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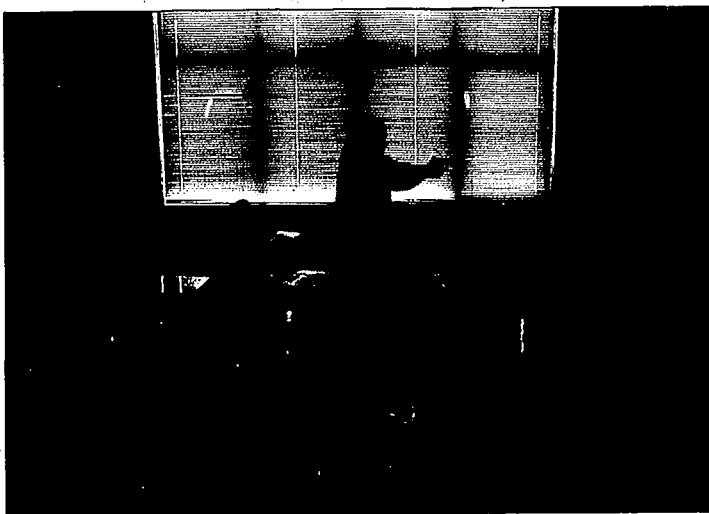
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Whatcha gonna do?



Twin Falls Police Department Sgt. Dennis Rinshart checks for suspects in a Twin Falls High School classroom during training for responses to critical incidents at schools. The simulation was part of an annual five-day block training all members of the TFPD go through.

Police officers review skills during block training

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Darkness hung on the walls, slightly obscuring a poster reading "Courage and Strength." A hush occupied the desks once filled by bolstered students.

Only a flag moved, and slowly it wavered.

Outside the room, the deliberate pace of the police officers' movement through the schools' halls contrasted with their rapid heartbeat.

Without warning, the loud voice of Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks interrupted the scene.

"Sho's fired in the hallway. Let's go, let's go."

Twin Falls police officers Brent Wright and Anthony Barnhart burst into action, simulating a fire fight with an assailant.

"Man down!" Wright called to his partner.

The suspect lay on the floor inside the dark classroom.

"Show me your hands!" Wright ordered.

Sgt. Hicks, supervising the training scenario, continued to prod the men.

"Just because he's down it

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doesn't mean he's out of the gun fight," Hicks said.

One officer apprehended the man on the floor while the other searched the room for more suspects.

Officer Jason Farr, playing the assailant, looked up menacingly.

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Iraqi official distances himself from U.S.

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Forsaken by his longtime U.S. backers, Ahmad Chalabi is casting off his "outsider" image and reinventing himself as a "man of the people," trying to rally fellow Shiite Muslims to his side to ensure political survival.

Chalabi, once the darling of a Pentagon that groomed him as a possible successor to Saddam Hussein, is now embroiled in a public battle with the U.S.-run occupation authority. He has become a vociferous critic of Washington's Iraq policies — a change of roles that has left him with little choice but to try and endear himself to the Iraqis he says he wants to serve.

"I only act from an Iraqi national perspective," he told a TV interviewer Friday, a day after Iraqi police backed by American soldiers raided his Baghdad home and offices.

Chalabi, who has been considered what happened to me (on Thursday) as a medal from the people of Iraq, it is the final piece of evidence that discredits rumors that I am U.S. military. No evidence with the wedding Americans' party.

However, Chalabi's endeavors to find a constituency after decades outside Iraq were dealt another blow when a senior Iraqi official alleged Saturday that the Shiite politician's security chief, Aruz Habib, was wanted by Iraqi and coalition authorities for alleged links to Iran's intelligence service.

Habib, a Shiite Kurd, was being sought under an arrest warrant because "he has relations with the Iranian government" and "works for the Iranian intelligence," the official said on condition of anonymity.

Chalabi's aide, Governing Council, has said Habib was named in one of seven warrants shown to him when Iraqi police raided his home. He did not disclose the charges against Habib, who has not been detained, but praised him as being "brave, tireless" and "competent."

"The CIA has a very big grudge against Aruz for the past decade because he is successful and they are not," Chalabi said.

Chalabi's aide, Haidar Musawi, called such allegations part of a "dangerous game" played by the "coalition" to "hide their failures" in Iraq.

The allegations against Habib are the latest in a series of complaints by the Americans against Chalabi, whose network of Iraqi exiles in the Iraqi National Congress provided the Bush administration, and some news organizations, with reports on Saddam's purported weapons of mass destruction programs.

Those weapons were cited by

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Ahmad Chalabi

Martial arts merge with law enforcement

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The flicker of a knife's blade can cause more concern to a police officer than the threat of a loaded gun.

A gun can shoot you only if you're in the line of fire, officer Tom Fleming said. "A knife is going to cut you no matter what angle it comes from."

Fleming and Sgt. Craig Stotts, certified ground fighters, instructed a class of Twin Falls Police Department officers learning how to maintain, or gain, control of situations when apprehending suspects.

If an officer is hurt when engaging a dangerous suspect, the balance of power can shift.

"The whole psychological game here is to think what he thinks," Fleming said. If a suspect thinks he's in control, he added, officers need to shift that control.

"Do you have a bad back?" Stotts asked before demon-



Sgt. Craig Stotts, bottom, and officer Tom Fleming joke around while they demonstrate ground control techniques during the first day of training.

strating a take-down technique on a volunteer.

"I will in a minute," officer Justin Hendrickson said before Stotts demonstrated a hip throw, tossing him to the ground.

Uncooperative suspects, or "no" people, require a more physical approach, instructors told the group.

"Anybody who becomes a 'no' person, we take them to the ground," Staff Sgt. Dan

McAttee said. "You react immediately, explosively and violently. You want them on the ground... because it's safest for you."

The basic defense tactics portion of the class draws upon multiple martial arts, including karate and judo techniques, Fleming said. Participants practiced punch avoidance, handcuffing and disarming on one another.

Ground control, including arm-locks, chokes and submission techniques, is based on a Brazilian jiu-jitsu system, Fleming said. The point is to immobilize the suspect, then go to an intermediate weapon, such as a baton or mace.

"Any time you make an arrest, there's the potential for something to go horribly wrong," McAttee said.

"You could even hurt yourself with the perfect technique," Stotts added. "That's just our job. That's what we do."

High school hijinks: End-of-year pranks turn serious

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Whether it's toilet papering trees or spray painting their class year on a wall, senior hijinks at high schools each year land some surprised pranksters in jail and

banned from graduation and prom.

Two pranks in Georgia that damaged school property have drawn complaints from parents about the end-of-the-year traditions — although some acknowledge there's really no

way to stop some zealous seniors.

"The problem with the tradition is they're always trying to top the last prank," said Michael Carr with the National Association of Secondary School Superintendents. "If they're

constantly trying to do that, it can get to the point where it can be dangerous.

Five students at a west Georgia high school were arrested and charged last week with criminal damage to property after spray painting four school

golf carts with the school's colors and pouring bleach on parts of the football field. The Covetta County teens were barred from attending graduation ceremonies Thursday.

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

What savings?
New prescription drug card discounts are underwhelming.
Monday

Helm's Deep
Student re-creates Middle Earth.
Tuesday

Pastries draw praise
They make money for good causes, too.
Wednesday

Worms beware
Fishermen await start of the season.
Thursday

Suddenly summer
The festival season starts with blowouts in Hagerman.
Friday

St. Edward's on the move
Church kicks off campaign to raise building funds.
Saturday



Readers share photos of events long past.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with showers possible. Highs near 57
Tonight: Additional rain showers developing. Lows near 40
Tomorrow: Perhaps an afternoon thundershower. Highs near 63

BOISE/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and windy. Rain and thunder possible. Highs middle 50s to near 60
Tonight: Evening showers possible with decreasing clouds late. Lows middle to upper 30s
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a small chance of light afternoon rain. Highs upper 50s to lower 60s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cool and wet weather will prevail through Monday. Cold rain showers moving west, or turning over to snow at times. Best snow chances will be overnight.

Today High 57 to 60 Tonight's Low 21 to 31
BOISE Wet and cool weather will finish out the weekend. Today will be cloudy with intervals of rain. Shower activity will decline overnight. Monday will be fair with only a small hint of afternoon rain.

Today High near 58 to 62 Low 41 to 48
NORTHERN UTAH Windy and mild today with a slight chance of late day showers and thundershowers developing. Mainly dry and mild by Monday.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Includes Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon Phases.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

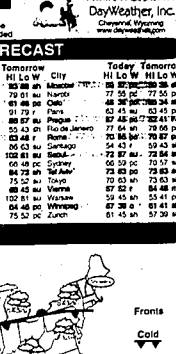
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various national cities including Denver, Salt Lake City, and Phoenix.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various international cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



SUTTON & SONS AUTO CENTER advertisement with contact information for Hailey, Idaho.

Pranks

Students at a suburban Atlanta school this week swapped a pornographic videotape for the school announcements tape, sending graphic sexual images out to a few classroom televisions.

Military finds no evidence of wedding party

General Hulse firm site was a base for foreign terrorists. BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military said Saturday it has found no evidence of a wedding at the site of an airstrike last week near the Syrian border.

Bush suffers cuts, bruises while mountain biking

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush suffered cuts and bruises early Saturday as he fell while mountain biking on his ranch. White House spokesman Trent Duffy said.

Iraq

Chalabi's vigorous campaign to purge former members of Saddam's Baath party appears to have backfired. The American are now seeking out former regime officials for their expertise in key roles, such as security.

Idaho

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Subscription rates and circulation information for Times-News.

Lottery and Weather Information Line advertisement with phone number 735-3350.

Idaho Lottery advertisement with details on various lottery games and prizes.

Guardsmen's desertion riles town

The Washington Post

Three years ago, Spc. Dana Jensen was a rising star in the Virginia Army National Guard. Then 25, with a perfect score on his physical fitness test, he was named his company's Soldier of the Year, and his superiors were offering promotions.

Today, Jensen's colleagues in the 3rd Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, are training at Fort Bragg, N.C., without him. While they prepare for an 18-month deployment in Afghanistan or Iraq, he works in his real estate office, having traded fatigues for a tie and a new title: deserter.

When the 570 other members of his battalion pulled out of the Winchester, Va., army March 4, Jensen stayed behind, saying he couldn't leave his nascent business and pregnant wife. His refusal to go has elicited a fierce reaction in this conservative city in Virginia's far northern tip. Members of Winchester's large military community — the city's American Guard post is one of the largest in the Pentagon's home state — have organized a boycott of his firm and speak about their former golden boy as if he had taken up arms for the other side.

"Here's a guy who willingly shirked the obligation to his

comrades as well as the state and federal government. You tell me if that's someone you want to do business with? He's enjoying a cafe latte while all my friends are sitting at Fort Bragg awaiting their fate," said Bill Gerdman, 37, who was in the Guard and then the Guard for nearly eight years. "We are seething."

As disgusted as they are with Jensen, some people are equally angered and confused by the Army's decision, after declaring him a deserter, to grant him an administrative discharge — a category military lawyers say doesn't even constitute a punishment and is used to wrap up a broad range of minor cases. When Jensen's battalion went on active federal duty, jurisdiction moved from the National Guard to the Army, which declined to comment on his case.

"I wonder what the soldiers at Fort Bragg think," said Sgt. 1st Class Vernon Matthews, the National Guard recruiter in Winchester. "If it's OK for him to do it, why can't I? Or, should I do the same thing?"

Jensen, who was serving an extra year after completing a six-year Guard term, said he will have little to say about the case until he has his discharge paperwork in hand. In the meantime,

he said, his biggest problem isn't "the comments on the street from random people. It's been in the real estate community."

After running a restaurant together, he and his wife recently started a Re/Max office. "It's a pretty competitive industry, and that's where I've felt the crunch the most," he said, adding that other agents are using his desertion "as leverage."

There are thousands of desertions each year in the Army alone. The few that rise to public notice usually involve higher

drama — soldiers who are court-martialed for taking a stand against war, for example. Jensen's unsensational argument is much more common. But he is making it at a very uncommon time, when the slur of "unpatriotic behavior" is let loose daily across the country and the roles of the Army's National Guard and Reserve are changing radically.

Mention of the case prompted a strong reaction last week among men having lunch in the bar at the Elks Club.



An Iraqi armed militiaman takes position in the center of Najaf, Iraq, Saturday after American troops clashed another day with fighters loyal to a radical cleric who launched an uprising against the U.S.-led coalition last month.

Suicide attack wounds Iraqi deputy minister

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber killed four people and slightly wounded a deputy interior minister on Saturday in the second such attack on a senior Iraqi official in Baghdad this week — both claimed by the same al-Qaida-linked group.

A statement by the group posted on the Internet said the bomber Saturday came from Syria, bolstering long-standing U.S. claims that foreign fighters are involved in insurgent attacks in Iraq.

Fighting flared anew in the Shiite holy city of Najaf and nearby Kufa between American soldiers and the Shiite militia of Muqtada al-Sadr, with bursts of heavy mortar and machine gun fire heard about midnight. A live report on Al-Jazeera television from its correspondent in Najaf

was punctuated by strong explosions near a downtown hotel.

Saturday's suicide blast outside the home of Abdul-fabbar Youssef al-Shukhli, the deputy interior minister in charge of security, hurled two cars onto the front lawn of his house. Police fired warning shots to disperse distraught bystanders who scuffled with them after the attack. Al-Shukhli was injured in the forehead and right arm, said Hassan Hadi, a Health Ministry official.

Bodyguards fired on the bomber's car as it approached, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the chief U.S. military spokesman in Iraq. Three bodyguards and a woman were killed as well as the bomber, he said. Earlier, Iraqi authorities said four police died.

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Centennial Business Time Line

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1860-63: Major mining strikes occur near Pierce, Florence, Idaho City, and Silver City.

1862: Lewiston's Golden Age is Idaho's first newspaper.

1863: Idaho becomes a territory on March 4 with Lewiston as its capital. The Bear River Massacre, the West's largest slaughter of

Indians, is fought near present-day Preston.

1864: Territorial Legislature approves moving capital to Boise.

1866: Telegraph service reaches Idaho.

1866-68: Snake Indian War

1867: Owyhee Miners' League in Owyhee County organized as state's first labor union.

1870: Idaho population 17,804

1872: U.S. Assay office and Idaho prison are completed.

1874: Railroad service reaches Idaho at Franklin.

1877: Nez Perce Indian War.

1878: Bannock Indian War.

1879: Sheepstealer Indian campaign.

1880: Idaho population 32,610. Boise and Lewiston independent school districts created.

1881: Historical Society of Idaho Pioneers forms to collect and preserve a reliable history of the early settlement of the territory.

1882: State's first electric light is turned on at the Philadelphia Smelter near Ketchum.

1883: Commercial telephone service in Idaho begins at Hailey.

1884: Silver is discovered in the Coeur d'Alene mining district, which eventually becomes nation's richest.

1884: Completion of the Oregon Short Line.

1889: Constitutional Convention convenes on July 4, with the constitution ratified by the

people in November 5. Territorial Legislature establishes the University of Idaho.

1890: Idaho population 88,548. Idaho becomes 43rd state on July 3.

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Governor tries to map course over gay debate

BOSTON (AP) — As gay couples publicly displayed their wedded bliss last week, Gov. Mitt Romney suddenly wanted to change the subject. After six months of trying to block their court-ordered marriage rights, Massachusetts' Republican governor had not only lost the battle, he had lost several points in the polls. Long ago labeled a religious zealot by the left, the Mormon governor was also beginning to hear taunts from the right, with the National Review publishing an article Monday — entitled "The Missing Governor" — criticizing Romney for not taking more decisive actions against the impending nuptials. For three days after the legalization of gay marriage on Monday, Romney remained in seclusion, quietly avoiding the international media that descended on the state. When he finally emerged on Thursday, Romney appeared to try to distance himself from the issue, even as he took the fight to a new legal level. Before asking the attorney general to stop four rebellious clerks from issuing marriage licenses to out-of-state gay couples, Romney took pains to state that there were far more important issues facing Massachusetts. "My highest priority relates to creating jobs, doing our best to balance the budget, getting our tax rate down to the 5 percent people voted for in the community," Romney said. "I and my staff spend a lot of time every single day looking at those top priorities."

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Fla. lawyer fights to save unused ballots

The Washington Post

MIAMI — Florida's infamous chads, those remnants of electoral chaos, can find their way into a tussle even when they are not hanging, pregnant or dimpled.

In fact, piles and piles of perfectly pristine chads are smacked in the middle of the latest court-room squabble to come out of the election that simply will not go away: the 2000 presidential contest.

Gary Farmer — a South Florida lawyer whose clients include more than his mother-in-law — is in a knock-down, drag-out scrap with Secretary of State Glenda Hood over what

should be done with thousands of unused, surplus punch-card ballots from the 2000 election.

Farmer wants the ballots preserved, both as historical artifacts and as objects of study for conspiracy theorists who suspect faulty ballots may have been purposely distributed to areas with high concentrations of minority voters.

Hood's elections office wants the unused ballots to be destroyed, saying they have no historical value.

Before Farmer came along, the Florida Division of Elections was routinely giving permission for county election supervisors to get rid of unused ballots.

In Tampa, packs of unused

ballots from the 2000 election were given away as souvenirs to anybody who wanted them or distributed as props to television cameramen, said Buddy Johnson, who became supervisor of elections in Hillsborough County in February.

The rest of Hillsborough's unused ballots were sent off to a paper recycler by his predecessor, Johnson said, raising the eerie possibility that pieces of them could be floating around to play havoc with another election.

The unused ballots from Highlands County, in central Florida, are less likely to materialize.

The Highlands elections su-

pervisor, Joe A. Campbell, made sure of that.

He sent his unused ballots to the county landfill, and to make sure the ballots were gone forever, he had two employees stand watch as the landfill's bulldozer did its thing.

It is just such a fate that Farmer is trying to avert in the 10 or so counties that he believes still may have punch cards from 2000.

Among them, he said, are some of the epicenters of the 2000 election fight, including Palm Beach County, home of Farmer's mother-in-law, Beverly Rogers.

Rogers, a Democrat, believes that her vote might not have

been counted because of the high percentage of spoiled ballots in Palm Beach County.

The paper quality might have had something to do with the spoilage rate, Farmer said, and the only way to find out is to inspect the unused ballots.

Hood's office argued that keeping the unused ballots would be an expensive waste of space, especially now that supervisors are preparing for another presidential election in November.

Farmer had an answer for that: Nova Southeastern University law school in Broward County is willing to pay for the ballots to be picked up and stored in its library.

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Activists urge Bush, Kerry to look at poor

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Faith-based activists who believe that ideas for eliminating poverty should be getting more attention in this year's presidential campaign will hold a three-day conference in Washington starting Sunday.

Between 300 and 400 clergy and lay people from across the country are expected to attend "Pentecost 2004: A Call to Unity: Making Poverty a Religious and Electoral Issue," according to Call to Renewal, the conference's sponsor.

"The poor are kind of missing in action in this campaign so far," said the Rev. Jim Wallis, who heads Call to Renewal, a national network of churches and faith-based groups concerned about poverty. "The Republicans are taking care of their more wealthy constituents. The Democrats want to be the champion of the middle class, and so nobody prioritizes the needs of poor families."

In an invitation to conference participants, who will gather at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Northwest, Wallis wrote that poverty is as much a religious issue as gay marriage and abortion.

Kerry calls for energy independence

BOSTON (AP) — With the start of the summer driving season approaching and gasoline prices soaring, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said the United States should strive for energy independence.

"There are two reasons why we cannot be asleep at the wheel during this current energy crisis," Kerry said in the weekly Democratic radio address. "First, soaring energy prices are putting our economy at risk and second, our dependence on Middle East oil is

putting our national security at risk. But it doesn't have to be this way."

In the short term, the Massachusetts senator said, the United States should divert oil being used to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and bring it to market.

The White House says, though, that would have only a negligible impact on pump prices. Kerry also said the country's leaders should demand that Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing nations increase supply.

He said his long-term strategy as president would include investments in alternative fuels and new technologies that are more fuel-efficient. He said he would establish tax credits to help make fuel-efficient cars more affordable.

"Our dependence on foreign oil is a problem we must solve together the only way we can — by inventing our way out of it," Kerry said.

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- Upgraded aeration system 1990.
- In recent years, the City has been cited with violations of Idaho State Air Quality Regulations.
- Upgrade of the facility will be required to meet state air quality as well as water quality regulations.
- If the City of Rupert does not make upgrades to its treatment facilities under the current proposed plan, the treatment plant will continue to cause unacceptable odor conditions and the City will continue to be in violation of State Air Quality Standards.
- If improvements to the facility are not made as proposed, the City will ultimately be faced with making the upgrades under a state mandated program that will cost the City and its residents more money in the very near future. The cost would be at least \$43.00/month.
- Interest rates are at one of the lowest points in decades.
- Approximately 46% of the \$14.2 million needed to complete the wastewater treatment plant upgrade will go straight into the Rupert economy. Roughly 100 construction jobs will be created to upgrade the plant over an 18 to 24 month period. This project will

provide a significant infusion of dollars directly into the local economy.

- Current and future economic impact without enough wastewater capacity will discourage growth in the region.
- The City of Rupert will not be a consideration for new companies requiring significant wastewater treatment services.
- Currently, timing for requests coming from companies considering expansion in the Southern Idaho region are making decisions within 6-9 months.
- Out migration in the Mini-Cassia area due to lost jobs has been significant over the last two years.
- Burley is in the process of building a new wastewater treatment plant doubling the size of its current plant to meet future growth needs.
- Both Twin Falls and Jerome currently have mechanical systems. Jerome is in the process of upgrading and expanding capacity. Twin Falls is the only community in Southern Idaho that currently has capacity to service new employers with large wastewater needs.
- Bottom Line - Without these upgrades to the current treatment plant with capacity for growth...the City of Rupert will not be a consideration for manufacturers that require significant wastewater services, i.e., food manufacturers and processors, milk/cheese processors and some light manufacturing. Will create 100+ construction jobs.

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NATION

U.S. mood over Iraq worsens

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush is hearing increasingly bleak warnings that the U.S. occupation of Iraq is heading for failure — from Republican and Democratic members of Congress, current and former officials, and even some military officers still on active duty.

But so far, at least, the White House says it hasn't heard anything that makes it want to change course.

Weeks of military and political setbacks have produced a striking change of mood in the capital about the prospects of success in Iraq, where U.S. and allied forces are struggling to establish security to allow a new Iraqi "caretaker government" to assume limited powers on June 30.

A series of Senate hearings last week showcased the growing fears of many foreign policy experts — a mood some described as "panic."

"I believe we are absolutely on the brink of failure," retired Marine Gen. Joseph F. Hoar, a former commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "We are looking into the abyss. We cannot start soon enough to begin the turnaround."

"If the current situation persists, we will continue fighting one form of Iraqi insurgency after another — with too little legitimacy, too little will and too few resources," warned Larry Diamond, a former adviser to the U.S. occupation authority in Baghdad. "There is only one word for a situation in which you

cannot win and you cannot withdraw: Quagmire."

Hoar and Diamond's assessments were grimmer than most. But the two men were far from alone.

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannick Jr., the current commander of the Army's 82d Airborne Division, which returned from Iraq in April, has given reporters an equally blunt assessment. "We are winning tactically, but have made a few tactical blunders... (which) created strategic consequences in world opinion," Swannack said in an e-mail message. "We are losing public support regionally, internationally and within America — thus, currently, we are losing strategically."

He added: "I believe Operation Iraqi Freedom is a just cause. America needs to stay the

course and we must regain the moral high ground."

Another active-duty officer who recently returned from Iraq and who spoke on condition he not be identified — was crisper. "We could not have succeeded up more if we had set out to do it deliberately," he said. "We gave ourselves all the disadvantages of occupation, but none of the advantages."

Even Sen. Richard C. Lugar, R-Ind., the cautious chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, warned that the United States might be headed for a dead end unless the administration outlines a clearer strategy.

A detailed plan is necessary to prove to our allies and to Iraqis that we have a strategy, and that we are committed to making it work," Lugar told Bush administration officials at a hearing.

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Dave Mathrens and his wife, Jennifor, sort through the rubble of a friends house Saturday in Bradgate, Iowa, after a tornado tore through the town.

Iowa governor surveys town leveled by tornado

BRADGATE, Iowa (AP) — Houses lay crumpled to their foundations and hundreds of thousands of people were without power Saturday after storms tore through the Midwest, including a tornado that leveled this tiny Iowa town.

"Sixty seconds of horror and weeks and months of rehabilitation and rebuilding," said Gov. Tom Vilsack, who took a walking tour of Bradgate, population 100, in northwestern Iowa.

Fifteen people in Bradgate and nearby Rolfe were injured, though none seriously, in the Friday night tornado, said Humboldt County Emergency Management Director Doug Wood. The tornado rendered 30 of Bradgate's 40 homes uninhabitable, he said.

The Meier family's possessions — roller skates, dolls and Christmas stockings — lay in heaps on the basement floor amid shattered cement foundation blocks. Marina Meier stood next to the wrecked home clutching a picture of her 5-year-old daughter.

"They found it on the other side of town," said Meier, her face sunburned and her clothes coated in dirt and sawdust. "It might be the only picture we have of her now."

Meier filled out Red Cross vouchers for food and new clothes.

"I guess we're starting over," she said.

Sheriff Dean Kruger was hit in the leg with a piece of wood after he got out of his truck during the tornado. "I just laid down in the ditch and watched the wood and timber fly past," Kruger said.

Debris littered a small park

Saturday, including a mattress, a kitchen sink and a toilet. A pair of men's overalls hung from a tree branch.

Helping with the cleanup Saturday were the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Iowa National Guard. Hundreds of volunteers also helped cut trees with chainsaws and put wood and metal debris in piles to carry out of town.

While Iowa was hardest hit, severe weather Friday and Saturday knocked out power through parts of West Virginia, Nebraska, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Michigan authorities blamed three deaths on the storm — all due to trees falling on cars Friday.

Experts: Perjured witness doesn't assure new trial

NEW YORK (AP) — If nothing else, the perjury indictment against a government witness in the Martha Stewart trial should provide the homemaking maven with grounds for an appeal — but it doesn't guarantee a retrial, legal experts said Saturday.

"It's a substantial issue, and she had no other substantial issues for an appeal," said noted defense attorney Edward Hayes, a Court TV commentator.

Fellow defense attorney Timothy M. Donohue agreed, but suggested it was not a clear-cut winner.

"The prosecution indicted their own witness," he said. "But the question is, 'How does that apply to her?'"

The accusation Friday by federal prosecutors that Secret Service ink expert Larry Stewart lied on the witness stand is probably more beneficial for Stewart's co-defendant, Peter

Bacanovic, than for her, Hayes said.

The pair were convicted March 5 of lying to federal authorities about why Martha Stewart peddled 3,928 shares of ImClone in December 2001 just before a negative government report sent its price plunging.

Larry Stewart testified about Bacanovic's alleged doctoring of a worksheet listing Martha Stewart's stock portfolio. Secret Service officials said he falsely testified that he had examined the document on two occasions.

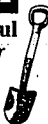
Bacanovic was acquitted on the charge linked to the changing of the worksheet. Prosecutors said Friday that was one of the reasons they gave the other verdicts will stand despite the perjury charge.

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WORLD

U.N. condemns Israel's destruction of homes

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — A 3-year-old Palestinian girl was shot dead Saturday as a senior U.N. official toured a battle-scarred refugee camp where Israeli troops continue the hunt for weapons-smuggling tunnels and militants.

The United Nations condemned the "completely unacceptable" destruction of homes, which has left 1,650 Palestinians homeless in the last 10 days.

On Friday, Israeli troops pulled back from the Brazil and Tel Sultan neighborhoods of Rafah, leaving behind dozens of damaged or destroyed buildings, torn-up roads and flattened cars. The army said it was redeploying forces and that its offensive would continue.

For hours, members of the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, visited the two areas Saturday. A few ships opened so residents could stock up, and people ventured tentatively outside, waving white flags and strips of cloth.

Despite the partial withdrawal of troops, bursts of machine-gun fire could be heard as Hamas toured a street littered with clothes, mattresses and the collapsed corrugated tin roofs of devastated houses.

Gadhafi walks out of Arab summit in 'disgust'

TUNIS, Tunisia — Arab leaders convened their annual summit Saturday to discuss condemning terrorism, reiterating calls for Arab-Israeli peace and putting Arab nations on the road to political and economic reforms advocated by the United States.

But the opening session was overshadowed by the walkout of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who criticized peace efforts and threatened to pull his country out of the 22-member Arab League. Eight other Arab leaders, including Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, failed to show up.

"What's the significance of this Arab gathering? Gadhafi said before picking up and leaving his tank. 'This summit convenes while there are two Arab presidents in jail? I am disgusted.'"

Gadhafi was referring to Saddam Hussein and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been held up in his West Bank headquarters for more than two years, besieged by Israeli forces.

Gadhafi left while Arab League head Amr Moussa was speaking.

Tehran gives report to U.N. nuclear group

VIENNA, Austria — Iran has delivered an initial report on its nuclear program to the U.N. atomic watchdog, a key step ahead of an agency meeting next month to assess suspicions that it is covertly trying to make weapons, the agency said Saturday.

The Tehran regime handed over the dossier on Friday to the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the documents "should provide broader information about Iran's nuclear activities," IAEA spokesman Mark Gvozdecky said.

The Vienna-based agency will work to assess the "correctness and completeness" of the declaration, and IAEA Director-

World in brief

General Mohamed ElBaradei will deliver a report to the IAEA's 35-nation board of governors tomorrow when it meets on June 14, Gvozdecky said.

Iran was obligated to provide the declaration under a so-called additional protocol to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty which allows international inspectors to conduct intrusive unannounced checks of its nuclear facilities.

ElBaradei said his inspectors are getting the access they want in Iran but need additional information.

Japanese leader wins release of children

TOKYO — North Korea agreed Saturday to release the family members of Japanese citizens kidnapped by Northern agents, and Japan pledged aid to the impoverished country at a summit between the two nations' leaders. Five children of the abductees arrived in Tokyo hours later.

The agreement marked a breakthrough in what had been an emotional standoff between the two Asian neighbors. Talks on normalization of ties between them have been stalled by disagreement over the fate of the abductees' families and other issues.

North Korea admitted in 2002 to kidnapping 13 Japanese citizens in the 1980s and 70s. Pyongyang said eight had died, but allowed the five survivors to return to Japan. Tokyo has since pressed for the release of the eight family members left behind: seven children and one husband.

In the 90-minute summit, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he also pressed the enigmatic North Korean leader Kim Jong Il on his nuclear weapons programs and won a pledge from North Korea to continue a moratorium on missile tests.

Spanish prince marries former TV anchorwoman

MADRID, Spain — Spain's Crown Prince Felipe married former TV anchorwoman Letizia Ortiz on Saturday as tens of thousands of people lined the streets outside to catch a glimpse of the new forces.

prince — the first commoner in line to be queen in Spanish history.

The archbishop of Madrid, Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, pronounced the couple husband and wife at Almudena Cathedral in what was Spain's first royal wedding in 98 years. Previous weddings took place abroad.

Just one year after she started dating the prince, Ortiz, a 31-year-old divorcee, now has the title of Princess Letizia of Asturias.

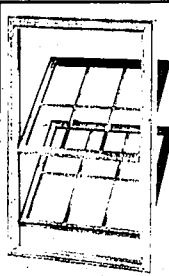
In his homily, Rouco Varela urged the couple not to be intimidated by the enormous responsibility of being heirs to the Spanish throne.

"Fear not these extraordinary demands," he said. "You are not alone in your path. Their majesties the king and queen of Spain, the royal family, your relatives and loved ones, the good people of Spain, are with you."

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Marines plan to fix mosques

Los Angeles Times

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Marines and Navy Seabees are seeking Iraqi contractors to repair and refurbish mosques in an effort to dispel the notion that the United States has declared war on Islam.

The effort is proceeding more quickly in the surrounding farming villages than in this Sunni Triangle city where Marines and insurgents fought three bloody weeks of combat. The Marines have a growing list of mosques that villagers would like help in repairing, renovating or expanding. Few, if any, village mosques were damaged during the fight, but the Americans said that fixing the mosques could elicit more goodwill in return than almost any other construction project.

"The mosques are part of their communal life, and that's what we're here to improve," said Lt. Col. Colin McNease, officer in charge of civil affairs unit of the 1st Marine Regiment. "This is a good way to demonstrate that this is not a war against Islam."

In Fallujah, where insurgents used mosques to store weapons and as vantage points to fire on Marines, the process of using U.S. money for mosque projects will be tricky. For one thing, Americans are not able to travel into the city without a heavy military escort. The Marines and Seabees also will need to rely on Iraqi contractors to provide cost estimates and construction plans before any money can be allocated.

The program to repair mosques was part of the original Marine plan to win friends and bring stability to Fallujah. That plan was suspended after the Marines surrounded the city on April 5 and imposed martial law in response to the killing of four U.S. contractors on March 31.

In the rural areas, where fighting was lighter and anti-U.S. sentiment less strong, Marine engineers and Seabees have been able to make their own construction estimates. Cultural sensitivities can complicate matters.

In the tiny village of Secher, for example, engineers took pictures of the one-story mosque only after getting permission from a dozen village elders. To view the interior, they had to wait until the prayer rugs were removed.

When Marines asked villagers what they needed most, mosque repair was the overwhelming choice.

The one-story masonry building has a leaky roof and cracked walls and lacks electricity and running water. The villagers in recent years hired a contractor but were disappointed in his work.

Holy water and hashish sustain terrorists

Los Angeles Times

MADRID, Spain — The odd crew of longtime extremists and radicalized gangsters accused of committing the March train bombings here nourished their holy war with holy water.

And hashish. The water came from Mecca. The conspirators drank it during purification rituals at a barber shop that was an alter-hours prayer hall for disciples of Takfir wal-Hijra, a secretive Islamic sect active in the criminal underworld of Europe and North Africa.

The hashish came from Morocco. The ideologues of the terror cell justified selling drugs as a weapon of jihad. The Moroccan dealer who financed the plot traded a load of hashish for the dynamite that slaughtered 191 people aboard commuter trains on March 11. The drug trafficker led the cell along with a Tunisian economics student, a duo whose disparity reflects the evolving nature of Islamic terrorism. Both blew themselves up after a standoff with police last month.

As European investigators analyze the Madrid bombings and try to prevent new attacks, the intensity of the drug connection intrigues them. The predominant Moroccan cell came together with remarkable speed, teaming a drug gang with students and shopkeepers and raising the specter of "narco-terrorism," a phenomenon more commonly associated with such nations as Colombia. It also offers a textbook example of the explosive potential of combining Islamic extremism and organized criminal networks.

"It worries us very much," said a high-ranking Spanish police commander. "Until now, Islamic terrorism and drugs were two separate areas. Now you are not


sure where to look. You are not sure whom you are dealing with. I don't know of any previous cases like this in the West."

Madrid's hidden jihad reflects a wider effort by Islamic networks in Europe and North Africa to tap the violent energy of criminal networks of diverse ethnicities and specialties, according to anti-terrorist officials.

In Italy, a member of the Camorra, the Neapolitan Mafia, converted to Islam and recently set up an exchange of arms for drugs between the Camorra and Islamic terrorists, according to

an Italian prosecutor. In the prisons of Belgium and neighboring countries, recruitment by Islamic groups has accelerated during a worldwide terror offensive stoked by the war in Iraq, said Belgian police anti-terror commander Alain Grignard.

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Teaching restraint

Combat firearms tactics teach accuracy, public safety

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A peculiar noise was coming from The Sound Co.

Twin Falls police responded to a burglary in progress in the early hours of May 12, 1998, and found a man lurking near the building. Sgt. Mark Marvin chased the man into the parking lot as Staff Sgt. Dan McAtee arrived at the scene.

The suspect fired a shot at McAtee — missing — and ran behind a house.

"I pursued him into a cul de sac," McAtee said. "He was weaving his way in between the houses. I could have shot him but if I had missed ... I chose not to fire back at him because of the situation."



Handguns, stuffed with caution tape to indicate they are empty, are held at a ready position during training.

Officers train in shooting techniques, but they also learn when not to shoot, he said.

"When you have to deliver the bullet to the target intended," he said, "it's not just about accuracy, but shoot/no shoot."

Sgt. Marvin agreed. "There could be pedestrians, vehicular traffic ... any number of things," he said. "Four bank robbers could come out of a bank and you could drop all four of those. But if you missed and hit a kid, you've gone from hero to zero in a second. You want to think about public safety. You can't just spray like they do on TV."

The shooting range northeast of Twin Falls is the site of the department's firearms training. At the far end of the tract rests an old boxcar. Beige paper targets, yellow police line tape, orange cones, blue vests splattered with red paint, and two brunette mannequin heads, one named "Daffney," are stuffed inside.

Members of the Twin Falls Police Department underwent 12 hours' worth of weapons review at the range during block training last week.

Probation and parole officers from the state, as well as members of the Buhl Police Department, also participated in the training.

"All the Buhl police officers do this," said officer Tim Fellows. "We just bring our own ammunition and our own equipment."

The mantra for the training, McAtee said, is to practice for high-risk, low-frequency situations.

"We have very few incidents when we actually engage the public in a fire fight," he said. "A deadly force situation is the last thing you want. But if there's a deadly force situation, we have to have officers make quick decisions, wise decisions."

Target shooting with .40-caliber Glock pistols helps ensure that well-honed skills complement good decisions.

"The handgun is our primary tool," Marvin said. "We have to assure we're as proficient as we can be because that's what the officer is going to use to defend his life or somebody (else's)."

From a distance

Detective Chris Fullmer slinked down into the dirt, easing himself into the prone position, balancing his Ruger Mini-14 rifle on the

edge of a platform. Whizzing by at 3,200 feet per second, a bullet from his gun found its mark on a target's head 50 yards away.

Ten holes punctured the paper man by the time Fullmer was done.

From four platforms down range, another group of officers took their positions.

"When you're in the prone position, you realize that a bad guy is going to build you a platform with blankets on it so it's comfortable," McAtee joked.

Twin Falls police officers have not encountered a situation wherein rifles were needed, but they train for the possibility.

"We have rifles in the cars to handle situations where handguns might not be suitable," Marvin said, adding that 95 percent of patrol cars are equipped with rifles.

"The rifle allows you to engage a target at a longer distance while still assuring that you can provide accurate fire. We're in a rural environment here. We have some wide open spaces. (Knowing how to use a rifle) gives you a lot of options and increases the firepower that you have."

Dodging fire

To one side of the firing range, four more officers donned old SWAT vests, paint ball masks and throat protectors.

Taking their .40-caliber Glock pistols, they replaced the duty barrel with Simunition conversion pieces, preparing to fire at each other paintball-style with their own weapons.

"We're working on principles that we all know very well, then incorporating Simunitions into it," Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks told the group.

"Your skill and confidence will go down a little (from target practice) because now somebody with equal skill is going to be firing back at you. I want to see you working on communication and movement."

At 45 cents apiece for the Simunition marking cartridges the department spends approximately \$2,000 for that ammunition alone during the five-week block training period, Marvin said.

The conversion pieces cost approximately \$200 for each gun.

"But you can't duplicate this kind of training," he said. "Years ago we did paintball in Rock Creek Park but with this you use your own holster and your own gun," he said.



Probation and parole officer Travis Klundt scans the surrounding area after firing two rounds into his target during combat handgun tactics training. The officers also participated in combat rifle tactics. Officers from TFPD, Buhl Police Department and Idaho Department of Correction participated in block training.

"Simunitions adds a level of stress that target shooting doesn't," McAtee added.

Despite the sunny, warm conditions Friday that provided for an unrealistic setting, Hicks was pleased with the chance to go through the motions.

"I'm encouraged by it," he said. "But these are not very challenging scenarios. Next year we'll do a building search."

That could take place in a school or an

abandoned building, and possibly at night.

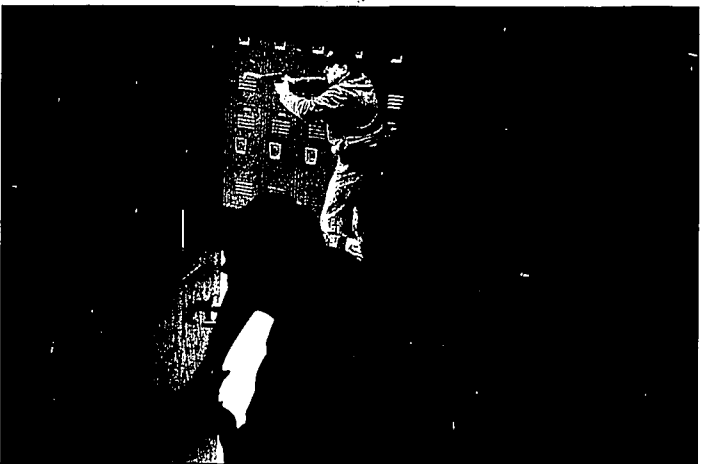
"We can incorporate that to increase the realism," he said, "because most armed encounters happen at night."

As the paint-speckled officers pulled out of their gear, Hicks encouraged them to remember the lessons of the day.

"There's no guarantee in a gun fight," he said. "But you guys have a pretty good idea how you're going to react."



Firing his simunition gun (a gun that fires paint-filled rounds used in training) as he retreats, detective Mike Steen, right, eludes the advance of detective Scott Smith during a simulation of how quick a suspect can attack you.



Officer Justin Hendrickson, top, covers the hallway as officer Brent Wright peaks in to clear a classroom during a simulated school-shooting situation.

Photos by Cory Myers

OFFICERS AT THE WHEEL



Photo by GARY WILSON/The Times-News

Staff Sgt. Brian Pike oversees the emergency vehicle obstacle course training at the Twin Falls airport. Officers honed driving, response time and braking techniques.

Police hone driving skills for high-speed situations

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With less than one second before impact, Staff Sgt. Brian Pike yelled, "Go right!"

The patrol car swerved at 35 mph on the rain-slickened road, barely missing the perimeter.

Orange cones dotted the half-mile obstacle course set up on roads at the Twin Falls airport as cars swerved in and out and around, practicing driving techniques that officers will

draw upon when they return to patrolling city streets.

A line of Twin Falls Police Department cars idled on the asphalt as officers awaited their turns.

"Most of the exercises here are things you run into on the street: collision avoidance, controlled braking, emergency lane changes," said officer Eric Steele, co-instructor of the half-day class, as he supervised the queue.

"When it comes to high-speed driving, we're trying to control steering inputs," co-instructor

Pike said. "When you're driving down the freeway at 70 (mph), think of the input you need. We practice at lower speeds what (officers) may need at higher speeds: the inputs, the awareness."

Even in the slower traffic of city streets, officers need to possess quick reaction and skilled maneuvering.

"A lot of time on Blue Lakes people get confused when they hear sirens and they'll pull in front of you instead of to the right," Staff Sgt. Dan McAttee said.

Additionally, police often find themselves in

pursuit of time or people, he said.

Pursuit of time means there's a critical incident that requires a quick response, like a medical emergency or a burglary in progress, he said.

The department has about three or four accidents per year, McAttee said, but most are minor.

At any time, a routine patrol could turn into a high-speed situation.

"(Patrol officers) drive all the time," Pike said. "They draw on this (training) every day."

Training benefits both rookies, veterans

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The most valuable part of block training for Officer Ken Wiesmore, who has been with the Twin Falls Police Department for one year, has been the in-class time.

"Listening to (Twin Falls City Attorney) Fritz Wonderlich talk about what's considered a detention and doing field sobriety tests because we make a lot of stops — it's always good to build a good case and know what you're looking for," he said.

Wiesmore didn't enter the police force to crack down on drunken drivers, but that goal has taken on a greater significance since he's been out on patrol.

"Now that I've dealt with them more I realize it's a major issue because everybody has family on the road," he said. "At all times I've got someone in my family driving. I don't want them to get hurt."

The more time an officer can spend learning his trade, the greater the benefit to himself and the public, he said.

"There's always need for more training," he added. "Our department thrives on trying to get more ... training. It shows in professionalism. It shows in court (victories). There are less tort claims the more education an officer has."

Thirteen-year TFPD veteran Chris Fullmer has been a patrol officer, a field training officer, a member of the SWAT team, a sniper, a crime scene investigator and a detective.

The handgun portion of block training was especially useful to him, he said.

"I don't deal with people on the street very often," he said. "But a lot of time (as a detective) we have to go out and interview people about burglaries or homicides. When we try to talk to people we don't have vests or duty gear, just a gun and handcuffs."

Since he's been in his current position, he hasn't gotten in a shoot-out while making an arrest. But people's reactions are always an unknown, and a refresher in handgun tactics helps keep detectives prepared.

"You kind of get complacent sometimes on the street," he said.

Law sets boundaries for police in traffic stops

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A quick, routine glance in a rear-view mirror can bring a sense of well-being — or a spasm of fear if flashing red lights meet the eyes.

Drivers who get pulled over by police should remember one thing first: Be courteous and non-confrontational, said John Hansen, Twin Falls County public defender.

"That's the most important thing," he said. "An officer doesn't know whether the situation he's walking into is dangerous. The vast majority want to stay within the law. They're trying to protect people and come out with the least amount of trouble."

Here are some highlights of drivers' rights and responsibilities:

- You can refuse to give an officer your consent to search your person, belongings or car.
- Officers do not need to advise you of your right to refuse to cooperate.
- A 1997 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, *Maryland v. Wilson*, decided that officers can ask a person to allow police to search the car.
- The detained person has the right to say no. Not answering at all is considered consent.
- "The polite thing to do is say, 'I know you just want to do your job, but I do not consent to a search,'" Hansen said. "Unless the (drugs, etc.) are in plain view, they can't change you with resisting/obstructing if you don't consent."
- If you haven't been arrested, you can ask permission to leave.
- In 1996 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Ohio v. Robinette* that the Fourth Amendment doesn't require that an officer inform a person that he can go.
- "You can say, 'I have to be on my way. Am I free to go?'" Hansen said. A person may not always be free to leave, he added.
- An officer can request a dog be brought to the scene of a traffic stop if he suspects drugs are in the vehicle. At that point, you're considered "detained," said Sgt. Ron Fustes.
- The U.S. Supreme Court will take up the issue this fall as to whether it is reasonable for a person to be detained after a traffic stop while a drug dog is brought in. For now, though, Idaho law lets police hold you while awaiting the dog.
- At any time, a drug-sniffing dog can walk around your car without your consent, Fustes said. If the dog indicates it smells drugs, the officer has probable cause to search.
- If you are arrested, you can end the conversation.
- An officer's interrogation must stop when the arrested person requests legal counsel, said City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich. The suspect can initiate further discussion, but he must knowingly



Officer Ryan Howe demonstrates how to correctly administer the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus field sobriety test during the fourth day of training. The test is an officer's most accurate indicator of impaired driving.



Sgt. Dennis Pullin talks about an officer's responsibilities if the officer is the first on a crime scene. The department also spent classroom time on response to missing person reports, laws of search and seizure and drug interdiction techniques.

waive his right to self-incrimination and must be given his Miranda rights for that information to be used in the case.

However, if a detainee offers unsolicited information to an officer, that information can be used without an officer "Mirandizing" him, Hansen said.

- The Fourth Amendment doesn't always apply.
- Police can seize contraband if it is in plain sight, whether it is in a car or a house. Officers do not need a warrant if the illegal items are in view, Hansen said.
- You can refuse some DUI tests, but you will

Your rights, their rights

Fourth Amendment

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Fifth Amendment (excerpt)

"No person ... shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

The Miranda Warning

"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions, if you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be provided for you at government expense."

Source: usconstitution.net

likely lose your license.

If an officer pulls you over on suspicion of driving under the influence, you are not required to take a blood, breath or urine test to determine how much you have been drinking. However, the penalties for refusing may exceed those for failing a test.

BAC test refusal carries a license suspension penalty of 180 days for first offenders.

Officers can have people perform field sobriety tests, such as standing on one leg. They can arrest you for failing a sobriety test, even without checking your blood-alcohol level.

You can be ticketed for driving a motorized vehicle, including a golf cart or a go-cart, while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

In Idaho, the legal blood alcohol limit is .08 for adults, .04 for operators of commercial vehicles and .02 for people 21 years of age and under. Even below those levels, you still can be cited if you are impaired.

Training

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actively, then smiled.

Sgt. Dennis Pullin, co-trainer, reviewed the officers' reaction to a school shooting and queried them about other potential scenarios.

"If you see a threat you need to deal with, what are you going to do?" he asked. "Do we want to give first aid to a student when we've got someone popping off shots in the hallway? We have to address the threat."

A dozen members of the Twin Falls police force spent a week in block training learning skills for high-risk, low-frequency situations.

To complement regular, on-going training, all officers below the rank of captain are participating in the five-day seminar, said Sgt. Mark Marvin.

The block training is spread over five weeks to allow staggered participation and to keep enough officers on patrol.

Trainers from the department's own ranks, drawing on their specialties, taught each other in a variety of settings — from emergency vehicle operation on the road to combat handgun tactics on the range.

"These are very perishable skills," said Staff Sgt. Dan McAttee. "When the adrenaline hits you, you will revert to your training. The more you practice, the more literal your response will be. You have more power and more clarity of thought."

Calm under fire helps officers in tense situations make sound decisions, he added, which minimizes threats to innocent people.

Columbine: a watershed incident

The Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999, in which two students killed 12 fellow classmates, a teacher and themselves, set off a period of scrutiny by law enforcement agencies on how to deal with explosive situations at schools.

The TFPD, among many other agencies across the nation, reevaluated how they would approach the threat of a school shooting.

Agencies examined everything from where they should park to how soon they should enter the building.

At Columbine, the fire department and emergency medical service vehicles couldn't get close to the building

because of the way police cars had parked, Pullin said.

For the past month, after classes let out at Twin Falls High School, officers have been undergoing training on-site for critical incidents at schools.

"We were trained to arrive, set a perimeter and wait until an immediate action team arrives," McAttee said of the old procedure. "If the first officers (on the scene at Columbine) had immediately addressed the shooters — taken them out — fewer deaths would have occurred."

Before TFPD officers went to the high school to train, they reviewed their plans of action in a classroom setting.

"How do you address the threat?" Pullin asked rhetorically. "You determine the location, the type of threat

and if there are casualties."

When officers arrive on scene, they are now taught to establish an immediate action search team, make entry as quickly as possible and take calculated risks, he added.

"Clear the room as quickly as possible and neutralize all threats," he said.

The department's SWAT team trains routinely for high-risk situations, Pullin said. But other officers who may respond to a scene first didn't have that advantage.

"When Columbine happened," he said, "it kicked it up (a notch) and we got it done."

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LETTERS

Edmunds the choice for making area better

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TROY AND TAMI MAHLKE
TWIN FALLS

So-called water gurus have failed us

I've been hearing and reading comments like, "I'm voting for so and so because he knows a lot about water." I'm thinking maybe we don't want to elect someone who thinks they know all about water. We've elected plenty of people who think they're an authority on our water problems and yet we still have problems. Maybe more than ever!
Perhaps we should elect someone who has an open mind and a willingness to look at new solutions to old problems. That's the person who is going to get my vote.
JON BABBEL
Twin Falls

Weaver's opponents don't understand issues

I attended "Meet the Candidates" in Jerome. I'm amazed that the candidates opposing Sheriff Weaver may have synchronized their main subject — deputies driving or parked on Highways 93 and 84. I drive on both of these roads. When I see deputies cars, the deputies are assisting at an accident scene or directing traffic. The supporters of these candidates also seem to have one subject — Eden. They do not want to accept the verdicts of the judges that the incident was handled properly. Nor do they seem to care that every time the subject is brought up, it opens wounds that need to heal. Jim Weaver and his men and women are well-trained professionals who are living and doing their jobs with the memory of that night always with them.
I answer the phone.

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voluntarily, two days a week. I am able to observe the fact that Sheriff Weaver is available to speak to citizens or receive messages from them at any time. He and his deputies are brothers who respect each other and their citizens.
At Friday's (May 14) meeting, the need for a sheriff's substation in Hazelton was mentioned. Evidently the person who asked about the substation must have forgotten that there was a substation in Hazelton, but the commissioners (in their wisdom?) decided the cost was too much to maintain the station.
Let us re-elect Jim Weaver and support him in his job of ridding Jerome County of drugs and crime. We can make Jerome one of Idaho's cleanest and best counties.
MARIAN HALLERAN
Jerome

Jerome County residents know Childers' ability

While I've never met Wayne Childers personally, I have read about him and talked to many here in Jerome County who do know him. I have not spoken to anyone who has not liked him. To me, this speaks volumes for a man. The information I have read on Wayne shows him to be a man of integrity, a man who has remained dedicated to law enforcement. His qualifications show that he will be capable of administering the sheriff's office in Jerome.
Wayne is actively employed in the law enforcement field and is a certified officer. I think this is a real asset, especially when it comes to knowing how to manage a sheriff's office and guiding deputies in their duties. With his training, he will be able to cover a shift if a deputy were to become sick or not able to make it to work. Because Wayne is actively employed in law enforcement, he will be up to date in all the newest training and changes in the law.

Jerome County needs a change in the sheriff's office and I feel that Wayne Childers is the man for the job. I plan to vote for Wayne Childers for our next Jerome County sheriff, and I encourage other Jerome voters to do so, too.
DORIS ATWOOD
Jerome

Webb doesn't cover up his mistakes

Being an honest man, Larry Webb has never denied the fact that he has had "one" DUI conviction. He was fully aware of what would be said about him and, being an honest man, stood up and said, "Yes, I made a mistake!" He never made excuses or tried to cover anything up. He knows he would be ridiculed and attacked, and in knowing that, he still decided to run for sheriff.
I believe that to error is human. We all make mistakes. Jerome County deserves a sheriff that cares about our

community and its people and is willing to listen to what "we" have to say. We need an honest man, someone with good of common sense.
I believe Larry Webb is that man!
CHERIE MULLOWNEY
Jerome

Elxepuru won't back down on tough issues

Carolyn Elxepuru is on the ballot for county commissioner of Gooding County on May 25. She has done an excellent job her last two terms representing our county. She has researched problems that have surfaced and stood up to lawyers with facts and figures on issues when most of us would have backed down. It's not often you get this kind of commissioner who wants to be fair and do what's best for the majority of the people and will fight for it.
Tom Faulkner is running against Carolyn Elxepuru. He was a commissioner but chose

not to run again two years ago. A lot of things have taken place in the last two years, and we need someone who is on top of these problems, not someone who is trying to play catch-up or has an agenda or a reason to run.
Let's keep Carolyn as com-

missioner where she will continue to give us the kind of service she has in the past. A vote for Carolyn Elxepuru is a vote for the people.
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A Letter to the Voters in District 24:



know what the future holds and will not dismantle key programs, particularly in education, until funding is certain for these programs.

What about our water? The only benefit of this drought is that people finally realize the seriousness of our water crisis. We cannot lose sight of the need for change when this drought ends. The Legislature cannot solve the water problem, but it can make sure our best minds and adequate resources are dedicated to long-term solutions. I have demonstrated my project management skills and the ability to bring opposing groups together. No one individual can solve the problem, but I am committed to protecting our most valuable resource.

What about education? Is it adequately funded? We must change our education system. The traditional model will not work. Too many dollars are spent on unproductive programs and mandates. I support education and want real change.

- We must overcome the fighting among the Board of Education, the Department of Education and other interest groups.
- We must work with other states to resist or change unfunded federal mandates such as the No Child Left Behind Act.
- The issue of consolidation cannot be avoided any longer.

We cannot know if funding is adequate until we are willing to think creatively and make necessary changes. I have created an extensive list of ways to improve our education system and effectively use our tax dollars. I want to be the voice for education.


Why is economic development important for the Legislature? The best way to reduce our tax burden is through a healthy economy. My experience with the Chamber of Commerce and the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization have given me valuable experience in creating jobs and securing a better economy in the Magic Valley. Our model of regional cooperation has set a standard that will soon be copied throughout the State. As a small businessman and homebuilder, I know what it takes to make businesses succeed. As a Legislator, I will promote sound economic development through a proper tax structure, business incentives and more efficient government.

What is your position on family values? I will always work to represent your viewpoints, but some issues are not open to negotiation. I am opposed to abortion except in the case of rape, incest or a threat to the life of the mother. I also believe marriage should be defined as being between a man and a woman. At the same time, I do not believe the Legislature should be dominated by these issues. Excuse me if I am working on water, education or other areas while these issues are debated. When it is time to vote, my mind is already made up.

I have demonstrated my commitment to the Magic Valley and to service. I have prepared myself to represent the many interests of our Valley. I will listen to your concerns and will tackle tough issues. I ask for your vote for State Senate on May 25th.

Thank you,
Ken Edmunds

ELECT
KEN EDMUNDS
STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 24



Printed by Ken Edmunds for State Senate, Robert Norman, Treasurer

OPINION

Hansen's loyal support of GOP sets him apart

From the onset, I have supported Randy Hansen for Legislative District 24 State senator. As I have come to know Randy, he has demonstrated to me that he has the personal integrity, humility, intelligence, leadership and work ethic to serve the Magic Valley admirably. Randy carries with him the traditional values, which have provided this valley, this state and this nation with the foundation that makes all great. I.e. without question, will fight to ensure that Idaho is not lead down the same morally void path that other states are heading. Unlike past leadership, he will not support organizations that have been and continue to be the vanguard of the very destructive "new morality," such as Planned Parenthood.

More than any other, Randy has been loyal to his party in both deed and philosophy. He has worked hard to ensure that the state Republican Party is adequately funded and ready to advance the causes that differentiate Republicans from the opposition parties. Randy understands what it takes to make a successful political party, and he has worked tirelessly to achieve success for the party both locally and statewide.

If you seek representation which is not unduly influenced by special interests normally associated with the opposition party, then Randy is your choice.

If you are looking for a senator who is clear in his vision and direction, unswayed by the status quo, then Randy is your choice.

If you are disturbed by the trends being created elsewhere and intend to stop them before they arrive at your doorstep, then Randy is your choice.

If you desire experienced, balanced, reasoned leadership on a broad set of issues, then Randy is your choice.

If you desire to have a senator that can have an immediate positive impact for the Magic Valley representing you in the State Legislature, Randy is your choice.

CHRISTOPHER S. HARRIMAN
Twin Falls

Endorsements cloud Hansen's loyalties

It is interesting that one of the three primary Republican candidates for the Idaho State Senate race in District 24 has listed a number of out-of-district state legislators who support him. It has been confirmed that at least some of those named prominently in advertisements have not in fact provided endorsements. Who is candidate Randy Hansen, if elected, going to

be responsible to first? Those legislative leaders or legislators who have endorsed him could well call in their favors. Where will we voters come in? We of the Legislative District 24 (most all of Twin Falls and northeastern Teton County) may well be not first but afterwards.

MARTHA PHILLIPS MEAD
Twin Falls

Elexpuru a diligent commissioner for county

Attention Gooding County voters!

You have the chance to re-elect a hard-working, caring, intelligent and respected person to the office of Gooding County commissioner.

We urge you to go to the polls on May 25 and vote to re-elect Carolyn Elexpuru.

DALE AND LORETTA MCMINN
Wellend

Minidoka Co. residents well off with Fries

I have had the opportunity of working with Paul Fries in his capacity as Minidoka County sheriff for several years. Paul has served the citizens of Minidoka County very well. He is a good representative of the county.

I encourage the residents of Minidoka County to re-elect Sheriff Paul Fries.

ALFRED E. BARRUS
Butley
(Editor's note: Alfred Barrus is the prosecuting attorney for Cassia County.)

Hansen will make sure laws are upheld

It's time to vote again. A right we still have "as an individual" to try and make a difference and to pick someone to represent the important matters in our life as schools, water rights, music, fishing, hunting, keeping guns and weapons out of schools, etc. But to me, the most important is family values. To also pick someone with the knowledge to know how to make and keep these laws, and to me, this does make a difference. Some people I've run into will say you don't need to vote, everything's run by the higher-ups and big monies. Well, I believe in the "real higher-ups" who gave us our independence to speak and be an "individual" for all things whether we win or lose. If we don't exercise that right, why are we here?

We're all included and need to stand up for who and what we are and what we feel is right. And as an American, I am voting again and wish everyone that believes in our town and state and America will vote on May 25 for their own choice and the person they feel has the whole circle of our need and values.

I am voting for Randy Hansen for Senate and really hope my vote counts.
LINDA SCHOEPP
Twin Falls

All of Idaho will benefit with Hansen in Senate

I had to move from the Magic Valley this past January, but I have kept up with things through friends and *The Times-News* online. I'd like to put in my 2 cents worth on the May 25 primary.

I worked with and for Randy Hansen for 17 years, and I believe I know what this man is about. He will do a great job in the Idaho Senate!

Now some may label me an "outside interest," but the good things Randy will do in the Senate will benefit everyone in Idaho. I want Randy Hansen's values and judgment working for my family in Boise.

BRENTWARD
Rigby

Hansen is likeable, but Coiner is best equipped

Since the beginning of the local political campaign, I have learned several things about Senate candidate Randy Hansen.

He is very handsome. I am reminded every morning when I open my *Times-News*. His mother likes him. His wife likes him. His church members like him. There are a bunch of politicians around the state that like him and have endorsed him. I'm not sure that that is any advantage for the Magic Valley! He has some ideas I like. I've probably voted for him in the past. But water rights are the most

important issue now and forevermore.

I believe Chuck Coiner is by far the most knowledgeable and best-equipped candidate to represent the Magic Valley and the state of Idaho when it comes to water rights. I'll vote for him and urge you to do the same.

DWIGHT SHAW
Twin Falls

Coiner best prepared to fill Noh's shoes

Voters in District 24 are faced with the difficult task of replacing Laird Noh and must consider this unusual situation in its entirety.

We have two great candidates in Randy Hansen and Chuck Coiner. In a perfect world, Randy would not have been forced to resign his legislative position and would still be the representative for our district. We voters could then add Chuck Coiner to our legislative mix and enjoy the best of all possible outcomes.

However, we are now in a position that requires voters to select between these candidates. Both Hansen and Coiner seem competently prepared to deal with important questions concerning education, taxation, and budgetary constraints.

Chuck Coiner, on the other hand, is unique in his understanding of the very complex water issues facing our state and community, issues that must be resolved quickly in

order to protect our interest in this precious resource. To quote Laird Noh, "How fortunate we are able to find a man so well prepared to see us through to a secure future."

This election only permits the selection of a single candidate, and Chuck Coiner is the choice.
DAVE WERBECK
Kimberly

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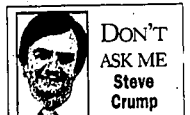
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The Prozacing of Montana motorists

Part of the legend that Evel Knievel left here is that, during the run-up to his ill-starred 1974 attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon, he regularly made the 346-mile drive to Twin Falls in four hours.



You see, until May 28, 1999, Montana highways had no posted speed limits. In effect, that meant there were no speed limits outside city limits.

If a Montana cop bothered to chase you, the maximum fine was \$5 — which you could pay on the spot.

When I lived in Montana 25 years ago, I knew people who kept a handful of \$5 bills tucked in their windshield visors so they never had to slow down.

That changed when the federal government started threatening to pull Montana's highway money.

When the Legislature passed and then Gov. Marc Racicot reluctantly signed — the law to put up speed-limit signs, all true Montanans wept.

But I just got back from the Treasure State, and I'm here to report an amazing transformation.

Montanans are now driving like, well, Oregonians (Oregon has a 55 mph top speed limit). In three days on Montana freeways, I saw lots of traffic cops — and not one of them was coloring a speed scofflaw. It's like the whole damned state has decelerated itself.

This in a place where it would take you — if you followed the 75 mph speed limit and didn't stop — 9 1/2 hours to travel from the western border to the eastern boundary.

In fact, I found that Montana drivers are much less aggressive than their Idaho counterparts.

They don't tailgate, change lanes in front of 18-wheelers, or drive with one elbow while talking on a cell phone with one hand and dipping snuff with the other.

Idaho motorists are — how to put this diplomatically! — disengaged. Many have no idea — none — what's going on around them and have never been formally introduced to their turn signals.

Idaho is, they're becoming every bit as lethal as the drivers we used to dread here in the Gem State — Utahns and Californians.

Utah drivers, by tradition, suppose Idaho to be the Empty Quarter, to be crossed quickly while running as many local pickups off the road as possible.

Bagwell challenges Bedke

Candidates focus on educational issues

By Julie Pence Times-News writer
BURLY — An educator of 28 years, Wayne Bagwell of Declo, an elementary school principal running for the Idaho House, knows a thing or two about teaching.

But the incumbent he is challenging in the Tuesday Republican primary in District 29 is someone also pretty caught up in education, albeit almost by default.

One of the things Bagwell said he's not happy with is Bedke's five-part education budget.

One of the things Bagwell said he's not happy with is Bedke's five-part education budget. "It's not a good thing," Bagwell said.

With the new budget plan, Idaho Bedke alienated the Idaho Education Association, a group from which Bagwell has taken \$1,000 to run for office.

Twin Falls looks deep into space

By Jennifer Sandman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It looks like a silo in farm country. But the shiny new dome atop the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho houses the state's largest research-grade telescope.



Chris Anderson, resident astronomer at the Herrett Center, shows the periscope adapter for the new telescope at a public grand opening of the new addition Saturday.

Rain shuttered the observatory dome, but Phil Hafer of Twin Falls got a sneak peak last week of the \$365,000 telescope power that he said stole his breath away.

"We were looking at galaxies and nebula that in a 10-inch telescope look like fuzz balls or blurs, and we could make out star fields," said Hafer, president of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society.

The Herrett telescope is named for the man who plucked Magic Valley's interest in astronomy. And the Centennial Observatory, named for Twin Falls' 100th birthday this year, also parallels the Herrett Center's founder.

By a happy coincidence this is also the year that Norman Herrett would have turned 100 years old, said Chris Anderson, observatory manager.

To show more
8655 to learn more. Centennial Observatory viewing will be held on the second Saturday evening of each month beginning June 12.

It's fitting that in southern Idaho Herrett built many of his 50 telescopes with irrigation pipe. Today his legacy leaves Twin Falls with a 3,000-pound computerized monolith capable of penetrating up to 7-billion light years into space. How far is that?

balloons drifted southeast. A number of people contacted the Herrett Center during the day to check on forecast sky viewing conditions, said Jim Woods, the center's director.

But the National Weather Service had issued a storm warning at the hour of the grand opening.

to protect the center's expanding collection of artifacts and acquisitions, which started with Herrett's donation of 8,000 objects and has grown to about 18,000.

"It's pretty neat to have a scope like this in town," Joe Vance said.

Downpours, thunder and strong winds raged outside as Herrett Center staff welcomed about 50 people to the grand opening.

"It's a perfect night to open an observatory," he jokingly said. The Centennial Observatory is part of a Herrett Center expansion that's just shy of \$2 million, he said.

The original building and new expansion were built by the people of the Magic Valley.

Three vie for District 2 seat in Jerome

By Elisabeth A. Davena The North Side News

JEROME — As voters head to the polls to cast their ballots in Tuesday's primary, they'll have a choice between three Republican candidates for the District 2 seat on the Jerome County Commission.

missioner in 1998 when he was appointed by Gov. Phil Batt to serve out a six-month term.

more relevant, especially concerning issues of planning and zoning.

airport and transportation department.

Incumbent Alvin Chojnacky faces two challengers — Charles Howell and Eddy McKeen.

He's proud of the fact that he's lived in the area his entire life.

County commissioners divide up different tasks between themselves, Chojnacky said. He works with the weed committee and also is involved in the

community," Elorrieta said, "but it's growing."

Jerome's District 3 candidates tackle growth

By Elisabeth A. Davena The North Side News

JEROME — The Republican race for Jerome County commissioner in District 3 is a two-man contest.

farmer, said he's spent much of his life making something out of nothing, whether it was building a golf course, a potato seed business or a number of houses.

many cases because of his duties as a county commissioner.

Elorrieta pointed to the Jerome Butte area and Crossroads Point.

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 courage business growth in the county.

McKean has been the owner of Magic Valley Pipe since 1996. He said he thinks his experience with the business would equip him to deal with the county's budget.

"With all the stuff we do here with accounts and payroll and everything, I think we would do a good job there," McKean said. "You've got to cut the fat and do a good job for the people."

McKean has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for three years. He said that experience led him to run for county commissioner.

Although he said he supports growth, McKean cautioned that it needs to be controlled growth where everything is put in an appropriate place. For example, dairies and subdivisions should not be placed close to each other, he said.

"All you can do is control what goes on from now on," McKean said.

Charles Howell

Howell, the son of a former commissioner, said he's running because he feels compelled to be civic minded.

About the candidates



Alvin Chojacky • Age: 65 • Occupation: Farmer
 Eddy McKean • Age: 43 • Occupation: Owner of Magic Valley Pipe
 Charles Howell • Age: 50 • Occupation: Electrician

"Since my father did it, I wanted to follow in his footsteps," Howell said. "As the county grows, Howell said reaching out to others becomes important."

"You don't know your neighbors anymore," he said. "You have to make a conscious effort to meet your neighbors." Howell is an electrician with Peterson's Reliable Electric. He said that he travels all over Jerome County with his job and is quite well known because of it.

"Since I've lived here all my life people know my name," he

said. "I kind of know what people want in the county." One thing that Howell would like to look at improving is the jail facilities.

"I'm familiar with what it costs to build jails," he said. "I'd like to see them look at a new jail."

Howell said that he's excited about exploring a new area of life and a new challenge. "Whatever you do, do it well and enjoy it," he said.

And he draws inspiration from his parents, who taught him to help out whoever he could.

Waste

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The Energy Department contends its plan would shorten cleanup by years, save billions and protect the environment.

"For most Americans, it's something they see in their bathrooms and not something used to deal with nuclear waste," said Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash.

"I do not believe you can grow it over it, put sand in a tank and say we've cleaned up the waste."

Senators debated her amendment removing the South Carolina provision, but a vote was delayed until after Memorial Day.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who added the South Carolina language during a closed meeting, said the state will have final say in assuring that cleanup meets state water regulations.

He argued some of the sludge should not have been viewed as

high-level waste and that reclassifying it would save \$16 billion and shorten tank cleanup at the Savannah River facility near Aiken, S.C., by 23 years.

That didn't satisfy South Carolina's other senator. Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C., predicted environmental disaster if the waste leaks into the nearby Savannah River.

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Republican Candidate for Jerome County Commissioner District 2

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Breakfast Menu. Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day. Monday: Breakfast combo bar. Tuesday: Grab 'n go (middle school only). Wednesday: Grab 'n go (middle school only). Thursday: Fruity yogurt. Friday: No breakfast. Lunch Menu. Salad bar and milk served every day. Monday: Tacos. Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza. Wednesday: French fries. Thursday: Cook's choice. Friday: No lunch.

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu. Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Bagel. Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls. Wednesday: Breakfast McMuffin. Thursday: Doughnuts. Lunch Menu. Salad bar and milk served daily. Monday: Chicken nuggets. Tuesday: Chicken burgers. Wednesday: Deli sandwich. Thursday: Corn dogs.

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Turkey pot pie. Tuesday: Chili buns. Wednesday: Chicken nuggets. Thursday: Turkey gravy. Friday: Specialty.

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Cook's choice. Tuesday: Sliced ham. Wednesday: Cook's choice. Thursday: Hamburgers. Friday: Corn dogs.

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu. Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal. Tuesday: Pancakes and gravy. Wednesday: Pancakes. Thursday: Egg McMuffin. Friday: Cereal. Lunch Menu. Milk served daily. Monday: Spaghetti. Tuesday: Chicken nuggets. Wednesday: Corn dogs. Thursday: Burritos. Friday: School barbecue.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day. Monday: Chicken nuggets. Tuesday: Chicken strips. Wednesday: Hamburgers. Thursday: No lunch. Friday: Last day of school.

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Terpedo. Tuesday: Deli sandwich. Wednesday: Pizza pockets.

Thursday: Burrito. Friday: No lunch.

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Terpedo. Tuesday: Burrito. Wednesday: Pizza pocket. Thursday: No lunch. Friday: No lunch.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Sub sandwich. Tuesday: Hot dogs. Wednesday: Spaghetti. Thursday: Waffles. Friday: No lunch.

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily. Monday: Chef's surprise. Half day rest of week.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily. Monday: Chef's salad. Tuesday: Deli sandwich. Wednesday: Open menu. Thursday: Open menu. Friday: Open menu.

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Ith-b-cue sandwich. Tuesday: Chicken nuggets. Wednesday: Cook's choice. Thursday: No lunch. Friday: No lunch.

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu. Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal. Tuesday: Waffles. Wednesday: Open menu. Thursday: Open menu. Friday: Open menu. Lunch menu. Milk served daily. Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich. Tuesday: Corn dog. Wednesday: Open menu. Thursday: Open menu. Friday: Open menu.

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos. Tuesday: Hot dogs. Wednesday: Turkey/ham wraps. Thursday: Chicken nuggets. Friday: Cook's choice.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal. Tuesday: Waffles. Wednesday: Open menu. Thursday: Open menu. Friday: Open menu. Lunch menu. Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich. Tuesday: Corn dog. Wednesday: Open menu. Thursday: Open menu. Friday: Open menu.

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. Open menu all week.

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily. Monday: Chip burrito. Tuesday: Open menu. Wednesday: Open menu. Thursday: No lunch. Friday: No lunch.

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Nuggets. Tuesday: Beef gravy. Wednesday: Beef bites. Thursday: Ham sub sandwich. Friday: Cook's choice.

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily. Monday: Tacos. Tuesday: Sub sandwich. Wednesday: Spaghetti. Thursday: Nuggets. Friday: Corn dog.

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Chicken noodle soup. Tuesday: Beef salad. Wednesday: Egg roll. Thursday: Cook's choice. Friday: Sack lunch.

GODDING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. Please see LUNCHES, Page B5



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MAGIC VALLEY

Lincoln commissioner faces challenge

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — As Lincoln County voters head to the polls to cast their ballots in the Tuesday primary they'll have a choice between a longtime county commissioner and his challenger, who says his nomination would add a healthy perspective to the county's top governing body.

George Wyant, a Shoshone businessman who owns Wyant Tosa, co. Tico, lives in an RV park and the Manhattan Cafe, is challenging Jerry Nance for the District 3 seat.

Nance, a Dietrich businessman who also owns a ranch, said he's still concerned about water and keeping a balance between county taxes and providing good services.

Nance said his extensive background dealing with water issues should be a good reason for voters to elect him to another two-year term. He has served on the Big Wood Canal Company board of directors for 30 years — 12 of those as chairman. He also serves on the Mid-Snake Water Commission and is a member of the Big Wood Watershed Advisory Board.

The state will have to decide where to draw the line, he said.

"They have to decide at what point the aquifer is over-appropriated and decide how to balance it," Nance said. "The state has the tools. They have to bite the bullet and do it."

The state and the Department of Water Resources had an adjudication plan and had set a moratorium on new wells, but

Meet the candidates

- Jerry Nance**
 - Age: 58
 - Occupation: Businessman; ranch owner
 - Education: one year of college in California
- George Wyant**
 - Age: 51
 - Occupation: Business owner and developer
 - Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration, Idaho State University

state officials did not follow their own plan, he said.

"You can only take so much out," Nance said. "You've got to balance it."

Wyant said he's not running with any specific agenda, but his candidacy offers voters a choice.

"The county commissioners work for all in the county and need to be open and receptive to what people want," he said. "They need to be responsive to constituents to carry out their wishes."

Having someone from the town of Shoshone would add more balance to the board of commissioners, Wyant said. So would having someone who is not a member of the agriculture industry, he added.

"Ag is still important, but we need to add a little balance," Wyant said.

Nance said he's focused on trying to keep salaries high enough to provide good services to county constituents.

"We need to balance that with our taxes," he said. "My record shows we've tried to do that over the past 18 years."

Nance also is the chairman of the Southern Idaho Solid Waste board and the vice-chairman of Idaho Counties Risk Management Providers.

Nance said that during the time he's worked as a commissioner he has been dedicated to the job.

Wyant has served in the past as the Lincoln County Democratic chairman, but he is running on the Republican ticket.

"It gives voters a choice this year in the commissioner race," he said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at (208) 438-8446 or lcavener@pmt.org.

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Lunches

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Monday: Corn dogs, potato bar
Tuesday: Nuggets, potatoes, salad bar

Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: All school barbecue
Friday: Sack lunch

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: No lunch
Friday: No lunch
Lunch menu
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Pot roast
Wednesday: Picnic lunch
Thursday: No lunch
Friday: No lunch

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Yogurt
Thursday: English muffins
Friday: No lunch
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Toast turkey
Wednesday: Hoagy sandwich
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: No lunch

JEROME SCHOOLS
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cheeseburger
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Salmonine sandwich
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Crisp taco

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Cereal

Friday: No breakfast
Lunch
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Horse tongue on a bun
Thursday: Tuna sandwich
Friday: No lunch

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Half day
Friday: No school

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Hoagy or hot combo
Wednesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
Thursday: No breakfast or lunch, last day of school

MINIDOKA SCHOOLS
Choice of milk served daily.
Cook's choice

CASSIA SCHOOLS
Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: No lunch, last day of school
Lunch menu
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: No lunch, last day of school

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Jerome County prepares for Tuesday primary

Due to changes in rules and laws by federal and state governments which need to be in place by 2006, Jerome County has reviewed the precincts and polling places the past year and made changes by relocating a few of the polling places. Votis said... Meeting American with Disabilities Act standards played a part in the changes in precinct locations...

- Locations of the polling places and changes are as follows:
• Bishop-Court - Episcopal Parish Hall, 201 S. Adams, Jerome.
• Canyonstone - Jerome Recreation Center, 2444 S. Lincoln, Jerome.
• Eden - Lutheran Church, 1602 E. 1100 S., Eden.
• Falls City - Ascension Priory, 541 E. 100 S., Jerome.
• Hazelton - Hazelton City Hall, Main Street, Hazelton.
• Northeast - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis, Jerome.
• Northwest - Messersmith Building (blue building), Jerome County Fairgrounds, 200 N. Fir, Jerome.
• Shepherd-View - Calvary Chapel North Valley, 900 N. Lincoln, Jerome.
• Southeast - Senior Citizen Center, 212 First Ave. E., Jerome.
• Southwest - Messersmith Building (blue building), Jerome County Fairgrounds, 200 N. Fir, Jerome.

Bellevue voters decide on two levies

Bellevue - Voters in this independent-minded city go to the polls Tuesday to cast their votes on two levies for minimums. The City Council is asking voters to approve the doubling of its budget levy - from 0.001342 to 0.003.

The typical property owner now pays between \$152 and \$189 in taxes to the city per year. If approved, the budget levy would cost taxpayers an additional \$180 to \$260 per year.

"We are only asking the citizens to do what is necessary to provide a more healthy, viable budget so that we can provide the level of services expected of a city this size," Councilwoman Tammy Schofield said.

Bellevue currently has one of the lowest levy rates in the state - even lower than nearby Shoshone. Supporters argue that the increase is needed to help fund essential services, such as the police, fire and street departments, plus the water and sewer system.

The levy would generate \$276,000 in its first year. Councilman Jon Anderson said people balk when they hear the city wants to double their taxes, "and we are, but it's still going to be among the lowest in the state even then."

Said Schofield: "We have experienced 300 percent growth in five years. It is time that we catch up with that."

The Bellevue Cemetery District also has a mill levy on Tuesday's ballot. Passage of the two-year levy would give the district enough money to purchase a new sprinkling system. Taxpayers now pay \$4 per \$100,000 of valuation to the district.

If passed, the levy would raise that amount to \$7 per \$100,000.

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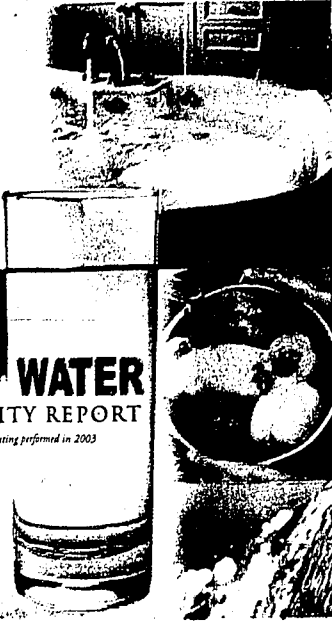
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Continuing Our Commitment

We proudly present to you our annual water quality report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you everyday. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We currently have a City of Twin Falls Wellhead Protection Plan, Drinking Water Protection Plan and Source Water Assessment Plans for our South, Southeast and Blue Lakes Wells; and we have received the Twin Falls County Groundwater Quality Management Plan. These are available at the City of Twin Falls Water Department at (208) 736-2275.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. To maintain a safe and dependable water supply that will benefit all of our customers, we need to make continual improvements to your water system. These improvements may affect your water bill. Thank you for understanding.

Where Does My Water Come From?

Our water source is groundwater from ten wells out of the Snake River Plain Aquifer. Water supplies for 2003 were drawn from the Blue Lakes Well Field, the South Wells and Reservoir System and the Southeast Wells and Reservoir System. The Blue Lakes Well Field consists of four wells which pump to the Harrison Station five-million gallon storage reservoir; the South Wells and Reservoir System consists of four wells which pump into two storage reservoirs that are also five million gallons each; and the Southeast Wells and Reservoir System consists of two wells which pump into a two-million gallon storage reservoir. At these points our water is disinfected and tested before distribution into our system.

Source Water Assessment

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, all states are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the Act. This assessment is based on a land use inventory of the designated assessment area and the sensitivity factors associated with the wells and aquifer characteristics. The ultimate goal of the assessment is to provide data to local communities to develop a protection strategy for their drinking water supply system. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) recognizes that pollution prevention activities generally require less time and only to implement than treatment of a public water supply system once it has been contaminated. IDEQ encourages communities to balance resource protection with economic growth and development. The City of Twin Falls has developed and implementing a Wellhead Protection Plan and a Drinking Water Protection Plan. By pursuing Drinking Water Protection, the City of Twin Falls is addressing the primary goal of the Source Water Assessment process. Source Water Assessment Reports for the South, Southeast and Blue Lakes Wells are available at the City of Twin Falls Water Department at (208) 736-2275.

What's in My Water?

The City of Twin Falls municipal water system routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. In fact, the City of Twin Falls runs more samples for microbiological, radioactive, inorganic, and volatile organic contaminants than required by State and Federal laws to ensure our water is safe. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The DEQ has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. Due to public concern we also sampled for MTBE (Methyl tert-butyl ether), and no detectable level of this contaminant was found (ND).

REGULATED SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (UNITS)	YEAR SAMPLED	MCL	MCLG	AMOUNT DETECTED (LOW-HIGH)	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Lead	2003	0.05	0.01	ND	No	Drinking water supply
Copper	2003	1.3	0.8	0.1-0.2	No	Drinking water supply

SUBSTANCE (UNITS)	YEAR SAMPLED	MCL	MCLG	AMOUNT DETECTED (LOW-HIGH)	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Chloride	2003	250	250	100-150	No	Drinking water supply
Sulfate	2003	250	250	100-150	No	Drinking water supply

The MCL for beta-photon emitters is written as 4 mrem/year. The U.S. EPA considers 50 pCi/L as the level of concern for beta emitters.

* These arsenic values are effective January 23, 2006. Until then, the MCL is 50 ppb and there is no MCLG.

† Lead in drinking water is fairly the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, repaired or reduced.

‡ Groundwater systems that demonstrate that lead and copper levels have been maintained below the maximum permissible levels may reduce the frequency of monitoring for lead and copper. The City of Twin Falls does qualify for this reduction.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Table Definitions

90th %ile (90th Percentile Contaminant Level) The 90th percentile lead and copper levels shall be computed by plating the results of all the lead or copper samples during a monitoring period in ascending order from the sample with lowest concentration to the sample with the highest concentration, then each sample result shall be assigned an ascending number starting with number 1 for the sample with the lowest contaminant level. The number assigned to the sample with the highest contaminant level will be equal to the total number of samples taken. The number of samples taken during the monitoring period shall be multiplied by 0.9. The 90th percentile contaminant level is the contaminant concentration of the numbered sample yielded by the calculation.

AL (Action Level) The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

NAI Not applicable

NDI Not detected

pCi/L (picocuries per liter) A measure of radioactivity.

ppb (parts per billion) One part substance per billion parts water (or µg/L micrograms per liter).

ppm (parts per million) One part substance per million parts water (or mg/L milligrams per liter).

Water Conservation Tips

- Water conservation starts with individuals. The use of one or more of these tips will help conserve the precious resource that our water is, and help preserve our future use of that resource.
- INDOOR TIPS**
 - Fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
 - Replace old fixtures with water-saving devices.
 - Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
 - Run the dishwasher only when full.
 - OUTDOOR TIPS**
 - Plant low water-use grasses such as fescues and gamma grasses.
 - Use mulch around plants and shrubs.
 - Decrease the amount of grass on your lot.
 - Use water-saving nozzles.
 - Use drip irrigation systems when appropriate.
- Remember that Twin Falls residents use substantially more water per person than most of the nation (311 gallons/day per person vs. 147 gallons/day per person). We can do more than we are to conserve water.
- Information on other ways that you can help conserve water can be found at www.epa.gov/water/publicoutreach/index.html or www.tfd.org/pub_work/utility_billing.

Substances That Might Be in Drinking Water

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can acquire naturally occurring minerals, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Substances that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, or wildlife;
- Inorganic Chemicals**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic water production discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming;
- Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses;
- Organic Chemical Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems;
- Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Nitrate In Drinking Water

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should seek advice from your health care provider.

New Arsenic Regulation

Arsenic contamination of drinking water sources may result from either natural or human activities. Volcanic activity, erosion of rocks and minerals, and forest fires are natural sources that can release arsenic into the environment. Although about 90% of the arsenic used by industry is for wood preservative purposes, it is also used in paints, dyes, soaps, metals, and semiconductors. Agricultural applications, mining, and smelting also contribute to arsenic release. Arsenic is usually found in the environment combined with other elements such as oxygen, chlorine, and sulfur (inorganic arsenic); or combined with carbon and hydrogen (organic arsenic). Organic forms are usually less harmful than inorganic forms.

Low levels of arsenic are naturally present in water—about two parts arsenic per billion parts of water (ppb). Thus, you normally take in small amounts of arsenic in the water you drink. Some areas of the country have unusually high natural levels of arsenic in rock, which can lead to unusually high levels of arsenic in water.

In January 2001, the U.S. EPA lowered the arsenic Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) from 50 to 10 ppb in response to new and compelling research linking high arsenic levels in drinking water with certain forms of cancer. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. All water utilities are required to implement this new MCL starting in 2006. Removing arsenic from drinking water can be a costly procedure.

At this time, the City of Twin Falls water meets the current arsenic standards and is researching methods to meet the new standards that will be implemented in 2006. For a more complete discussion, visit the U.S. EPA's Arsenic Web site at www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic.html.

Community Participation

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning the City of Twin Falls Water Utility, please contact Mike Schroeder, Water Superintendent, at (208) 736-1540. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water, and we want you to be informed about your water utility.

City Council meetings are opportunities for public participation and input. City of Twin Falls Council Meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Building Council Chambers at 305 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. You are invited to participate.

Important Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, person who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants may be particularly at risk from infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The U.S. EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)/CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



Can the Lakers take a 2-0 lead over Minnesota?

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

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I can continue to get guys to come play with me for nothing. I've been the one making the phone calls. I've been the GM of this team for the last two years, not Mitch (Kupchak).

Shaquille O'Neal on drawing championship hungry veterans to the Lakers

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the record for free throws made in an NBA playoff game?
ANSWER: below

IN BRIEF

YMCA looks to fill Junior league

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA Junior Davis Cup Team Tennis League is registering players for the 2004 season for tennis players ages 5-18. The 3-to-5 player teams compete in a pair of singles matches and a doubles match Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:30 and 7:30 from June 22 through July 15.

YMCA plans Junior tennis tournament

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley YMCA Junior Circuit tennis tournament will be held June 25-26 at Harmon Park. The tournament is for "B" division players. All players must be able to keep score, call own lines, serve overhead and understand the basic rules of tennis.

Memorial Day Rope and Run planned

FILER — The PFI annual Memorial Day Rope and Run will be held May 29-31 at the new PFI arena east of Filer on Highway 30. The 3-day event will have contestants from a five states competing for money and awards totaling \$25,000.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bob Cousy of the Boston Celtics made 30 of 32 free throws in a four-quarter game against the Syracuse Nationals in 1953.

2004 STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Striking gold: Goodbody grabs four

Valley's Grant wins 400

By John Derr Times-News writer

BOISE — Wendell's Jaymie Goodbody continued her dominance of the Idaho part of the track world, winning four gold at the 2A State Track meet Saturday at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

Goodbody, who won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 6 inches and was a part of the gold medal medley relay team on Friday, swept the sprints, successfully defending both titles.

She accounted for 40 of the Trojans 48 points as the Trojans finished fifth. Firth ran away with the title, scoring 120.5 points. Valley tallied 22.5 points, good for ninth while Glennis Ferry finished with 10 points for 19th place.

In boy's action, Grant led Valley to a 16th place finish (19 points) while Wendell col-

lected 13 points. Firth dominated with 150 points, almost 100 points more than second place.

Girls

Goodbody, a junior, didn't have the fastest qualifying times, but she left the competition in her dust as she easily defended her state titles in the sprints. "She had a better start. I was nervous, I didn't want to false start," Goodbody added.

She was more relaxed in the 200, starting well and building the lead. "I try to stay relaxed instead of being all tensed up," said Goodbody.

Goodbody, a holder of seven school records, said it was important to defend her titles. "It means I am getting better every year," Goodbody added.

She will head to Albuquerque, N.M. in two weeks in hopes of qualifying for the under-19 U.S. Junior Nationals meet.

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Wendell's Jaymie Goodbody, right, beats Wallace sprinter Gretchen Bailey to win the Girls 2A 100-meter dash at the Idaho High School State Track and Field Championships Saturday in Boise.

Filer girls, Kimberly boys take third

Kimberly 4x200 relay sets new state 3A record

By John Derr Times-News writer

BOISE — Filer brought quality, not quantity. With only five girls competing, the Wildcats took home the third-place trophy Saturday at the 3A Girls State Track meet at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

For full results. Salem, Gooding, behind strong performances in the relays, finished seventh with 38 points.

See page C4 Other local teams included: Declo (8th - 35 points), Wood River (14th - 22), Kimberly (21st - 7), and Huhl (22nd - 6).

In boy's action, Kimberly, with two relay golds and a state classification record, tallied 57.5 points to finish third behind champion Timberlake (69) and second place Snake River, 59.5. Filer finished seventh with 43.5 points.

Other local teams included Gooding (8th - 12), Declo (20th - 10), and Wood River (22nd - 7).

Boys

Running a near perfect race, the Kimberly 4x200 relay team set a new classification record while winning the gold. The Bulldogs finished in 1:29.33, beating the old record of 1:30.89 set by the Lake in 1997.

Tyson Anderson had the first leg and set the Please see KIMBERLY, Page C5



Kimberly's Jim Reeves finishes the team's last leg of the 3A boys 4x200 relay, winning the competition, as well as setting a new state class record at the Idaho High School State Track and Field Championships in Boise Saturday.

BACK ON TOP: Trojan boys win 1A title after three-year drought

Oakley girls clinch second place

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

BOISE — The Class 1A track and field championship trophy is going back to a familiar place.

After three seasons without a title, the Rafi River Trojans regained the crown by running

away with the top prize at the Idaho High School Activities Association Championships on Saturday at Bronco Stadium in Boise.

Rafi River, now coached by Jeremy Qualls, won the team title in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 under current Burley coach Gary Eissenloft.

The Trojans' 84 points were enough to hold off Nezperce (64) for the fifth team title in

school history.

"We're always known as a track star school," said senior Quinn Harper. "When I first got here, I went into an event and (competitors) were like, 'Oh, you're from Rafi River.' It feels good to get that back."

Hansen was the only other area school to finish in the top 10 in the team race, placing sixth with 34 points.

Rafi River dominated Saturday with its relays. The Trojans won the 400-meter relay with a time of 45.68 and the 800 relay

with a 1:36.02 clocking. Rafi River also took second in the 1,600 relay.

"(A state title) was definitely motivation," said Harper after the 800 relay, in which he teamed with Joe Edwards, C.J. Tuckett and Troy Tuttle.

Murtaugh junior Trent Cummings concluded his outstanding season by winning the 110 high hurdles with a time of 1:26.26 while also taking third in the 300 intermediate hurdles, 42.03.

Dakota Dalin of Camas County took third in the 110 hurdles (1:36.76) and a surprising second in the 300 hurdles with a 42:30 after just barely earning the eighth and final position in the final.

"Yesterday, I had a bad race," Dalin said. "I knew I just had to go out and run hard."

Other top boys finishes came from Hagerman's Brian Brown in the 1,600, third; Dietrich Vance Bill in the 300 hurdles, fourth; and fifth-place finishes for the Bliss duo of J.J. Burk in

Please see TROJANS, Page C5

Lightning advance to Stanley Cup finals

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Given a second chance to clinch their first trip to the Stanley Cup finals, the Tampa Bay Lightning redeemed themselves.

Ruslan Fedotenko and Fredrik Modin scored and Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 21 shots as the Lightning rebounded from a disappointing loss in the Eastern Conference finals and beat the Philadelphia Flyers 2-1 in Game 7 on Saturday night.

The victory sends Dave Andreychuk and the Lightning into the Cup finals against the Calgary Flames, who won the Western Conference title in six games over San Jose Sharks. Game 1 is Tuesday, night in

Tampa. Andreychuk, in his 22nd season, has played more regular season games (1,597) than any other active player without appearing in the Cup finals. Two other teams he played on — Toronto in 1993 and Colorado in 2000 — lost Game 7 of the conference finals.

The Flyers were denied their first trip to the finals since 1997, but didn't go down without a fight after rallying to tie Game 6 late in regulation and win it in overtime.

Fedotenko's deflection on the power-play goal in the Lightning's 1-0 lead late in the first period. Modin scored 4:57 into the second to make it 2-0 and whip a sellout crowd of 22,117 for Tampa Bay's first Game 7 into a frenzy.

Miller 3-pointer throws Pistons

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller's one and only basket of the game came when the Indiana Pacers needed it most.

After missing his first six shots, Miller drilled a 3-point shot with 31.7 seconds left. The shot broke the game's final tie and led Indiana past Detroit 78-74 Saturday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

With the score tied at 74, Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal missed a difficult turnaround jumper from the left baseline. Jeff Foster tipped the rebound to a teammate, and the Pacers had another chance.

Miller popped free off a screen set by Foster, took a pass Please see NBA, Page C2



Indiana Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal, left, celebrates with guard Reggie Miller after Miller hit a three-point shot with 31.7 seconds remaining in the game to give the Pacers a 77-74 lead over the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Eastern Conference Championship series in Indianapolis Saturday. The Pacers defeated the Pistons.

SPORTS

Rangers rally past Yankees in emotional game

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rod Barajas homered with one out in the ninth inning, capping a late comeback that gave the Texas Rangers a 3 victory over the New York Yankees on Saturday.

Barajas, who became the full-time starter Friday when rookie Gerald Laird tore a ligament in his left leg, smacked an 0-1 breaking ball from Tom Gordon (1-2) high into the left-field seats for his fourth homer of the season.

Barajas' homer was high in Arlington all weekend, partly because of the Yankees but mostly because of the return of Alex Rodriguez. A-hot went 1-for-4 with two strikeouts and made an error that helped start Texas' rally in the eighth from a 3-1 deficit.

Athletics 5, Royals 4, 11 Innings

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jermaine Dye made a clutch catch in the 11th inning, then scored on Bobby Crosby's infield single with two outs in the bottom half of five Oakland a victory over Kansas City.

Eric Chavez tied it with a two-out, two-run homer in the sixth, closer Jeremy Affeldt, making his first relief appearance of the season.

With a runner on third, Dye caught Desi Relaford's fly to right on the warning track and



New York Yankees second Enriquo Wilson holds the ball after making off on Texas Rangers' Kevin Mench on a single hit by Rangers' Rod Barajas during the second inning Saturday afternoon in Arlington, Texas. Barajas was safe at first.

held on as he crashed into the wall and fell to the ground.

In the bottom half, Dye and Scott Hatteberg singled and Enriquo Wilson was walked intentionally by Scott Sullivan (6-1) ahead of Crosby's winning

Jake Westbrook (3-2) in the first and made it 4-3 with an RBI grounder in the sixth.

Tim Lincecum hit a two-run double in the eighth to put Tampa Bay up 6-3, sending the Indians to their fourth loss in a row.

Doug Waechter struck out a personal four-game losing streak, and Jorge Sosa went 2-3 in six innings for his first career save.

Victor Martinez, Travis Hafner and Matt Lawton homered for Cleveland.

Twins 9, White Sox 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Lidge allowed one run in seven innings and Matthew LeCroy hit a two-run homer to lead Minnesota over the Chicago White Sox.

Jason Marneau went 3-for-3 with his first homer and first two RBIs of the season for the Twins, who had lost the previous three games against Chicago by a combined 29-5 margin. Michael Cuddeyner went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 2

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez hit a mammoth homer for the second consecutive night, helping Boston rally past Toronto.

Anastacio Martinez (1-0) got three outs to win his major league debut in relief of Pedro Martinez, giving the Red Sox

their sixth victory in eight games. Keith Foulke worked the ninth for ninth straight of the season and 23rd in a row.

Toronto starter Ted Lilly struck out 10 in five 2-3 innings, but Ramirez's two-run shot over the Green Monster tied it at 2 in the sixth.

Mark Bellhorn's seventh-inning single put Boston ahead, and David Ortiz added an RBI single in the eighth.

National League Dodgers 7, Braves 4

ATLANTA — Jeff Weaver took a shutout into the eighth inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers ended an eight-game losing streak Saturday with a 7 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Jason Grubbs hit a two-run homer in the Dodgers' four-run third inning. Alex Cora added an RBI triple, then a solo shot in the seventh.

Weaver (3-5) shut out the Braves for seven innings before giving up a three-run homer to pinch-hitter Deshaun Wood in the eighth.

The right-hander set a season high with nine strikeouts and walked only one. Eric Gagne pitched the ninth for the Dodgers, allowing a solo home run to Andruw Jones.

Jaret Wright (2-5) gave up eight hits and five runs in 4 1-3 innings.

Cubs 7, Cardinals 1

CHICAGO — Glendon Rusch filled in just fine as a spot starter for the Chicago Cubs, who scored four times in the first inning of an easy victory over St. Louis.

In his second start for injured ace Kerry Wood, Rusch (2-0) allowed six hits and struck out nine in 7 2-3 scoring innings.

He got a big boost from the Cubs' early offense, including a two-run double by Derrek Lee. Todd Hollandsworth hit a two-run homer off Woody Williams (1-5) in the third to put Chicago ahead 6-1.

Marlins 11, Diamondbacks 2

MIAMI — Luis Castillo's first career grand slam capped an eight-run third inning leading Brad Penny and Florida past Arizona.

Alex Gonzalez had two hits and two RBIs, and Miguel Cabrera and Eric Shep Choi each drove in two runs for the Marlins, who won their third straight.

Arizona's Luis Gonzalez singled in the first for his 2,000th career hit, but All-Star slugger Richie Sexson aggravated his shoulder injury.

Penny (5-2) allowed one run and five hits in six innings, lowering his ERA to 2.10.

Knuckelbatter Steve Sparks (2-4) was rought up for 10 runs and nine hits in 2-3 innings as the Diamondbacks lost their third straight.

2004 IDAHO STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Table with 2 columns: Day 1 Results and Day 2 Results. Lists various track and field events and winners.

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Table with 2 columns: Day 15 Results and Day 16 Results. Lists various track and field events and winners.

Johnson ready for return

MIAMI (AP) — Today could not come fast enough for Randy Johnson.

He'll unclo his 6-foot-10 body out of the third-base dugout and head to the mound where, finally, the Arizona ace will find a place free from the flood of interview requests.

Johnson retired all 27 Atlanta batters Tuesday night, becoming the oldest pitcher to achieve perfection.

His next start is this afternoon against the defending World Series champion Florida Marlins.

As if pitching a perfect game didn't do it already, Johnson could join even more exclusive company on Sunday.

Only one pitcher — Johnny Vander Meer for Cincinnati in 1938 — has thrown consecutive no-hitters, a run that also began against the Braves (although they were then in Boston).

Major League Baseball

Table for American League East Division with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, L10, St, Home, Away, Infr.

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SPORTS

Campbell's record leads to three-way tie

FOIT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Chad Campbell learned to play golf in windy conditions growing up in the flatlands of west Texas. So, 20.5 mph winds at the Colonial didn't even faze him.

Even with two bogeys, Campbell shot an early 9-under 61 Saturday and ended the third round tied for the lead with Brian Gay and Steve Flesch. He got to 6-under 202 after making the cut over par.

"If you're hitting the shots, if you're getting the ball in play and you feel good over your shots, it's not that tough," Campbell said. "But if you lose a little bit of confidence, the safe fairways become a lot smaller

and they're harder to hit."

That's what happened to Gay. Gay, whose runner-up finish at the 2001 Colonial matches his best on the PGA Tour, looked as if he'd make a record run of his own. After six birdies in a seven-hole stretch, he had an 8-under round through 12 holes.

But Gay had bogeys on three of his last five holes, losing his chance at the record and sole possession of the lead. He still finished with a season-best 65.

"It's always hard to forget about coming backwards coming in," Gay said. "But I would have gladly taken 65 starting the day, so you have to feel good about that."

Campbell became the third golfer in two years to tie the course record. Before Kenny Perry and Justin Leonard ended 61's last year, there had been only three 61s in the first 56 Colonials.

Campbell also shot a 61 last year, a record 10 under at the Tour Championship on the way to winning his first PGA Tour event.

He added his second win this year at Bay Hill, but hasn't finished in the top 20 in five tournaments since. On Sunday, he will play in the final group with Gay at Hogan's Alley.

"Shooting 61 here with all the history and everything about

Hogan, and just the tradition, it doesn't get much better than that," Campbell said.

Zach Johnson (68) was two strokes behind the leaders at 6-under 204, a stroke better than Jesper Parnevik (68) and Craig Perry (70), the first-round leader whose only win came at the 2002 Players Championship.

Leonard, the second-round co-leader, shot 72 and was in a group of seven tied for seventh at 206. J.L. Lewis shot 75 and fell to 29th.

Flesch, in one of the last groups, had his third straight round under par. His 20-foot birdie at the 188-yard 16th got him a share of the lead.

Gold

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In the final event of the day, the Valley Vikings ran a personal-best time to finish fifth in 4x400 relay.

"We shaved eight seconds off our time. We knew it was our last race," said Lindsay Wood, who ran the anchor leg. Sarah Preagitzer, Sarah Callen and Krystine Barnes joined her on the awards stand.

Wendell's Ian Ormond finished fourth in the 100 hurdles. Alicia Phillips of Glens Ferry put on a late charge to finish fifth in the 1,600.

Boys
Valley's Michael Grant

Kimberly

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tone, making up the leg before handing off to Ricky Zadow.

"We knew we could break it. We ran against the clock, not anybody else," said Zadow.

Curtis Giles took the next leg. In a perfect hand-off he set up Jim Reeves for the final 200 yards, winning by 20 yards over Snake River.

The Bulldogs weren't done with dominating the relays yet. Next was the 4x100. Anderson, Zadow, and Giles joined Jared Allen for a second gold.

"That race was all about handoffs. All the teams are fast, we had better handoffs," said Zadow, who added a third place in the open 400.

Giles, who ran the anchor leg, got the baton in third place, but pulled past two other teams. Giles added a second place finish in the 200.

"It is all about heart and he has the most heart," Zadow

earned his first ever gold medal, charging to the lead in the final 50 meters of the open 400.

"I felt something come into me right there at the end and I was able to catch up," said Grant.

The Valley senior also ran the 800. Along with runners from Firth and Soda Springs, they broke away from the rest of the field. Grant would have the lead after the first lap, but finished third.

"Just when we started sprinting on the last homestretch, they really kicked it in," added Grant.

He finished the day running the anchor leg of the 4x400

relay that finished seventh. He played a part in all of the Vikings' points.

What a week for Wendell's Jysen Lancaster.

The senior started his busy and successful week last Saturday by heading to Coeur d'Alene for the state golf tournament. He did pretty well, earning the individual crown and helping his team to the state title — his third championship trophy of the year including football and boys basketball.

As he has done the past three years, he competes in both golf and track during the spring. It makes for a busy and tiring time.

Gooding.

Girls

The Senators struck relay gold in the 4x100.

Ashly Abramowski, who finished second in the long jump on Friday, led off with Kalyrn Pereria running the second leg. Britanica Toone ran next with Katie Rice bringing the baton cross the finish line.

"We had good handoffs. This is awesome. I always wanted to be a state champion," said Rice, the only senior on the squad that dominated at district.

Bethany Bauman joined Toone, Rice and Abramowski for a third place finish in the 4x200.

"We tried, we expected to be second, but we are happy with third," Rice added.

Filer's Rachel Jaynes finished second in both the sprints to Ashley Briggs of Sugar Salem.

said of Giles.

The Bulldogs added a fourth-place finish in the 4x400 to secure the team trophy. Filer's Brad Silvester started in lane one, but put in his best effort to get second in the 110 high hurdles.

"Yesterday wasn't the greatest. I didn't drive through. I had lots of adrenaline today. I was shaking and ready to go," said Silvester.

Silvester also competed in the 300 hurdles, but was injured early in the race. The Wildcats 4x400 relay team led late in the race thanks to Cody Ehrmantraut's second leg, but fell just inches short in the end as Timberlake passed them at the tape.

Matt Bennett of Wood River finished fifth in the 100, pulling up at the end with a muscle pull. Andrew Fletcher of Declo took fourth in the 800, followed by Kip Seifert of

Running just three meets before district, he qualified in three events for state. He finished fourth in the long jump, sixth in the 100 and also ran in the 200.

"I do track for fun. I knew we had a good shot of winning district, so I decided to help the team," he said.

"I haven't been to school all week," he added. "We left Saturday for golf and didn't get back until Wednesday. Then we left Thursday morning for track."

Did he miss any tests?

"My government teacher is the track coach so I think it will be OK," said Lancaster with a smile.

"It was a good meet," said Jaynes, who also finished second in the medley and third in the 4x100 relay.

"It would have been better to be first, but second is good."

Declo's Melissa Webb placed in both hurdle events, grabbing third in the 300 and fourth in the 100. She was near the front in the 300, but hit a hurdle and fell to third.

"I never hit hurdles. I was just pushing so hard to catch her. (winner Jenna Hays of Bonners Ferry)," said Webb.

Rachel Richards of Wood River finished fifth in the 800 and seventh in the 1,600.

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the 1,600 and Joseph Huxhold in the 110 hurdles.

"I thought I could do better," Huxhold said. "But I hit the second to last hurdle and couldn't get my speed back."

Oakley girls take second

The Oakley girls have a lot to be proud of, returning home with a second-place trophy in Class 1A.

Oakley finished with 61.5 points while Kootenai won the team title with 86. Raft River (32) placed sixth, Murtaugh (27) seventh and Shoshone (24) took 10th.

All Cranney led Oakley by earning two gold medals on the day. She won the 200 with a time of 27.64, edging out Cole Valley's Emily McCutchan and Murtaugh's Jillian Cutler, who finished third at 27.77.

Cranney finished third in the 100 (13.04) and also anchored the 400 relay team which won the title with a 52.20 clocking. Also on the team were Alexie Robinson, Brooke Critchfield and Sara Archibald.

According to Archibald, the key to her team's success came in their smooth handoffs.

"Those were one of the best handoffs we've had this season," she said.

Archibald also took second in the 100 hurdles with a 17.44 clocking and fourth in the 300 low hurdles at 50.2.

Raft River finished third in the 400 relay, as well as the 800 relay.

Carey sneaked into second in the 800 relay, finishing with a 1:56.80, just .04 behind Genesee.

"It's like running an individual 200," said Cheyanne Bingham, who teamed with Kiri Anderson, Lucy Peterson and Brenna Silva. "You have to win your 200."

Shoshone's Kyli Astle had another strong day, taking second in the 1,600 and third in the 800.

Shannell Knight of Hagerman also performed well, finishing fifth in the 800 and sixth in the 1,600.

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SPORTS

O'Brien tries for comeback

Track athlete hasn't completed a full decathlon in years



Dan O'Brien, from Idaho, clears 15 feet, 9 inches in the pole vault competition of the decathlon in the U.S. Championships in Berkeley, Calif., June 20, 2002.

PHOENIX (AP) — Dan O'Brien knows that 37 is ancient for a decathlete, that most grueling of track and field competitions — 10 events over two days with the Olympic winner earning the title "world's greatest athlete."

But he is attempting yet another comeback, this one eight years after he won an Olympic gold medal and six years since he last completed a decathlon.

"I feel like I've still got something in this body," said O'Brien, who lives with his wife just outside Phoenix but trains at Washington State University with longtime coach Rick Sloan. Since winning the gold medal at the Goodwill Games in 1996, O'Brien has been plagued by injuries to the plantar fascia on the bottom of the foot.

"I just couldn't figure how to get over it," he said. "When I wasn't training hard, it wouldn't bother me. Then all of a sudden I'd get halfway through the spring running in track shoes and, oh, it would kill me."

He finally solved the problem with electric shock treatments. In the meantime, though, O'Brien faded into the background, periodically announcing a comeback then succumbing to injuries. He made it through eight events at the 2002 U.S. championships, then withdrew, again citing foot problems.

O'Brien said he never gave up.

comeback after he failed to make the '02 Olympic team because he didn't clear a height in the pole vault. Four years later, he earned gold in Atlanta.

Reigning U.S. and world champion Tom Pappas, has the No. 6 score on the U.S. list with 6,704 points at last year's U.S. championships.

"You know, he's the guy to beat," O'Brien said. "I truly believe that if you beat Tom Pappas, you win the gold medal. Tom Pappas is a physical specimen. The guy can jump and he can throw, and that's the key."

Before he can think about the Athens Olympics, O'Brien has to get into the U.S. Olympic trials in July. He would like it if his past success would allow him to automatically qualify, but John Chaplin, executive director of the elite division of U.S. men's track and field, has indicated that his marks may be too old to get him in without qualifying this year.

Chaplin said O'Brien needs to make a written appeal, and the sooner the better, since the competition is less than two months away.

O'Brien has mixed feelings about having to qualify.

"I wish I didn't, but I probably am going to have to do a full one," he said.

"And I'll do that in the middle of June or the first part of June to get the qualifying score out of the way. And it would be good training as well. If they let me through, then I would thank them for it. I think I have earned it, but rules are rules."

He realizes that his body is not capable of what it once was, but he said his knowledge of how to prepare can make up for that.



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A Letter To My Fellow Citizens

Idaho must address several pressing issues right now, including a loss of due process (the ability of all Idahoans to be heard), dairy regulations, and the State's water supply. I think my opponent, Representative Frances Field, has lost touch with many of her constituents concerning what's important to Idaho. Please let me explain. In 2003, she voted for Bill #283, which limited public input at CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operations, Dairy/Cattle, 1,000 head or more) site hearings to one mile. Rep. Field may think this issue is limited to odor, but there is plenty of documentation showing property values may decrease as much as 40 percent, and can be impacted up to 3 miles or more around such sites. At public speaking engagements, Rep. Field says she is for removing the "One Mile Limit." Yet on Bill #730, introduced this year, which would only strike the "One Mile Limit," she had a chance to stand behind her words, but instead voted on May 2, 2004, to "hold the bill in committee," effectively killing the issue until after the election.

I am tired of politicians saying what is politically expedient at the time. We have every right to expect our representatives' voting records to match their words. Our citizens have been polarized over the CAFO issue. Anyone who speaks out about these issues is accused of being anti-agriculture, not being a true Idahoan, or representing some extreme environmental movement. This is really ironic, considering that many of these CAFOs came from outside our state, attempting to escape stricter legislation in their own states.

Our citizens want nothing more than a guarantee to be heard on the issues that truly affect them, and to be able to enjoy their homes at the locations where these CAFOs have now moved. We all know that CAFOs are here to stay, but they need to be operated responsibly at realistic levels of animal units. With open minds, hard work, and utilizing available technologies, these issues can be resolved.

The incumbent also voted to "repeal term limits" on Bill #425 in the 2002 session. Regardless of your position on term limits, this was passed by the voters of Idaho. If it were to be removed, it should have been returned to the people to be removed by OUR vote, not by Idaho politicians protecting 20-year terms. This is a shameful display of arrogance, and displays a serious lack of commitment to her constituents. I am fed up with these types of political tactics.

Lastly, the over-allocation of our State's water supply did not occur overnight. This has been a wreck on the way for quite some time, and it was plain for all to see. There has been lax legislative oversight of our State's agencies. The incumbent has had 20 years to study the issue. She was in a position to help prevent this disastrous situation, which we are now forced to address.

I am passionate about serving the State of Idaho, and I bring a fresh perspective to this office. We need to resolve these divisive issues and move forward. Idaho deserves a change in leadership!

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Medical assistants meet in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Medical Assistants will hold its last meeting of the year at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Jaker's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The event is sponsored by G.B. Eilon Pharmaceuticals and open to all medical assistants are invited. The topic will be the "Value of Medicines."

For more information, call Jonie at 734-0206.

Commerce association will hold conference

SUN VALLEY - The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry will hold its annual conference June 20-22 at the Sun Valley Resort.

The theme, "Today's Agenda: Tomorrow's Workforce," is central to the future economic growth of both the Idaho and national business communities.

Harold Hodgkinson of The Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker.

He will share insights into the changing demographics of tomorrow's workforce and what those changes mean for Idaho and national businesses.

Other speakers include Jerry Kelley of Iovans for a Better Future; Ingrid Evans of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies in Washington, D.C.; Robert Kustra, president of Boise State University; Michael Adkins, chief executive officer and president of MPC in Nampa; Gen. John Kane, adjutant general for the Idaho Military Division in Boise; Rob Tierney, chief financial officer of Delta Dental in Boise; Lisa Broman Shepard, quality assurance engineer for MidMD in Portland, Ore. and Phyllis Eison of the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington, D.C.

The speakers will focus on the current and future workforce situation and related programs, including what Idaho can do to make sure it has enough workers and the right combinations of skills to keep businesses operating profitably.

Member companies who would like to help defray costs by sponsoring conference activities are encouraged to contact Brenda Mattson at (208) 343-1849 or mattson@iaci.org.

The IACI's annual golf tournament will be held at the Sun Valley Resort course.

For more conference information, visit the IACI Web site at www.iaci.org or call Brenda Mattson.

Credit company announces earnings

SPOKANE, Wash. - Northwest Farm Credit Services - with offices in Butley and Twin Falls - announced 2004 first-quarter earnings of \$23.5 million, with an 8.6 percent increase in total capital to \$733.1 million compared to first quarter 2003.

First-quarter earnings in 2003 were \$74 million.

"We are pleased with our first quarter financial results," Acting Chief Financial Officer Dan Stainbrook said.

"We are well ahead of our business plan projections for the first quarter. In comparing this year's first-quarter earnings to last year's, it's important to remember the primary reason for the unusually large earnings in the first quarter of 2003 is because we received a one-time gain as a result and benefit of the reamortization with Conk last January.

Total accrued loan volume owned by the association increased by 7.7 percent to \$4.3 billion when compared to the previous year. Nonaccrual loans decreased to 1.20 percent of the portfolio at March 31, 2004, down from 1.99 percent the previous year.

"In the last year, the number of troubled loans has decreased and most of the Northwest commodities prices have shown an improvement over the last several years," Stainbrook said.

-compiled from staff reports

You CAN take it with you

Wireless local number portability comes to M.V.

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Jeremy Brown wasn't happy with his cell phone service, but he didn't want to go through the hassle of signing up with a new provider and changing his telephone number.

And keeping service with Sprint doesn't look so good when you're the assistant manager of a U.S. Cellular store.

Brown's day will come Monday, when wireless local number portability is made available in Magic Valley.

The program, instituted by the Federal Communications Commission, allows wireless phone subscribers to take their numbers with them when changing providers, provided they remain within the same geographic boundaries. The process is known as "porting."

Brown said he plans to port his number to - who else? - U.S. Cellular.

"I want to switch right now," Brown said Thursday.

Wireless local number portability was made available in November to the top 100 U.S. markets, where the FCC estimated 70 percent of the U.S. population lives. More than two million people have made the switch to new providers, according to the commission.

Wireless telephone stores in Twin Falls aren't sure what to expect Monday, but they're preparing for long lines and possible complications.

As an authorized dealer of T-Mobile, Sprint, Nextel and Verizon Wireless service, Wireless Toyz employees are expecting a number of customers wanting to make the switch Monday. A number of customers have asked about the program since November, said employee Verlon Southwick.

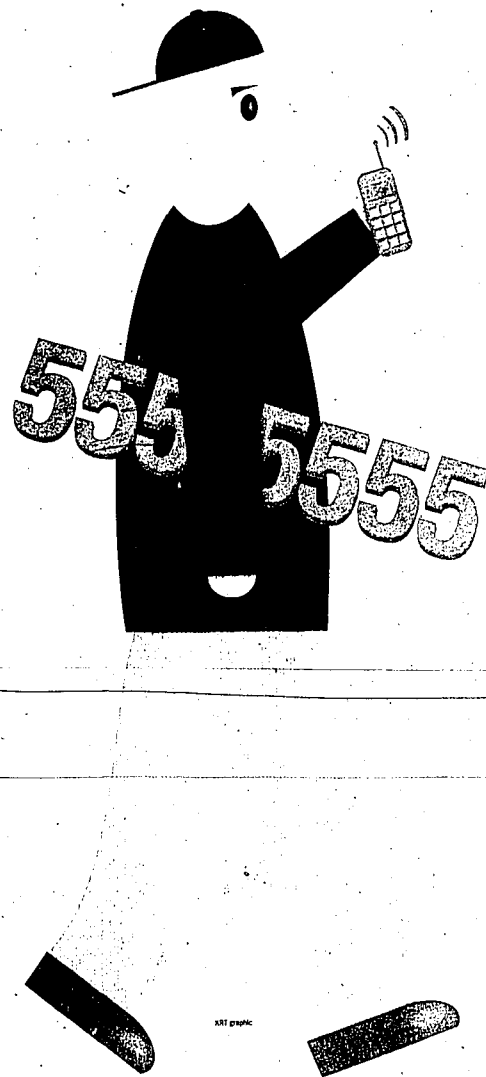
"It's going to be interesting," Wireless Toyz employee Veni Southwick said. "There's going to be a rush to get things done, and we hope everything goes well."

Customers should be aware of the costs to port their numbers to a new provider, Brown said. The porting process itself is free, but wireless carriers will charge a fee of about \$150 to \$200 for breaking a contract before it expires. If your contract is due to expire soon, he said, it's a good idea to wait to switch until then.

The program also allows for landline phone customers to transfer their numbers to wireless carriers and vice versa.

But not all landline telephone companies are ready, including 16 small, rural Idaho companies.

The Idaho Telephone Association in February filed a petition to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission requesting a six-month extension of the May 24 deadline to provide



U.S. Cellular assistant store manager Jeremy Brown is eagerly anticipating wireless number portability - which becomes a reality Monday in Magic Valley. He plans to change the service on his personal cell phone from Sprint to U.S. Cellular.

How to switch wireless carriers

Step 1: Compare rates, promotions and options of other wireless providers.

Step 2: Make a request to switch to a new wireless provider from your current provider.

Step 3: The new provider will check to see if your wireless number is able to be transferred.

Step 4: The new provider will inform you of available promotions, calling plans, features and phones.

Step 5: The new provider will review the porting process with you. The transfer process should take place within two to three hours, but can take longer, depending on the provider.

Step 6: The number transfer is initiated, and your new phone is programmed and partially activated. You can still make and receive calls on your old phone until the transfer is complete. You can make calls on your new phone, but will not receive calls until the transfer is complete.

- Source: FCC, Verizon Wireless, U.S. Cellular

Wireless providers

National wireless carriers that serve Magic Valley include:

- T-Mobile
- Nextel
- Sprint
- U.S. Cellular
- Edge Wireless
- Verizon Wireless

When you switch

When you want to make the switch to a new carrier, the following information can help ensure a smooth transition. You'll need to bring with you to the store:

- Personal identification, such as a driver's license
- Your social security number
- Your current wireless contract
- A copy of your most recent wireless bill
- Your current wireless phone
- Your phone's password or PIN number

Do's and Don'ts

DON'T cancel your current wireless service before switching. Your phone number must be active to switch.

DO find out if your number is portable. Numbers can only be transferred within specific local geographical boundaries.

DON'T ask someone else to switch your account for you. Only the authorized account holder can switch a number.

DO write down all phone numbers and information stored in your phone before switching - just in case the data is not transferred to your new phone.

DO review your current wireless contract beforehand to learn about any early termination fees and other contractual requirements.

DO prepare for the unexpected - it may take longer than you expected to transfer your number.

- Source: FCC, Verizon Wireless, Sprint

Cell-phone numbers may go public in wireless directory

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Mobile phones, once immune to telemarketers and e-mail spammers, could become as vulnerable as home phone lines and computer inboxes when a wireless subscriber directory is published later this year.

Critics fear that the directory under development by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association will undermine privacy and flood cell phones with unwanted calls and messages.

The directory is expected to include about 75 percent of the nation's 163 million mobile

numbers. From those numbers, it would be easy to deduce the addresses of phones that receive e-mail because in most cases the number is the user name part of the e-mail address.

The association is pitching the directory as a boon for real-estate agents and other on-the-go professionals who want people to be able to look up their mobile numbers.

"The world of telecommunications continues to change, and every day wireless becomes a more significant part of our world," said Steve Largent, the association's president. "This system will provide consumers an opportunity to opt in, if they

choose."

Privacy advocates, some members of Congress and even a major carrier - Verizon Wireless - counter that the promise of consumer choice is disingenuous because many cell-phone service contracts contain clauses that give permission to publish numbers.

They predict that there will be the kind of spam deluge that already plagues mobile users in Europe and Asia, where full-feature phones are more common than in the United States. Beyond that, it's unclear whether people would be on the hook to pay for unwanted calls and e-mails.

Others, he said. Lots of people are cutting ties to their landline phones and using wireless phones exclusively, not the other way around.

"There just isn't the demand for that anyway," Fadness said.

contract beforehand to learn about any early termination fees and other contractual requirements.

Some people may welcome the directory as a quick way to get numbers for friends.

"The younger audience of students, who have essentially grown up with mobile phones and don't differentiate between them (and) wired phones, may be more receptive because it is their primary means of communications," Forrester Research Inc. analyst Charles Golvin said.

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■ The Amalgamated Sugar Co. LLC's Twin Falls factory announced recipients of 2004-2005 Amalgamated Sugar Co. Educational Scholarships.

Ernie Lloyd, son of Larry and Fene Lloyd, is a senior at Minico High School in Rupert. His father is a plant facility manager.

Scott Olsen, son of Mark and Kristy Olsen, is a senior at Kimbrough High School. His father is a systems coordinator.

Amalgamated's scholarship program was established in 1993 to help qualified dependents of Amalgamated employees continue their education beyond high school. This year, a total of seven scholarships were awarded throughout the company.

■ Jensen Jewelers, through its "Kids Helping Kids" program, conducted a fund-raising project in the weeks leading up to Mother's Day.

The store ordered authentic gemstones, which it sold for \$1 each to children under 12 years old in the Twin Falls area. All proceeds from the sale of these gemstones was donated 100 percent to Valley House.

All Jensen Jewelers locations in Idaho, Montana and Nevada held similar events, and total donations were \$3,150 to all charities.

■ The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation held its annual Legacy Society dinner April 20 and recognized businesses, organizations and individuals who make up the Legacy Society. Each member provided accumulative gifts of at least \$1,000 to promote improved health care through the hospital foundation.

This year's dinner recognized past foundation donors and 39 donors who have moved up to a new donor category. All Legacy Society members are recognized in one of three areas of the hospital: the McKain-Kinney Remembrance Rose Garden, The Cancer Center Wall of Honor and the Legacy Society Walk of Honor. These areas represent more than \$7 million in gifts that have been given or bequeathed to support health-care programs of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the foundation.

Wells Fargo Bank, Magic Valley Distributing and Cindy Collins were recognized for their efforts in supporting the foundation's mission in 2003 and previous years.

The Large Business of the Year Award went to Wells Fargo Bank, which has supported the foundation through participation in several events for more than 10 years. In part through First Security Bank, Carol Claiborn, market support analyst accepted the award.

Magic Valley Distributing

was named Small Business Supporter of the Year. It has supported many foundation events since 1990 including the Epicurean Dinner, donating thousands of dollars in in-kind gifts of wines. Josh Thorne, wine sales manager, accepted the award.

Cindy Collins, associate broker and co-owner of Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties, received the Volunteer of the Year Award. She has contributed to the foundation including the hospital board and foundation as a liaison member, and several event committees. Julie Hill of Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties accepted the award for Collins.

The efforts of these individuals and Legacy Society members are reflected in the financial support the foundation provides to the hospital and community. Between Jan. 1, 2003 and Sept. 30, 2003, the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation awarded \$276,960 in health-related grants for education, equipment, hardship assistance and wellness programs for all ages. Overall, the foundation has provided more than \$7 million in support of health-care programs.

For more information about the foundation or the Legacy Society, call Larry Baxter, foundation executive director, at 737-2480.

■ GREEN BAY, Wis. - ShopKo Stores Inc. announced its sixth class of ShopKo Scholars selected to receive college scholarships for the 2004-2005 school year.

Curt Lindley of Kimberly is one of 100 young men and women awarded \$1,000 scholarships from among more than 4,000 applicants across the country.

Lindley will attend the University of Puget Sound in the major in pre-med. He is the son of Zane Lindley and Sara Johnson of Kimberly.

Scholarships were awarded based on each applicant's academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school, community activities, honors, work experience and a statement of personal and career goals. Scholarship America Inc. of St. Peter, Minn., administers the ShopKo Scholar program. Three ShopKo suppliers - Kimberly-Clark Corp.; S.C. Johnson, A Family Company; and Procter & Gamble - are partners in the ShopKo Scholar program and provide a portion of the scholarship funding.

Applicants for the 2005 ShopKo Scholars program will be available from July to November 2004 in all ShopKo stores.



Curt Lindley

Directory

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In the 30 years since cell phones burst onto the market, wireless numbers have remained mostly private because recipients of calls have to pay for air time and, thus, have been reluctant to distribute numbers widely.

What's more, 30 percent of wireless customers change carriers each year, complicating the task of compiling an accurate directory. Until recently, when customers switched carriers, their numbers changed as well, so marketers were reluctant to invest much energy in compiling databases of such nomadic users.

That changed last year when the Federal Communications Commission allowed wireless subscribers to keep their numbers when they switched. The rules also permit subscribers of wired phones to transfer their home or office numbers to cellular phones.

Jim Conway, vice president of

government affairs at the Direct Marketing Association, said some members were already inadvertently calling consumers who have transferred their home numbers to their cell phones.

He said members of the association, the largest trade group for telemarketers, are sensitive to privacy concerns.

The last thing you want as a marketer is to call your customer on his cell phone, because it's considered so private and personal," Conway said. "But with people porting home numbers to their cell phone, you can't tell anymore."

Cell-phone numbers can be added to the Federal Trade Commission's "do-not-call" list. Many telemarketing operations, though, don't belong to the Direct Marketing Association, which honors the list. Nor do the most prolific e-mail spammers, some of whom flout anti-spam laws.

"My (phone) already has

started to get deluged with spam from pornographers and get-rich-quick schemes, and this directory will only make things worse," said Bob Eagan, president of the consulting firm Mobile Competency Inc.

The Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association insists that customers will have to agree for their numbers to be listed in the directory, but many subscribers may have already given permission by signing service contracts that allow their numbers to be used in a wireless directory.

For instance, the wireless customer service agreement posted on T-Mobile USA's Web site says that "unless you make other arrangements with us and pay any required fee, we may list your name, address, and number in a public directory."

A T-Mobile spokesman said the company planned to change the contract and not

charge customers to be included or excluded from the CITA directory. "It will be strictly on an opt-in basis," Richard Brudvik-Linder said. "All we will be charging is 99 cents" to callers requesting directory assistance.

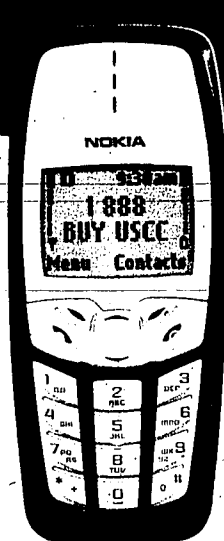
Carriers say they doubt there will be widespread abuse. They say most mobile phones come equipped with caller ID, distinctive ring tones, call blocking and other tools to manage unwanted calls. And several phone carriers say they have made refunds to subscribers who have received unwanted calls.

Nonetheless, Verizon Wireless vowed not to include its 39 million subscribers in the directory and chided the effort as "misguided."

"We feel that customers like their wireless phone numbers private," Verizon spokeswoman Brenda Roney said. "Those customers who wish can have their phone number published right now in the regular White Pages phone directory."

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Sonic will participate in New York conference

TWIN FALLS - Oklahoma-based Sonic Corp. - whose drive-in restaurant chain includes franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome - will participate in the Credit Suisse First Boston Small Cap Conference in New York City.

The investor presentation by Sonic's management will be available to investors via a live audio webcast at 6 a.m. Thursday.

A link to the webcast can be found at the investor section of the company's Web site, www.sonicdrivein.com. The event will be available for replay for 30 days.

Separately, the company said it remains comfortable with its previously announced earnings guidance for the third quarter - which ends May 31 - of 46-47 cents per diluted share (or 31 cents adjusted for the stock split scheduled to occur Monday).

Money in brief

Wheat commission will meet in Boise

BOISE - The Idaho Wheat Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the IWC conference room, 821 State St.

The meeting will include a review of IWC financial statements, research project and information and education updates, fiscal year 2005 budget discussions and consideration of various market development requests from the agricultural community.

The public is welcome. Hearing impaired and handicapped assistance is available upon request before the meeting. For more information, call (208) 334-2353.

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Layno Harper stands in his sugar beet fields north of Paul near Kimama, which was recently replanted. The 125-acre field is one of many throughout the Magic Valley that was damaged by wind last week.



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Wind severs sugar beets

PAUL, Idaho - "The helicopter effect" is how Layno Harper described what happened to sugar beets in one of his fields north of Paul near Kimama during a May 10 wind storm.

Beets had come up in the field - which was planted in east-west rows - and were in the two-leaf stage. The wind caught the leaves like helicopter blades and twisted them off, Harper said.

He lost about 125 acres. John Schorr, ag manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Paul, said that about 10 to 12 percent of Mini-Cassia sugar beets are being replanted. Normally about 3 to 4 percent have to be replanted. The north side - Mintado County - lost a considerable amount, but some of the south of Burley were also lost, he said.

"Any time you have to have a groover replant, it's bad," Schorr said.

The Twin Falls airport reported gusts up to 40 miles per hour

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

for May 10, said Leonard Kerbs, ag manager for the Twin Falls Amalgamated factory. But wind speed was higher in Mini-Cassia and in American Falls and Aberdeen areas, he said.

2004 shapes up as tough grain year

TWIN FALLS, Idaho - Continued drought and insect troubles are making 2004 a tough year for grain producers in southern Idaho.

In the Arbon Valley, some grain growers are wondering whether it's even worth getting their grain drills out. Between black grass bugs, Mormon

crickets and drought, the chances of getting a grain crop seem dim. Even the moisture that fell in mid-May may not be enough to save spring grain crop, although it might have been enough to help winter wheat that was jointing at the time.

"A good rain like that, that appeared to be widespread, could help," Stan Gortsema said, adding, "if we had a stand of winter wheat to worry about."

The University of Idaho extension educator for Power County said dryland grain producers have been hit particularly hard in eastern Idaho, although irrigated acres are also suffering because of tight irrigation/water supplies.

Alfalfa crop looks off to an OK start

TWIN FALLS, Idaho - The TWIN FALLS, Idaho - The first-cutting hay baled is rapidly closing.

To get supreme-quality hay, the crop has to be cut while it's in the bud stage. Each day it rains and delays cutting, pushes the crop beyond that optimal maturity and reduces quality. And then there's the weather concern. Next to January, the May 15 to June 15 period is the wettest 30 days in southern Idaho, with Memorial Day weekend often very unsettled and stormy.

Hay that was in the windrow when the wet weather hit this week might find quality has deteriorated. That will depend on how long the wet pattern lasts.

"This was the window of opportunity for putting up supreme-quality hay," said Glenn Shevemaker, university of Idaho extension forage specialist.

Warm weather in March pushed first cutting for alfalfa a bit ahead of schedule. Early reports indicate yields are pretty close to average and quality has been decent.

As identity theft jumps, so do monitoring services

NEW YORK (AP) - With identity theft rampant, we need to be cautious with our personal information. But consumer advocates say there's something else we ought to be vigilant about: expensive services for identity theft protection.

The prevalence of credit card fraud and other identity-related crimes has given rise to a cottage industry of services aimed at protecting people from falling victim.

These products include access to credit reports, e-mail alerts and changes in your credit status, and insurance that can cover expenses you might incur in fighting any wrongs.

While some services are offered for free by financial institutions, others cost well over \$100 a year.

That gives pause to consumer advocates, who say some of the services offered - like lawyers' fees - are rarely needed.

"A more common scenario is that someone misappropriates your credit card, which technically counts as identity theft, but your liability for that is limited by federal law to \$50 - and that amount is often waived."

"Generally I think it's a good concept, but I think the prices are exorbitant," said Evan Hendricks, who publishes the Privacy Times newsletter and recently released a book about the credit system. "They are taking advantage of the fear of the false-growing crime."

Some credit experts also complain that ID-theft protection services are being offered by companies that could do more to stop the problem in the first place.

Consumer advocates say credit card companies make it too easy to open accounts, offering "instant credit" and mailing out reams of pre-approved applications. The critics also blame credit bureaus for releasing derogatory information submitted by fraudsters.

"They give credit to anybody using your name," said Emdin Mierzwinicki, consumer proctor director at U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "They want you to hear about 100 bucks a year to hear about it."

In a 2003 study for the Federal Trade Commission, the market research firm Synovate determined that 19 million Americans were hit by credit identity theft in the previous year. On average, victims lost \$500 and had to spend 30 hours resolving the mess.

A new federal law that begins to take effect in December will let Americans check their credit reports for free at least once a year, so people can spot inaccuracies brought about by fraud.

Until then, people can get their reports for \$9 or less, though free reports are already available in Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts and Vermont - and nationwide for people who are unemployed, on welfare or have been denied credit or victimized by fraud.

Still, providers of ID services offer up their services for so much further. The credit alerts about changes in the credit report, for example, help consumers spot potential fraud quickly enough to limit damage.

"Getting your credit report once or twice a year is in no way sufficient to help you combat identity theft, especially if you get hit a day or two after you checked," said Chris Atwood, a vice president of Equifax Inc., one of the three main credit bureaus.

Equifax's Credit Watch offers e-mail alerts, assistance from ID theft experts and up to \$200,000 in insurance, which can cover lost wages for people who have to take time off from work to sort out ID theft problems.

It costs \$19.95 a month or \$205 per year, though Equifax recently launched family plans. Two parents and a teenager, for example, could be covered for \$224 a year.

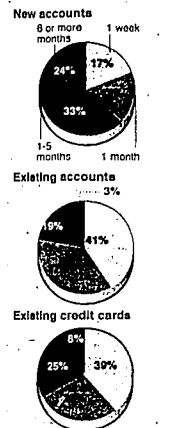
For \$10.95 per quarter (nearly \$44 per year) rival credit rating agency Trans Union LLC sells an additional \$4.95 per quarter and \$2,500 in insurance. Transunion also offers 24-hour phone access to ID theft specialists who can help rectify problems. Monitoring of a consumer's credit score is an additional \$4.95 per quarter (nearly \$20 annually).

John Danaher, president of TransUnion's Trintalk consumer services division, said the product has more than 150,000 customers, a number doubling each year.

A third credit agency, Experian Information Solutions Inc., claims 1.6 million subscribers for its monitoring services, including its \$89.95-a-year Credit

Detecting thieves

identity theft on existing accounts tends to be discovered sooner than cases when thieves manage to open new accounts in someone else's name.



SOURCE: Federal Trade Commission AP

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On the other end of the cost spectrum, Fair Isaac Corp., the company whose FICO rating system determines consumer credit scores, has a monitoring service that begins at \$19.95 per year.

While these services are marketed as saviors for the grooved problem of ID theft, there's another driver: Credit bureaus that historically were less esoteric providers of information to businesses see additional revenue streams in selling services to individuals.

For example, Atwood's differentiation solution unit at Equifax brought in \$70 million of the company's \$1.2 billion revenue in 2003 and is on pace to contribute \$100 million this year.

Then there are services promoted by credit card companies. Privacy Guard from Trilateral Corp. runs \$120 annually and gives customers access to credit databases and medical and driving records. Thieftag has marketing relationships with about 50 financial institutions and credit card companies.

But should credit-related companies be selling such services?

"We need prevention, not insurance in this area," said Gail Hillebrand, a senior attorney for Consumers Union. "And unfortunately, there's only so many consumers that can do with individual prevention steps."

She said additional prevention must come from businesses that give credit or hold sensitive data on their customers.

Said TransUnion's Danaher said creditors can't keep people from being careless with bank statements and Social Security numbers. In many ways, "he's on it really on the consumer," he said.

Rolyn Smith, 30, who wrote a book on preventing identity fraud serving nine months in prison for the crime, doesn't believe ID theft protection services offer much defense.

Even so, Smith, who runs a marketing agency in Rockford, Ill., and his wife belong to two such programs. After someone passed bad checks in his wife's name, Smith decided it couldn't hurt to buy a little extra peace of mind.

Naomi Leikowitz, a Federal Trade Commission attorney who specializes in ID theft, said she finds the services too expensive for herself, "but I would never tell somebody 'Oh, don't bother.' If they're nervous, because if that buys them peace of mind, then it's money well spent."

However, for those who do sign up, Leikowitz has this advice: "Understand what you're getting."

Tips for homebuyers: Get the best deal

By Andrea Coombes
CSB MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO - Homebuyers navigating the closing-cost maze won't get help from the federal government any time soon, but that doesn't mean they can't help themselves.

The Housing and Urban Development department's March decision to scrap mortgage-loan reforms means consumers are on their own amidst a confusing array of variable, often steep, fees.

HUD said the reforms would have saved consumers about \$700 on average, or \$7 billion in annual savings overall.

"The issues that led to HUD trying to make these changes are still going to be there," said Allen Fishbein, director of housing policy at the Consumer Federation of America.

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Consider researching the author of the good faith estimate - the loan officer. "The good faith estimate is only as good as the loan officer," said Terry Watson, a broker with GM King Realty in Chicago.

Watson suggested asking the following questions: How long have you been in business? How long have you been with this company? What percentage of your good faith estimates change at the closing? Are there any other fees that I can expect at the closing that you have not disclosed to me?

Generally, lenders provide the settlement statement detailing final costs at the closing table, but borrowers should ask for that information in advance, said Rick Gillespie, chief marketing officer with GMAC Mortgage.

"If you get that in advance, you can review it. There should be no surprises at the closing table. Surprises are always the result of some sort of breakdown of communication," he said.

"Some settlement sheets are adjusted right up until the last minute, but for the most part, closing packages are arranged no less than 24 hours in advance," he said.

"With that statement in hand, the borrower has the right to challenge anything they want to prior to closing," he said.

Some lenders offer fee packages, guaranteeing consumers a flat fee for a certain portion of closing costs.

For instance, GMAC Mortgage, through its Ditech.com unit, offers a flat fee option for \$395, including lender-related costs such as appraisal fees, come report and processing fees. The fee doesn't cover certain items, such as prepaidd interest, homeowners insurance and title insurance, Gillespie said.

Meanwhile, Nutter's compa-

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ny offers a no-fee package for the cost of a slightly higher interest rate, currently about 5.34 percent for a 30-year fixed rate loan.

While flat-fee packages can offer peace of mind, be wary, too: They limit the ability to negotiate. And make sure you understand the fees that are not included.

And with "no cost up front" packages, note that fees are often added to the loan amount. Still, this might be a worthwhile option for those low on cash.

Even with great planning, closing costs may change for legitimate reasons.

"There are any number of things that might pop up that are totally unpredictable," said Ted Grosse, a mortgage broker in Los Angeles, and consumer research director for the California Association of Mortgage Brokers.

He cited property-tax promotions, prepaid interest, mortgage insurance or the property retitling, which delays foreclosures.

"You have to pay interest payments depending on which day you close and when your first payment is going to be made," Gillespie said.

Or an appraisal fee might change, as the initial quote may apply to a particular, and different, home value, Krumpner said. "Appraisals are based on the value of the house (but) often the lender will disclose it as one fee" on the initial estimate.

Plus, escrow payments might catch buyers unaware at closing, Krumpner said. "A lot of lenders estimate what escrow's going to be, but until day of closing, that's not calculated. That's not considered a closing cost, but it's an out-of-pocket expense at closing."

Getting satisfaction

It isn't any easier, but persistence pays

The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Getting ripped off or dealing with a rude salesperson is no one's idea of fun.

Complaining can be a drag, too.

When Los Alamitos, Calif., resident Lisa Lopez-Bilcock's sister-in-law died unexpectedly in August 2002, she became the executor of her estate and the guardian of two of her late husband's children: Britney, 13, and 10-year-old Anthony.

In the days after Baxter's death, Lopez-Bilcock, 42, canceled her sister-in-law's accounts with creditors, including one with AOL. Instead of getting a cancellation notice, she learned that AOL was still deducting the monthly account fee from Baxter's checking account. Lopez-Bilcock called to complain and to cancel the account again and again.

"Every (customer service representative) who got on the phone said, 'Oh, don't worry about it. We'll take care of it.' We're going to send you out to check in four days. And then nothing. And they sent me out a bill every time I called," Lopez-Bilcock said. "Why was it so difficult for them to just say, 'Sorry we screwed up,' and cut these kids a check?"

"Part of the issue can be chalked up to miscommunication," AOL spokesman Nicholas Gramum said about Lopez-Bilcock's complaint. "We're pleased that there's a resolution."

Graham said AOL's privacy policy prohibits him from discussing Lopez-Bilcock's situation in detail. He said AOL has "some screws up," and that only the account holder can cancel and that cancellation of an account is dependent on someone sending in the appropriate forms.

Lopez-Bilcock is not the first consumer to have trouble canceling an AOL account. Last year,

the Ohio attorney general accused against AOL of continuing to bill customers who asked to cancel, and the Federal Trade Commission settled similar charges.

"Anyone who wants to cancel an AOL account can cancel an AOL account," said Gramum, adding that AOL "stomped" with

(END) OPTI-TIONAL TRUM) is an acronym for the telephone survey of 70,000 consumers, the American Customer Satisfaction Index, which is the highest in nearly a decade.

Barlow is skeptical. Rating consumer satisfaction, she says, only shows whether consumers are dissatisfied and overlooks the one or two other small details that a user's experience.

"I seriously doubt that customer satisfaction is increasing," Barlow said.

"Those surveys look at anything over the middle point and they count them as being satisfied. Satisfaction doesn't show any level of engagement at all. When people say they are satisfied, they are not necessarily loyal customers."

More revealing, Barlow tells her clients, are questions like "Did you like your experience?" or "Would you come back and shop with us again?" More often, customers say they just want their complaint resolved quickly and promptly. That can be a challenge even if the business or

their customer service representatives are just across town.

When Ralphs grocery chain ran into problems last fall with its Great Escape promotional program, thousands of angry customers flooded the phone line for inquiries about the promotion. Many customers, like Joseph Boeve of Fountain Valley, gave up and sued Ralphs for not following through on its promotional giveaway of a two-night hotel stay for club card members who spent at least \$400.

Others customers kept calling. The line was eventually disconnected, leaving customers to call the chains general customer service line to continue running.

"We are telling them that we have been working on ways to satisfy customers," said Ralphs spokesman Terry O'Neil recently. "We take all of those seriously and answer them as best we can upon. But because of the litigation we don't have specific answers at this time."

Still, some customers couldn't let it go. Rick Hill, an Anaheim, Calif., snail tank manufacturer, said he kept calling the company line until someone in the company's advertising department finally returned his call.

Alas, though, he has not received his hotel stay, and he said he's not going back to Ralphs anytime soon.

Many dilemmas of business professor at the University of California, Irvine, who has studied consumer complaints, says companies shouldn't turn their backs on angry customers, but instead make it as easy as possible for them to voice their concerns.

"Companies look at everything they pay out in complaints as a cost, but they really should look at it as an investment," said Gilley. "When customers are

enough to complain, there's some loyalty there and you've got a chance to bring them back to the fold."

But for Lopez-Bilcock, the bottom line on complaints is more practical.

"Usually when I complain I get a pretty good response, but from now on, I'm just going to go to the lead honcho," she said. "I am not going to use all these people in the middle anymore. When I talk to all of these people who are in the middle, I get something and then they don't, it doesn't give me much faith."

Food theft in the workplace

It's not just a pickle; it can become a serious issue

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Susie Findell was working for a health-care organization years ago when she encountered an odd and disturbing problem in the workplace.

"Someone would go into our lunch sacks or lunchboxes and take a bite out of our sandwiches," she says.

Not just one sandwich — and certainly not out of hunger. The offender would open up each lunch container, unwrap the sandwiches, fold them over and eat a bite out of the middle of each one. Then he, or perhaps it was a she, Findell says, would carefully unwrap the sandwiches and place them back in the container.

Despite the bright pink note on the refrigerator door asking the person to stop, the sandwich defiling continued for days.

A sticker for partially eaten lunch might seem like a small problem, but food issues are a hot topic in the workplace, says Mimi Hull, a corporate psychologist with Hull & Associates in Maitland, Fla. She says pilfering of foodstuffs at work is on the rise and has more ramifications than you might think.

The sandwich-biting incident at Findell's office sounds like a passive-aggressive employee showing hostility toward coworkers, but it wasn't.

"We wondered if it was one of our own who had a sick sense of humor," Findell, 54, says. They also wondered if the incident was a bizarre show of hostility or the work of an employee who had some free time to spare in the suite.

Even though they looked for clues, the employees never were able to identify the culprit.

"There weren't any lipstick smears on the bread," she says. "I did a hair fingerprint," says Findell, who lives in Orlando, Fla.

Employees also were reluctant to report it to the boss because she says, "we weren't sure it wasn't him."

"Oh, my. I laugh now," Findell says, but at the time the hungry victims weren't amused. "It's very invasive," she adds. "We were very upset."

Eventually the employees gave up trying to bug the sandwich eater and began to leave their food under their desks.

Stolen food can create several other workplace issues concerning economics, productivity and ethics, Hull says.

"A worker whose lunch or snacks have been swiped will have to buy replacements. Productivity may suffer as employees turn super sleuth, spying on the break room and each other. Finally, the situation fosters distrust among co-workers, especially when they don't know who the thief is."

"These are the kinds of things that can lower morale in the office ... that get in the way of teambuilding," Hull says. "It doesn't appear on a strategic plan, but it needs to be dealt with."

Although workers are initially hesitant to broach the subject of food, it comes up frequently during corporate seminars and meetings, experts say.

"There's so much intrigue around lunchrooms," Hull says. "Nobody wants to bring it up. They say, 'I feel silly bringing this up. It's just a lunch sandwich.'"

But if it's not dealt with, she adds, "those resentments will resurface on the workstation floor."

Employees who don't trust one another won't work well together, says Nan DeMars, office ethics trainer and author of "You Want Me To Do What?," a guide to resolving workplace problems.

Affects the workplace is trust issues," DeMars says. "It will always affect the morale of a company. Plus, stealing people's lunches is a crime. There's a ripple effect. If lunches are being pilfered, what else is being taken?"

Stolen food on the job happens most often in large or shared office spaces, Hull says.

and workplace thieves fall into several categories.

"There are some people who just kind of go in there, and it's available, and they don't think about it. They just eat and drink," Hull says. "It's an unconscious thing. They think, 'I was hungry. It was there.' Those are the people who haven't made the transition from home to work, emotionally."

Another type of lunch bandit is a worker who is conscious of what he or she is doing but plans to replace what the food is being "borrowed." The problem is, Hull says, "They never check with the person to see if it's OK."

In most cases, they also don't replace the item they took, she adds.

Other lunch thieves consciously understand they are taking someone's food but they don't care. "They don't see it as stealing," Hull says. "They think, 'If I don't know you, I can hurt you. I don't feel guilty.' And, finally, there are a few people such as employees at Clermont Security and Sound in Clermont, who think lunch "sharing" is all in good fun."

Mindy Couch, office administrator, says the workers, sometimes in pairs, steal someone's food and drinks. She remembers one occasion when a few employees bought huge sub sandwiches for lunch and stored the leftovers in the refrigerator for later.

"They wrote a note on them that said, 'I'm eating lunch. Do not eat or touch my stuff,'" Couch, 40, says. "So the boss came in and saw it and said, 'Is that so?' and ate the sandwiches."

Then he stuffed the empty bags in the trash can. They wouldn't realize the sandwiches were gone until they sat down for an after-work snack.

"They just kind of laughed," says Couch, who lives in Winter Garden, Fla. "It's a family-owned business, so everybody knows everybody else."

The subject of stolen lunches was even woven into an episode of the popular NBC sitcom Friends. Ross, one of the main characters, grew so fed up with his coworkers' pilfering of his special turkey sandwich that he was referred to a psychiatrist who prescribed medication to quell his anger. Ross was even more upset that the offender threw a portion of his special "meat-moaker" sandwich into the trash.

Both Meadows of Winter Park remembers, feeling irritated when a similar incident occurred at her former job. She had stopped at a bakery to pick up a special treat for lunch.

"I was out of the office refrigerator, eaten half of it and threw the rest away."

The refrigerator was shared by several offices in the building, which meant the pool of suspects was fairly large. "I freaked out but they never were touching my stuff," she says. "So I just quit putting my stuff in there."

Employees shouldn't have to give up their rights to the office refrigerator because a thief is in their midst, Hull says. The best strategy is to ask the manager to identify the owner. Employees tend to steal food less often when they know to whom it belongs, she says. She cites the case of one employee who even posted a photo of herself to the lunch container.

"All of the sudden it put a face on it. The person stopped taking her lunch."

Frustrated workers who aren't so lucky sometimes take matters into their own hands, but they may have unexpected results, such as preventing food so revolting — think cat food sandwiches or cake — that the culprit gave up their thieving ways or, in the case of the Ex-Lax recipe, unintentionally revealed themselves.

"Not a good idea, says ethics trainer DeMars. This tactic sounds amusing but it might be a recipe for disaster if the thief becomes ill."

Better to call a staff meeting and direct the refrigerator rules, she says.

Or better yet, confront the thieves, Hull suggests, if they are caught with their hands on a sandwich.

Companies crack down on employee fraud

Knight Ridder News Service

Crime does pay. Well, it's more like an employee commits a crime and the employer pays.

That's why experts say it's important to nip fraud in the bud — especially seemingly innocuous, but common, money-siphoning employee expense accounts. Companies that choose not to are cultivating a culture of criminal activity.

"Employees that can justify one type of fraud can justify another," said George F. Farragher, chief executive at Debar, Mackay, Fodorovich and Chan, "Most large accounting firms probably fall victim to it."

Long-term consequences aside, letting any type of theft go unchecked also can prove very costly.

Companies nationwide lose \$15 billion to \$40 billion a year to fraud, according to estimates by the Bureau of National Affairs and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Or, according to a 2002 survey by Ernst & Young LLP and Ipsos Red, businesses can lose up to 20 percent of every dollar earned.

Twenty percent of the employees cited in this survey said they were aware of fraud at their companies. Of that 20 percent, 37 percent said they knew about theft of office items; 16 percent knew employees who claimed extra hours worked; and 7 percent said they knew of others who inflated their expense accounts.

"Expense report fraud is very, very easy to commit," said Raymond Dunkle, a certified fraud examiner at the Akron, Ohio, accounting firm Debar, Mackay, Fodorovich and Chan. "Most large accounting firms probably fall victim to it."

Unfortunately, Dunkle said, there's no way to completely eliminate expense-account fraud. The idea is to minimize it as much as possible with effective

Tips on rooting out employee fraud

Employees who cheat on their expense accounts usually do so with one of the following four methods:

- Mischaracterized expenses. Employees turn in legitimate documentation for nonbusiness-related transactions, such as taking a friend out to eat and calling it a "business dinner."
 - Overstated expense reports. Employees inflate the amount of actual expenses and keep the difference. Altering a taxicab receipt from \$10 to \$40 is an example.
 - Fictitious expenses. Employees submit phony documentation for reimbursement.
 - Multiple reimbursements. Employees copy invoices and resubmit them for payment more than once.
- Companies can implement some common-sense measures to detect such abuse — but those policies should be reasonable, if

corporate policies.

Employees who fudge their expense accounts do it in one of three ways: They overstate, mischaracterize or create fictitious expenses. Most false claims involve travel and meals, experts said.

"It's easy to get away with and they know it," said Farragher, who is principally a business investigator and Dispute Advisory Practice. "They're very creative."

Famous scenarios include the employee who goes out to dinner with his wife and turns the receipt in as a "business dinner." Or the employee who steals a stack of taxicab receipts and turns one in every few months for a fictitious reimbursement. Or even the employee who gets money for a credit-card purchase multiple times — once with the receipt, once with the statement and

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Young study, the type of person most likely to commit fraud has been with a company for more than three years, is a junior employee and is younger than 35. But in a more recent global survey, the professional services firm found that managers are the most likely culprits for the worst cases of fraud.

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Although many companies prove electronic expense tracking, that still doesn't excuse not submitting receipts," Farragher said.

Such computer programs, like one sold by Oracle Corp., can make it easier to spot fraud. For example, an employer can see if a person's spending has spiked over the last year or figure out if another's reimbursements are higher than everyone else in a particular division. Any spreadsheet program would suffice, though.

Dunkle said. The bottom line is every company should create effective, yet reasonable policies to guard against expense-account fraud and other types of fraud.

"This is who I do," Dunkle said. "I do more work helping companies prevent fraud than I do helping them detect it."

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Linux suit muddies waters

Dispute focuses on copyright law

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When Utah technology executive Dan McBride sniffs Linux, the free computer operating system, he picks up a scent of Unix, a long-established business system he maintains made Linux sturdy and reliable.

McBride is chief executive of The SCO Group Inc., which acquired rights to Unix through a series of corporate acquisitions and mergers. SCO sued IBM Corp. for dumping allegedly confidential Unix code into Linux and sued DaimlerChrysler AG and AutoZone Inc. for deploying Linux systems without an SCO license.

The suits sent a shudder through the open-source movement and threaten to literally unravel Linux as it gains commercial acceptance and market share on Microsoft Corp. It also exposed a gaping liability of Linux, a work of thousands of hackers whose contributions of software code may be original — or not.

But others think SCO is bluffing. Show us the code, says Linux high priest Linus Torvalds, who dismisses SCO's claims as "just totally wrong lunch." SCO has been hesitant to publicly reveal the stolen goods and fumbled early disclosures, pointing to the wrong code.

Torvalds, the Finnish college student who wrote the original Linux kernel and is the gatekeeper for contributions that have steadily improved the operating system, says Linux contains no Unix or Unix-derived code and doesn't need it to be the finest operating system.

"It's as if Dan was going public calling my child a slut," Torvalds said in a series of lengthy e-mails to The Associated Press from his home in San Jose, Calif. Linux does contain some IBM-written code, he acknowledged, turning at least part of the debate on slippery semantics.

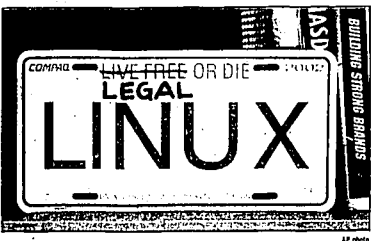
SCO is claiming rights on the code that was in the version of Unix called AIX, which IBM will claim it owns outright, claiming it "third-party code." A trial has been set for April 2005.

McBride claims more than 700,000 lines of Unix-derived code have seeped into Linux, whose kernel or brains contain about 5.7 million lines of code. It was code IBM and other Unix customers, who were supposed to keep it confidential under licensing pacts, just gave away, he says.

SCO disclosed under court



Linus Torvalds holds a stuffed penguin in his home office in San Jose, Calif., Wednesday. Torvalds created the Linux computer operating system, whose symbol is a penguin.



A modified Linux license plate sits on a book shelf in the office of Dan McBride, chief executive of The SCO Group Inc., last month, in Lindon, Utah. McBride, whose company acquired rights to Unix through a series of corporate acquisitions and mergers, maintains the Linux operating system contains Unix code owned by SCO.

seal code for 232 software products to IBM for study but won't let others see any unless they sign a confidentiality pact, a condition the AP refused.

McBride did produce a page of "header" files — for example, "include/asm-alpha/errno.h" — that perform utilitarian tasks and which experts doubt can be copyrighted. Those files basically express facts, like names in a telephone book, Torvalds said.

SCO's legal gambit has made McBride unpopular in corporate and hacker circles. At 44, he's been called the most hated guy in tech. Fortune magazine branded him "Corporate Enemy No. 1" in a cover story. He packs a gun because of death threats and uses bodyguards in public. He beefed up his home's security system.

"In an interview, he answered critics by saying there's no free lunch, even with software," Microsoft says with its billions of dollars in the bank still doesn't have a system that has five 9s of reliability, and it's not for lack of trying," said McBride, who says Linux has managed to gain that level — 99.999 percent — of reliability.

"So the question is, did a college programming student and some of his friends create that

favorable balance transfer rate.

"Companies are waiting for a certain percentage of customers to make a mistake so that they can make money," Robertson said.

After just one mistake, a customer may be able to talk a customer service representative into restoring the teaser rate.

But the safer bet is to pay on time.

"The first thing you ought to do when you check out a credit-card deal is to read the fine print.

For example, Bank One's cardholder agreement says it "can at any time change this agreement, including the annual percentage rate and any fees."

It will notify you of the change, but there's nothing much that you can do at that point, short of paying off the balance or trying to take your business elsewhere.

American Express' agreement states that your account is in default if it feels that you have violated the card agreement. The decision to change your terms is based on American Express' "determination of your creditworthiness." It says it will periodically look at whether you are carrying too much debt compared with your resources. It will also look at other credit characteristics, regardless of your performance on the Amex account.

Experts say you have to read your agreement and be com-

or did something else happen?"

"That something is Unix, he said. It is a system developed in 1969 by AT&T Bell Labs. The Nasdaq Stock Market uses Unix to process as many as 5,000 stock transactions a second. McDonald's Corp. and other fast-food companies use it to track restaurant orders and sales.

Stripping Unix code from Linux would "cripple" that operating system, and hackers can't just replace a few characters of source code and claim to have purged Linux of Unix, he said.

SCO is making copyright claims not just on raw code but its sequence and organization and Unix variants developed by others, testing in that software.

SCO also sued Utah's Novell Inc. for "slander of title" when Novell said its transfer of Unix technology didn't include copyrights.

With Linux becoming common on network servers of major corporations, SCO also sent letters to about 1,500 companies demanding they pay licensing fees of about \$700 per server or face legal action.

"What I don't like is them threatening to sue customers of Linux," said Stuart Cohen, chief executive of the Open Source Development Lab, an organization funded by more than 40 technology companies that has created a \$3 million legal defense fund for Linux users.

None of SCO's lawsuits has gone to trial.

Cohen says SCO won't reveal the offending code because it knows "we'll fix it," which he said shows the Unix company is more interested in sales and comfort as they struggled with being an entrepreneur.

Some business owners found biographies or autobiographies of well-known company owners — including "Personals: the autobiography of Katharine Graham, the late publisher of The Washington Post, and "Losing My Virginity: How I've Survived, Had Fun, and Made a Fortune Doing Business My Way" by British billionaire Richard Branson.

"Was that ever inspiring?" Judi Henderson-Townsend said of "Personals History."

She found that Graham faced many of the same issues in building The Washington Post as Henderson-Townsend faced with her own company, San Francisco-based Mannequin Madness, which requires, rents and sells mannequins.

"Because I'm a small business owner I think some of the problems and issues I have are because I'm a small business owner," she said. "But The Washington Post wasn't always The Washington Post as we know it today."

"The Millionaire Next Door" by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko had a big impact on Damian Bazadona, owner of New York-based Situation Marketing. The book looks at how the average millionaire lives, and the lesson Bazadona took away from the book was "live below your means," something he feels many small business owners don't do.

Business owners give nod to gamut of books

NEW YORK (AP) — If you browse the business books on library or store shelves, the sheer number of volumes can be daunting. It's hard to tell which ones are good and which ones will help you build your business or solve its problems.

Business books fall into several types. There are books that give an overview of topics that will interest a small business owner, among them the Dummies and Idiots series and ones that come like "Start Your Own Business" by Entrepreneur magazine.

There are also specialized books on narrower topics, such as sales and marketing, how to deal with employees, building customer service and more. Nolo Press has a library of books that will acquaint you with some of the legal issues that crop up in the course of running a business. And there are inspirational books that come up in the course of running a business. And there are inspirational books that come up in the course of running a business.

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The book showed Bazadona how roughly it will lead to long-term success. The millions in the book didn't proliferate when they started "doing well," Bazadona said, and "instead of hiring an extra three or four people, they do the work themselves."

Marketing books were cited by many of the owners, particularly those who had no prior experience in selling themselves or a product when they went into business. There are many such books available, with varying approaches. Each owner needs to find one that will resonate with him or her.

Bryan Eisenberg, co-founder of Future Now Inc., a New York-based Web marketing consultancy, recommended "Principles of Profitable Marketing: What Top People First" by Seth Horowitz.

"It talks about the values, about both him and her," Eisenberg said. "It's about putting the customer first... That's what marketing is about."

Author Horowitz, meanwhile, recommended a book by one of his competitors.

"Broken Way to Personalize Sales and Achieve Astounding Results" by Jack Mitchell.

Marcia Layton Turner, a Rochester, N.Y.-based marketing consultant, mentioned "Getting Business to Come to You," by Paul and Sarah Edwards. It is one of a how-to book.

"When I was getting started, I was looking for all the help I could get in marketing," she said.

Like several other owners, Layton Turner recommended audiobook Michael Gerber, a small business guru of sorts whose books include "The E-Myth and "The E-Myth Revisited."

Gerber suggests business owners need to separate themselves from being involved in every little aspect of their business, Layton Turner said.

"They need to step away and bring in resources to do some of that," she said.

Children's books were among those recommended by Robin Blakely, owner of Livingston, Communications, a publicity firm near Kansas City, Mo. She cited "The Carroll Seed" by Ruth Krauss. Reading it inspired her.

"It helps in the entrepreneurial spirit sort of way," Blakely said. "It helps you understand that what you're doing is meaningful even if no one else believes in you."

She also mentioned "The Missing Piece Meets the Big O" by Shel Silverstein.

Blakely said she came across these books not as a child, or when her own children were small, but when she was starting to freelance work.

Some business owners might wonder, how do these entrepreneurs find the time to read? Often, they have no choice — they can't learn how to run their business without making the time to read.

For Layton Turner, the answer is to skim her reading material — and to buy audio tapes to listen to rather than read.

Credit cards' enticing rates leave some seeing red

By Anandha Raghunathan
The Dallas Morning News

The credit-card offer's kept getting more generous. Low introductory interest rates. No interest until 2004. No interest for the entire life of the loan.

"We want to engage the customer," explained Ron Robinson, chief credit officer at Bank One Corp., which is offering no interest on purchases and balance transfers for a year. "We want to be the primary credit card being used."

At the same time that credit-card companies are making these offers, they are increasing their scrutiny of customers, watching their every move to see if they remain worthy of such generosity.

"What will happen is that those people who violate the agreement go from zero percent to 16 percent, and they wind up subsidizing everyone else," said David Robertson, publisher of The Nilson Report, a consumer payments newsletter.

Time was when a late payment or an overdraft on your line of credit could result in your paying a higher interest rate. But now — with competition intensifying and personal bankruptcies soaring — credit-card companies are unleashing a kind of political warfare at reducing their risk of defaults.

Among them: Your rate could go up if you take advantage of another credit-card offer, or if you have a new mortgage or a new auto

loan. The reason? Your risk profile has changed.

Your credit card company could jack up your rate if you are late with a payment — even on another credit card or some other bill.

Card companies are raising late fees and reducing grace periods and other terms are spelled out.

Remember, when a credit-card company offers you a low interest rate, it's not the same as a bank loan agreement, in which the interest rates and other terms are spelled out.

With a credit card, your interest rate can change at any time.

"This is why it's such a lard mine for a spokeswoman," said Linda Slurry, a consumer advocate group in San Francisco. "You have to tread very carefully, or it could blow up in your face."

While the credit cards are pouring in, experts say there are many caveats. In the case of some low-interest offers, the minute you make a mistake, you get boosted to a much higher rate.

Take Discover card's recent offer of zero percent interest for the life of the loan. The agreement on this card requires you to make two purchases each billing cycle. Your purchases can be for any amount. But after six months, if you miss a purchase in a billing cycle, your rate goes up.

The Nilson Report said that three out of four customers do something that violates the cardholder agreement and lose

the offer.

"The fine print says that even if you are current with your payment, the issuer reserves the right to adjust your interest rates if it believes that you are no longer as creditworthy as you were when they first gave that offer," Robertson said.

While card companies have always looked for ways to maximize profits, the race is even more pronounced in today's high-deflation economic environment. Credit issuers are watching you more closely than ever before — pulling up your credit reports and FICO scores on a monthly basis, in some cases.

And others are becoming more and more wary of the economy and of consumer credit habits, said John Ulzheimer, business development manager at Fair Isaac Corp., which developed the FICO credit score. "They want to be aware of changes in the consumer's credit history. Even three months is not frequent enough. Many of the companies are still doing this quarterly."

Robertson said. "Credit seems to be going monthly."

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An extra boost

Some female business owners have special needs

By Erik D. Smith
Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — If men are from Mars and women are from Venus, it stands to reason that their thoughts on running a business would be just as different, right?

Norma Rist certainly thinks so. The president of CEO Consulting Inc. has made it her mission to figure out what makes female entrepreneurs tick.

The former Pepsi-Cola executive shows hundreds of people, men and women, how to start, grow and manage a venture. And on top of her day job, Rist also runs workshops for women business owners.

"I'm no wise guru," said the co-author of "Small Business Smart: A Woman's Guide to Building a Business." But she draws on the experience of working with 200 to 300 women personally.

What she's found is many women have a list of hang-ups that undermine their ability to start, and more importantly, grow a company. You have to obviously don't apply to all women but do describe many who are in charge of small businesses.

In order to succeed, women need to first be aware of the pitfalls that are specific to them, said Rist. Then they can solve those problems in their own way.

Success also takes drive.

"Sometimes you have to fight like hell," said Rita Shisler, who owns Shisler's Cheese House in Orville, Ohio. "You have to prove yourself — as a woman and as a business person."

Women want it all — and they want it all equally.

They want independence, they want a flexible schedule so they can take care of their families, they want empowerment. They want to be a role model, they want to make money, they want respect, they want to make a difference. "The list goes on and on."

"They think it's a magic solution to all of their needs," Rist said. "But it can't be."

Women have to accept that their business can't be everything to everybody. They have to make choices about what's important to them, and set priorities based on those choices. The way to do that is to focus on your immediate needs, whether it's getting financing or raising your children.

Shisler turned the cheese

Some advice

If you're trying to grow your business, here are some tips to deal with the risk factor and fear of failure:

- Lighten your load — Don't try to attempt too much at one time
- Get support where you need it
- Ask for help
- Protect the relationships you care most about — Don't leave your loved ones out in the cold while you grow your business
- Get clear on what you really want
- Plan in phases — Set daily, weekly, biweekly or monthly goals
- Get a handle on your spending
- Negotiate for what you want
- Don't be afraid to ask for the impossible
- Have contingency plan
- Sometimes just knowing there's a Plan B can make all the difference

—Source: Small Business Savvy: A Woman's Guide to Building a Business

house into a nursery of sorts when her father-in-law gave it up 35 years ago. She tied both sons' walkers to the stoves floor so she could stay close to them while she worked.

"Women look at it as part of our lifestyle," she said of business. "Men look at it as 'This is my job.'"

Shisler also chose to focus on customer service, giving the business what she calls "a woman's touch."

Repeat customers expect her to ask about their grandchildren and be behind the counter seven days a week. It's a personal relationship that Shisler values and she will be lost if the \$1 million a year business expands any further.

"You have to select a business or fashion a business to meet your priorities," said Janice H. Robinson, executive director of Women's Business Bureau in business because they have wives at home to do all that other stuff."

WOMEN, which stands for Women's Organization for Mentoring, Entrepreneurship & Networking, is a things old-boys-club type resource to women. The Akron agency offers mentoring, financing and training, sometimes for a fee and sometimes for free.

Robinson calls it a "full-service list" — and the pun is intended.

Generally speaking, men have an easier time setting priorities when it comes to business, often because their list is smaller to begin with. Rist said men want wealth, power and security above all else.

Why? Because men typically start a business for economic reasons. Women, on the other hand, choose self-employment for autonomy and recognition based on the relationships in their lives, said Lillian Buffin, a social worker who specializes in human development.

"The business world developed around a male perspective, but women were always a presence," said Buffin, who owns New Developments Life Enhancement Services in Wooster, Ohio. "While men were 'getting the job done,' women were in the background attending to the details, shaping appearances and smoothing over relationships."

Women aren't used to breaking the rules, Buffin said. And even though the number of women-owned businesses topped 10.6 million in 2004, finding a woman in charge is noteworthy for some people.

By the time children enter the first grade, they are well aware of which things are considered important for boys and which for girls," she said. "Boys are concerned with how things work and what they can do. Girls are socialized to be concerned about appearances and obeying the rules."

So, starting a business is a risk. Women worry about everything from how that business will reflect on them, to being around for their children. The first grade, they are worth more money than their husband, to being snubbed by other women for being too businesslike, to being ridiculed by men for appearing too weak.

"Not too many men worry about being '1 look are perfect?' or 'Did the kids eat breakfast this morning?'" Shisler said.

What it boils down to, Rist said, is men are valued for what they do and women are valued for what they do for others. That makes risk a big problem because women feel their whole world is at stake.

"Say if a woman has two employees and can grow to six," Rist said, "she will hesitate be-

cause if she falls, the two employees could lose their jobs."

Cynthia Jones said she and her partner, Jan Lorman, avoided worrying about risk because of the way they started their business. Interactive Therapeutics Inc.

Both women were working as speech pathologists for Akron City Hospital and kept their jobs for years after their start-up business got off the ground. That security blanket made the economic risk bearable. The key, Jones said, is taking your time and planning everything.

"You can go about things in small steps," she said. "You don't have to take a flying leap." Risk should be assessed. Entrepreneurs should ask themselves:

What am I risking? How will this risk affect my family and business? How can I control this risk? What will happen if things go wrong? What will happen if things go better than I expect? Is it worth it?

Hopefully once those questions are answered, Jones said, taking a chance won't seem like an unthinkable leap of faith.

Still, starting a business is a big risk — not only financially, but in terms of personal reputation. Therefore, Rist said women want things to be perfect. In fact, many of them will accept nothing less.

"I meet so many women business owners who are so bogged down before they even deliver a service that they don't ever get started," Rist said.

Again, entrepreneurs should take small steps so that they're making progress. Many women don't understand their own tendency to get overwhelmed until it's too late.

Olga Kurtz, who founded OK Fast Print about 25 years ago, said she can relate. "If my business had failed, I would've killed myself," she said chuckling.

Kurtz is the only woman actively counseling entrepreneurs for the Akron chapter of SCORE. Perhaps that's why the group of grayed retired executives asked Rist to teach them about women.

"How much do you know about women business owners?" Rist asked them recently. "We know Olga," someone joked, prompting laughter. "Who would know there's no one else who knows all this stuff?" Rist asked.

Survey: Evaluations offer little insight

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Every year, U.S. managers spend hours writing up employee evaluations, and workers spend a similar amount of time hoping for a raise or bonus will result — or at least that they'll gain insights about how to do their job better.

But much of that is wasted time, with evaluations yielding little benefit to many, according to a survey of employees by Watson Wyatt, the human-resources consulting firm.

Only 30 percent of workers say their company's evaluation process helps them improve their performance, and less than 40 percent say the process provides clear goals or feedback, according to the survey of 1,190 workers from a variety of industries.

"There are an awful lot of managers that kind of go through the motions. We treat performance management as oh, these forms. It's that time of year again," said Scott Cohen, national practice leader of talent management at Watson Wyatt.

"It becomes a compliance exercise," he said. "It has absolutely no benefit to the business, nor does it have benefit to the manager or employee."

It's an exercise that may have a negative effect on companies' bottom line. In a previous study, Watson Wyatt found that firms which clearly lay out workers' responsibilities and their connection to larger company goals — also called "line of sight" — perform better overall.

"Companies with good line of sight show four times the total return to shareholders as companies with poor line of sight,"

Cohen said. "The key for managers is to develop 'a good solid working relationship' throughout the year, Cohen said. That way, employees don't need to rely on reading between the lines. Then there are no surprises. We can have an honest dialogue with each other."

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• Blueberry counter (Yes, this person counted the berries.)

• Eye bank procurer (procured eyes and corneas for transplants and research)

• 200 eggs janitor

• Nanny for a company's guard dog

• Black bear trapper

• Quality control manager for fast food chain

• Military missile tester

• Bowling alley mechanic

Cohen said. 54 percent of workers surveyed said their company sets high performance standards, and just 44 percent said employees are held accountable for their performance.

Only 19 percent said their companies help poorly performing workers improve. That might be because many managers are too willing to mince words when it comes to evaluations, Cohen said.

"The problem is many managers avoid confrontations. They don't necessarily establish the right goals, so they fill out the forms and everybody gets 45 and 55 on a 5-point scale, so it's useless."

"Human nature is people don't like to confront," Cohen said. "I may spend more time with these people than I do with my family at home. We have a tendency to sweep problems under the rug (but that's not what managers were hired to do)."

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The Associated Press

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• Bowling alley mechanic

Greed, need give more life to scams old and new

By Lorene Yue
Chicago Tribune

Maybe it's sympathy that motivates people to give money to a stranger. Or maybe it's the temptation to put one over on the system.

For whatever reason, the sort of scam called "the Nigerian letter" separated Americans from more than \$100 million of their hard-earned cash in 2002.

The solicitation usually comes in an e-mail supposedly sent by the widow of a former military head of state or a deposed member of a foreign government who cannot access money after a government coup. They could end their suffering if only you could provide a bank account to help secretly transfer their millions out of their country. And by the way, you'll be richly rewarded for your help.

"To most of us" the Nigerian letter "is a laughably obvious rip-off. Still, this scam cheated Americans out of \$122 million in 2002, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

It can be hard to stay ahead of schemes, since the way in which they present themselves is constantly evolving.

"Nothing is really new," said Sheila Adkins, who handles public affairs for the Council of Better Business Bureaus. "We're just hearing about them in different formats."

The most victimized group remains those over the age of 50. "One, they have money to invest," explained Sally Hurme, an attorney in AARP's consumer protection division. "Two, investing is really impor-

tant to them, particularly if they are at or near retirement, and three, if they are not working they have no new money coming in."

Here are the newest twists on old scams:

Advance fee scams. "The Nigerian letter" and the "Canadian lottery winner letter" are modern variations of the classic "pigeon drop," what AARP's Hurme calls the "I'll-get-you-in-on-a-real-swindle."

The general premise is always the same — you have to pay money to get money. In the Canadian lottery scam you have to pay fees to process a check for your share of "lottery winnings." In the Nigerian letter scheme you might be asked to pay for chemicals to clean bills that have been blackened to get them past customs.

Internet schemes. The Internet has given con artists a new venue for defrauding consumers — through auction Web sites or phony e-mails. Hackers will use auction Web sites to take payments for goods they never intend to deliver, or swap what they advertised with worthless goods for less valuable.

A concept called "phishing" has cropped up repeatedly whereby e-mails purportedly from Internet auction sites, financial institutions or Internet service providers ask you to provide your bank account or credit-card number so they can verify their records. The message might direct you to what looks like an official corporate page, but the personal information you are providing is being used to steal your identity.

Cramming. This scam can sneak up on you. Cramming in-

volves mysterious and bogus charges popping up on your phone bill for services you never agreed to, so always keep a close eye on your monthly statement to ensure no one is trying to slide anything past you.

You may call a toll-free number or fill out a contest entry form and be tricked into agreeing to a membership fee that shows up as a miscellaneous charge on your phone bill.

Bogus Business opportunities. As the soft economy sends people looking for ways to shore up their income, more consumers are complaining to the Better Business Bureau about work-at-home scams or pitches that leasing an ATM, pay phone or vending machine will provide a financial windfall.

Promoters assure you that you will receive help in placing the machines and get a high return for your investment, said Adkins, but what really happens is that you end up pouring money into a floundering business.

Vitamins. Be wary of anyone trying to sell you a vitamin, the life-insurance policy of a terminally ill person. They will tell you that by paying a discounted price you will eventually get the benefits, but what really happens is that individual gets instant cash to pay medical bills or other expenses. The hang-up is when the person lives longer than expected, leaving you to pay monthly premiums, not to mention the possibility of the insurance company challenging the claim if the policy was sold to you fraudulently.

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'Idea person': Make it your time to shine

The Washington Post

In May, Randall Thacker, a 30-year-old MBA student, began an internship at Morris Associates Inc., a District of Columbia career management and outsourcing firm. Hired in part to help the company explore growth options, Thacker offered to survey clients about their needs and, among other things, suggested making its Web site more user-friendly.

Not all of Thacker's ideas were embraced. But they certainly got him noticed by Tom Morris, the firm's president, who later hired him as an associate and sales, without much prompting. "I listen to a lot of what he thinks."

Great words, coming from a boss. But how does one become an "idea person" at work? You've

Establish 'Idea Person' Credentials

- Be willing to take risks.
- Develop ideas by reading widely, from pop culture magazines to academic and business journals.
- Observe and listen in order to understand your organization's mission and culture.
- Tailor your idea to fit your organization's mission.
- Identify people — preferably those with the boss's ear — who can help shape ideas before you pitch them to senior managers.
- Know your boss's personality to determine the best way to pitch an idea.

got to be evangelical in pushing fresh ideas to a variety of people, particularly senior officials who can legitimize an idea and put it on a path to reality, according to Laurence Prusak, a professor at Babson College in Massachusetts and co-author of "What's the Big Idea?" (Harvard Business School Press). "Ideas practitioners," as the authors dub these thinkers, are

typically quirky, well-educated mid-level managers. They don't have to be big-fish business gurus like Jack Welch, the former GE chief executive whose revolutionary ideas are widely credited with transforming that corporation. Anyone can become an "ideas person." Even if you're just starting a career, you can work toward such a reputation

by reading widely — pop culture magazines, as well as trade, business and academic journals. It also helps to attend business conferences, then synthesize and adapt the ideas for your own organization.

"Once you're known for ideas, people will expect them from you. People aren't surprised if you push for the next wave of ideas," Prusak said. Morris tells his clients that the first steps toward a reputation for being a good source of ideas are to listen and observe. Observation, he and others said, helps an employee understand the organization's corporate mission and culture, and its leaders' personality. "How you present your ideas is very important. There's a political lay of the land you've got to understand," Morris said. Some organizations prefer

ideas to flow from senior officials, while others support the growth of ideas from the ground up. Said Anne Flowers, manager of What's the Big Idea Group, a D.C. career management consulting firm. The experts suggest quickly identifying people within and beyond your organization who can help shape ideas before they reach senior managers. Unconventional ideas are often good, they said, but be careful not to veer too far from the organization's mission.

"You don't want to go too much on a limb, especially in this economic climate," warned Thomas H. Davenport, a professor at Babson College and a co-author with Prusak of "What's the Big Idea?" Sometimes, he added, "people come right out of school saying they want to keep working with

ideas. But you have to deliver a track record of having shown results before people will let you go off and play with ideas. It's a privilege, in a sense."

The idea of a newsletter had long been bandied about Morris Associates. Last summer, Thacker not only suggested launching the newsletter, but also offered to work on it. That caught Tom Morris's attention.

"It's saying, 'Have an idea for a newsletter. Can I have some time to sketch it out?' As a manager, I've got a lot of respect for the fact that he's on the line doing this," said Morris. At first, Thacker said, he felt a bit of anxiety about pitching ideas. Now, he has no regrets. "You've got to be willing to take the risk that not all your ideas are going to be accepted," said Thacker. "If you're not honest with yourself, you're useless."

Female entrepreneurs

Consulting firm president sees distinct needs for them

Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — If men are from Mars and women are from Venus, it stands to reason that their thoughts on running a business would be just as different, right?

Norma Rist certainly thinks so. The president of CEO Consulting Inc. has made it her mission to figure out what makes female entrepreneurs tick.

The former Pepsi-Cola executive shows hundreds of people, men and women, how to start, grow and manage a venture. And on top of her day job, Rist also runs workshops for women business owners.

"I'm no wise guru," said the co-author of "Small Business Savvy: A Woman's Guide to Building a Business." "I just have a couple decades of working with 200 to 300 women personally."

What she's found is many women have a list of hang-ups that undermine their ability to start, and more importantly, grow a company. The theories, obviously, don't apply to all women but do describe many who are in charge of small businesses.

In order to succeed, women need to first be aware of the pitfalls that are specific to them, said Rist. Then they can solve those problems in their own way.

Success also takes drive. "Sometimes you have to fight like hell," said Rist. She who owns Shisler's Cheese House in Orrville, Ohio. "You have to prove yourself — as a woman and as a business person."

Women want it all — and they want it all equally. They want independence, they want a flexible schedule so they can take care of their families, they want empowerment, they want to be a role model, they want to make money, they want respect, they want to make a difference ... The list goes on and on.

"They think it's a magic solution to all of their needs," Rist explained. But it can't be. Women have to accept that their business can't be everything to everybody. They have to make choices about what's important to them, and set priorities based on those choices. The key to do that is to focus on your immediate needs, whether it's getting financing or raising your children.

Shisler turned the cheese house into a nursery of sorts whose father-in-law gave it up 35 years ago. She tied both sons' walkers to the store's floor so she could stay close to them while she worked.

"Women look at it as part of our lifestyle," she said of business owners. "You look at it as 'This is my job.'"

Facts about female business owners

- Forty-eight percent of all businesses are at least half-owned by a woman. That's 10.6 million businesses.
- One out of 11 adult women owns a business.
- From 1997 to 2004, the number of majority-owned women-owned businesses grew almost 2.5 times the rate of all U.S. privately held firms. At the same time, employment at women-owned companies grew at twice the rate of all privately held firms.
- Women-owned businesses are expanding into all industries, too. Nearly half (45 percent) are in the service sector; 16 percent in retail; 9 percent in finance, insurance or real estate; and 5 percent in construction. The fastest growth, however, is occurring in nontraditional industries, including construction and agricultural services.
- Women-owned businesses generate \$2.46 trillion in sales and employ 19.1 million people nationwide.

—Source: Center for Women's Business Research

Fear of failure

If you're trying to grow your business, here are some tips to deal with the risk factor and fear of failure:

- Lighten your load — Don't try to attempt too much at one time
- Get support where you need it
- Ask for help
- Protect the relationships you care most about — Don't leave your loved ones out in the cold while you grow your business
- Get clear on what you really want
- Plan in phases — Set daily, weekly, biweekly or monthly goals
- Get a handle on your spending
- Negotiate to what you want
- Don't be afraid to ask for the impossible
- Have contingency plan — Sometimes just knowing there's a Plan B can make all the difference

—Source: Small Business Savvy: A Woman's Guide to Building a Business

Shisler also chose to focus on customer service, giving the business what she calls "a woman's touch."

Repeat customers expect her to ask about their grandchildren and be behind the counter seven days a week.

It's a personal relationship that Shisler and others fear will be lost if the \$1 million a

year business expands any further. "You have to select a business or fashion a business to meet your priorities," said Janice H. Robinson, executive director of WOMEN. "Men are successful in business because they have wives at home to do all that other stuff."

WOMEN, which stands for Women's Organization for Mentoring, Entrepreneurship & Networking, brings old-boys-club type resources to women. The Akron agency offers mentoring, financing and training, sometimes for a fee and sometimes for free.

Robinson calls it a "full-service salon" — and the pun is intended. Generally speaking, men have an easier time setting priorities, because it comes to them naturally. "But because their list is smaller to begin with, Rist said men want wealth, power and security above all else.

Why? Because men typically start a business for economic reasons. Women, on the other hand, choose self-employment for autonomy and recognition based on the relationships in their lives, said Jill-AnnBuffin, a social worker who specializes in human development.

"The business world developed around a male perspective, but women were always a presence," said Buffin, who owns New Developments Life Enrichment Services in Wheaton, Ohio. "While men were 'getting the job done,' women were in the background attending to the details, shaping appearances and smoothing over relationships."

Women aren't used to breaking the rules, Buffin said. And even though the number of women-owned businesses topped 10.6 million in 2004, finding a woman in charge is difficult for some people. "By the time children enter the first grade, they are well aware of which things are considered important for boys and girls for girls," she said. "Boys are concerned with how things work and what they can do. Girls are socialized to be concerned about appearances and obeying the rules."

So, starting a business is a risk. Women worry about everything from how that business will reflect on them, to being around for their children, to what will happen if they make more money than their husband, to being snubbed by other women for being too businesslike, to being ridiculed by men for appearing too weak.

"Not too many men worry about 'Gee, do I look just perfect?' or 'Did the kids eat breakfast?' this morning?" Shisler said.

What if boils down to, Rist said, is men are valued for what they do and women are valued for what they do for others. That makes risk a very big deal for women and their whole world is at stake.

"Say if a woman has two employees and can grow to six," Rist said, "she will hesitate because if she falls, the two employees could lose their jobs."

Cynthia Jones said she and her partner, Jan Lorman, avoided worrying about risk because of the way they started their business, Interactive Therapeutics Inc.

Both women were working as speech pathologists for Akron City Hospital and kept their jobs for years after their start-up business got off the ground. That security blanket made the economic risk bearable. The key, Jones said, is taking your time and planning everything.

"You can go about things in small steps," she said. "You don't have to take a flying leap, but it should be assessed. Entrepreneurs should ask themselves: What am I risking? How will this risk affect my family and business? How can I control this risk? What will happen if things go wrong? What will happen if things go better than I expect? Is it worth it?"

Hopefully once those questions are answered, Jones said, "the chance won't seem like an unthinkable leap of faith. Still, starting a business is a big risk — not only financially, but in terms of personal reputation.

Therefore, Rist said women want things to be perfect. In fact, many of them will accept nothing less.

"I meet so many women business owners who are so bogged down before they even deliver a service that they don't ever get started," Rist said.

Again, entrepreneurs should take small steps so that they're making progress. Many women don't understand their own tendency to get overwhelmed until it's too late.

Olga Kurtz, who founded OK Fast Print about 25 years ago, said she can relate. "If my business had failed, I would've killed myself," she said chuckling.

Kurtz is the only woman actively counseling entrepreneurs for the Akron chapter of SCORE. Perhaps that's why the group of praying, retired executives and Rist to teach them about women.

"How much do you know about women business owners?" Rist asked them recently. "We know Olga," someone joked, prompting laughter. "We would know there's no one else who knows all this stuff!" Rist asked.

Jobless rates fall in states key to election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment fell last month in 11 of 17 battleground states that could decide the presidential election, with Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin showing the biggest declines.

Four battleground states saw jobless rates rise: Arizona, Arkansas, Ohio and Washington. Rates in two of the 17 states remained the same: New Mexico and Pennsylvania.

The latest unemployment rates were lower in 29 states, higher in 14 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in seven states, the Labor Department said Friday.

The latest figures could help boost the re-election efforts of President Bush, whose campaign has been struggling to promote an improving economy amid the increasing difficulties in Iraq. Bush's economic team hit the road and talked up the jobs numbers.

"The economy is robust, new jobs are growing and the unemployment rate is dropping across the country," Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said. She was in Minnesota to visit a job-training program run by a religious group that was awarded a \$1.9 million federal grant to train workers for the health care industry.

Minnesota's unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent in April from 4.8 percent in March. The national rate was 5.6 percent in April, down from 5.7 percent in March.

Treasury Secretary John Snow was in Ohio visiting an auto plant, and Commerce Secretary Donald Evans was dispatched to Florida for a town hall meeting.

Still, the economy has lost almost 1.5 million jobs since Bush took office in January 2001. Recent payroll gains have helped shrink that deficit, but Bush is on track to be the first president since Herbert Hoover to lose jobs on his watch.

"Any step forward in the jobs market is good news for American workers," said John Kerry campaign spokesman Allison Dolson. "But the fact is, we're still in the worst jobs recovery since the Great Depression, and so we have a long way to go."

Michigan posted the largest unemployment rate drop last month, declining to 6.1 percent from 6.9 percent in March. Wisconsin rate fell to 4.6 percent from 5.1 percent.

The battleground states span the strongest of economies — Florida, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada — to the weakest — Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia and Pennsylvania — said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. The struggling states have been hard hit by losses in manufacturing.

"Conditions are beginning to improve, but very slowly," Zandi said. "The prospects are that those economies will remain troubled through election time."

Ohio, which has lost tens of thousands of jobs, is shaping up to be one of the most important states in the presidential race. Ohio's unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.8 percent last month from 5.7 percent in March, though 4,300 jobs were added. In 2003, Al Gore lost Ohio by just 3 percentage points even after abandoning his campaign there.

Zandi said to draw a circle around Columbus, Ohio, that extends 500 miles in diameter, and it maps the weak part of the country economically.

"The new report showed payroll gains in 15 states. The largest increases were in Florida, up 29,000 jobs; North Carolina, up 20,700; Missouri, up 20,000; Michigan, up 19,300; Texas, up 17,000; and California, up 16,300. There were employment declines in Rhode Island, Iowa, Alaska, Kentucky and the District of Columbia.

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Money In brief

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- Zoo cage janitor
- Nanny for a company's guard dog
- Back bear trapper
- Quality control manager for fast food chain
- Military missile tester

Cash at the counter may lead to healthier budget

Under the plastic in your purse or wallet, which includes credit and debit/ATM cards for most of us, (True, many still opt for old-fashioned cash.) That leaves essentially two options for payment when you're out shopping for bigger items: A short-term loan or an immediate deduction from a bank account.

But it's the borrowing at the cash register that poses the most trouble for many consumers. So when picking your plastic, the Atlanta-based Consumer Credit Counseling Service suggests asking a simple question: Can I pay off this full balance in three months?

If the answer is no, returning some of the goodies to the store shelves could pay off later.

— compiled from wire reports

TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS



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

Driving under the influence sentencing

Vernon V. Bailey, 46, 1349 E. 3400 N., Buhl; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$900 fine with \$200 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 120 days in jail with 115 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; four days sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; follow alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Russell Gene Mason, 68, 3923 N. 1500 E., Buhl; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$76.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; four days sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; follow alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Katherine Christine Wolff, 42, 202 11th Ave. N., Buhl; one count assault, felony; dismissed by prosecutor; one count battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; \$250 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 190 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing complete anger management counseling; receive 10 hours of community service; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Shawn Lindsey McFadden, 30, 160 Dubois Ave., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Boxer Benjamin H. Hansen, 49, PO. Box 215, Twin Falls; aggravated battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 130 months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Heather Denise Moon, 28, 390 Lois St. N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Jake Wales Schmalz, 17, 3876 N. 3500 S., Kimberly; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; two days sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Timothy William Heck, 44, 842 Main St., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations in lieu of use; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Todd Daniel DeClusion, 25, 15 Manor Drive, Buhl; one count petit theft by receiving; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; insufficient evidence; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Misdemeanor acquittals

Anthony A. Ziegler, 27, 29 Manor Drive, Buhl; battery; found innocent; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Felony sentencing

Arin Howell, 25, 176 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; three years indeterminate, two years indeterminate; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; 5000 for costs of prosecution; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 40 hours community service; obtain anger management evaluation and complete with recommendations; no contact with victims; \$1,343.37 restitution; notice of appeal has

been filed by defendant; Discretionary indeterminate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 40 hours community service; obtain anger management evaluation and complete with recommendations; no contact with victims; \$1,343.37 restitution; notice of appeal has

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Sarah Dee Behunin, 35, 926 Lincoln St., Twin Falls; grand theft; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment granted; three years probation; \$88.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; \$500 for costs of prosecution; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; \$500 public defender fee; defendant's ability to maintain a checking account or possess credit cards is left to the discretion of probation officer; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Luke Christopher Cross, 20, 360 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; grand theft by receiving, retaining and/or concealing stolen property; pleaded guilty; four years indeterminate, two years indeterminate, suspended; three years probation; \$100 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; \$500 for costs of prosecution; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 50 hours community service; must establish a budget; shall not maintain a checking account, possess credit cards or incur any indebtedness greater than \$50; apologize to victim; 30 days in jail, credit for time served; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Lois R. Munck, 27, 40 Oakwood Drive, No. 55, Pocatello; possession of forged or stolen non-state bills or checks; pleaded guilty; four years indeterminate, two years indeterminate, suspended; five years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$68.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; \$500 for costs of prosecution; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; undergo job search while unemployed; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; complete with Spirit Walker evaluation; attend Life Changes Inc. classes; must establish a budget; shall not maintain a checking account, possess credit cards or incur any indebtedness greater than \$50; apologize to victim; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Curt J. David Parrott, 38, 395 Washington St. S., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; seven years indeterminate, three years indeterminate, judge granted release; one year probation; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections or the Twin Falls Community Work Center; \$635.11 restitution; District Judge Monte Carlson.

Crystal Grace Malone, 24, 126A Eighth Ave. W., Jerome; issuing a check without funds; pleaded guilty; three years indeterminate, one and one half years indeterminate; one and one half years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 40 hours community service; obtain anger management evaluation and complete with recommendations; no contact with victims; \$1,343.37 restitution; notice of appeal has

been filed by defendant; Discretionary indeterminate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; write letter of apology to Costco; \$1,232.27 restitution to Costco; shall not have a checking account, credit card or incur any indebtedness without permission of probation officer; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Felony dismissals

Daryl James Zaharones, 27, 645 Fawnbrook Ave., No. 26, Twin Falls; arson in the first degree; dismissed by court; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Dan Fairbanks, 42, 266 Buchanan, Twin Falls; trafficking in methamphetamine/amphetamine by manufacturing; dismissed by court; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Juvenile arraignments

Sheilah R. Christensen, 17, 557 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; one count runaway; one count incorrigible; one count possession of a controlled substance; marijuana; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing June 1; Magistrate Judge John Vann.

Johnny A. Shores, 15, 195 Monroe St., Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and one count possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing June 1; Magistrate Judge John Vann.

Steven L. Valera, 15, 2515 Wright Ave., Twin Falls; injury to talk public defender appointed; pretrial hearing June 8; Magistrate Judge John Vann.

John R. Jacobson, 16, 650 Calico St. W., Hansen; petit theft; juvenile waived county; pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing June 10; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile sentencing

James R. Hea III, 18, 219 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$75 Charity Option fee in lieu of restitution; one year probation; court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Terron Fuller, 14, 137 Filmer Ave., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded guilty; 30 days detention, 10 days discretionary, 80 days suspended, 30 months probation; 40 hours community service; must complete treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer including alcohol and drug education/treatment and anger control treatment to search and seizure; abide by curfew; possess no weapon; shall not possess or use any alcohol, tobacco or illegal weapons; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$20 public defender fee; \$30 per month probation fee; Magistrate Judge John Vann.

Civil filings

Nelson Deen Slaymaker vs. Roy McIntosh and John Does A, B, and C. Seeking judgment against defendant for general and special damages; additional damages for medical expenses and lost wages to be incurred from treating amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; other relief the court deems just. Plaintiff demands jury trial. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Lilia Pucnie, individually and as a parent of Ashley and Anna Barbosa, minor persons, and Amanda Barbosa, individually vs. Nellie J. Snow and Cindy Roagain, and John Does I-V. Seeking judgment against defendants for general damages including pain and suffering and mental distress; special damages including past and future medical expenses and lost wages; amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; other relief the court deems just. Plaintiffs demand jury trial. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

State of Idaho, Industrial Commission vs. Robert M. Bailey and Judith S. Bailey, doing business as Buhl Herald. Seeking judgment against the defendants for \$13,625 plus additional penalty if applicable; that defendants be enjoined from operating and maintaining a business with employees while any default exists; attorney's fees and costs; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff alleges that defendants failed to provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees.

Roxanne L. Dugger vs. Gene Gerber, general damages for Twin Falls Diamond Towing and Twin R's Inc., an Idaho corporation. Seeking judgment against defendants for general damages including pain and suffering; special damages including past and future medical expenses and lost wages; amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; other relief the court deems just. Plaintiff demands jury trial. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for

injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

Herculano Alves and Frances Alves, husband and wife, doing business as Green River Dairy vs. Idaho Power Company, an Idaho corporation. Seeking judgment against the defendant for an award of damages in excess of \$100,000; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiffs demand jury trial. Plaintiffs allege that defendants caused dangerous electric current to pass into their Green River Dairy facility and through the dairy herd, thereby injuring and damaging their dairy herd.

John L. Stevens, an individual vs. Liette E. Poppleton, an individual, and Does I through X. Seeking judgment against defendants for special and general damages in amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; other relief the court deems just. Plaintiff demands jury trial. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.

The City of Twin Falls, a municipal corporation vs. Mary Margaret Blasius. Seeking judgment against the defendant finding her in violation of Twin Falls City Code; a judgment ordering her to remove all junked, damaged or destroyed household goods and equipment from her property; an order prohibiting defendant from violating Twin Falls City Code in the future; attorney's fees and costs; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiffs allege that defendant is in violation of Twin Falls City Code by placing discarded, junked, damaged household goods and equipment on her property and has also failed to remove rubbish on her property.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Tara Sotomayor. Seeking \$187.33 for support for a prior period; 65 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Joseph Hill. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$176 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$323 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Theresa Roland. Seeking establishment of paternity; 60 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide

medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. George H. Crider. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$341 monthly support plus 43 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Erica Naomi James. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$117 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Casey C. Casanova. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$176 monthly support plus 63 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2.83 and \$2,884 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Joseph H. Rupert. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$156 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Kyle D. Turner. Seeking \$1,411 for support for a prior period; 65 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Steven S. Crabtree. Seeking \$4,370 for medical assistance granted; \$367 monthly support plus 76 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Adam Lee Umbaugh. Seeking \$648 monthly support plus 61 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Juan M. Garcia. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$2,700 for medical assistance granted; \$220 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Patina Giren. Seeking \$147 monthly support plus 51 percent of medical

expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

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State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Charles D. Voorhees. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$3,207 for medical assistance granted; \$156 monthly support plus 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. David Lee Hendricks. Seeking \$212 monthly support plus 66 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Eduardo Cabello. Seeking establishment of paternity; 39 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,670 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Jesse H. Bell. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$813 for support for a prior period; \$271 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Frances E. Kisse. Seeking \$561 for support for a prior period; \$228 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces filed

Christina A. Prince vs. Debert L. Prince.

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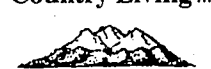
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Prefered. Applications are accepted on-line at www.twinfallscounty.org, or in person at the Human Resources Office (4th floor of the County Courthouse). Deadline for consideration is 5:00 p.m. EDT of Friday, June 4, 2004.

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Elementary Counselor
Special Education School Psychologist
Middle School Social Studies and Science
Part-time Math and Science
Physical Science
Applicant must hold req. certification for position.
For application contact:
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Phone 208-934-4321
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EDUCATION
Filer School District is accepting applications for the following position for the 2004-2005 school year at Filer High School:
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Dear Mr. Wolff: Is there a difference between an action in balancing and in protective suit?

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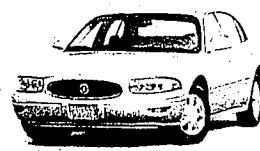
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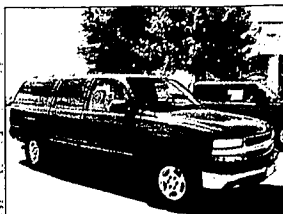
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Living the small-town life

When I was growing up in small-town America, I was like most kids. All we wanted to do was plan our big move to a big city — comedy.

And why not? Even the people in the mid-size towns around us pointed toward us when they told their jokes: "Why don't they drink Kool-Aid? Because they can't figure out how to get two quarts of water into those little envelopes."

We never believed we were dumb. But we did believe that, as long as we lived in a small town, everyone would think we were.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

When I was a teenager, I figured no one in the world had ever been teased more than I was. Then I met my future husband, who was raised on a farm near a small town.

Around him, the jokes flowed like molasses.

"You can always stop a farmer because his dog rides in his truck more than his wife does." Or, "You know you're a farmer if the only time you lock your pick-up is when you go to church on Sunday so nobody will leave a sack of zucchini on the seat."

Our Aunt Wanda once told me about growing up in a farm family of 12.

"Mamma gave the kids a bath on the back porch on Saturday in a water tub, after she had washed the clothes in it," Wanda said. "She would dump each kid in according to age, with the baby getting clean first."

There were seven kids ahead of Wanda, so she usually got a mud bath. "There's must be something true about the beauty benefits of mud packs," she always said, "because I've had a great complexion all my life."

One thing's for sure. In small-town America, everybody knows everybody else — "real good."

I once heard a comedian define a small town as a place where you don't need to use your turn signal because everyone knows where you're going anyway. I've also heard a small town defined as a place where you can dial a wrong number and end up talking 30 minutes anyway.

The other day, a woman was complaining about having a list of 10 phone numbers to reach the three members of her family. No one in my home town would even drink coffee with someone like that. Then or now.

A practical downside to small-town life is that it can be pretty difficult to keep the municipal machinery running smoothly. There are so many people in my home town that my mom gets called for jury duty every few months. But, since she worked with troubled families for 30 years, everyone who gets arrested turns out to be one of her former cases and the lawyers have to excuse her from serving.

Of course, the flip side to that kind of life is that small-town people take care of each other.

Consider my mother, my aunt and my uncle. Three senior citizens siblings living within a block of each other in small-town southern Illinois. They get together every day, to eat lunch and watch "Wheel of Fortune" and take each other's blood pressure. Then, every so often, they invite the mailman to come in and have a piece of lemon angel pie. While he's there, they take his blood pressure, too. I used to check their pulse.

Since I left home, I've lived in five other places, ranging in size from big cities like Cincinnati to middle-sized cities like Twin Falls. The trappings have varied enormously, but the people haven't. Not really.

We have a lot more in common than we think we do.

...but I'll bet most of the people in Caswell Road "at least live rates and one windshield from a paved road."

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Mickey goes platinum

For ordinary folks, Disneyland may just be too expensive anymore

By Matt Lait
Los Angeles Times

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Three nights at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel: \$441.60. Three tickets to Disney's California Adventure: \$139.25. Dinner at Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen: \$117.12.

A three-day weekend at the Disneyland Resort with your wife and two young sons: pricey.

It felt wrong to be spending so much money on a vacation only 20 miles from home. But considering the rising price of gas or the cost of airline tickets for four, a family getaway farther away wouldn't have been much more affordable. And, love it or hate it, Walt Disney Co. usually knows how to show young and old a good time.

When it opened three years ago, though, Disney's California Adventure was a much-maligned theme park, with critics complaining that there were too few rides and attractions. Roy Disney, the nephew of Walt, accused the company of building the park "on the cheap" when he resigned in November from the Disney board of directors.

But attractions have been added in recent years. One of the biggest opened May 5: the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror thrill ride, which cost about \$60 million to build and is popular at Walt Disney World in Florida.

Because we were going to both Disneyland and California Adventure in one weekend, my wife, Leslie, and I thought we would make a vacation out of it and stay at the most affordable of Disney's three hotels, the Paradise Pier, which has access into California Adventure.

With our sons, Riley, 7, and Casey, 19 months, we arrived at the hotel in the late afternoon one Friday a few weeks ago. The accommodations were adequate but not extravagant. Our fourth-floor room cost \$184 a night plus tax and a \$320 daily resort fee that included parking. It had a partial view of the theme park, a portable crib for Casey and a couch that converted into a bed for Riley. There was a small refrigerator for drinks and snacks. Though we didn't use it, a heated swimming pool is open year-round. The biggest disappointment for me was finding a balloon and wadded-up paper plane in the previous guests' in our room, very un-Disney-like.

Disney built its Grand Californian Hotel here and acquired two other existing lodgings — the Disneyland Hotel in 1998 and Paradise Pier, formerly the Pan Pacific, in 1995. The Paradise Pier's best feature is its location: next to California Adventure and Downtown Disney, an open-air shopping and dining district.



Guests enjoy a cool spray of mist near the Hollywood Tower Hotel, the setting for the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror thrill ride earlier in the year.

Adventure and Downtown Disney, an open-air shopping and dining district. We spent our first evening walking around Downtown Disney window shopping and listening to the talented street performers, such as bluesman Brother Yuself, who plays a mean acoustic guitar. When Casey stopped dancing to Yuself's riffs, he was drawn to the district's water fountains. He would have jumped in if he weren't grabbed in the nick of time.

For dinner, we ate at Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen, a New Orleans-influenced restaurant with a festive atmosphere. But

the food was expensive, lukewarm and just not that good. I had the pasta jambalaya and Leslie had beef filets with gulf shrimp. We both were underwhelmed. Riley, however, had the children's spaghetti plate and declared it the best he'd ever had. Clearly he was in some sort of Disney euphoria, anticipating the next day's trek into California Adventure.

Despite its bad rap, California Adventure is every bit as good, if not better, than Disneyland. Although the park has fewer rides than the Magic Kingdom, it did create A Bug's Land, which opened

about 18 months ago with four new rides and a water play area, all largely geared for young children. There are new shows such as "Playhouse Disney — Live on Stage," the intemperate "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire — Play It" and a musical production based on the story of Aladdin. In the evening, the Main Street Electrical Parade — once a mainstay at Disneyland — makes the rounds at California Adventure. The Tower of Terror ride had not yet opened but is expected to be one of the park's main attractions.

The additional complements the park's marquee rides, such as the California Screamin' roller coaster and Soarin' Over California, which simulates a hang-glider ride across the state.

The scents of saltwater, oranges and pine trees waft past as you float over the Golden State's beaches, groves and forests.

There are two things I like the most about California Adventure: the lack of crowds and the booze.

California Adventure is less stressful to visit than Disneyland. The wide walkways rarely seem congested, and the lines are relatively short. According to industry analysts, attendance last year at California Adventure was 5.3 million guests compared with Disneyland's 12.7 million.

I'm glad the place is less popular. More space for me.

And there's nothing like an ice-cold beer or frosty margarita to take the edge off the running around. A pint of a Karl Strauss microbrew runs a little more than \$5 — cheaper and better than what you'd find at Dodger Stadium. In summer, water attractions such as Grizzly River Run also help cool you off.

Because we were staying next to the park, we were able to go to breakfast and still arrive before the gates opened. We ate in Downtown Disney at the Rainforest Cafe, an elaborate, jungle-themed restaurant with animatronic beasts that came to life every 15 minutes or so as thunder boomed and lightning flashed. Although Riley enjoyed the tropical ambience, Casey was more than slightly concerned when the stuffed gorilla suddenly began roaring and pounding its chest. Casey had heard. Riley had scrambled eggs and potatoes, and Leslie and I ordered the Mexican egg quesadilla.

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Super-sized Film attacks America's fast-food culture

Los Angeles Times

The 33-year-old New Yorker's order may not sound unusual in a nation where one in four people dines at a fast-food restaurant every day. But why is Morgan Spurlock, who is in town to promote his documentary "Super Size Me," a pointed attack against America's fast-food diet and culture, eating this way in front of a reporter?

"I love burgers," says Spurlock, whose film chronicles his 30-day eating binge at McDonald's, a period during which he gained 25 pounds. "I just eat them maybe one every six months."

That message — the need for a sense of proportion in matters of diet and exercise — is precisely the one that Spurlock hopes his film, opening this weekend, will convey. And many health professionals seem to be cheering him on. Those active in the nation's effort to cope with rising obesity rates are excited to have, for the first time, a movie that aspires to deliver a powerful dietary message to an overweight nation.

"While this topic has clearly been on the public health radar for some time, it really hasn't been for much of the general public," says Dr. Charles Baum, director of the Nutrition and Disease Prevention Center at the Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, Ill. "A movie is going to raise awareness in a way that public health officials could never do on their own."

For its part, McDonald's calls Spurlock's film "over the top," "irresponsible" and a "stunt full of distortions," according to Walt Riker, a spokesman for the giant restaurant chain, based in Oak Brook, Ill.

"What you're watching is gluttony



Morgan Spurlock, 33, sits next to a poster promoting his documentary 'Super Size Me,' a pointed attack against America's fast-food diet and culture.

and sloth," adds Cathy Kopica, McDonald's director of global nutrition, who says she has viewed the film. "It's about extreme behavior, and it's a lost opportunity in terms of encouraging smart choices in diet and exercise."

Spurlock acknowledges that the situation depicted in the film — eating every meal for a month at McDonald's — is unrealistic. Still, he says it is in-

structive, considering the dietary habits and lifestyles of many Americans.

In the film, Spurlock states that almost a quarter of McDonald's customers dine at the restaurant more than three times per week. And, he points out, Americans spend almost half their food budget on eating out, while recent research has shown that the portion sizes and calorie counts of restaurant meals are considered major contributors to America's obesity epidemic.

"So when they're not eating at McDonald's, they're either at another fast-food place or something like the Outback Steakhouse," Spurlock says. "Am I supposed to believe the rest of the time, then, they're at home eating tofu and brown rice?"

To further mimic the average American, Spurlock sharply reduced his physical activity during filming. The average American walks only about 2,000 steps per day, so Spurlock stopped riding his bicycle to and from work in New York City — roughly, a five-mile round trip — and didn't go to the gym, as was his habit.

The McDonald's diet coincided with dramatic changes in Spurlock's health and appearance. His body-fat composition went from 11 percent to 18 percent. His blood pressure rose from 120/80 to

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AFTER THE AFFAIR: How to confront spouse's infidelity

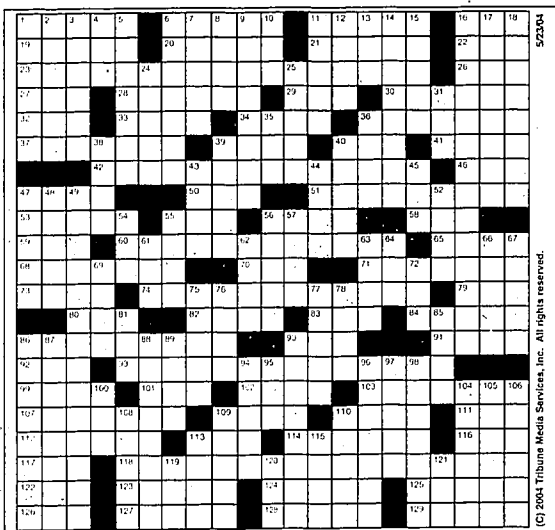
The first step for scorned spouses who want to restore their marital love life, says marriage and relationship coach Penny Tapp, is coming up with a plan:

- Her list of dos:
 - Confront your spouse with what you know about the affair, derived from phone records, credit-card charges or other evidence.
 - Talk honestly about how your spouse's unfaithfulness makes you feel.
 - Express your love and your wish to continue the marriage.
 - Tell your spouse you're willing to try whatever is necessary to be the partner he or she really wants.
 - Insist on a reasonable degree of accountability for such things as time away from home and monetary expenditures.
 - Ask that your spouses contact with his or her lover stop.
 - Ask your spouse to leave if the request isn't met.

- Her list of don'ts:
 - Don't ask, "How dare you?"
 - Don't ask, "Have you lost your morals?"
 - Don't ask, "Have you gone crazy?"

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FAMILY LIFE



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SENIOR CALENDAR

Shakeup: All about 'temblor'

Twin Falls Senior Center

533 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday: Hawaiian chicken, potato salad, peas with onions, Jell-O salad, muffin, cake

Tuesday: Turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, spinach, roll, bowl of fruit, cookie

Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, ice cream and cake

Thursday: Summer salad bar, barbecue on a bun

Friday: Spaghetti, green tossed salad, creamed peas, french bread, dessert

Activities:
Today: Closed
Monday: Quilting Exercise

Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure

Wednesday: Quilting
Elks Card Club
Foot Clinic

Exercise Class
Birthday dinner
Thursday: Center pinocchio

Friday: Quilting
Lunch
Blood pressure
Exercise class

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Today: Barbecue chicken dinner

Monday: Chef's salad, fresh fruit, bread, cream pie

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, peas, carrots, apple salad, bread, molasses cookie

Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, carrots, mixed fruit, bread, tapioca pudding

Activities:
Today: Sunday buffet, 1 p.m. \$4 for seniors, \$4.50 under age 60

BJ & Friends
Monday: Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.

Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich with gravy

Thursday: Fried chicken, birthday day

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, curly fries, carrots, cottage cheese, fruit, cookies

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic bread, corn, green salad, lemon bar

Wednesday: Chicken strips, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread pudding, Jell-O fruit

Thursday: Polish sausage, krunn, scalloped potatoes, fruit salad, apple cobbler

Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, yams, three-bean salad, cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Jefferson school students

Tuesday: Election
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.

Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.

Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Monday: Hot pork sandwich, gravy, bread, potato salad, tossed salad, fruit cocktail

Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, peas

Friday: Liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, Medcorm, tossed salad, bread and butter, Jell-O

Activities:
Monday: Board meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Crafts, 1 p.m.

Friday: Bingo, 1:15 a.m.

Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Monday: Meatballs, mushroom gravy, noodles, broccoli, celery bread, peas

Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, stir fry veggie, Waldorf salad, bread, devil's food cake

Wednesday: Sloppy Joes on a bun, potato wedges, Medcorm pickled beet salad, raisin muffin, apricots

Thursday: Pit ham, potatoes and gravy, brussel sprouts, penny carrot salad, roll, strawberry shortcake

Activities:
Monday: 55 and alive, 8 a.m. to noon

Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 55 and alive, 8 a.m. to noon

Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Massages, 10:15 a.m.

Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting and sewing, 9 a.m.

Birthday dinner, noon
Sing-a-long, 12:30 a.m.

Pinocle, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.

Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Medcan train, 1 p.m.

Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Monday: Turkey
Wednesday: Beef stew
Friday: Pizza

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donations for seniors \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.

Tuesday: are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Monday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, applesauce, cake and ice cream

Thursday: Spaghetti, french beans, salad, orange, green bread, dessert

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Hot dog bar, 6 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Monday: Enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, cornbread, zucchini cake

Thursday: Chili dogs, relish tray, key lime pie

Friday: Roast pork, squash casserole, green salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot dinner rolls, birthday cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Exercise, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Scrapbooking, 10 a.m.

Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily, cookies

Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, five-way mixed vegetables, green salad, hot dinner rolls, birthday cake and ice cream

Thursday: Ham salad sandwich, bean soup, pumpkin pie

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Monday: French dip au jus, hotie bun, seasoned potato wedges, broccoli, coleslaw, orange slice, southern coconut pie

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, hot wheat rolls, green-beans, scalloped-tomatoes, baked apples, sherbert and chocolate cake

Friday: Picnic at Hop Porter Park, hamburger, hot dogs, frosted chocolate cupcakes

Activities:
Monday: Craters of the moon, 10 a.m.

Tuesday: Massage, 10 a.m.

New drug coverage under Medicare, 10:30 a.m.

Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Meet with the pharmacist, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday: Carey exercise, 10 a.m.

Hailey exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Lunch at Hop Porter Park at noon

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 466-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Monday: Fruit juice, lasagna, peas, carrots, tossed salad, bread

Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, parried potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, bread

Thursday: Fruit juice, oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, country mixed veggies, bread

Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.

Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on most days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 is \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Monday: Stuffed pasta shells, California blend veggies, garlic bread, dessert

Wednesday: Meatball sandwich, soup, carrot and raisin apples

Friday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, zucchini, rolls, cake and ice cream

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.

Monday: Chicken ala king

Tuesday: Coleealy, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry crisp, biscuits

Wednesday: Apple salad, pork chops, potato casserole, veggies, rolls, ice cream

Thursday: Chef salad, fruit bowl, Texas toast, cake

Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

SHIBA assistance, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Yard Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Monday: Pepper steak, rice, corn, egg roll, coleslaw, lemon bar

Tuesday: Beef stew, ham salad sandwich, peach Jell-O fruit, brownies

Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas, fried rice, refried beans, Medcorm corn, peach pie

Thursday: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, ship Jell-O, strawberry shortcake

Friday: Hamburgers, salads, desserts, picnic style

Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Tuesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.

Dominoes, 10 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.

DEAR EDITOR: I have always wondered about a couple of words having to do with earthquakes. First, I'd like to know where the word "temblor" comes from — it always seems like it ought to be "tremor" instead. Second, for whom is the Richter scale named, and how exactly does it work?

—B.L., Detroit, Michigan

DEAR B.L.: A synonym for "earthquake," "temblor" owes its existence as an English word in part to the presence of a large Hispanic population in the southwestern United States and in part to the activities of the San Andreas Fault. It is taken directly from Spanish, in which its literal meaning is "trembling." It became established as an English word in the early 20th century, when it was widely used in reports of California earthquakes, including the one that nearly destroyed San Francisco in 1906.

The tendency among some speakers and writers unfamiliar with Spanish has been to make "temblor" more recognizably English by inserting an "r" after the initial "t," and sometimes also by changing the "o" to an "e." Our files contain evidence for both "temblor" and "tremblor," but "temblor" is still by far the usual spelling and is still regarded by the usual writers and editors as the only correct one.

The Richter scale is named for Charles F. Richter, an American seismologist who helped to develop it in the 1930s. The scale is logarithmic — an increase of

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150/100. His total cholesterol shot up from 165 to 230.

He also complained of mood swings, heart palpitations and chest pains. After three weeks, he developed a fatty liver, unable to efficiently metabolize the excessive accumulation of triglycerides flooding his system. Three doctors monitoring his health during the 30-day period urged him to quit his experiment immediately to safeguard his health.

"The fast-food film represents a fast forward in people's lives," Spurlock says. "If you eat a high-fat, high-sugar diet and overconsume and underexercise, you will probably be shaving 10, 20, maybe 30 years off your life span because of something you have control over today."

Weight gain for most people is, of course, far less theatrical than it was for Spurlock. Most tend to gain a pound or two a year, but that can add up to a result in becoming overweight or obese.

"It creeps up on you," Baum says. "The health effects are insidious." Overweight resulting from poor eating habits and sedentary lifestyles accounts for about 400,000 deaths per year, making it second only to tobacco use or exposure as the leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

Spurlock and McDonald's do

WORDWATCH

Merriam-Webster's Medical Desk Dictionary, Dr. John H. Dirck discusses the background of this practice.

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agree on one point: the need to make nutrition information more easily available for the restaurant's customers. Spurlock couldn't find nutritional charts at half the McDonald's outlets in Manhattan. "You can't call for personal responsibility and not have nutritional information," he says.

McDonald's Riker says every U.S. outlet should have that information readily available to customers. By the end of the year, all tray liners at every McDonald's in the nation will have nutritional information printed on them, he says.

The information can also be found on the McDonald's Web site, www.mcdonalds.com, by calling the company's toll-free number, (877) 623-3663.

Recovering from the fast-food diet was almost as difficult as starting it, Spurlock says. His girlfriend, Alexandra Jameson, a vegan who also quit eating meat in the film, placed him on special diet that eliminated all dairy, meat, sugar, caffeine and refined carbohydrates.

Instead he ate lots of fresh vegetables and drank vegetable juice and water. In an effort to determine the role of diet in his weight gain, he maintained his low level of physical activity. After two months, he dropped 10 pounds.

The remaining 15 pounds came off more slowly. He quit the vegan diet and started eating a wide range of foods,

including meat, as he had done before the filming. He says he didn't deny himself any foods but concentrated on keeping portion sizes small. It was only two weeks ago — some 14 months later — that he finally lost all the weight.

"It was one of those things where I'd take off two pounds and gain back three," says Spurlock, who has resumed going to the gym and committing to exercise. "It was really hard to lose the weight."

Spurlock hopes his film will illuminate two factors that many experts say are key to rising rates of childhood obesity: school lunches and a lack of physical education. The film shows what's commonly served at school lunch counters and, as Spurlock describes it, they "look like a 7-11 store" — pizza, cheeseburgers, French fries and high-sugar desserts and drinks.

McDonald's says the trials for the film were conducted in October 2003.

Disney

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filling but not all that tasty. Like everything else surrounding the parks, the restaurant was expensive.

After breakfast our plan was to hit the popular rides at California Adventure early, when there were no lines. I must confess, I tend to

WORLD WAR II DEDICATION



Ablon, Almo and Declo American Legion Posts are sponsoring a ceremony on May 29 in conjunction with the World War II Memorial Dedication being held in Washington, D.C. The local event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a flag raising in the Ablon City Park followed by a program in the new Ablon Fire Station meeting room. Certificates of appreciation will be presented to local World War II veterans and the families of deceased veterans. Committee members working on details of the event are, from left, front: Keith Amonde, Stan Lloyd, Jacob Cole, Ed Pace, Darrell Hatfield, Charlotte Bossert and Don Danner.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jayden Michel Gough, son of Katie Deon Kendall and Anthony Dustin Gough of Castleford, was born Thursday, May 6, 2004.
 Matthew Floyd Young, son of Melody Mae and Timothy Earl Young of Jerome, was born Tuesday, May 11, 2004.
 Genevieve Jane Dominique Pullin, daughter of Brooke Donna Marie and George Anthony Pullin of Fairfield, was born Thursday, May 13, 2004.
 Taylor Marie German, daughter of Nicole Maria and Jess James German of Jerome, was born Thursday, May 13, 2004.
 Candido Alejandro Sakagawa-Juarez, son of Jennifer Fujiko and Isidro Artega Juarez of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 13, 2004.
 Elizabeth Helen Miller, daughter of Angela Marie and Joshua Francis Miller of Filer, was born Thursday, May 13, 2004.
 Alisa Marie Perez, daughter of Teresa Lee and Jaime Perez

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 Or fax to: 734-5538.
 Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
 More information? Call 735-3278

15, 2004.
 Tessa Rose Nebeker, daughter of Jill Andrea and Tracy Reese Nebeker of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, May 15, 2004.
 Ruby Sky Moyes, daughter of Mendi Chrisam and Douglas William Moyes of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, May 16, 2004.
 Shaun Troy Helner, son of Christine Arlene Kostelansky of Jerome, was born Monday, May 17, 2004.
 Zachary James Larsen, son of Jessica Jean and Raymond Ellis Larsen of Jerome, was born Monday, May 17, 2004.
 Noah Asay Andrus, son of Lyn and Cody G. Andrus of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 17, 2004.

Home births

Magala Maray Arcos Arre-villaga, daughter of Vilma Magali Arre-villaga and Victor Manuel Arcos of Jerome, was born Monday, May 3, 2004.
 Maycee Lavina Young, daughter of Lavina Young and Brandon Young of Jerome, was born Saturday, May 15, 2004.

SERVICE NEWS

Long graduates from training in Fort Benning

Army Pvt. Justin M. Long has graduated from One Station Unit Training at the U.S. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning at Columbus, Ga.

The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training. During basic training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military customs and courtesies, map reading, tactics, basic rifle marksmanship, physical fitness, field training and first aid. He developed combat skills and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

He is the son of Leslie Long of Heyburn. Long is a 2003 graduate of Burley High School.

Webster earns honors at U.S. Air Force Academy

Air Force Cadet Chase M. Webster has earned honors with placement on the commandant's and dean's lists at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 The merit lists recognize cadets for achieving outstanding military performance and academic excellence by maintaining a 3.0 or better military

performance grade and grade point average for a semester, respectively.

The academy is a four-year military institution of higher learning that provides instruction, education, training and experience in academics, military training, aviation and armsmanship programs, physical training, athletic conditioning and spiritual and ethical development to all cadets.

Webster is pursuing a bachelor's degree in aerospace studies at the academy. He is the son of John and Kay Webster of Rupert and a 2003 graduate of Minico High School.

Rasmussen graduates from training at Fort

Army National Guard Maj. Thomas R. Rasmussen, has graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Intermediate Level Education Common Core Course at Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth, Kan.

Active duty and reserve component students are integrated with service members from all branches of the U.S. military with different career fields, as well as international students. The course prepares selected military officers, reserve and active duty, as commanders and principal staff officers. Mid-career military officers are prepared to focus on war-fighting leadership positions in Army, joint, multilateral and interagency organizations. Primary emphasis is placed on Army field participation for

joint or combined operations and provides a broad base of warfighting skills and knowledge. Rasmussen is an operations and training officer assigned to the 116th Engineer Battalion in Leiston. He has served in the military for 22 years.

He is the son of Dale W. Rasmussen of Rupert, and husband of Jeanie L. Rasmussen of Emmett. He is a 1980 graduate of Minico High School, Rupert. He received a bachelor's degree in 1986 from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and a master's degree in 1997 from the University of Alaska at Anchorage.

De La Rosa participates in seizure of drugs

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Andy De La Rosa Jr., son of Dianne and Andy De La Rosa of Burley, participated in the seizure of an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of \$11 million, after intercepting a small Arabian sea vessel in the North Arabian Sea, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home-based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

These interceptions are designed to hinder the funding of terrorist organizations by denying the use of the seas for the smuggling of illegal contraband.

De La Rosa is a 2001 graduate of Burley High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 2001.

Community celebrates Arbor day

By Elisabeth A. Devena
 Special to The Times-News

JEROME - More than 70 people of all ages attended the recent Arbor Day Celebration at North Side Park. The city planted six trees in various parks in observance of Arbor Day.

Mano Schmidt, council president for Jerome City Council, read the city ordinance that proclaimed that Arbor Day would be observed this year on April 29. Schmidt said that the warmer weather this year probably contributed to the increased attendance.

"Last year it was so rainy that they had two big canopies set up," Schmidt said.

Children from Head Start attended, along with middle school teacher Helen Iverson, who brought her seventh-grade math class.

"This is so great to have these little kids participate," Schmidt said. "Now, they are going to say, in 20 years, 'Look at that tree. I helped plant it.'"

"The environmental studies group from the high school also helped with planting the trees."

"I like being outside and learning," said member Ashlee Barber. "It was really easy to get into."

Steve Hoffman, arborist for the city of Jerome, helped to coordinate the tree planting for Arbor Day.

The city had received a \$403 gift certificate from the Mid-Snake Resource Conservation and Development District to



Children from the Jerome Head Start and seventh-graders from Helen Iverson's math class help plant a tree for Arbor day. We have trees outside my room that were planted three years ago, Iverson said.

help purchase the trees. The city added \$179 to buy the six trees.

"The first tree we planted for the Arbor Day celebration was to replace a tree that had been removed," Hoffman said. "A lot of

trees in the parks are in need of replacement, especially in North and South Parks."

Elisabeth A. Devena is North Side News editor.

Plano students hold recital this week

TWIN FALLS - Plano students of Georgia Blastock of Filer will perform at an annual ensemble recital at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Welch's Music recital hall.
 Liz Woods, Keaton Wilson, Ashley Watkins and Jessica Seppi are members of a piano quartet who will be featured. Musical parents also will perform with student members of their family. The event is free.

Job's Daughters Bethel 43 holds fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS - Job's Daughters Bethel 43 is holding a fund-raiser to help with expenses for Grand Session, education and the honored guests project - the Women's Crisis Center. Members are selling tickets for a chance to win a trip for two to Seattle. The trip includes round-trip airfare from Twin Falls or Boise, choice of hotel and transfers. Tickets are \$25 each, and only 100 tickets will be sold.

The drawing will be held June 7. Participants do not need to be present to win. The value of the trip is non-refundable but may be put toward the purchase of another trip.
 Job's Daughters is a service and leadership organization for young women ages 11 to 18. For more information or to purchase tickets, call facinda at

539-1127 or Lisa at 420-2731 or any Bethel 43 member.

College for Kids classes start at CSI

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern is now taking registrations for all College for Kids classes running throughout the summer.
 "Green Thumbs and Kids" is designed to introduce children going into grades 2-4 how to build a terrarium to take home. They are asked to bring four packages of seeds for flowers and/or vegetables to class. This class takes place from 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 8-24. The cost is \$45 plus \$10 paid to the instructor for supplies.

For more information, to register, or to obtain a listing of all College for Kids classes, call 732-6299 or 732-6280.

CSI North Side Center offers several classes

TWIN FALLS - A variety of adult enrichment classes are available at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding this summer. Offerings include "Summer Yoga," "Ballroom Dance," "Cecarnie Sun Bird feeder," "Conversational Spanish" and "Container Gardening."
 "Thrilling History: The Da Vinci Code" will explore facts

behind the popular novel. "Computers Made Simple 2" will help expand students' basic computing skills at a comfortable pace. Students for this class "will have basic computer knowledge and be familiar with the keyboard and the mouse."

"Dutch Oven Cooking: Basque Food" combines two favorite cuisines in one class. This demonstration class, held at the Basque Cultural Center, located at the intersection of Highway 26 and Highway 46 in Gooding, will introduce students to cast iron cooking methods while preparing Basque favorites.
 Summer 2004 classes begin on June 7. For more information on registration or the courses, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678, or stop by the office at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

CSI offers weight lifting class for women

BURLINGAME - The College of Southern Idaho is offering "Ladies Weight Lifting on the West Side." The class will meet between 6:30-7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from June 2 through Aug. 30 in Buhl Middle School, 217 Seventh N. The cost is \$100.
 Students will meet in a hands-on environment to work on exercises designed to improve muscle tone. Instructor Marcy Cline will train students using a tailored program that

includes circuit training with free weights and machines.

For more information or to register, call 732-6288.

Cassia 4-H enrollment deadline nears

BURLINGAME - The enrollment deadline for the Cassia County 4-H program is May 29. Members "can add or drop projects up to July 1. No one can add an animal project after the designated ownership date and weigh-ins.
 For more information, call 878-9461.

Registration forms are available for 4-H camp

BURLINGAME - "A Pirates Life" is the theme for this year's 4-H camp.

The camp is open to young people in grades three through eight and 4-H membership is not required.
 Registration forms are available at Cassia and Minidoka County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension offices in Burley and Rupert.
 Early bird registration is \$90 for 4-H members and \$95 for non-members. Early registration deadline is May 29 through June 11 and is \$100 for 4-H members and \$105 for non-members. Late registration is June 12-21 and is \$115 for 4-H

members and \$120 for non-members. There are also scholarships available from the extension offices.

For more information, call 878-9461 or 436-7184.

Combined class reunion is planned

HAZELTON - The class of 1979 of Valley High School is having a combined reunion and inviting the classes of 1978 and 1980.

The reunion will be held June 25 at the Landmark in Hazelton. Reservation slips must be turned in to get a head count for the dinner.

For more information, call Angie-Holland-Homer at 436-5747 or Toni Schwartz Champlin at 734-0750.

Artwork is needed for Cassia fair books

BURLINGAME - "Yesterday's Tomorrows" has been chosen as the winning entry and will be the theme for the 2004 Cassia County Fair, Hortico and Parade.
 The Cassia County parade committee is accepting art entries that correlate with "Yesterday's Tomorrows" to be considered in a contest for the cover of the fair premium book. All entries must be in black and white and no larger than 7 inches high by 6 inches wide. A prize of \$50 will be awarded for the

winning entry. The entry deadline is May 31.

Entries should be mailed to: Cassia County Parade Committee, c/o Kelly Johannsen, 216 Dennis Drive, Burley, ID 83318.



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ANNIVERSARIES

THE CHENEYS

GOODING — The family of Victor and Gladys Cheney will honor their parents on their 67th wedding anniversary with a celebration to be held later in the summer.

Victor Cheney and Gladys Perry were married May 6, 1937, in Tuttle.

They have been long-time residents of Gooding.

She worked in nursing for 30 years, first at Gooding Memorial Hospital and then at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

He farmed, drove truck and school bus for many years, was car salesman for Bert Harbaugh and had a drilling business for five years.

They have five children, Kyle Cheney of Centralia, Wash., Wayne (JoMarie) Cheney of Caldwell, Jim (Carol) Cheney of Burley, Frank (Sharon) Cheney of Gooding and Suzanne (Roger) Anderson of Twin Falls.



Gladys and Victor Cheney
The couple has 21 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

THE RICKETTS

JEROME — Clair and Virginia Ricketts of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 30, at the Jerome Presbyterian Church. No gifts, please.

They were married June 3, 1934, in Bozeman, Mont. Since his discharge from the Army Air Corps in 1946, they have resided on the ranch at Falls City, where he was born.

He is a retired farmer. He served on the Snake River Scout Council, was a leader in Troop 141 and the Order of the Arrow, and a recipient of the Silver Beaver award.

She was Jerome County clerk, a member of the board of directors for the Idaho State Historical Society, and served on the State Historical Records Advisory Board. She is a local historian and writer.



Virginia and Clair Ricketts
They are members of the Jerome Presbyterian Church and have served in many of its offices. They have been active in many community organizations including the Jerome County Historical Society and Oregon California Trails Association.

They have three children, Alan (Jan) Ricketts of Meridian, Dennis Ricketts of Wendell and Don (Eda) Ricketts of Highlands Ranch, Colo.

The couple has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

TAYLOR-ADAMS

BURLEY — Michele Taylor and Martin Adams were married April 17.

A small family wedding was held at the Kyle Adams residence in Burley.

Bishop Randy Hardy officiated the ceremony.

Children of the bride and groom served as wedding attendants, which included Bryce Adams, Whitney Fennell, Blake Adams, McKinli Fennell, Karli Adams and Mattisyn Fennell.

Parents of the bride are Zen and Colleen Taylor of Almo.

Parents of the groom are Kyle and Laurel Adams of Burley.



Martin and Michele Adams
The bride is the owner of a web site company 4UtahKidz.com. The bridegroom is an agent for Farm Bureau Insurance in Burley.

WARD-JAMES

ALMO — Kari Edna Ward and Mitchell Luke James were married May 18.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Venna Ward of Almo.

The bridegroom is the son of Dennis and June James of Elba.

The bride is a graduate of Hat River High School and is attending Boise State University.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Hat River High School and has served an LDS mission in Birmingham, England. He is employed by the Bureau of Land Management.



Mitchell and Kari James
A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at 2697 Elba-Almo Highway in Almo.

DAVIS-ANDERSEN

BURLEY — Steven Davis and Tina Davis, both of Burley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Sarah Davis, to Zachary Todd Andersen, son of Todd and Margy Andersen of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Davis is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Andersen also is attending BYU in Provo and will graduate in August.



Zachary Andersen and Stephanie Davis
The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 29, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 11, at the Unity LDS Church, 275 S. 240 E., Burley.

JAROLIMEK-MCKENZIE

RUPEHI — Kent and Mary Ann Spaulding of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Jarolimek, to Jared McKenzie, son of John and Joyce McKenzie of West Virginia.

Jarolimek is a graduate of Minico High School and is attending Idaho State University. Jarolimek and McKenzie are both members of the Idaho National Guard.



Jared McKenzie and Jamie Jarolimek
The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the John and Ramona Callaham residence, 2151 Holsten, Heyburn. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Callaham residence.

HILL-BRINKERHOFF

BURLEY — Randy and Carla Hill of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Hill, to Tim Brinkerhoff, son of Tom and Yvonne Brinkerhoff of Heyburn.

Hill is a 1996 graduate of Declo High School and a 1999 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed as manager of Payless ShoeSource in Burley.

Brinkerhoff is a 1981 graduate of Clearwater Valley High School. He is employed as an engineer at Eastern Idaho Railroad in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Best



Andrea Hill and Tim Brinkerhoff
Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave., Burley. A reception to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony at the same location.

ADAME-PORTAL

TWIN FALLS — Arnaldo and Rosa Adame of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Mathilda Adame, to Manuel Vargas Portal, son of Hector Manuel and Luisa Vargas Portal of Caracas, Venezuela.

Adame is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Portal is a graduate of Antonio Ortega Ordonez in Caracas, Venezuela.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12, at the Idaho



Cynthia Adame and Manuel Portal
Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at 1670 Saratoga in Pocatello.

PATTERSON-RODEMAN

TWIN FALLS — John T. Patterson of Bend, Ore., and Marilyn Chandler of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Patterson, to Rick Rodeman, son of Wayne Rodeman of Honduras and Gloria Rodeman of Marysville, Calif.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the First Baptist Church in Filer. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at In His Name Christian Fellowship in Filer.



Michelle Patterson and Rick Rodeman

SCHENK-HEPWORTH

HEYBURN — Russell and Lisa Patterson of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kae Schenk, to Aaron Bray Hepworth, son of Bill and Bonnie Hepworth of Rupert.

Schenk graduated as valedictorian from Minico High School in 2001. She has attended Idaho State University for the past three years. While at ISU, she served as a counselor for the Institute Women Association for the LDS Church. She will graduate with a double major in accounting and business finance in December 2005.



Aaron Hepworth and Amanda Schenk

Hepworth graduated from Minico High School in 2000. He attended Utah State University for two years and transferred to ISU for the past year and a half. He will graduate with a double major in business finance and business management in December 2005.

The wedding is planned for

Saturday, May 29, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward building, 530 Villa Drive.

The couple will reside in Pocatello, where they will continue their education.

MARSH-CARTER

TWIN FALLS — David and Wendy Marsh of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Elaine Marsh, to Jonathon William Carter, son of James and Martha Fleener of Hollister.



Nicole Marsh and Jonathon Carter
Twin Falls.

Marsh is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Carter is a graduate of Filer High School. He is serving in the Air Force and is stationed at Ft. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the church.

LYNCH-ALBERTSON

TWIN FALLS — Ken Lynch and Jan Lynch, both of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Lynch, to Kyle Albertson, son of Melodie Jensen and Kevin Albertson of Washington.



Kyle Albertson and Danielle Lynch
Twin Falls.

Lynch is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, seeking a degree in business management. She is employed at Con Paul's Inc. in Twin Falls.

Albertson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending CSI, seeking a degree in computer graphic design. He is employed at Best Buy in

The wedding is planned for Friday, June 18, at The White House in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

BROWN-WALKER

JEROME — Reed and Leslie Brown of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin Brooke Brown, to Lucas Wayne Walker, son of Brent and Cindy Walker of Kimberly.

Brown attended Northwest Nazarene University. She is attending the College of Southern Idaho and will graduate in May 2005.

Walker graduated from CSI and attended Northland Baptist Bible College. He is employed at Mayer Appraisal and Associates in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for



Lucas Walker and Caitlin Brown
Saturday, June 26, at the Brown residence in Jerome. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

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Avoid the terrible two in quest to stay thin

The Associated Press

texture teach children to prefer sweeter, fattier foods, Sears says, putting them on the road to being overweight.

A simple way to help prevent obesity, pediatrician William Sears tells the *Talk* magazine, is to avoid two food ingredients that provide nothing but empty calories — corn syrup (or high-fructose corn syrup) and hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oils.

You'll find one or both listed among the ingredients of many packaged cookies, crackers, bakery goods and other snacks.

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Smoke wagons

Charley Cline and "Mexican Joe" — the cowboys tending Point Ranch, 30 miles south of Twin Falls — had just finished their supper on a dark and stormy May 1907 evening. Charley was doing the dishes, and Joe was strumming a sentimental tune on his guitar, when a strange sound suddenly filled the air. "Sounds like a stampede," said Joe, as he headed for the door, "but there's no stock around here." "Beats me," said Charley as he hung up the dishcloth.

Then a flash of light came through the ranch house window, which Joe thought might be a thunderstorm approaching. When the two wranglers went to the door and opened it they were blinded by an intense, unrecognizable beam of light. According to report, Joe began muttering prayers in Spanish while crying that it was a "volcano spewing lava," and "he and Charley were goners." Just then Joe's horse came to the door, whimpering pathetically, and before Charley could bar the way, the animal rushed inside the house.

The strange light and throbbing sound grew nearer and nearer until, at last, a dark green object was seen to sweep around the corner of the corral and stop in front of the house. The volcano, it seems, was simply the first automobile ever to come to that vicinity. The operators of this "stink wagon" were

three-men from Butte, Mont., who were on their way to the mining town of Contact, Nev.

While Charley got some supper for the travelers, Joe threw a pitchfork full of hay in front of the green monster and retreated to his guitar.

"Autocars" were very much a novelty in the United States for the first few years after Twin Falls' founding. A handful were in use in Pocatello, Idaho and other established towns, but it wasn't until May 1905 that Magic Valley saw its first, when entrepreneur Fred Reed brought one to Burley for use on an "automobile express" route between that town and Oakley.

Reed claimed that the mules of Burley intended going on strike at the first whiff of gasoline and had agreed not to haul any disabled "smoke wagons" that might fall by the wayside.

On Jan. 11, 1906, a lawyer

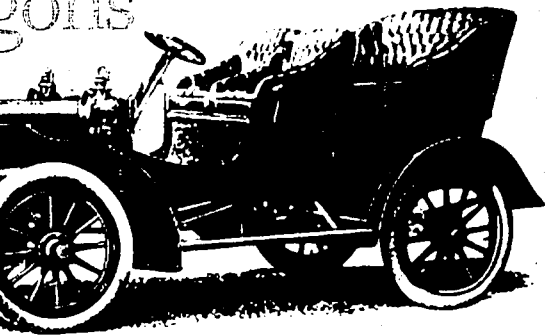


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1905 Buick Model B.

Come to Magic Valley

BEGINNING OF THE END FOR HORSE AND BUGGY ERA



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

named Marlin Sweeney brought the first auto to Twin Falls. When the one-cylinder "run-about" was being unloaded, a frightened horse ran away and was said to have crashed through the window of a barbershop, much to the astonishment of its occupants.

There were only several hundred miles of paved roads in the entire United States, so cross-country trips were high adventure, and certainly not for the faint of heart. The prudent motorist always carried materials for repair of flat tires, as well as a winch, a rope and a dead-mallet to haul himself out of trouble.

Today we can jump in our cars and whiz to and from Boise in several hours each way. But when James Clinton and Craig Coffin drove here from the capital city in late October 1906, en-

route to Salt Lake City, it took them 4 1/2 days. Their route, much of which was over uneven roads, deep with sand, took them via Orchard, Mountain Home, Clover Creek, Bliss and Hagerman. From the latter place they took the north side of the river to the Blue Lakes, where they crossed on Perrine's ferry.

The car was reported to have "shied a little on the ferry and showed a disposition to duck" the spray at Perrine Coulee, but otherwise behaved splendidly, climbing the steep south side grade at 4 mph. The run from the top of the grade to the Hotel Perrine in the center of town was negotiated in seven minutes. The travelers went on to Salt Lake City and, upon their safe return to Boise, the editor of the *Twin Falls News* declared that their journey had established the practicability of autos as road machines.

But there were many people who refused to admit that any machine could ever replace the horse. Said one national farm magazine: "The automobile has been making considerable noise the past few years and cutting up capers and people, while the horse has been quietly eating out ... Horses have

been steadily going up, which is better than 'blowing up' as the automobile has been doing ... Automobiles may come and go ... but his majesty the horse remains, monarch of the road ... No machine ever built or still un-invented will successfully dispute his reign ... not while the automobile remains blind to your actions of kindness and dumb to the sound of your voice, nor while the horse is the delightful company he is."

More and more people in Twin Falls bought cars over the next two years. One of them was Mayor Fred Voigt, who in July 1908 ordered a 50-horsepower Northern road car and then began showing an unusual interest in the condition of the roads on the tract. It was, perhaps, no coincidence that his associates on the City Council passed an ordinance, about the same time, limiting automobile speeds to 8 mph within the city limits. The editor of the *Twin Falls News* nonetheless advised citizens to keep their dogs and chickens out of the road until Voigt "gained steering-awageway."

Early in 1909 the city got its first auto dealership when Carl Lind started selling Buick

Dan Patch

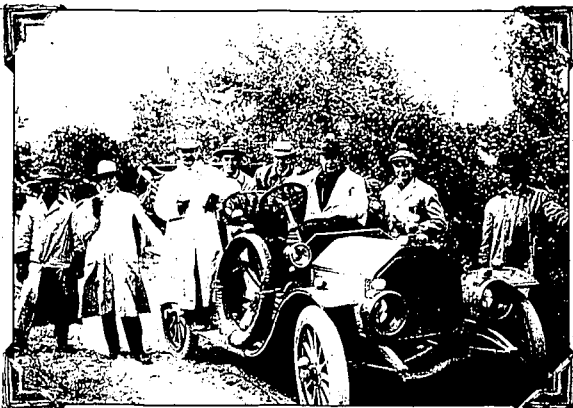
In 1904, the year that Twin Falls was born, the horse was king. Just as a fine car is coveted today, so was a fine Percheron stallion in those times.

Heaven was watching the team-pulling contest at the county fair, or the horse races on July 4; hell was being told your horses had glanders and had to be destroyed.

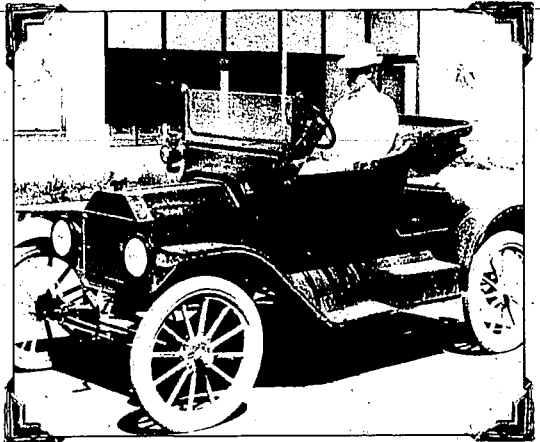
Dan Patch was the most popular animal in America. That year the famous pacer ran the fastest mile ever made by a horse in harness, completing the race in one minute 56 seconds flat. Two years later, as a 9-year-old, he cut the time to 1:55 1/4, a record that would last for 32 years. Dan Patch never lost a race.

"Tourabouts" for \$1,050, f.o.b. Flint, Mich.

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.



Setting out on an automobile trip to Swiss Valley, near King Hill, in 1912. This picture was probably taken at the Blue Lakes. The man on the running board is believed to be I. B. Perrine, and the apples adorning the car are probably from his orchards.



A.M. Sande, owner of Twin Falls Feed and Ice, in his auto in about 1910.

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