get a clear idea of the harsh conditions the dam's early workers — and their families — endured. The first living quarters near the site were shantytowns and tent compounds. Boulder City, constructed by the same consortium of companies building the dam, was a godsend to these folks, even though its dormitories and un-air-conditioned houses were hardly ideal.
Although we would hear much the same history at Hoover Dam's overblown visitors center the next day, we were glad to take it all in in this quiet museum.
Also, the Boulder City museum tackled tough topics not covered as deeply on the dam tour, including racism at the construction project and in the town. Black workers could seldom get jobs at the construction site, and when they did, they were not allowed to live in Boulder City.
That night we drove to Las Vegas for our big splash of the trip. Dinner at Bouchon, a restaurant at the Venetian hotel overseen by Thomas Keller of French Laundry fame.
Maybe the food and atmosphere didn't rank with that Napa Valley restaurant, but the bill for dinner was less than half the price. And it was plenty terrific, especially a splendid gnocchetti dish after a ragout of winter veg-

etables.

As I did on my only trip to French Laundry, I ate with all my most painful slowness, savoring each bite.
"The next day was for the dam. If you haven't seen it, you have to go. Its magnificence and beauty — not only as an engineering wonder but also as a kind of art installation that makes that Christo's stuff look like TastyKake wrappers — are unforgettable. And if you have seen it in years past, before the \$100 million Hoover Dam Visitor Center opened in the mid-1990s, you might want to skip it. Visitors no longer get a single guide leading a tour. The guides are "stations" with a different lecturer. Some were fine, others so forcibly chirpy that I felt I had taken a wrong turn and ended up on the University Studies tour.
The new regimen may be better for crowd control and security, but I missed the kind of tour where one could make a connection with a guide and others in a group. Many facts about the dam are now imparted in multimedia exhibits. I got so overloaded by this barrage of audio-visual material — much of it repetitive — that I longed to just open a little cabinet door and read some text.
Charlie and I were glad to get back to Boulder City. We headed for the museum's gift shop, which we didn't have a chance to visit the day before. A volunteer seemed genuinely glad to answer questions about the town. She gave us each a walking-tour map, marking where the original workers' homes, nicknamed dinghies, still stood.
We headed to the southern part of town to see that it was impossible to find them, but it looked remotely like the originals in the pictures. They have been such unprotected little shells that owners over the years had stuccoed, expanded and improved them. We walked to the northwest to see brick houses that had been built, as one woman in town put it, "for the big shots," the managers of the dam construction.
I can't pretend that Boulder City's Shaver-Jay — or even that I'll ever spend the night there again. But it was fun to explore a historically significant town minus the wooden tour guides or Disneyified exhibits — a place that deserves to be appreciated as more than a footnote to the history of Hoover Dam.

Who is God's Country

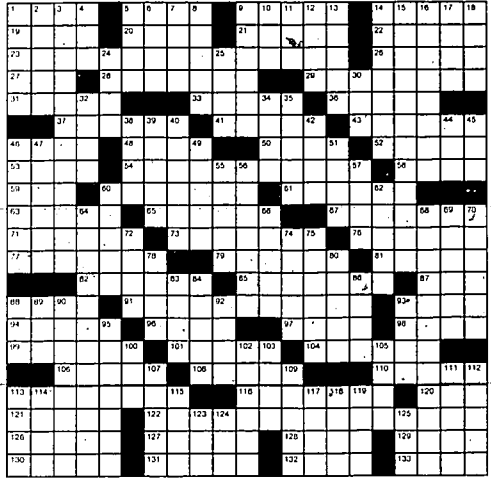
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Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

MAYDAY! By Arlan and Linda Buehman, Chicago, Illinois



- ACROSS**
- 1 Verbal nudge
 - 9 Framework post
 - 14 Turf type?
 - 19 Introgation component
 - 20 Shakespearean villain
 - 21 City on the Missouri
 - 22 Juan or Evita of Argentina
 - 23 Mary Poppins' medicinal aid
 - 24 Tatum of "Paper Moon"
 - 27 Very long
 - 28 Girth
 - 29 Lot of terms
 - 31 Grammy, to poets
 - 33 Anita's running mate
 - 37 Takes place in front of one side
 - 43 In fact, of poor posture
 - 46 Tree buds
 - 50 Post Tenside
 - 52 Zombiest of the FBI's
 - 53 Peak in Greece
 - 54 Bush captians
 - 58 Obscure
 - 59 Four X's
 - 60 Package stamp
 - 61 "R Mio" star
 - 63 Topped up
 - 66 More protected
 - 67 Lixos interest in
 - 71 Pikes piece
- DOWN**
- 2 Site of an oracle of Apollo
 - 7 Entire the midday sun
 - 17 Clansdine
 - 21 Spruce up
 - 25 Precipitation protection
 - 26 City on the Nile
 - 28 Scotchman's beard
 - 31 Molding one of
 - 32 Roman and
 - 34 Husbale
 - 35 Magnate
 - 36 Goo on Oahu
 - 37 Matched outfits
 - 38 Far from the rock
 - 39 Magnate
 - 40 Zimner or
 - 41 Shearer
 - 42 Skelton
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 - 44 DE agent
 - 45 Greek cheese
 - 46 CIA lieutenant
 - 47 Proceedings
 - 48 Bulk
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 - 51 Indy winner
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 - 54 Sirenic
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 - 56 "Pinafire"
 - 57 Caesar's sub-jects
 - 58 Third-party
 - 59 Back of a book?
 - 60 Working
 - 61 Contract
- 132 Stalemate**
- 133 Poetic tributes**
- 134 DOWN**
- 135 Cat to go ahead**
- 136 Quality of taste**
- 137 Throne of a Scottish king**
- 138 However, informal**
- 139 Strained light**
- 140 Wrinkled citrus fruit**
- 141 Cabinet features**
- 142 Even chance**
- 143 Big bird**
- 144 Down Under**
- 145 Scoble**
- 146 Derisively**
- 147 Rung type**
- 148 "Guitar Town"**
- 149 Singer Steve**
- 150 Disciple**
- 151 Hound forest**
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Woman whose child died is still a mother in spirit



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Today is Mother's Day and I'm feeling rather down. Eight years ago, I found out I was pregnant. I was expecting. Following that, a devastating thing happened in my life. I was brutally raped. I gave birth prematurely — at 5 1/2 months — and my daughter passed away three hours later.

letter and give it to your "friend," who doesn't sound like much of a friend to me. You are a mother — you're the mother of an angel.

Abbey, although I didn't have the joy of raising my daughter, I am a mother nonetheless. She has a name and I think of her daily. A good friend of mine disagrees. She says I'm not a mom because I have no living children to show off. She has told some of our mutual friends that I'm "not all there" upstairs.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to acknowledge all mothers on this Mother's Day. It astounds me that motherhood remains one of the least respected occupations in our society. Mothers are on call 24/7, and their job encompasses more professions than any other I can think of.

Could you tell me how to deal with this tactfully? I would also like to wish a happy Mother's Day to all the women who have lost children to miscarriage and stillbirth.

My mother excelled in many roles, including plumber, poet and, at times, platoon sergeant. I got a snapshot of her career. I created the following job description that ranges from A to Z:

—STILLA MOM
IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR STILLA MOM: Clip this

Can't outrun child? Outsmart her



PARENTING
John Rosemond

QUESTION: When I call my 24-month-old daughter to come to me, she takes off running like a bat out of your-know-where. She obviously thinks it's a game because she laughs and giggles as I chase her around. She's very quick and often hides in small places where I have difficulty going. I have spanked her for doing this, but that doesn't seem to have any lasting effect. What's a mother to do?

quires that parents anticipate and prevent misbehavior.

ANSWER: Well, of course it's a game! In fact, it's a combination of two of the oldest games in the books, invented long before there were books: "hide-and-seek" and "tag." Your daughter has no idea that this isn't fun for you as it is for her, not until you get all worked up and pop her behind, that is. As you've discovered, however, with this age, the effective (readily speaking) discipline of this for that child requires that parents anticipate and prevent misbehavior.

Obviously, it's impossible to do so with any reliability, so parents of toddlers need to resign themselves to the fact that a certain number of misbehaviors will get "out of control." Children don't generally begin responding to consequences-based discipline until around age 3. Before then, and the pun is definitely intended, it's a matter of "catch-as-catch-can."

Think strategically. This particular game begins with you telling your daughter to come to you. As much as you want her to listen and obey, I'm afraid you're going to have to settle for less, for the time being at least. The solution is quite simple, really.

Time to look for luxuries, Taurus



HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF MAY 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are trustworthy and faithful, and you are immediately sensible. Even though you are highly ambitious, you are also ethical and err on the side of generosity and courtesy. You have a passion for the good things in life. Someone totally yours, and you are seldom are tempted to stray. Expect some unique surprises for your birthday, and remember to share these with your friends.

be bashful, but step right into the spotlight as much as possible if you want to cash in on today's stars.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): It is a good day to shop and pamper yourself or to generously treat a friend or loved one to a luxury item.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Shopping expeditions or short trips will be happy experiences as a merry mood prevails. But your ambitions could get the best of you, and you may decide to make hay while the sun shines. Spend time and money wisely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Because there is a spirit of cooperation in the air, it is a fairly good day to make long-range plans with a partner. You may prefer to just socialize with friends and enjoy pleasant times. Put forth a little effort and you will go far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gear up to make a big play for what you want. You know the magic words to charm those who could be of great benefit. Know just what your goals are and link up with others who have similar desires.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your people skills get a boost from today's cosmic alignments, and your best foot will be forward. You could meet a potential serious love interest today.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): A pleasant mood is in the stars, and people will be fascinated by what you have to say. Career matters can be handled with diplomacy, and you can charm the right person at the right time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let your ambitions have full rein and you will find plenty of peers ready to lend a helping hand. You may be able to reap lucrative remuneration from the work you do now. Take advantage of opportunities that appear.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't

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How to choose a vet for your pet

According to a recent survey by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), nearly 85 percent of pet owners consider their four-legged friends to be members of their family. It's no surprise that pet owners may consider selecting a veterinarian as important as choosing the right pediatrician for their child. If not more, because a veterinarian will oversee all of a pet's health care needs throughout its life.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

In fact, my friend Dr. Edward Creagan, a Mayo Clinic cancer specialist and author of "How Not to Be My Patient" says that he stands in awe of veterinarians and has referred to them publicly as "pediatricians for life." Double meaning intended.

"Even if the doctor is extremely qualified, if you don't connect on certain issues regarding your pet's health care, you may not be able to continue your search," says Dr. Dennis Weinberg, AAHA president. "Good communication is the key to establishing trust between the doctor, client and patient."

Remember that different people have different personalities, including your veterinarian. Just like you don't get along with everyone you meet, so too, a particular veterinarian may not be the best choice for you or your personality and values clash.

- Do the fees fit your budget, and are discounts available for multi-pet households?
- If you have needs for particular pet health care specialties, such as geriatric care, surgery or behavior, do the veterinarians have a special interest or training in any of these areas?
- Does the veterinary practice have a good relationship with veterinarians who are specialists should a difficult case need to be referred?

Sandra Wendel of Omaha, Neb., just went to a new veterinarian. Wendel explained gleefully that her standard poodle Bo loves him! "The veterinarian seemed to genuinely like Bo and his office met all our recommended criteria for choosing a veterinarian. His name kept coming up whenever our friends with pets (caring, accessible, can call him 24/7 AT HOME, great office staff, close to our house, back up staff).

"Best of all, the vet diagnosed a catarrh in Bo's eye, which we didn't know about, so he'll be vigilant about that and any complications from it as the years progress." For a veteran veterinarian who's concerned about your pet's health and who has to use the services of another veterinarian for his own family's pets, I couldn't have paid Wendel to say it any better.

Regular preventive health care check-ups are important, so don't wait until your pet needs medical help to choose a veterinarian. Developing a good relationship with your veterinarian over the course of your pet's life will help ensure your pet's optimal health and happiness.

One of the best ways to begin researching veterinarians and veterinary hospitals is to get recommendations from family, friends and neighbors. Once you have a couple of prospects, take time to check them out. Request brochures or visit hospital websites to narrow down your choices.

- Is the hospital location and parking convenient?
- Does the hospital look and smell clean? Is it well-lit?
- How many veterinarians are in the practice?
- Are there licensed technicians and other professional staff members?
- Does the hospital perform its own x-rays, blood work and other diagnostics? Hospitals that are equipped to offer these services are better prepared, in the case of an emergency, to accurately diagnose and address health problems and begin treatment as soon as possible.
- Does it offer 24-hour emergency care or access to such care at another facility?
- Does the hospital offer convenient office hours? Are appointments required?

When choosing a veterinarian, you are not just looking for a medical expert; you are searching for someone to meet your needs as well as those of your pet. It is important to make sure that you and your pet feel comfortable around the doctor. If you find yourself in a veterinary hospital that makes you smile, your dog's tail wag or cat purr, you're probably in the right place.

One way to ensure that your pet receives the best care possible is to choose a hospital accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association, AAHA overseas standards among 3,000 veterinary hospitals in North America and is the only organization to manage a voluntary accreditation program for companion animal hospitals. Each AAHA hospital undergoes a detailed evaluation of its services and equipment by a trained veterinary practice consultant who inspects the facility on a regular basis.

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GOODING ELKS LEADERSHIP



Photo courtesy of Gooding Elks

The Gooding Elks Lodge 1745 recently installed new officers. They are, from left, back row: Richard Gaer, lecturing knighth; Kavan Varin, treasurer; Darrel Green, leading knight; Kevin Cassidy, exalted ruler; Steve Stroud, esquire; trustee Ted Plerson; and Ron Stockham, chaplain; front row: Gary McLaughlin, inner guard; Michael Day, secretary; Chad Mink, loyal knight; and Kenny Wilson, tiler.

Trustees for 2004-2005 are Cecil Davidson, Terry Lee, Ralph Gear, Daryl Schlichter and Ted Plerson.



New Elk members are, from left, Cal Hodges, Bill Simonson, Milo Packer, Mark Smith and Craig Hobday with Ted Plerson.

SERVICE NEWS

Lance Cpl. Jones returns from Iraq

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Chad M. Jones, son of Suzanne L. and Robert N. Jones of Twin Falls, recently returned from a routine deployment on board the USS Peleliu, home ported in San Diego, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit

(MEU), based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif. Jones' unit conducted humanitarian assistance, security and stabilization missions in Iraq. They also patrolled international waters in the Red Sea and Horn of Africa to deter the transport of terrorist personnel and equipment. Jones' unit is an expedi-

tion intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. Jones' unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces. Jones joined the Marine Corps in May 2002.

Silver Sage Grotto talks about cave exploration

TWIN FALLS - The Silver Sage Grotto will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The meeting is open to anyone who has a general interest in caves and cave exploration. For further information, contact Chairman Chris Anderson at 732-6663 daytime, or 736-0615 evenings, or by e-mail at cavers@mindspring.com.

Church offers parents chance to take a break

TWIN FALLS - The First United Methodist Church is offering parents the opportunity to take a break and leave the children with them from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday at 360 Shoshone St. E. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. For more information, call 733-5872.

Gooding hospital holds diabetes program

GOODING - The Gooding County Memory Hospital will present a diabetes education program free to the public. Participants can learn if they are at risk of Insulin Resistance Syndrome (IRS) at "Know Your Resistance: A Guide to Better Health" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. People who are overweight, obese, over age 40, with high blood pressure or have a family history of type two diabetes are some of the factors of IRS.

which is a widespread, serious health condition that includes high insulin levels and low insulin action, the hospital reported. For more information, call 934-4433.

Team sorting series begins in Declo

DECLO - The J-L Sorting Series on team sorting will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Big D Arena in Declo. Practices will be held every other Wednesday and sorting competitions will be held at 1 p.m. every other Saturday. The cost for the evening practices will be \$15. Sortings will be \$25 for each entry. The Big D Roping Club will continue to have practice ropings on Wednesdays and Fridays for a full schedule or more information on sorting or ropings, call Lisa at 336-4929.

Legion Auxiliary Spring Tea honors military

PAUL - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 77 of Paul will hold its annual "Spring Tea" at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilbur C. Hall, American Legion Post on West Wayne Street. Martha Hergenreder is this year's chairman. The Auxiliary invites all women to attend, especially those with loved ones serving in the military around the world and who have served in the Middle East. They are invited to bring a picture and some information about them to share. Entertainment will be provided along with refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call

chairman Martha at 679-7960 or president Alberta at 677-2007.

CSI offers pottery class this month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Pottery" from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 25 through June 17 in the Art Complex on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. The cost is \$90. Clay enthusiasts of all levels will use the pinch, coil, slab or wheel methods and learn how to glaze the work and complete the process with kiln firings. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Center holds Nursing Home Week activities

TWIN FALLS - The BridgeView Retirement Center, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., is celebrating National Nursing Home Week today through May 13. Supported by the American Health Care Association, nursing centers across the nation commemorate the week to increase awareness of long-term care facilities and their services. The event will include activities for residents, families and the community. A Mother's Day Tea open house will be held from 2-3 p.m. today in the Blue Lakes Dining Room. Makey Day is Monday with makey your own sundae stations throughout the building. Patriot Day will include a flag raising and gun salute at 10 a.m. Tuesday. There will be hamburgers and people are invited to wear patriotic colors.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Emma Jaymes Ringling, daughter of Ashley Ann Sacoman and Theodore John Ringling of Jerome, was born Thursday, April 15, 2004. Waylon Max Stevens, son of Shana Lynn and Andrew Charles Stevens of Filer, was born Wednesday, April 28, 2004. Heriberto Ronald Cer-

vantes, son of Noemi Irma and Heriberto Cervantes Jr. of Buhl, was born Friday, April 30, 2004. Trinity L. Taylor, daughter of Cheryl Lynn and Lane G. Taylor of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 3, 2004.

Home births

Coby Trent Dewansup, son of Colin and Kristi Dewansup, was born Sunday, April 4, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538 Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call 735-3278

SCOUT ADVENTURE



Photo courtesy of BOB WILKINS

and rescue, emergency fire and shelter building and signaling. Here special guest Earl White of Burley.

Twin Falls area Scouts competed recently at the Klondike Derby 2004 in the South Hills. More than 120 Scouts and 41 leaders participated in the event, which included sled teams where boys pulled sleds to seven activity stations. Skill events included compass reading, knots, first aid, search

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Hospital honors Fredrick for volunteer service

Eunice Fredrick was selected the volunteer of the month at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Fredrick came to Rupert with her parents in 1939. She attended local schools and received her nursing degree in 1967 in Colorado at Denver General. She and her husband Harold, who is deceased, have four children and seven grandchildren. Fredrick



Eunice Fredrick

has lived in her home in Rupert for 62 years. She has served the volunteer organization since 1992 where she volunteers in the snack bar, at Caring and Sharing Christmas, baked sales, employee support and with the health fair and blood drives.

Local SPU student makes dean's list

Marla Elynn Deklotz of Filer was named to the Seattle Pacific University winter quarter dean's list. To be named, students must complete at least 12 credits and maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher. Seattle Pacific University is located in Seattle, Wash.

Oakley Scout receives Eagle award honor

Riley Melkide Hawkes, the son of Weston and Marilyn Hawkes - of Oakley, received his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor held recently. For his Eagle project, Riley made two redwood picnic tables for Oakley High School. He was assisted by members of his troop.



Riley Hawkes

Riley is joins his four older brothers in earning his Eagle rank. The cost is \$30. Participants should call for reservations and a supply list. All ages are welcome. Call 543-2888.

Gooding bridge club lists champions

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has released its April 30 club championship game winners. North/south first, Riley Burton and Bev Clark; second, Susan Faulkner and Carol Bennett; and third, Howard and Mary Tucker. East/west first, Lonnie Burns and Barbara Burke; second, Henry and Dolores Robinson; and third, Cecil and Carma Davidson.

Overall winners were: First, Riley Burton and Bev Clark; second, Lonnie Burns and Barbara Burke; third, Henry and Dolores Robinson; fourth, Carol Bennett and Susan Faulkner; and fifth, Carma and Cecil Davidson. Refreshments were served. The club plays at 1 p.m. every Friday at the Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

UI Extension presents super sifter project

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Extension office will present a Super Sifter project in a day for 4-H members from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 22 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W. The cost is \$20, which includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification. For more information, call 734-9590.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners. April 22: first, Marilyn Boutkin and Doris Watts; second, Don Rahe and Sam Smuty; and third, Joe Blackford and Mike Mitchell. April 23: north/south; first, Herb Burgess and Riley Burton; second, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey; and third, Mike Noss and Max Thompson. East/west: first, Peggy Hackley and Nathan Higer; second, Al and Frances Anglin; and tied for third/fourth, Wilma Driscoll and Evelyn Meyer with Joe Blackford and Sam Smuty.

Jerome Historical Society honors military

JEROME - The Jerome Historical Society will have a special program and meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E. honoring men and women who have or are serving in the military of this country. The society invites people to bring mementos or memories to share. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 324-4185.

Buhl council presents floral watercolor class

BUHL - Professional watercolor artist Joyce DePaul will lead a session on painting a floral scene using watercolors. The session, which is sponsored by the Buhl Arts Council, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 15, at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth in Buhl.

Dora Jones and Beverly Reed. April 28 for north/south; first, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; third, Al and Frances Anglin; and fourth, Barbara Burk and Bobette Plankey. East/west: first, Marilyn Boutkin and Madeline Sawaya; second, Nathan and Kay Higer; third, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; and fourth, Joyce Astorquia and Enid Cook.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 245 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For more information or a partner, call 324-2000.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

ENGAGEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

SORENSEN-STANGER

TWIN FALLS — Max and Karla Sorenson announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Sorenson, to Andrew Stanger, son of G.L. "Hoby" and Verlie Stanger of Twin Falls.



Julie Sorenson and Andrew Stanger in Salt Lake City.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, May 11, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held May 11 at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City. An open house will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at The White House in Twin Falls.

TATE-RODRIGUEZ

TWIN FALLS — Douglas and Sheri Tate of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna Nichole Tate, to Fernando Rodriguez of Long Beach, Calif.



Fernando Rodriguez and Jenna Tate

Tate is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She attended Walla Walla Community College in Washington and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at The Buckle in Twin Falls.

Rodriguez is a graduate of Capital High School in Boise and attended Boise State University. He is employed at The Buckle in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 5

p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the College of Southern Idaho Rose Garden. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Albuquerque, N.M.

HANSEN-MALLORY

BURLEY — Sheryl and Larry Allphin of Meridian, and Russ and Denise Mallory of Burley announce the engagement of their son, Matthew "C" Mallory, to Amie Lynn Hansen, daughter of Dale and Debbie Hansen of Hyde Park, Utah.



Matthew Mallory and Amie Hansen

Hansen is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Mallory is a graduate of USJ in Logan and is employed at the Skyview High School as a counseling aide.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, June 1, at the LDS Temple in Logan. A reception will be held June 1 at the home

of the bride's grandparents in North Logan. An open house will be held June 2 at the home of the groom's grandparents in Burley.

WRIGHT-MCKAY

JEROME — Mel and Kathy Wright of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Lynn Wright, to Christopher Mann McKay, son of Thomas McKay Sr. and Patricia McKay of Jerome.



Christopher McKay and Carrie Wright

McKay is a graduate of Jerome High School and Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

Wright is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Moorhead, Minn.

The wedding is planned for

Saturday, June 5, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome.

The couple will reside in Barnesville, Minn.

JOHNSON-ARRINGTON

KIMBERLY — Paul and Mary Lynn Johnson of Benden, Kan., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheryl Lynn Johnson, to Jeffrey Lawrence Arrington, son of Kenneth Arrington of Kimberly and the late Doris Arrington.



Jeffrey Arrington and Sheryl Johnson

Johnson is a graduate of Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., and Pepperdine Graduate School in Malibu, Calif. She is employed at freelance work in television in Los Angeles, Calif.

Arrington is a graduate of the University of Utah and Loyola Law School. He is an attorney with the law firm of Irell & Manella LLP in Los Angeles.

The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at the Denton United Methodist Church in Denton, Kan. A reception will be held at 4 p.m. June 6 at the home of Paul and Mary Lynn Johnson in Benden, Kan.

THE HAYDENS

HEBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Don (Buech) Hayden of Heburn were honored at a family barbecue at Salmon Park in Burley for their 50th wedding anniversary.



Sharon and Don Hayden

Hayden and Sharon Skiff were married April 2, 1954. They have resided in the Mini-Cassia area since that time.

Their children include Mike (Gwen) Hayden of Boise, Cindy (Leroy) Barlome and Ray Hayden of Rupert, Gaye (Terry) Johnson of Paul and

Patty (Kelly) Heinze of Raft River.

THE PETTYS

TWIN FALLS — Wendell and Margaret Petty celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 8.



Margaret and Wendell Petty

They were married in Camp Cook, Calif., and the marriage was later solemnized in the Main LDS Temple in Manti, Utah.

He received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Utah in June 1950. They have lived in Idaho since 1952, where he practiced medicine in Shelley initially and in Twin Falls since 1971 in the specialty of ophthalmology. The Pettrys are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served a mission in the Washington D.C. North Mission in 1990 and 1991. They have served as tem-

ple workers in the Boise LDS Temple for the past 11 years.

They have four children, Dr. W. Eugene (Linda) Petty of Idaho Falls, Jerold L. (Thelma) Petty of Shelley, Sandy K. (Dr. Brad R.) Hobbs of Twin Falls and Wendy Sue (Dr. Dan A.) Brinton of Danville, Calif.

They have 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

THE LINEBERRYS

TWIN FALLS — Ann and Bill Lineberry will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 26 on a cruise in the Hawaiian Islands.



Bill and Ann Lineberry

They were married May 26, 1954, in Lucedale, Miss., while he was serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon his discharge in 1955, they returned to their hometown of Mobile, Ala., where they lived until he responded to a call to Christian Ministry in the Methodist Church. For the next nine years, they served student appointment churches in northwest Florida and southern Alabama, while he completed his education and qualifications for ordination. In 1969, they transferred to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, where they served churches throughout southern Idaho and Oregon for the next 29 years.

Throughout their marriage and ministry, she worked productively while maintaining an active role as a mother and grandmother, volunteer in community activities and membership in the United Methodist Women. They retired in 1998 from the McMinnville United Methodist Church and returned to Idaho, where he worked part-time with the Richfield and Shoshone United Methodist



churches, an assignment he has continued until the present time. In January 2000, they moved into their new home in Twin Falls.

They have four children, William L., Donald C., Paul T. and Rosalind Barris; nine grandchildren; and seven step grandchildren.

No celebration will be held other than the cruise. Cards can be sent to the couple at 1365 Tara St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

RALPHS-DIEUX

BURLEY — Elton J. and Charmaine Ralphs of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Charmaine E. Ralphs, to William C. Dieux, son of Ronald W. Dieux of Orlando, Fla., and Julie A. Dieux of Shady Side, Md.



Charmaine Ralphs and William Dieux

Ralphs is a 2000 graduate of Burley High School. She currently is obtaining her bachelor of sciences degree in exercise science at BYU-Idaho.

Dieux is a 1998 graduate of Southern Senior High School of Maryland and attended Anne Arundel Community College in Annapolis, Md. He is working and residing in Hawaii.

POULSEN-REIS

TWIN FALLS — Jerry and Corie Poulsen of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Anne Poulsen, to Jay Brandon Reis, son of Bernice Reis of Filer and Jane Reis of Twin Falls.



Erica Poulsen and Jay Reis

Poulsen is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a senior at Idaho State University. She is employed at Poulsen Construction in Twin Falls.

Reis is a 1981 graduate of Filer High School and is a journeyman plumber. He is employed at Reis Plumbing in Filer.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 15, at The White

House in Twin Falls. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at The White House.

WEDDING

BLODGETT-HARPER

MALTA — Ashley Blodgett and Nolan Harper are married Saturday, May 8, in the Boise LDS Temple.



Ashley and Nolan Harper

The bride is the daughter of David Blodgett of Boise and the late Gail Blodgett.

The bridegroom is the son of Gary and Susi Harper of Malta, Idaho. He is a 2003 graduate of Eagle High School and has been attending Brigham Young University for the past year.

The bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Raft River High School and has been attending BYU for the past year. He served an LDS mission in Alabama.

The couple will farm with his father for the summer and con-

tinue their studies at BYU in the fall. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the Gary Harper residence, 2049 E. 850 S., Delta. A reception also was held May 8 in Boise.

How to plan a perfect shower

By Stacy Downs The Kansas City Star

People feel conflicted about baby showers. Guests are excited for the mom-to-be and want to celebrate a new life coming but they know that a shower usually means giving up hours of the Saturday afternoon to drink punch, sit in a circle and play goofy games that insult their intelligence.

It's time to make baby showers more enjoyable and less of a chore for hosts and guests, especially the honored one. "Think interactive" when it comes to planning, and everyone in attendance is sure to have more fun, says Becky Long, author of "Invited Baby Showers" (McDonald/Book Press, \$10).

Usually the gift-opening part of the party — the main reason for the shower — is the biggest yawner for guests who sit and

wait. To make it more interesting, assign gift categories by moms in the home. For example, "kitchen" might yield a month's supply of baby food.

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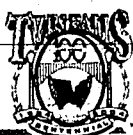
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The park Fledgling city greens its center

Residents of Twin Falls are justifiably proud of their fine central City Park. A newspaperman in 1907 correctly predicted that in years to come it would always be "a beauty spot, a playground, and a breathing place." The second part of his prediction, however — that "no man who put up a fine house facing the park would have a jail-stuck-up-in-front-of-his door" — was not so foresighted.

Four blocks were tentatively chosen for a park on July 5, 1904, during a visit to the still-barnen townsite by Frank Buhl, Peter Kimberly and others. Two of the blocks were on each side of Shoshone Avenue, where the park, courthouse and jail are now situated. At this meeting, plans were made to plant shade trees on an extensive scale, both in the park and throughout the town.

The man responsible for getting things started was Alexander McPherson. In early 1905, the Twin Falls Land & Water Co. hired McPherson, a competent agriculturist, to instruct and assist the many new farmers on the tract.

In April, McPherson and Chief Engineer Paul Bickel of the Land and Water Co. inspected the proposed park grounds and decided how to lay things out. Grass would be sown on the entire plot, and tree roses planted here and there to adorn the walkways. A row of elms would be set out all the way around the perimeter. Inside the sidewalk line, there would be a row of other tree varieties. The entire parcel would be curbed and a 4-foot strip of lawn planted



TALES OF THE TRACT
James Varley

between the curb and sidewalk. The first irrigation water had recently been turned onto the tract, and ditches would be dug with which to water the trees and lawn.

McPherson obtained several thousand saplings from a Boise nursery — silver leaf maples, ash, black walnut and several varieties of elm — which were planted that spring in the park, and also along Shoshone Street and Blue Lakes Boulevard, from the south side of town to the top of the Snake River Canyon grade.

Another of McPherson's responsibilities was running a 40-acre "experimental" or demonstration farm, on the east side of Blue Lakes Boulevard at the north five points. Crops of all kinds were grown there and different methods of watering tested. One of the crops planted on that farm in



Photos courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library

City Park in its prime, in about 1918.

1905 was central park lawn grass, which would be used the following year to reseed the poorly growing park lawn.

By 1906, it had been decided that part of the four blocks originally set aside for a central park would be used for public buildings — a high school, city offices and a Carnegie library. To make up for the partial loss of park land, there was talk, for a time, of transforming 15 acres of Rock Creek Canyon into a city park. This proposed park would have run from the city's waterworks well to a new bridge that was soon to be built at the foot of Shoshone Street. It would have been three-quarters of a mile long, complete with roads, walkways and bridges across the stream, and the entire parcel would have been planted in trees.

These plans were evidently dropped within a matter of months when it was decided to build a city sewer system that would empty into Rock Creek, not too far distant from the site of the park.

In July 1907, after beautifying and maintaining the central park for two years, Frank Buhl, on behalf of the Twin Falls Town Site Co., formally turned over the two blocks on which it is located to the city.

The park has changed somewhat over the years. The lovely wooden bandstand was replaced during the Depression years with the present shell of concrete and lava rock; a decorative fountain has been installed; diseased trees have been replaced. But, despite these changes and ever increasing use, the park still remains a

Buhl Sandnes got his bath

Frank Buhl was known as a generous man. He not only gave the city of Twin Falls the lots for a park, but also for a hospital, churches, schools and county buildings. He was also always willing to pony up cash for projects like street sprinklers, bridges and the county fair. In fall 1906 he visited his namesake town, Buhl, and, while there was told that the first baby boy born in that town had been christened "Buhl" by his parents, the John C. Sandneses. Frank Buhl promptly made the boy a gift of two town lots and opened an account for him in the new bank, of which Buhl was a part owner. When Buhl asked whether the waterworks system ran as far as the Sandnes residence, he was told that it did not, and that the cost of extending it would be \$2,500.

"That's all right," said Buhl, "make the extension; that boy must have his bath."

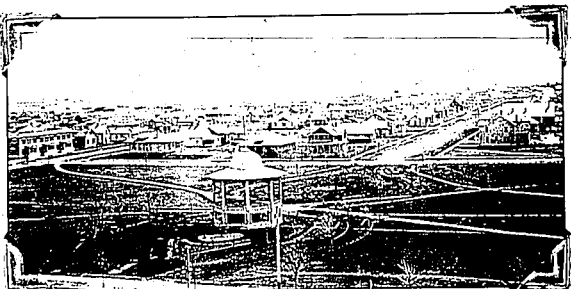
special island for repose and contemplation in our growing city, and it's a wonderful place to spend a summer's evening.

James Varley's newspaper

columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the 'Magic Valley,'" sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.



Young trees along Shoshone Street in about 1906. City Park is in the foreground; Hotel Perrine is in the distance, at right.



Park and town of Twin Falls, in about 1910.

Magic Valley scrapbooks

In Ruth Lindgren's family scrapbook, "baseball fans" is written below a picture of several Rock Creek pioneer women on an outing.

That description was accurate for many Twin Falls folks in the early decades of the 20th century.

As columnist James Varley told us in a memorable column earlier this year, the Twin Falls Irrigators played their first game against the team from Albion on Saturday afternoon, May 27, 1905, in Paul Bickel's potato patch. The Irrigators narrowly defeated Albion in the ninth inning, 16-15.

And baseball, then, was the new city's game.

—Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of HOWARD and ROAN ALLEN of Twin Falls

This photograph depicts Twin Falls' 1921 Legion baseball team. Howard Allen is able to identify two of the players: his father-in-law, Harry Benoit, is third from left in the front row; Claude Avant, later a city councilman in the 1930s, is fifth from left in the front row.



Photo courtesy of RUTH LINDGREN of Twin Falls

Anna Larson, in front at left, and her sister Ellen Larson, at right, attend a Magic Valley baseball game in the 1910s, with two unidentified people. The Larsons, immigrants from Denmark, were early pioneers at Rock Creek. Ellen trained at Albion Normal School and taught for years in Twin Falls elementary schools.



Photo courtesy of DON ATKINSON of Hazelton

Kenneth Atkinson, pictured here in the mid-1920s in Twin Falls, played baseball for Twin Falls High School from 1920 to 1923, then for city teams. "He was almost picked to go to the major leagues," says son Don Atkinson of Hazelton. "He really liked his baseball sports, and he enjoyed playing for the high school."