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# Car bomb draws demonstrators

## 13 die in blast; crowds celebrate killing of foreign workers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A car bomb shattered a convoy of Westerners in Baghdad Monday, killing at least 13 people, including three General Electric workers and two bodyguards. Crowds rejoiced over the attack, dancing around a charred body and shouting "Down with the USA!"

The blast, during the morning rush hour near busy Tahrir Square, was the second vehicle bombing in Baghdad in as many days amid an upsurge of bloodshed in the capital only two weeks before the formal end of the U.S.-led occupation.

Iraq's interior minister said he believed foreigners carried out the attack, and Prime Minister Iyad Allawi accused Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-

Prisoners leave Abu Ghraib with harsh words for Americans.

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Zarqawi of trying to disrupt the transfer of sovereignty. Al-Zarqawi, believed to have contacts with al-Qaida, is accused in last month's decapitation of American Nicholas Berg.

The chaotic scene Monday was reminiscent of the violence and anti-American hatred that accompanied the March 31 slaying in Fallujah of four Americans, whose bodies were mutilated and hung from a Euphrates river bridge.

Moments after the thunderous blast, which shook the heart

of the capital, young men raced into the street, hurling stones at the flaming wreckage, looting personal belongings of the victims and chanting slogans against the occupation.

Iraq police stood by helplessly - unable to control the crowd only weeks before they do to assume more security responsibility under the U.S. exit strategy.

As flames and smoke enveloped the vehicles, youths taunted American troops and threatened Western journalists.

American troops beat one man with a stick, but after failing to restrain the crowd, the troops and police withdrew.

Crowds chanted "Down with Please see IRAQ, Page A2



A crowd of Iraqis carry an injured man from a damaged building Monday after a car bomb exploded in central Baghdad, Iraq. The bomb tore through a convoy, killing at least 13 people, including three foreigners working to rebuild Iraq's power plants.

# TRACKING TRIMMERS

## T.F. council delays vote on tree ordinance

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Before long, if you want to remove or prune a tree on part of your lawn within the city's right of way, you'll probably have to go to City Hall to get a permit.

The City Council did not take action Monday on an ordinance to change the Twin Falls Tree Commission is proposing. But by the end of June, the council might consider the proposal.

The Tree Commission is asking that city residents get permission through permits to doctor trees on the areas close to city roadways - or in other words, city rights of way.

In order for residents to find out if their trees are actually on the city rights of way, they will have to check with the engineering department at City Hall. But generally speaking, if trees are growing on the space

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ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Brandon Mahnke, a trimmer with R&R Tree Service, removes a tree that was threatening to fall on a home in Twin Falls Monday. While a proposed tree ordinance wouldn't affect a person's right to do what he wishes with trees on his private property, it would regulate tree care in the city's rights of way.

## NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** Twin Falls Tree Commission proposed an ordinance requiring licensing of tree trimmers and permits for the care of trees in the city's rights of way.
- **The latest:** The City Council heard the proposal on Monday.
- **What's next:** The council will consider the proposed ordinance with some revisions at a future meeting.

# Too many headache pills can spur more pain

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - One after another, teenagers trickle into Dr. David Rothner's office with the same complaint: almost daily headaches, despite popping over-the-counter painkillers four, then six, then eight times a week.

They get a diagnosis of rebound headache, a vicious cycle where the more painkiller some people use, the more likely new headaches are to crop up between doses.

Headache specialists say it's not uncommon for adults to fall into that trap, and Rothner's check of records at the Cleveland Clinic suggests a surprising number of teens and preteens may, too.

Of 680 patients referred to the hospital's pediatric headache center, 22 percent were overusing

medicine - meaning at least three doses a week for more than six weeks. The worst was one patient who reached 28 doses in a single week.

"We have a lot of kids that are overusing OTC medicine," warns Rothner, a Cleveland Clinic pediatric neurologist who presented the data to the American Headache Society last week.

Overuse increases the risk of such side effects as stomach bleeding or kidney or liver damage, problems many people don't realize can occur even with over-the-counter drugs.

"Three days a week is probably excessive. That's not good for their health, let alone their headaches," says Dr. David Dodick, a neurologist at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz. Parents should "do everything they can to get these kids off of the analgesics."

# Supreme Court decision means 'under God' remains in pledge

## Constitutionality of phrase remains unresolved

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court preserved the phrase "one nation, under God," in the Pledge of Allegiance, ruling Monday that a California atheist could not challenge the patriotic oath but sidestepping the broader question of separation of church and state.

At least for now, the decision - which came on Flag Day - leaves untouched the practice in which millions of schoolchildren around the country begin



AP Photo

Wearing a cape of the United States flag, kindergarten Natalie Stoecklein, 5, joins other students of the Stone Lake Elementary School, in the Elk Grove Unified School District, in saying the Pledge of Allegiance on Monday in Elk Grove, Calif.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny, a little warmer than normal and breezy. Highs over 70s.
Tonight: Clear skies and dry conditions. Lows under 40s.
Tomorrow: Sunny skies and warm temperatures. Highs in the upper 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in the middle 70s.
Tonight: Clear skies and a light breeze. Lows in the middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Sunny skies and warm temperatures. Highs in the middle 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today through the end of the work week look very nice. Plan on mild and mostly sunny days and clear, cool nights.
BOISE: Seasonably warm temperatures, sunny to mostly sunny skies and dry conditions through the end of the work week.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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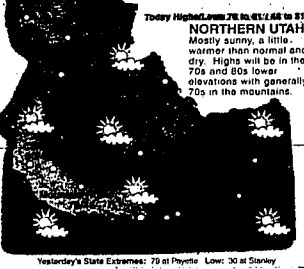
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Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, and Dallas.

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Letter to bin Laden laments coalition power

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - A leader of militants in Iraq has purportedly written to Osama bin Laden saying his fighters are being squeezed by U.S.-led coalition troops...

Photos of Saturn moon show a battered, crater-covered sphere

Los Angeles Times. New images made by the Cassini spacecraft during its fleeting encounter with Saturn's moon Phoebe revealed Monday, show a battered, pockmarked sphere that may be composed primarily of ice-rich material overlain with a relatively thin layer of darker material.



This high-resolution composite image of Saturn's moon Phoebe was released Sunday. It is a mosaic of two images taken by the International Ultraviolet Explorer spacecraft during a flyby on Friday.

Pledge

Continued from A1. The court said at least Michael Newdow could not sue to ban the pledge from his daughter's school and others because he did not have legal authority to speak for her.

Iraq

Continued from A1. The USAF and set fire to an American flag, Young men gleefully displayed a British passport and identification card hatched by the Coalition Provisional Authority.

Electric Co. and two security contractors employed by Olive Security of London.

The attack was the latest in a series directed against Iraq's infrastructure or those seeking to rebuild it after decades of war, international sanctions and Saddam Hussein's tyranny.

Trees

Continued from A1. The cost of doing business for public works, said Councilman Dennis Maughan, who serves as a liaison to the Tree Commission.

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Pruning their own trees, even if the trees are on the city's rights of way. Former tree commissioner Cathy Walworth suggested that an extra stipulation be added to the proposal.

NATION

# Peterson jury hears from police

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — One of the best officers in search Scott Peterson's home after his wife vanished described a "model home" with little out-of-place and a husband whose fishing story didn't quite add up.

Officer Derrick Lesinger testified Monday that the Petersons' Modesto home was very much well-ordered, though several dirty white rags placed on top of the washing machine did stand out.

"The rest of the room was almost like a model home," Lesinger said as the third week of Peterson's capital murder trial began.

Peterson also had a small outburst, according to Lesinger. He was talking over the past several weeks, including some rain during the weekend. Lightning struck the ground outside a tent at the Army's Fort McCoy in west-central Wisconsin on Sunday, injured 17 Army Reservists from the San Antonio, Texas, area, said public affairs officer Linda Fournier. One soldier remained hospitalized Monday.

# Severe storms sweep through Midwest, Plains

Severe thunderstorms swept across the Plains and Midwest during the weekend, spinning off tornadoes, causing power outages and delaying travel for airline passengers.

Two people were killed in weekend storm-related accidents in Missouri.

Thousands of sandbags were being filled Monday at Berlin, Wis., where the Fox River rose to a record 15.9 feet after prolonged rainfall over the past several weeks, including some rain during the weekend.

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# Senior Bush jumps from plane to mark birthday

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — After floating down to lands in a 13,000-foot skydive, former President George Bush had a message for all those who, like him, have reached the age of 80.

Get out and do something, Bush said. "Just do it with it." Strapped to an Army parachuting expert to ensure his safety, Bush jumped out of an airplane over his presidential museum Sunday to culminate a weekend of birthday celebrations.

He made a tandem jump — harnessed to a member of an Army's Golden Knights parachute team — after officials decided the wind conditions and low clouds made it too dangerous for Bush to jump alone, which he did when he turned 75.

# Officials kill trapped whale of endangered species

NEWPORT, R.I. — A young finback whale that apparently got separated from its mother and got stuck in a cove was euthanized after an attempt to save it failed, scientists said Monday.

Efforts to guide the two-ton, 20-foot juvenile whale from Newport's Brenton Cove into open water were unsuccessful. And even if it could have been moved, it was too young to have found food on its own, said Heather Medie, a coordinator with Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Conn.

Without its mother, "it would wander around and around, and not know what to do," Medie said.

— compiled from wire reports

# Bush offers glowing tribute to Clinton at portrait unveiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush offered a glowing tribute to former President Clinton on Monday as the White House unveiled the official portraits of the 42nd president and his wife. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.



Former President Clinton laughs Monday as President Bush, not shown, tells a story about him. Clinton, along with his daughter Chelsea Clinton, left, former first lady Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., center, and first lady Laura Bush, right, participated in a ceremony for the unveiling of the Clinton portraits at the White House.

Bush rode into office on a promise "to restore honor and dignity" to the White House after eight years of Clinton, and he was bitter at Clinton for defeating his father in the 1992 presidential contest. Moreover, Clinton plans to campaign for the man trying to oust Bush from office, Democrat John Kerry.

But on Monday, Bush delivered a lengthy, forceful defense of his predecessor, and welcomed dozens of Clinton administration officials back into the White House. It was Clinton's first return to the White House since leaving office, said a spokeswoman, Tammy Sun.

"As a candidate for any office, whether it be the state attorney general or the president, Clinton showed incredible ener-

gy and great personal appeal," Bush said. "As chief executive, he showed a deep and far-ranging knowledge of public policy, a

great compassion for people in need and the forward-looking spirit that Americans like in a president."

# Shortfall could occur later than expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security's long-term prospects are better than previously thought, a congressional report said Monday, estimating the program won't become insolvent until 2052, a decade later than projected earlier this year.

The report by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office still paints a bleak financial picture for the future of the retirement system, which faces significant strain as the aging baby boom generation retires.

But this report's projection will jump-start debate this election year about President Bush's proposal to revamp the system by adding personal investment accounts.

The report says trustees who oversee Social Security predicted in March that the system's shortfall would be 1.89 percent of taxable payroll, or about \$3.7 trillion.

But using newer economic assumptions over the next 75 years on such things as inflation and productivity, congressional budget forecasters said the shortfall would be 1 percent of taxable payroll.

"While the differences in the estimates should be fully studied by economists and actuaries, they are not an excuse to delay strengthening Social Security," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who has introduced legislation to overhaul Social Security to let younger workers invest some of their payroll taxes in the stock market through personal accounts.

"Even with the more optimistic assumptions used by the CBO, the long-term deficits facing Social Security do not go away," he said.

But opponents of plans to partially privatize Social Security say the new report raises questions about the severity of system's finances.

"The CBO report shows just how tentative estimates about the problems of Social Security are, and how absurd it would be for policy-makers to dramatically alter the program based on those numbers," said Barbara Kennelly, president of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

# Officials link Somali man to alleged plot to bomb mall

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Somali man has been charged with plotting to bomb an Ohio shopping mall, pursuing the type of vulnerable target in the nation's homeland that U.S. officials have been warning that terrorists want to strike.

The four-count indictment returned by a grand jury in Columbus, Ohio, alleges that Nuradin Abdi conspired with convicted al-Qaida member Iyman Faris — an al-Qaida operative who sought to sabotage the Brooklyn Bridge — and others to detonate explosives at an unidentified mall in the Columbus area.

Abdi, 32, was arrested at his Columbus apartment by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents Nov. 28, the day after Thanksgiving when malls across America were

crowded with shoppers. Abdi, who operated a "small" cell-phone business, had been under surveillance for months and initially was held on immigration violations, authorities said.

Charges in the indictment, handed up Thursday and unsealed Monday, include providing material support to al-Qaida, conspiracy to provide material support and document fraud. It contended on all charges Abdi could be sentenced to a maximum of 80 years in prison.

The FBI repeatedly has warned al-Qaida might shift away from attempting to hit tightly guarded installations, such as government buildings or nuclear plants, to more vulnerable targets such as malls, apartment buildings or hotels.

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NATION/WORLD



An Iraqi man is carried on the shoulders of his family members and friends as he is released from Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison on Monday. Hundreds of prisoners were released Monday.

## Detainees leave Iraq prison with harsh words

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq (AP) — "God willing, you too will be out soon," a youth shouted Monday as he waved goodbye to men standing behind the razor wire before boarding a bus to take him away from Abu Ghraib prison — and on to freedom.

The young man was among 400 detainees freed from Iraq's most notorious prison amid promises by the U.S. military to release and transfer thousands of detainees to Iraqi authorities by the June 30 handover of power.

"I've been here for a year, and no one cares about me," another prisoner — who was not being freed — yelled to a reporter who made a rare visit to the facility. Prisoners like him have spent months living in large tents surrounded by concertina wire. A single gate with a chain lock is the only way in and out of the holding pens.

The bigger and more secure building — in which abuse of prisoners took place and was photographed, sparking investigations and scandal — can't even be seen from this camp, one of

two at Abu Ghraib. Camp Ganci, named after New York City firefighter Peter Ganci, who was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, looks more like an army camp than a prison.

Despite temperatures soaring past 100 degrees before 10 a.m., prisoners walked freely and chatted with the other inmates in the scorching desert sun. Some exercised. Kicking up clouds of dirt.

Reporters were not allowed to ask questions. But they were allowed to listen — and several of the men volunteered their stories.

"My name is Mufid al-Ali," said a middle-aged diabetic, soaking his deformed feet in a bucket of warm water under camouflage netting used as a temporary medical clinic.

"I have to be honest," he said. "We are receiving excellent medical treatment here. I will never forget this as long as I live."

"But I'm innocent. It's true that I was a party member," he said, referring to the ousted ruling Baath Party, "but so was everyone else. I am a good man."

## Governors have varied policies on funerals

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — It was a message mourners at the funeral of Gary Van Leuven wanted to hear — the Marine lance corporal did not die in vain in Iraq. But the words carried particular weight because of who delivered them: Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

A former Marine himself, Kulongoski has attended memorial services for more than a dozen of the 23 servicemen with Oregon ties who have been killed in the Iraq war, and he has often delivered the eulogy.

Attending the funerals "probably means more to me than anything I have done," the Democrat said in an interview.

With each body that is returned home, the nation's governors must decide the most appropriate way to pay their respects. Some send condolences, or telephone the grieving family, or send someone to the funeral in their place. Some go to the funerals but only rarely give a eulogy. Very few regularly attend memorial services.

It is a tricky decision. Politicians who attend funerals for the war dead can be accused of trying to draw attention to themselves. But a leader who

avoids public displays of sympathy runs the risk of appearing uncaring.

President Bush has been criticized for not attending any soldier's funeral since hostilities in Iraq began in 2003. "The president mourns the loss of each and every soldier," said White House spokesman Ken Lisi. "He doesn't want to elevate or diminish one over the other."

Gov. Jim Doyle of Wisconsin has attended funerals for many soldiers from his state. "It's important for families to know the whole state feels their loss and is there for them," spokesman Dan Leistikow said.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry of Texas has appeared at some funerals of that state's war dead. But he does not tell reporters, because he does not want to draw attention from the soldier, said spokesman Robert Clark.

And he and Wisconsin's governor rarely deliver a eulogy. Instead of attending memorial services, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California sends eulogies as news releases to the media, veterans' organizations and other groups. Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, also send letters of condolence to the families.

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## Apathy, protest mark E.U.'s historic vote for parliament

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Elections for the European Union's parliament were marked by widespread apathy and protest votes as citizens of the 25 EU nations punished their governments for everything from high unemployment to involvement in Iraq.

Across the continent, voters voiced discontent by casting ballots for opposition and fringe parties. But most of the 350 million EU citizens eligible to vote didn't bother to; turnout was a record low of 45.5 percent.

Of the 10 new members that

joined the EU in May, the eight from the former Soviet bloc showed particularly little appetite for the vote, with the worst turnout — a mere 20 percent — in Slovakia. The biggest newcomer by far, Poland, was hardly better at 21 percent.

European Parliament spokesman David Harley called it "a disappointing and indeed pathetically low turnout."

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, arriving at a meeting of his EU counterparts in Luxembourg, said he too was disappointed, "but it's the way it is."

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Base: Adults in Twin Falls MDM (107,500). Source: 2003 Twin Falls Market Study. Conducted by Belden Associates.

## Student authors win prizes from contest

JACKPOT, Nev. — Several Magic Valley students earned honors in the Fifth Annual Carl Hayden Young Writer's Contest. The contest, sponsored by Cactus Petes Casino in Jackpot, Nev., promotes children's literacy by encouraging students to write their own creative story or poem. The contest also awards a \$500 to the library of the school with the most winning authors. This year the honor went to Buhl Middle School.

The contest was open to fourth- through sixth-grade students from the Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Mautrugh, Shoshone, Wendell, Minidoka and Jerome school districts, as well as the Jackpot Combined School. In all, 284 students competed for the top 12 spots. First place winners won \$250, second place \$100, third place \$50 and honorable mention, \$25.

In the sixth-grade category, Cade Perron of Buhl Middle School won first, Jene Johnson of Buhl Middle School won second and Jack Hamilton of Buhl Middle School won third place. An honorable mention went to Crystal Nutsch of Oregon Trail Elementary School, Twin Falls.

In the fifth grade category, Whitney Carlton of Kimberly Elementary School won first place. Second place went to

Madison Schraft of Morningside Elementary School, Twin Falls, and third place went to Michael Rexroat of Central Elementary School in Jerome. An honorable mention was awarded to Brittney Draves of Morningside Elementary School, Twin Falls.

In the fourth grade category, Annie Patterson of Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls won first place. Second place went to Micaela Merrill of Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert and third place went to Sierra Martin of Kimberly Elementary School. An honorable mention was awarded to Janelle S. Orphan of Filer Elementary School.

## TECH TEENS

### Shoshone school team hits top

By John Gedeberg  
Special to The Times-News

MOSCOW — The Shoshone High School team was the 2004 EdTechQuest champion.

The team earned first place honors during competition at the University of Idaho. The winning entry was an educational Web site on the Romantic Age.

Just getting to the finals says a lot about your Web site and your team. It was awesome being selected as one of the top two and then to win the top prize was unbelievable — unless you know these students and what they can do," said project director, Ross Gedeberg, a Shoshone faculty member.

previous years.

"This was an example of a seamless presentation. For a high school student team to already know and understand adult education strategies to learning is unbelievable," the judges commented.

"This wasn't just a project for the festival. What they created is a stand alone instructional Web site. It's better than some online courses I have recently viewed," one judge said.

The site includes links to Idaho State Achievement Standards, games and quizzes.

Shoshone has competed in EdTechQuest for three years, taking sixth and second place in

The team's prizes included a SmartBoard and stand from Smart Technologies valued at \$2,500 and more than \$2,500 in other hardware and software.

Team members are Brandon Craig, Jeremy Connell, John Gedeberg, Christina Gedeberg, Anna Gedeberg and Rob Merri-ck.

The EdTechQuest competition starts with the project submittal in February. Following initial judging, finalists are invited to the next stage.

John Gedeberg is editor of the Shoshone High School newspaper, WarWhoops.

## IMMANUEL STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Photos courtesy of YVONNE SHERRETT.

Above, students in the morning pre-kindergarten class at Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls entertained residents of Willowbrook Assisted Living Center and Woodstone Retirement Center-In-March. The children sang seasonal songs and rhymes, including parts they had memorized individually.



Below, students in the afternoon pre-kindergarten class at Immanuel Lutheran celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a party, where they cooked up some very green eggs and ham.



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls School District

Twin Falls participants in the EdTech technology competition are, from right to left, front row: Dallas Knighton, Vanessa Sanchez, Emily Williams, Blake Case and Hayden Simmons; back row: Gayle Bean, Kelli Sato, Justin Golcochea, Mark Gabica, Nichelle Terry, Jacob Golcochea, Adam Spencer, Kevin Bean, Shelby Oswald, Duane Reich, Steven Burgess, Derrick Rudd and Dave Gibson.

## T.F. students compete at EdTech

MOSCOW — Students from four Twin Falls District schools entered the annual EdTech Quest technology competition May 18-20 at the University of Idaho in Moscow to participate in projects related to technology.

The competition is sponsored by companies that produce educational software and equipment. Students create educational Web sites, present their project to a panel of judges, and participate in individual competition. Educational breakout sessions

help them to learn the latest in computer technology, adding another way to inspire them and spark their creativity.

This year, Morningside Elementary, Robert Stuart and O'Leary Junior High schools and Twin Falls High School students participated.

Students at Morningside focused on the field of music. Their projects ranged from composers and music theory to the history of music. Their Web site will be linked to the Morningside Web page. David Gibson served as their adviser.

Robert Stuart students created a Web site for the Twin Falls County Preservation Commission. While this site is currently on the district's Web site, it will be moved to the Twin Falls County site in the near future. The idea was developed with the assistance of Shauna Robinson, Robert Stuart teacher and commission chairman.

High school students created an atmospheric science site based on the weather. Gayle Bean served as adviser for Robert Stuart and the high school.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Smit graduates from Dordt College

Shanna Smit graduated May 7 from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Smit, the daughter of Michael and Diann Smit of Twin Falls, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. She also has a minor in reading.

Non-athletes in High School and College," on April 19 as part of the first Boise State Undergraduate Research and Professional Practice Conference.

James, the daughter of Ronya Taylor and Tim James of Twin Falls, is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and employed as a research assistant at Family Studies Research Center.

### Former T.F. resident receives scholarship

Eric Snow of Twin Falls has been awarded the President's Academic Scholarship from Bethel College, North Newton, Kan., for the 2004-05 academic

year. The scholarship is valued at \$26,400 over a four-year period. Snow is a senior at Twin Falls High School.

Academic scholarships are based on high school point average and college entrance exams.

### Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Inducts Hayes

Victoria Hayes of Twin Falls has been inducted into the University of Idaho's chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society in Moscow.

"The national society recognizes excellence in the liberal arts and sciences.

Students are elected for scholarship and character from among the top 15 percent of the graduating class of the UI College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences with a grade point average of at least 3.75 for juniors, and 3.50 for seniors.

Also, members must complete a foreign language through the intermediate level and take a minimum of 90 liberal arts credits.

### University of Utah student joins society

Patricia Harrison, the daughter of Vida Harrison and the late Emmet Harrison of Twin Falls, has been invited to join the Phi

Eta Sigma National Honor Society at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Harrison is finishing a Master of Education degree and has been nominated for membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, which will make her eligible for other national recognized awards.

### N.Y. arts academy awards scholarship

Michelle Viola, a senior at Buhl High School, applied for a chance to audition for the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, a professional performing arts program with schools in New York and Los An-

gels. Applications came from all over the United States and 18 foreign countries.

Viola was among those chosen to audition on March 29 in Seattle, Wash. She sang and performed a monologue, which earned a \$7,000 scholarship to the school in New York City.

"I am extremely excited about attending the academy," Viola said.

She will go to New York in October to start school. Viola has always been interested in dramatics and credits Dave Blaszkiewicz, Buhl High School drama coach, with holding her interest and supporting her goals.

### Culinary celebration takes place at park

KETCHUM — The ninth annual Best of the Valley culinary celebration will be held from 4-8 p.m. June 26 at the Forest Service Park in Ketchum.

General admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

This year, the Blaine County Recreation District wants to raise \$25,000 to help fund the ongoing operation of the Wood River Valley Youth Activity Center, HUB. The HUB, part of the new community campus, opened this spring and offers a variety of activities for young people.

Food tickets are \$1, which people can give to restaurants for samples. The samples are \$1 to \$4.

The festivities will include music by Cow Blues, dancing and free children's activities. A raffle and silent auction, including a round of golf for four with

two carts and a full car detail, will be held.

Raffle tickets are \$1. The auction and raffle will last all night and participants don't need to be present to win.

Reserved tables that seat 10 are available again this year. The cost is \$836, which includes unlimited food and four bottles of wine. These tables located under the pine trees in the park are the only reserved seating available. For more information, call Susan at the Recreation District, 788-2144.

### CSI North Side Center offers several courses

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho is offering several enrichment courses at its center, 202 14th Ave. E.

"Life Skills Training" for students in third-eighth grades will show participants an easy way to help make the best decisions, how to be and find a good friend and more. Participants will play

games, make projects and perform skits. The course will meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 21-25. The cost is \$8.

"Dutch Oven and Campfire Cooking" will show simple campfire cooking and a variety of recipes. The course will meet from 10 a.m. to noon June 23. The course is for students in the park through eighth grades. The cost is \$10.

"Dutch Oven Cooking: Basque Food" participants will enjoy recipes and sample Basque food. The course will meet from 6:30-9 p.m. June 23 at the Basque Cultural Center at the intersection of Highway 26 and Highway 46 in Gooding. The cost is \$15.

Register or for more information, call 934-8878.

### DAV holds public dance Friday at hall

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

will hold a public dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave.

Archie Turner will provide the music. There is a suggested donation of \$2.

For more information, call 734-5208.

### CSI historical tours go to Jarbidge and Custer

TWIN FALLS — Two historical interest tours conducted by the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center will take visitors to Jarbidge, Nev., and the Idaho ghost town of Custer.

Each tour will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with transportation provided from the CSI campus. The cost is \$35 per person.

University professor Russ Tremayne will lead the Ricketts Centennial Tours, named for Magic Valley historian Virginia Ricketts of Jerome who used to guide them.

On June 26, visitors can travel

to remote Jarbidge, Nev., the location of America's last known stagecoach robbery. The tour will also take in historical sites on the Salmon trail.

On July 31, the tour will travel to Custer where participants will visit the museum, watch a historical play and take a tour of the area's mining sites.

Each participant should be prepared for light walking and to bring sunscreen, water, snacks and money for lunch stops.

For more information or to sign up, call the Community Education Center at 732-6288 or 732-6230.

### Church thrift shop holds dollar sack sale

TWIN FALLS — The Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop will have a sack sale, where participants can fill their bag for \$1.

The sale will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday and June 26 at the church's Thrift

Shop, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

### M.V. Parkinson's Support Group meets today

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today at the KMYT community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

For more information, 324 5013.

### Cartoon drawing class offered at Dierkes Lake

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a free cartoon drawing class taught by Carol Conover.

The class will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday at Dierkes Lake during Urban Wilderness Day. Class size is limited to 25. There will be other events throughout the day.

For more information, call 736-2265.

## EDITORIAL

### Anti-terror trial fails to topple free speech

**D**espite what critics of the war on terror may say, the Sami Omar Al-Hussayen terrorism trial did not come down to flaws in the Patriot Act.

In reality, the case was decided on the cherished principles of the First Amendment. The verdict reaffirms the protection guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, and it rebuts assertions that anti-terrorism laws are trampling our freedoms.

Al-Hussayen is a 34-year-old Saudi national who studied at the University of Idaho. He was acquitted by a Boise jury on charges that he helped terrorist cells with his computer skills. The jury also acquitted Al-Hussayen on two counts of visa fraud and one count of making false statements.

**Our view:** The acquittal of Sami Omar Al-Hussayen reaffirms that free speech is still a basic American value. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Justice Department officials contended Al-Hussayen orchestrated incendiary commentary on IANA's website, a mostly anti-American Web site. The site's chat room content was also linked to other terror-related material from the terrorist group Hamas.

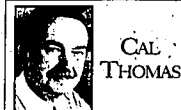
But under the Constitution, hate speech and offensive material are still permissible in our society, unless they incite imminent lawless action. Given the evidence allowed by Lodge in the courtroom, the prosecution's case against Al-Hussayen was thin.

Civil libertarians will continue to deplore the Patriot Act and its expansion of police powers. But they miss the point: The act is no match for the enduring power of the Constitution. "The U.S. government" did its best to send Al-Hussayen to prison — but failed. Twelve Idaho jurors saw that Al-Hussayen's Internet postings, as repugnant as they may have been, did not amount to terrorism.

Even in a fearful age, the Bill of Rights is still in effect — and still worth fighting for.

## The next exodus from public schools

**P**eople of both political persuasions have been talking for decades about education reform. President Bush signed a huge new spending bill that is supposed to limit funding to certain reforms so that no child will be left behind.

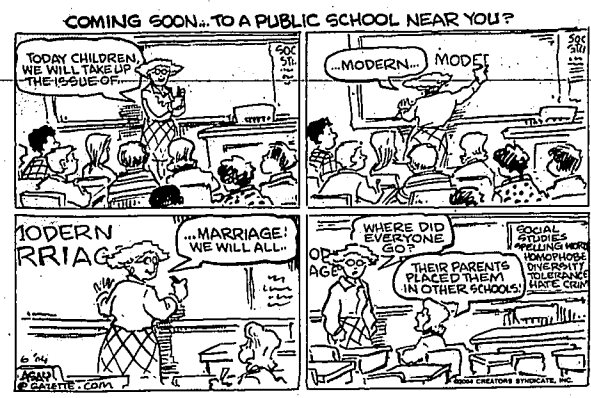


Cal Thomas

Now comes what could be the most radical and most successful education reform proposal ever made. The Southern Baptist Convention — the nation's largest Protestant denomination with about 17 million members — is meeting this week in Indianapolis, and among the resolutions it is considering is one calling upon parents to withdraw their children from public schools and either educate them at home, or enroll them in private Christian academies.

The rationale is contained in the text of the resolution authored by Houston attorney Bruce Short and retired Brig. Gen. T.C. Pinckney: "Whereas, the Bible commands that fathers are to bring up their children in the training and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)... (and) Whereas, the government schools are by their own confession humanistic and secular in their instruction, the education offered by the government schools is officially Godless, and Whereas, the government schools are adopting curricula and policies teaching that the homosexual lifestyle is acceptable... and homosexual organizations are present as student 'clubs' in thousands of government schools and are spreading their influence..." Well, you get the idea.

In an essay published last week at [ethicsdaily.com](http://ethicsdaily.com), Short wrote, "Government



schools are converting our children to alien creeds and instilling them with false and destructive values." Pinckney added, "God gives the responsibility for education of children to the parents, not the government." Indeed, and it has been the reason by too many parents to allow government to shape their children's worldview and values that is responsible for spiritual and intellectual disorder that now inhabits the souls of the minds of too many offspring of Christian parents.

The private and home school movements remain relatively small compared to the number of students in government schools. According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures (2003), there are 73.2 million children in school with 10 percent of them in private elementary or high schools. The number of children educated at home is estimated by home-school advocates and the Census Bureau at approximately 2 million, with that number growing by about 15 to 20 percent each year.

Most school choice advocates believe the poor would be the first to head for the exit should vouchers be approved for the parents of government school children. Numerous surveys have shown that lack of money is the only reason most poor children remain trapped in government schools and that if money were no longer a concern, poor parents would place their children in private schools.

Liberal Democrats, who claim to be advocates for the poor, have failed them on this important issue because they like getting controversy. The National Education Association, while such contributions help keep them in office, poor children continue to starve intellectually and morally. By passing the resolution, the SBC could inject new energy into this slowly growing trend toward non-government education and convert it into a powerful example with momentum. If large numbers of Southern Baptist and other Christian parents begin exiting government schools, the education monopoly will be forced to consider returning to real education standards instead of embracing every new education and social "fad." Like a business that is required to compete, government schools

will either reclaim a once proud heritage, or go out of business either way. The children will benefit, and it is their welfare, not that of the education establishment and their lobbyists, that ought to be of primary concern.

Conservatives have worried more about changing decadent culture than in changing themselves and their own children. Millions of schoolchildren reared with morals, values, ethics and faith that are endangered in the government schools would do more to enrich and advance culture than all of the political movements combined.

So, Southern Baptists, show the way and perhaps many will follow. Stop waiting for the world's permission to fully exercise your faith and beliefs (which will never come) and start training up your children in the ways your God wants them to go. That can't be done in government schools, but it can in yours or in your homes. It's time to give the word "exodus" a new meaning.

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## China hastens prosperity before democracy

**S**HANGHAI — Nothing prepares a visitor, returning to China after 27 years, for modern Shanghai. A city of 17 million people, soon expected to swell to 20 million, with miles and miles of elevated, multilevel freeways and hundreds of high-rise office and apartment towers soaring to 80 stories, it bears no resemblance to the dusty, backward-looking city I last saw in 1977.



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What fuels modern Shanghai is the new economy of coastal China, teeming with energy and enterprise and growing at a pace that threatens to exhaust supplies of electricity, oil and other basic commodities. The great question about this explosive growth is whether its dynamism can be contained for long within the one-party system of the Communist leaders in Beijing require.

One answer — and a hopeful one — can be found in Sun Chaoyang, the mayor and chief administrator of Xuhui District, a part of central Shanghai encompassing the beautiful, tree-lined old French Concession and now home to more than 1 million people. Sun is 48 — one of many new-generation leaders one meets running governments, universities and businesses. A professor of law (and alumnus of Georgetown University) who returned to China in 1991, he was recruited for his job 14 months ago, after serving as an expert adviser to the People's Congress, the legislative branch of the district government.

governing of his city-within-a-city. He has a fortunate environment. The area is prosperous; the average income is \$10,000 a year — 10 times the national median — and the economy has been growing 30 percent a year for the last three years.

Nearby where we met for lunch stand an 80,000-seat soccer stadium and a 30,000-seat basketball arena, with luxury hotels and apartment buildings around them. The local high school, the mayor said, is the best in the city and the training ground for NBA star Yao Ming. But the area has its challenges. Poverty remains, especially among the migrants from rural areas who come hoping for work but lacking skills. Sun has expanded training programs for them, but also provides jobs for the unemployed — "simple tasks they can do." China was grappling with the SARS epidemic when he took office, and it quickly became apparent that people had no idea what steps to take to protect themselves. "So I published all the rules and regulations" the health authorities had issued but not publicized. The net a useful precedent, and Sun persuaded the local legislators that all the rules on the books should be set forth, so people could read them and react.

for Western investors seeking to do business in China, because the keynote of Sun's approach to government — and the fight against corruption that runs rampant as always in boom times.

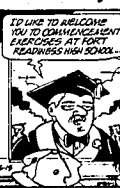
Last year, he watched as one of his deputies, a 35-year-old man, went to jail for accepting bribes. "Now," he said, "we publish all the regulations for awarding city contracts, so the people can tell us when they have not been followed." It has not been easy to persuade veteran bureaucrats or legislators to accept the new openness, he said. "I said to them, 'It's the people's government. Anybody has the right to know what we are doing.'" But when he proposed opening the debates of the People's Congress to spectators, "I said, 'This government is not your personal property,'" and eventually the change was accepted. "Now people in other districts (of Shanghai) are saying, 'They do this in Xuhui why not here?'" How far can these reforms go? Sun said he has a way to go to transform his bureaucracy, "I want no paper; I want e-mails for greater efficiency, but

He has set about systematically to introduce the classic elements of America's Progressive-era reform into the

Transparency, the key goal

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## Doonesbury



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## Mallard Fillmore



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## Why Have the Media Done So Many More Negative Stories About Americans in Iraq Than About Our Enemies?



## HEY WE DON'T WANNA STIR UP ANTI-TERROREST BIGOTRY!



## THAT'S WORSE! IT COULD STIR UP ANTI-MEDIA BIGOTRY!



# Soviets failed before Reagan

As a reporter in Moscow, I had the privilege of witnessing one of the great events of the past century—the end of Soviet communism and the collapse of the Soviet empire.

What I saw and heard bears almost no resemblance to the pernicious myth repeated in recent days that Ronald Reagan single-handedly won the Cold War.

The myth distorts history. It insults the Polish dockworkers, Lithuanian nationalists and Russian democrats who risked their lives for freedom. If any single person can be credited for such a momentous event, it would be Mikhail Gorbachev.

Even worse, the myth perpetuates a dangerous idea, now at play in the deserts of Iraq, that the United States can, by its own will, transform other societies.

To his credit, Ronald Reagan didn't create this myth—his supporters did. They claim the decision to pursue the "star wars" program, along with a massive defense buildup, drove the Soviet Union to economic collapse. And they insist that Reagan's calls for freedom inspired the uprising against Communist rule.

There is a kernel of truth to this. The United States had to be clear to the Soviet leadership that it could not advance its aims by military means or ever hope to win an arms race. And it needed to not lose sight of the fact that the Cold War was also a struggle of ideas.

Those principles did not belong exclusively, however, to Reagan. They are the core of the doctrine of containment crafted at the dawn of the Cold War by diplomat George Kennan. As long as the West remained unified and strong, Kennan predicted, the Soviet system would eventually collapse from its own inherent limitations.

That "long twilight struggle" succeeded. The Soviet Union I encountered at the end of the 1980s was exhausted. Soviet work clothes were soaked in vodka by midday. Dimly lit grocery stores were lined with bottles of pickled tomatoes nobody would buy. In Soviet offices, a desk covered with large clunky rotary dial phones was a sign of power. To me it was evidence of a country left behind by the microchip revolution.

Though it commanded tremendous resources, the Soviet military wasn't much more impressive. On the bases, elite Soviet Marines and advanced jet fighter wings, the men paid more attention to cultivating potato fields than depended on for food. Even

DANIEL SNEIDER

some Russians described their own country as "Bangladesh with nuclear weapons."

The crisis of legitimacy was kept in check only by the fading fear of the police state. Russians read official propaganda in reverse—whatever the authorities said was white, they knew had to be black.

Cynicism was the dominant ideology of the Communist Party. No one mentioned Marx or talked of socialism. A failed coup in 1991 was carried out by drunken apparatchiks desperate to hang on to power, pale remnants of the ruthless Bolsheviks who created this system.

Nationalism was and remains the most powerful motivating belief. Russians still felt pride in their nation and hoped freedom would bring them prosperity as part of Europe. From Poland to Armenia, entire populations revolted against Russian imperial rule. The depth of disaffection was a shock not only to Gorbachev but also to the American leadership, which never saw the breakup of the Soviet Union coming.

The Soviet system was already in crisis by the 1960s. The expose of Stalin's crimes had dug deep into belief. The growth symbolized by massive projects, many of them built with slave labor, had reached its limit. An attempt at limited economic reform failed.

The Soviet Union probably lived longer than it properly should have for two reasons—the Vietnam War, which discredited and fatigued the United States; and the OPEC oil cartel, which allowed the Soviets to paper over their problems with booming revenue from oil and gas exports (which continues to this day).

Gorbachev sought reform not to keep up with America but to save the system. But each step to open up the Soviet Union only exposed its weakness, most of all to its own people. Ultimately his reforms only hastened the end.

To the extent that Ronald Reagan recognized the potential of these changes and encouraged them, he helped speed the end of the Cold War. But it is time to dump the self-congratulatory rhetoric into the dustbin of history where communism now resides.

*Daniel Snieder is foreign affairs columnist for the San Jose Mercury News.*

## Wilderness proposal can create stronger Idaho

In the 26 years I've lived in Idaho, people have always talked about wilderness. This year, proposals are being discussed for the Owlheeey Canyonlands and the Boulder-White Clouds.

When Idahoans think of wilderness, we think of beautiful mountains, clear streams and abundant wildlife. We have the finest hunting and fishing anywhere. HR-1105, the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA), will protect those things and ensure Idaho's economic future.

Conceived 14 years ago, NREPA includes protection for all eligible lands in the Boulder-White Clouds. NREPA is supported by a bipartisan coalition of 184 U.S. House representatives. NREPA will create 2,300 jobs, save taxpayers \$245 million over the next decade and ensure a sustainable livelihood for all the Idaho communities that proudly call themselves "The Gateway to Wilderness."

Because NREPA is already known and respected nationally as a comprehensive, scientifically sound, fiscally responsible solution to wilderness protection, any new proposals for protecting Idaho's wildlands should be considered alongside NREPA. Idahoans deserve a thoughtful, open public debate about this important issue.

Our quality of life and proximity to wilderness have already attracted investors and

new businesses. We can encourage more of the same and still keep Idaho Idaho. Let's dare to dream. Let's engage our collective imagination and envision new ways to create a stronger, more sustainable economy for Idaho's communities while protecting one of Idaho's most valuable resources: wilderness.

For more information about NREPA, log on to <http://www.nrepanetwork.org>. CAROLE KING STANLEY (Editor's note: Carole King is a singer-songwriter and longtime resident of Stanley.)

## Loss of public interest erases our tie to water

Without water, there is no industry, no agriculture, no recreation, no life. Water is the common denominator that makes it all happen. Water is the source of our benefits and also is the vehicle for creating our problems.

In Idaho, the water belongs to the people. It is supposed to be used for the public good, put to beneficial use. Until two years ago, when the Republican-dominated Legislature weakened it, there was a provision in Idaho water law known as the "public interest." It was a gray area in the law, which gave the public an opportunity to not only talk about the direct use of water but the indirect impacts of using the public water.

When we used that aspect of the law to slow down the development of a 6,600-head dairy near Niagara Springs (a case

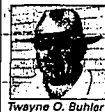
now headed to the Idaho Supreme Court), the good ol' boys got the law changed so we can no longer talk about such things as the stench from confined animal feeding operations or the pollution coming off of coal-fired plants. Weakening the public interest aspect of Idaho water law took away a key protection of the people from known and experienced negative impacts of using the public waters. It also made us vulnerable to other negative impacts for which we have no other protection on

the books from yet unidentified new proposals.

Recently, *The Times-News* printed stories about the proposed coal plant near King Hill and the blessing of the water at Shoshone Falls. They were stories related to the public interest aspect of using the people's water for the public good, yet thanks to the good ol' boys, we no longer have the tools necessary to protect our water or our quality of life. Think about this when you go to the polls. BILL CHISHOLM Buhl



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WORLD

# Saudi clerics condemn attacks against Westerners

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Six Saudi clerics who once espoused Islamic radicalism condemned a wave of attacks on Westerners, part of the kingdom's efforts to rally its people against al-Qaida's stepped-up campaign to oust the ruling family.

The U.S. ambassador in Saudi Arabia met Monday with relatives of two Americans who were the latest victims of militant attacks: Kenneth Scruggs, who was gunned down in his garage, and Paul M. Johnson, who was kidnapped, reportedly after being drugged.

Ambassador James C. Oberwetter said he expressed his condolences to Scruggs' widow, and gave Johnson's wife "my hopes for his safe return."

Oberwetter said he told the relatives that Saudi authorities have assured him they were "doing everything possible to resolve this kidnapping case."

A group identifying itself as "al-Qaida in the Arabian peninsula" has claimed responsibility for the slaying and the kidnapping, as well as other attacks in recent weeks.

### Red Cross says Saddam can be held for trial

GENEVA — Saddam Hussein should be held for trial even though most Iraq prisoners of war are entitled to immediate release at the end of the U.S. occupation of Iraq, the Red Cross said Monday.

"Any prisoner of war suspected of having committed any type of crime can be charged and tried," said Antonella Notari, chief spokeswoman of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Notari said she wanted to make clear the neutral ICRC has no desire to see the release of any POWs, including Saddam, who are suspected of criminal acts.

### Israeli helicopter attack kills two in West Bank

NABLUS, West Bank — An Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a car in a West Bank refugee camp, killing two Palestinians, one of them a militant leader, residents and security sources said.

The blast shook the Balata refugee camp, near Nablus. One of the dead was identified as Khalil Marshoud, a local leader of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group loosely linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction. Besides the two dead, one person was seriously injured, residents said.

It was the second time that Israeli helicopters struck militant targets in the West Bank since a large-scale Israeli military operation there in April 2002.

### Korean warships exchange radio messages

SEOUL, South Korea — Warships from North and South Korea exchanged radio messages Monday for the first time since the end of the Korean War, following a landmark agreement aimed at easing hostilities.

Earlier this month, North and South Korea agreed to adopt a standard radio frequency and signaling system for their navies to avoid confusion that could lead to clashes at sea.

They also agreed to end propaganda along their land border. Loudspeaker broadcasts will be stopped, and signboards will be dismantled, beginning this week.

### Annan calls on OIC to support Iraqi government

ISTANBUL, Turkey — U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan called on the world's Islamic nations Monday to support the new Iraqi government, while Turkey said Muslim leaders

### World in brief

must accept that political reform in the Middle East is inevitable.

Iraq and democratic reform were expected to dominate the three-day gathering of foreign ministers from the 57-country Organization of the Islamic Conference. Many leaders of Muslim nations have been reluctant on both issues.

Iraq's foreign minister, Hoshyar Zebari, told reporters that his country expected "active and positive participation by Islamic countries in Iraq."

### Land mine kills at least 21 policemen in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal — A land mine set by suspected rebels blew up two police trucks Monday in western Nepal, killing at least 21 officers, police said. Sixteen police officers also

were wounded in the explosion in the village of Khairekhola, 310 miles west of Katmandu, capital of this Himalayan kingdom, police said.

The wounded were flown to a hospital. The officers had been returning to their base after patrolling the area during a search for militants.

Rebels, who say they're inspired by Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong, want to replace Nepal's monarchy with a communist state. The insur-

gency has killed more than 9,500 people since 1996. Fighting between the rebels and government soldiers has escalated since the insurgents withdrew from a cease-fire last year.

— compiled from wire reports

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Judge dismisses meth-lab case

**TWIN FALLS** — A judge dismissed a case against a man accused of manufacturing methamphetamine, but prosecutors said they will refile.

Larry Dan Fairbanks Jr., 42, faced one count of manufacturing methamphetamine, a felony.

Prosecutors had asked for a delay in the case because lab reports were not available in time for the preliminary hearing, said Grant Loebis, Twin Falls County prosecutor. The defense did not agree to the postponement, so 5th District Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram dismissed the case.

"We can refile a felony any time within the statute of limitations," Loebis said, adding that his office will re-submit the case once the lab reports are in.

Theresa Marie Kasel-Fairbanks, 45, faces one count of possession of marijuana and one count of possession of methamphetamine.

A trial for the first charge was scheduled for July 12; according to court documents. A status hearing in District Court for the second count was scheduled for June 21. She pleaded innocent to both charges.

Officers from the Twin Falls Police Department and agents with the Department of Correction arrested the couple at their house at 266 Buchanan St. in May. Officers found methamphetamine, marijuana and materials that can be used to manufacture meth.

### Groups plan organic-spud conference

**TWIN FALLS** — Potato Growers of Idaho and the Idaho Potato Commission will sponsor a meeting Thursday for growers to learn about the fastest-growing segment of potato consumption — organic potatoes.

The meeting to discuss opportunities to produce organic Idaho potatoes will begin at 10 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

Speakers include representatives of Potato Growers of Idaho, Idaho Potato Commission, Idaho Organic Food Advisory Council, Farm Management Inc., the Potato Management Company, and the Idaho Department of Agriculture. Lunch will be served at noon. Participants are asked to reserve a seat. Call 1-866-594-5252.

### Water study group will meet Wednesday

**BURLEY** — A subcommittee looking for ways to recharge the aquifer and convert groundwater-irrigated farms to canal water will meet Wednesday in Burley.

The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave.

The Water Management Study Group is a subcommittee of the Interim legislative group studying water in southern Idaho water supplies. The subcommittee is led by state Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and state Sen. Stan Williams, R-Pinegrove.

The subcommittee studying the sum of all potential water solutions across the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer is scheduled to meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 24 at the Burley Inn.

### Gooding court will honor departing judge

**GOODING** — The public is invited to attend an open house in honor of 5th District Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy, who is leaving to join a law firm.

The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday at the Gooding County Planning and Zoning building at 145 E. Seventh Ave. The program will begin at 4:30.

Cassidy was appointed to the magistrate bench in 1995 after serving as a deputy state attorney general.

# Mobile memorial



Top, the Moving Wall is half the size of the memorial in Washington, D.C., and has been touring the county for almost 20 years. Above, Nancy Jensen, president of the Idaho Motorcycle Club, and Ray Breeding of the Southern Idaho Bros club talk with friends during a stop at the Flying J Travel Plaza near Jerome Monday. Some 45 motorcyclists from seven clubs in southern Idaho escorted the Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to Mountain Home.

## Moving Wall stops in southern Idaho

**By Sandy Miller**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Two years ago, the Vietnam-era veteran made a pilgrimage to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Jerry Morton of Kimberly didn't fight in the jungles of Southeast Asia, but many he knew did. Seeing the more than 58,000 names of those who died etched in the black granite walls moved him to tears. The experience was also healing.

"It's a great closure," Morton said. "It's emotional."

Morton, president of the Magic Valley Chapter of the Idaho Motorcycle Club, was one of the club members who escorted the Moving Wall — a half-size, traveling replica of the 10-foot-5-inch memorial in the nation's capital — from Snowville, Utah, to Carl Miller Park in Mountain Home Monday. The Moving Wall was on display for a week beginning Wednesday.

The Moving Wall was the brainchild of Vietnam veteran

John Devitt. He had attended the 1982 dedication of the memorial in Washington, D.C., and was so moved by the experience he wanted others who couldn't travel to Washington to be able to have the same experience. Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and other Vietnam veterans built the Moving Wall, which was first displayed in 1984 in Tyler, Texas. Today, there are two Moving Walls that travel across America paid for by public contributions.

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**See the wall**  
The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It will be on display Wednesday through June 22 at Carl Miller Park in Mountain Home.

Like the memorial in the nation's capital, the Moving Wall contains the more than 58,000 names of those killed in Southeast Asia between 1959 and 1975.

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## Developer clears a hurdle for business park

**By Julie Ponce**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Two weeks ago folks from the northwest corner of Twin Falls were miffed at the thought of traffic, noise and light pollution possibly coming soon to their area of town.

But on Monday, the 20 or so residents who showed up to hear the latest Gerald Martens proposal for a business park seemed more at ease. Martens said he is willing to work with them to pound out a planned unit development agreement that most people in the area can put up with.

He also agreed to resident Carl Lessey's request to put covenants, conditions and restrictions upon the tenants who enter into the business-park

agreement. That way, future tenants would be held responsible for policing themselves in regard to such issues as odors, keeping work inside buildings and noise, Lessey said.

"And then we'll all go home happy," Lessey said.

Martens is proposing a 70-acre business park at the corner of Pole Line Road West and Washington Street North. It would contain light manufacturing as well as commercial enterprises. Earlier some 63 neighbors had signed a petition that essentially challenged how Martens would keep the increased traffic from his development from overrunning their subdivisions. They also wanted more information on the kinds of businesses that would be in the business park.

Martens made changes to his plans to help make sure the traffic going to and from the park would be controlled by turning lanes and a stoplight. On Monday Martens assured neighbors the kinds of businesses in the

park would not be heavy industrial, nor would the park accommodate manufacturing that has to take place outdoors.

But he also stressed he's in a hurry to move forward.

"The need to move this project on a schedule is very important," Martens said.

The City Council unanimously approved Martens' request to change the zoning from rural to commercial with a planned unit development. Martens' next move is to develop the PUD.

"This may be new ground for Twin Falls, but planned-unit-development business parks are common all around the country," said Kent Just, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive.

Also on Monday, the council unanimously approved a request by the Twin Falls Public Library Board to move forward with buying a \$75,000 piece of property next to the library.

The board plans to proceed with an expansion in a couple of years. Envisioned is an additional 24,000 square foot — 8,000 added to each of the library's three levels.

## NewsTracker

**Last we knew:** Neighbors in the area of the intersection of Pole Line Road West and Washington Street North were upset about a proposed business park.

**The latest:** The City Council unanimously approved on Monday a zoning change so developer Gerald Martens can proceed with his plan.

**What's next:** Martens said he'll work with the neighbors to come up with a development plan all can live with.

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## Mentoring program gives support to new nurses

**By Sandy Miller**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A nursing graduate comes into a hospital with plenty of book learning and some experience on the floor. But new nurses can get a wealth of information from those who came before them.

"Nursing is not just science," said Janie Draney, vice president of patient care at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. "There's an art associated with it."

Draney Monday gave the Hospital Board an update on the Nurse Residency Pilot Program. Working closely with the College of Southern Idaho, the hospital pairs up new nurses with more experienced nurses, a mentor program of sorts.

"There really needed to be some interim support system," Draney said.

The program creates a bridge from academia to the clinical setting, she said. What do the new nurses gain from the

program? Knowledge from people who have been there.

"Experienced RNs contribute a high level of expertise," Draney said.

The program also helps recruit and hold on to nurses who appreciate the additional support. Magic Valley Regional hired 28 registered nurse graduates in 2003 and 27 in 2004. Meanwhile, the nursing turnover has decreased by one-third since 2001, Draney said.

Also Monday, pediatrician Dr. Jane Scott discussed a project to improve the health of children and their care at Magic Valley Regional. She said one big concern is that the region has the lowest rate of breast-feeding in the state. The program looked to increase education about breast-feeding, and that has had a positive effect.

"We're seeing fewer babies readmitted for feeding issues," Scott said.

Scott said studies have shown that breast-fed babies tend to be healthier in life. In other action Monday, Dr. Al Frost presented the results of the latest physician survey. Departments received improved scores in 2004.

## Drunk driver stole semi, police say

**By Rebecca Meany**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — In what would have been the year's best bargain, a man told officers he bought a 2-year-old semitrailer for \$3,000.

The owner of the 2002 Red Kenworth tractor-trailer, however, got neither \$3,000 nor the \$130,000 at which it was valued.

Just before 10 p.m. on Saturday, officers were called to Locust Street and Addison Avenue East for a reckless driver. Dispatchers who contacted the Twin Falls Police Department said the driver had run a stop sign at Locust and Elizabeth, according to an affidavit written by Officer Eric Barzee. When police located the vehicle, they noticed the semi was traveling without its headlights on, the affidavit says.

Officers made the stop at the Rite Aid parking lot on Addison Avenue East, where they questioned the driver, identified as Gabriel Robles Ramirez, 29, of Inglewood, Calif.

Ramirez told officers he recently bought the semi for \$3,000 and that he was on his way to Mexico with it, the affidavit says.

After investigating his claims, Officer Barzee said Ramirez did not buy the semi and he was not authorized to drive it — neither in Twin Falls nor south of the border.

The semi belongs to Austin's Express. Manager Richard Powell told authorities that the semi was stolen and its true value was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$130,000, the affidavit says.

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## Dobbs: T.F. School District will use carryover

**By Karin Kowalski**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Next year will be tough, but the year afterward will be a little tougher. Twin Falls Superintendent Wiley Dobbs told the School Board Monday evening as it prepared to approve an updated budget for the school year and a projected budget for next year.

The board approved the two budgets, even though many items are still up in the air until the district completes negotiations for employee salaries and benefits.

Both budgets contain estimates of about \$1.1 million shortfalls in the general fund, but Dobbs said in reality, the district will have a surplus between \$200,000 and \$300,000 in carryover money.

"Over the years, Twin Falls School District has been conservative in our estimates," Dobbs said.

For instance, the district always budgets for having to pay high utility bills, but that does not always happen and some extra money will go into the carryover fund.

Dobbs said the district has been trying to build up its carryover fund. It has enough money to run the district for about a month.

Fewer summer school fees are one small reason the district's revenue is going down as costs are rising. Dobbs said those fees decreased from about \$25,000 to \$3,000 since last year because demand is decreasing. Students have many other options to repeat classes or get ahead in the form of night school, the Idaho Digital Learning Center.

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# Nez Perce Tribe sues to release 200,000 fall chinook subyearlings

BOISE (AP) — The Nez Perce Tribe filed suit in federal court Monday, accusing the government of improperly holding back 200,000 young chinook salmon from their migration this year so more electricity can be generated.

The tribe said state, federal and tribal fisheries managers agreed in a 2003 court-approved order that the small, subyearling fish would be released this year from Lyons Ferry Fish Hatchery in Washington state.

But an unheeded proposal by the Bonneville Power Administration and U.S. Corps of Engineers proposes reducing the 2004 summer spill through the dams, spilling water through the dams aids the fish migrations, but diverts water away from the turbines for generation.

The subyearling fish would be held at the hatchery and then released as yearlings in 2005.

"There is science which says that when you release them as

yearlings, they have a better survival rate," said Bill Murray, Bonneville spokesman. "We believe we would get more of them back."

The tribe contends releasing the subyearlings is consistent with the fall chinook's natural life history, which means swimming downstream in late May and early June.

"BPA is so desperate to reduce summer spill that it will disregard the law and violate court orders to do so," Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Anthony Johnson said in a release. "The state of Washington is bound by the agreement we reached to release these fish."

The tribe filed suit in U.S. District Court in Portland, Ore., Monday to force the state of Washington to release those fish this year. It seeks an expedited ruling because river conditions are optimal right now for releasing the subyearlings.

Bonneville recently an-

nounced it would manage the water this year to save ratepayers up to \$31 million in electrical costs.

It means the federal power marketing agency and the Army Corps of Engineers will reduce the amount of spill water for salmon by about 39 percent from 2003. Bonneville contends summer spill would be reduced after most of the downstream salmon migration has occurred and few juvenile salmon are passing over the dams.

Holding the Lyons Ferry fish for a year meshes with the spill proposal.

The federal government is wrong if it believes it can come out ahead in salmon production if it waits a year to send older fish, said Bert Bowler, migratory fish expert with the Idaho Rivers United conservation group.

"It boils down to the fact that the federal government is backsliding on its commitment to salmon restoration," he said.

# Police identify man who jumped to death

Tourist leaped from helicopter over Grand Canyon

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities on Monday identified a tourist who jumped to his death from a Grand Canyon tour helicopter as a 25-year-old from Illinois.

The man was identified as Timothy Clam, said park spokeswoman Leah McGinnis. She would not disclose Clam's

hometown.

McGinnis said Clam was sitting in the co-pilot's seat Thursday when he unbuckled his seatbelt, opened the door and started to jump. She said the pilot struggled to keep Clam in his seat while maintaining control of the helicopter.

But Clam managed to jump, and the pilot had to pull Clam's

# Groups lose case over off-road vehicles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday blocked a lawsuit that accused the federal government of doing too little to protect undeveloped western land from off-road vehicles.

The court, on a 9-0 vote, said environmental groups cannot use courts to force the federal Bureau of Land Management to more aggressively protect about 2 million acres of potential wilderness in Utah.

Interior Department spokesman Tina Kreisher said the department was "pleased that the court has upheld the principle that the federal resource managers may use their expertise to make day-to-day management decisions without unnecessary litigation."

Environmentalists acknowledged defeat but said the lawsuit nonetheless heaped attention on the damage done by off-road vehicles.

"It's not going away and neither are we," said Heidi McIntosh, a staff attorney for Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

SUWA sued the BLM to force land managers to be more aggressive in protecting wilderness study areas adjacent to a state all-terrain vehicle park.

A federal judge threw out SUWA's case, but the court prevented the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, which ruled BLM could be sued for allowing damage to the land.

The Justice Department appealed the decision to the Supreme Court.

Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the court, said that Congress never envisioned "pervasive oversight by federal courts over the manner and pace of agency compliance."

Congress has the final say on wilderness protection, but land managers are supposed to preserve study areas should Congress decide they should be formally protected.

"Even, though ultimately, we did not prevail in the Supreme Court, there have been a lot of changes as a result of this litigation — positive changes," McIntosh said. "It's put off-road vehicle use on the map for the first time in Utah."

As one such success, McIntosh points to a travel plan for ATV use that was established near Price in central Utah.

Scalia said the land management agency has discretion to oversee lands being considered for wilderness designation, including allowing off-road vehicles there.

He noted, however, that the off-road vehicles have had negative consequences, "including soil disruption and compaction, harassment of animals and annoyance of wilderness lovers."

But he wrote that the agency is doing what it can with "scarce resources and congressional silence with respect to wilderness designation."

McIntosh said the BLM spends too much of its time and resources on approving oil and gas leases on federal lands in Utah, giving short shrift to the off-road vehicle problem.

"The protection of wilderness suitability at an 95 wilderness study areas encompassing more the 3.2 million acres is a top priority at our agency," said Don Banks, a spokesman with the BLM's Salt Lake City office.

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## Leo Ames — Moscow

Leo Ames, 71, a longtime resident of Moscow, Idaho, died unexpectedly Monday, May 17, 2004, after suffering a pulmonary embolism while at home with his wife of 50 years, Lela Talbot Ames, and their son, Roger Ames.

In 1995, Ames retired from the position of creative director and head of publications at the University of Idaho after more than 30 years of service. Ames was born in Heyburn,

during a snowstorm on Feb. 14, 1933, to Geneva Wilcox Ames and Edwin Wright Ames. Growing up on his family's dairy farm, Ames fostered a lifelong love for the beauty of nature.

Survivors include his wife, Lela Ames of Moscow, Idaho; children, Julia Ames of Nassau, the Bahamas, Roger Ames of Moscow; and Lisa Ames Marineau of Tigard, Ore.; grandchildren are Michael Marineau, Caitlin Marineau,

Nicholas Ames and Leta Ames; a sister, Donna Hetrick of Tacoma, Wash.; and brothers, Gerald Ames of Harbor, Pa., and Lanny Ames of Kimberly, Idaho.

Services were held Sunday, May 23, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church in Moscow. Remembrances can be made to the UI Campus Christian Center, the UI Women's Center or the First United Methodist Church of Moscow.

## LaVonda T. Parsons — Burley

LaVonda Thompson Parsons, a 94-year-old longtime Burley resident, passed away Monday, June 14, 2004, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living.

She was born April 5, 1910, at Devils Lake, N.D., the daughter of Burton P. and Marvel Cloward Fillmore. At the age of 3, her family moved to Rigby, Idaho, where they purchased a farm. Six years later, they moved to Burley, where they also engaged in farming. LaVonda attended Springdale School through the eighth grade and graduated from Burley High School.

She married Fred Thompson on Oct. 31, 1928, in Twin Falls. They owned the Greenwell Motel for four years, where LaVonda served as manager. She later assisted her husband at Fred's Sporting Goods Store in Burley. Fred passed away in 1972.

LaVonda married Jess Parsons on April 9, 1977, and they had wonderful marriage until his passing on Sept. 5, 1980. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was also active in various bridge clubs



in the community. For many years, LaVonda was a dedicated member of the Cassia Memorial Hospital's Pink Ladies Organization.

She is survived by her daughter, Marian T. Snow of Burley; one son, Fred T. Thompson Jr. and his wife, Carolyn, of Burley; one step-son, William (Bew) Parsons of Burley; her siblings, Albert Fillmore of Farmington, Utah; Lee (Ilu) Fillmore of Salem, Ore.; Jay (Nelda) Fillmore of Shelley, Idaho; Keith Fillmore of

Provo, Utah, and LaVera (Louis) Moldenhauer of Soda Springs, Idaho; four grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Jack Snow; her sister, Lucille Fillmore; a brother, Merriell Fillmore; and a grandson-in-law, Don Brown.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 2004, at the Burley Second, Fourth and Tenth Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop Brent Lee officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Unity Second Ward Missionary Fund or the Idaho Youth Ranch in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

# SERVICES

Earl T. Hird of Gooding, service at 10 a.m. today at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

John Phyl Hawes of Pocatello, graveside service at noon today at the Bruneau Cemetery (Colonial Memorial).

Alonzo Lee Bartholomew of Oakley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Oakley Service Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center; visitation for family and friends from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

James Russel Walston of Payette, graveside service with Masonic tributes at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Virginia Surrage Caldwell of Heyburn, service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; visitation for family and friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour be-

fore the funeral Thursday at the funeral home.

Richard "Dick" Norton White of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Trinity Episcopal Church on Seventh Avenue West and Idaho Street in Gooding (Demary's Funeral Home).

Sheldon Brigham Jones of

Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the LDS Church in West Yellowstone, Mont. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ted D. Kincaid of Prescott Valley, Ariz., gathering of friends from 2-4 p.m. June 26 at the Jackass Lounge in Prescott Valley, Ariz. (Bradshaw Chapel).

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

**Ivan Lee Garnand**  
GOODING — Ivan Lee Garnand, age 88, of Gooding, died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at his residence.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Visitation for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16th, 2004, at Demary's Funeral Chapel and one hour before the funeral at the church.

# DEATH NOTICES

**Ruth Medford Davis**  
GOODING — Ruth Medford Davis, 75, a resident of Gooding, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at the Sunbridge Care Center in Meridian.

Arrangements will be made by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

**Pearl Jean Campbell**  
DECLO — Pearl Jean Campbell, age 79, of Boise, formerly of Declo, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at Life Care Center in Boise.

At her request, she will be cremated. Urn placement will be next to her husband at the Fernley Cemetery in Fernley, Nev.

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# County's actions draw protest

Man with junkyard joins demonstration with couple in property-tax dispute

By Chip Thompson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — The Cassia County Courthouse was a busy place Monday morning.

While a handful gathered outside the courthouse to protest what they perceive to be the county's violation of constitutional rights, courtrooms were filled in the basement and Jova Pearson was in court over the legality of his junkyard.

John and Elaine Horejs held a rally between 8:30 and 11 a.m. to gather signatures on a petition regarding their battle with commissioners over the constitutionality of property taxes.

The Horejses claim that property taxes amount to a perpetual lien on the ownership of private property, which is guaranteed under state and federal constitutions.

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Pearson, meanwhile, found himself in court after commissioners enforced zoning regulations that require him to remove a junkyard from his property.

Pearson pleaded guilty, and sentencing was delayed for 10 months in order to allow time to clean up the property, according to Barris.

Pearson would be sentenced at 3 p.m. April 15, but he said he plans to comply with the order.



John and Elaine Horejs talk with others at a rally they staged outside the Cassia County Courthouse Monday in defense of constitutional rights they say county officials are violating.

"I'll clean it up," said Pearson, who attended the rally following his court appearance. "I'll let them think they won for now."

Once cleanup is complete, Pearson will be given the opportunity to change his plea, Barris said.

"We stand up for anybody standing up for their rights," said Les Perry who came to support the Horejses.

Perry said he lost his home five years ago for failure to pay what he considered unjust federal income taxes.

"I'm just trying to get people to wake up," Mark Dunlop of Heyburn said at the rally. "I've seen too many people in Idaho deal with these same issues."

Both Perry and Pearson told of violent encounters with officials.

Perry said an agent with the Internal Revenue Service point-

ed a gun at him. When he turned and walked away the agent tackled him from behind and handcuffed him, according to Perry.

Pearson claims that a Cassia County sheriff's deputy scuffled with him on his private property for several minutes and drew mace on him.

The Horejses have repeatedly referred to the county's methods as "violent" and "threatening" though no physical confrontation between county officials and the family has occurred.

Meanwhile, commissioners held their regular meeting in the basement of the courthouse.

"We're on solid ground," Commissioner Paul Christensen said, referring to the Horejses' claim. "Just make sure they're given due process."

Christensen's comments

stemmed from discussions last week with commissioners from other Idaho counties.

County Administrator Kerry McMurray said the Horejses contacted his office before the rally, but county regulations on assembly apply only to those involving 500 people or more.

The Horejses reluctantly paid back taxes on the property on which the house sits, and that could present a problem for county officials. According to Christensen, Idaho law suggests that personal property which cannot be readily removed from land could be deemed part of that land.

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Keith Gentry and Doug Griffiths ham it up at this year's Relay for Life. Their city of Rupert/Retired Citizens Volunteer Program team had 'The Greatest Show on Earth' as its theme.

# M-C Relay for Life has a record year

The Times-News

**RUPERT** — Mini-Cassia's Relay for Life, which concluded Saturday, was the most successful since the event started six years ago. Director Gail Gallegos said the event raised \$144,223, and 47 teams participated. Some 700 team members and 154 cancer survivors took part.

Over \$34,000 was raised at the event itself through donations, raffles and sales.

Top teams included Project Mutual Telephone at \$7,246, Trinity Lutheran Church at \$6,841, and Shockey Sheet

Metal at \$6,481.

This success could mean that Mini-Cassia's event is the top money-raiser per capita in the Rocky Mountain Region.

"We've always been second place," Gallegos said. "But maybe this year we'll get No. 1." Gallegos said a small town in North Dakota normally takes the honors. This year's Mini-Cassia total surpassed that of Twin Falls, which held its event in May.

Because corporate sponsors provide about \$15,000 to cover operating expenses and special events, the entire amount raised will go to the American Cancer Society, Gallegos said.

# Commissioner wants county to shop locally

The Times-News

**BURLEY** — During a routine review of bills Monday, Cassia County Commissioner Clay Handy said three smaller purchases from out of the area caught his eye.

The purchases in question were made from Home Depot, Office Depot and Quills and ranged in price from \$19 to \$60.

"I really don't like purchases from out of town," Handy said, suggesting that the county needs to support local business — especially for smaller purchases.

Handy quickly responded that employees need to plan ahead so rush deliveries aren't necessary.

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Handy said the religious monument in the park gave him the right to demand park space for his own monument condemning homosexuality.

The coalition picked up an ally in his campaign last weekend when the Idaho State Republican Party added a plank to its platform supporting the placement of the Ten Commandments in any form in any public place.

# Jerome mulls pact for library expansion

By Dixie Thomas Roale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — The city's Library Board is ready to hire an architectural firm to design plans for library expansion to be paid from the city's share of the Evelyn Crowder funds.

The City Council will consider approving a contract with Cooper Roberts Simonsen Architects with offices in Salt Lake City and Idaho Falls, to design plans for the library remodeling and addition. The architect services will cost \$12,000, with a start-up fee of \$500.

Crowder, a longtime teacher, bequeathed nearly \$2 million at

## Meeting tonight

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

the time of her death to the city and Jerome school system to be shared equally and used for libraries. The high school is in the midst of its library expansion.

In other business, the city of Jerome was approached recently by the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee and asked to help cover costs associated with the environmental assessment study for another

bridge over the Snake River Canyon. The city administrator and city clerk have come up with \$3,000 per year for the next three fiscal years as a pledge the city could afford to contribute.

The council will consider the pledge and whether to commit to the study.

Jerome County has pledged \$2,500 per year, and the city of Twin Falls recently committed to \$10,000 per year to the crossing study. Jerome Highway District, Twin Falls County, Twin Falls Highway District and the Filer Highway District have also pledged financial support to the project.

The council also will consider

application for temporary retail sale of non-aerial and common fireworks from Fat City Fireworks Inc., 800 E. Main at Corner Mart and 1015 Lincoln St. S. at Ridley's Dino Mite Fireworks at the corner of Lincoln and Avenue 1 across from Ridley's TNT Fireworks at 233 E. Main St. at Idaho Youth Ranch; and Breeze Weaver at 423 S. Lincoln at the Dollar Only Store.

Fire inspections will be done periodically during the period of sales. The authorized dates for sales began at midnight on June 23 and end midnight July 5 and begin again at midnight on Dec. 26 and end Jan. 2 at midnight.

# Wall

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Tributes will mark the week of the display, which will get under way at 11 a.m. Wednesday with a fly-over by pilots from Mountain Home Air Force Base, an opening prayer, the raising of the American and POW flags and speeches by Medal of Honor winner retired Col. Bernie Fisher of Kuna; 366th Wing Commander Col. Blair Hansen; Maj. Gen. John "Jack" Kane, adjutant general of the Idaho National Guard; Gov. Dirk Kempthorne; and Mayor Joe McNeal.

The first day will wrap up with a ceremony beginning at 9 p.m. with prayer and song and a reading of the names of 40 Idahoans who died in Vietnam. Forty names will be read each night until the names of all 257 Idahoans killed in the war have been honored. Taps will be played while flags are lowered to half-mast.

Ceremonies and speeches will continue throughout the week. Each day at 1 p.m., Vietnam veterans will share their stories. Vietnam veteran Phil Gridley, Mountain Home's fire chief, said a volunteer committee of 50 people were at the park Monday to begin setting up the display.

Gridley is an Army veteran who did a tour of Vietnam in 1969-70. He has been to Washington, D.C., six or seven times to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"It brings back some memories seeing some of the names of the guys I was with," Gridley said.

He said he hopes the mistakes learned in Viet "m" won't be repeated in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Name	Born	Died	Hometown	Branch
Maj. James Herbert Allred	Sept. 26, 1925	Dec. 14, 1963	Twin Falls	Army
Pfc. Allan Theis Aslett	July 25, 1950	July 27, 1969	Twin Falls	Marines
Lance Cpl./E 3 Michael P Bartelme	Aug. 4, 1946	May 2, 1967	Buhl	Marines
Sgt. Brent John Baumer	Jan. 1, 1940	April 22, 1966	Twin Falls	Army
1st Lt. Johnny William Benton	May 14, 1947	Nov. 25, 1968	Jerome	Army
C 4 Gary Ray Boushelle	Sept. 16, 1947	Oct. 27, 1969	Halley	Army
Spc. 5 William R. Burt Jr.	Sept. 21, 1944	July 11, 1969	Halley	Army
Pfc. Richard Buck Carlson	Feb. 22, 1946	Nov. 4, 1968	Twin Falls	Army
A2 David Roger Chatterton	March 29, 1938	July 18, 1967	Twin Falls	Navy
Lance Cpl. Larry Dea Coats	Aug. 1, 1948	Sept. 3, 1968	Twin Falls	Marines
Bm 1 E6 James Marvin Curtis	March 21, 1935	Nov. 15, 1968	Hagerman	Army
Pfc. Elmo Lee DeFord	June 1, 1947	May 2, 1966	Hansen	Army
1st Lt. Jack LeRoy Dodson	Feb. 14, 1938	May 26, 1967	Kimberly	Army
Spc. 5 Lyle Eugene Drown	Oct. 21, 1947	April 15, 1969	Twin Falls	Army
C 4 Gary Gene Evans	Dec. 22, 1946	June 13, 1968	Heyburn	Army
Pfc. David Acal Fairchild	May 24, 1945	Feb. 2, 1966	Buhl	Army
Spc. 4 Eric Thomas Harshbarger	Nov. 13, 1969	Nov. 1, 1969	Filler	Army
Cpl. David Edwin Herbert	May 16, 1940	July 2, 1966	Rupert	Army
Pfc. Teddy Merlin Hodges Jr.	March 19, 1945	June 6, 1969	Malta	Army
Capt. Gregg Neyman Hollinger	May 9, 1942	MIA/POW	Paoli	Army
Chief Warrant Officer Tommy L. Kearse	July 1, 1947	May 4, 1970	Buhl	Army
Sgt. Dale K. Larson	Oct. 24, 1947	Nov. 12, 1968	Burley	Army
C 4 James John Lister	May 13, 1947	March 21, 1969	Burley	Army
Cpl. Herman Augusta Lohman Jr.	Jan. 24, 1948	April 6, 1968	Burley	Army
Pfc. Steven James McDonald	June 20, 1951	Nov. 28, 1971	Ketchum	Army
Cpl. Donald Smith McKinley	March 31, 1928	July 29, 1969	Rupert	Army
Capt. Donald Vernon McGregor	Dec. 22, 1933	Aug. 13, 1963	Paoli	Army
Spc. 4 Cecil Ray Millsbaugh	Oct. 4, 1944	March 26, 1968	Declo	Army
Pfc. Lonnie Ray Mitchell	Oct. 5, 1947	Dec. 6, 1968	King Hill	Marines
Louis Alphonse Pichon Jr.	Jan. 7, 1928	March 26, 1969	Ketchum	Marines
Hil Samuel Henri Rodriguez	Feb. 21, 1946	May 19, 1968	Wendell	Navy
SGT/E1 Lynne Marian Rutter	Sept. 5, 1931	Nov. 5, 1970	Jerome	Marines
Pfc. Ronald Dean Shaft	Jan. 28, 1948	Feb. 19, 1967	Filler	Marines
C 4 Billy Gene Smith	May 5, 1946	Nov. 12, 1967	Gooding	Army
Chief Warrant Officer John Michael Sparks	Feb. 24, 1950	MIA/POW 1971	Carey	Army
Spc. 4 Ronald Lee Stapelman	March 16, 1945	July 10, 1967	Paoli	Army
Capt. Gary Lyn Steele	Sept. 15, 1938	April 30, 1965	Bliss	Army
Cmdr. Clarence W. Stuedard Jr.	Jan. 30, 1927	MIA/POW 1966	Atlanta	Navy
Chief Warrant Officer Henry William Tews	April 11, 1928	Dec. 29, 1968	Shoshone	Army
1st Lt. Kenneth Eugene Turner	May 9, 1941	April 24, 1966	Bruneau	Army
Noel Thomas West	March 14, 1944	June 3, 1970	Halley	Army

Source: Office of U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho

job and then get the hell out of Washington, D.C.

Gridley said seeing the Moving Wall can be an emotional experience, especially for those

who haven't seen the memorial in Washington, D.C.

"If they've never seen the actual wall, it's pretty moving to see all the names," Gridley said.

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# School

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ing Academy and increased offerings within the high school's new schedule, Dobbs said.

Other items on the agenda include:

- **Dropouts** — Dobbs presented the newest dropout numbers: 90 students dropped out in the 2003-04 school year, a 23 percent reduction from the year before. This is at least the third year of steady decreases in dropout numbers for the district.

"We've had some very positive returns," Dobbs said.

- **Video surveillance** — The board approved a policy governing the use of video surveillance information. The policy treats tapes as part of a student's record, and they can only be reviewed by someone with a legitimate security, safety or educational interest. Tapes can be used for criminal investigations or for investigations of violations of district policies.

- **Medication policy** — The

board approved a policy to allow students to self-administer some medications, such as inhalers. Dobbs said a new-state law required the added section in the medication guidelines.

- **Light poles** — The board accepted a \$90,514.20 bid from Argus Electric to replace three steel light poles at the high school's football stadium. A \$1,140 addition was also approved to buy and install more lights. The project should be done in mid-October. Operations Director John Miller said.

- **Top teacher** — Julie Ann Briere, a physical education teacher and coach at O'Leary Junior High School, received the Middle School Physical Education of the Year award from the Idaho Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

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# Driver

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Ramirez was transported, in a patrol car, to the Twin Falls County Jail. Prosecutors charged Ramirez with grand theft by possession of stolen property, a felony. The maximum penalty for the charge is 14 years in prison.

Ramirez was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for June 25.

Bond was set at \$10,000.

He was also charged with driving under the influence, to which he entered a plea of innocent.

The pretrial conference for that charge was scheduled for July 6.

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DARING DESCENT



A RAID racer descends in front of Tumalo Falls west of Bend, Ore., during one of the last segments of the X-adventure race Sunday. The RAID event features 45 teams from 14 counties and is the North American qualifier for the X-adventure Raid Series World Championship.

Citizen panel holds line on lawmaker pay

BOISE (AP) — Heeding the request of key lawmakers to hold the line, a special citizen panel on Monday voted to freeze basic legislative salaries and session expenses for another two years. In addition, the six-member Citizens Committee on Legislative Compensation agreed to eliminate a long-standing provision that gave lawmakers \$50 a day in additional salary for days they spent on official business between annual sessions.

The panel, said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley and other lawmakers said a pay raise now would appear to send the wrong signal when the economy remains sluggish, especially with the election just five months away. Jackson also reiterated the speaker's often-stated skepticism about the strength of the current economic recovery and general legislative commitment to allow the temporary penny sales tax to expire in mid-2005 as scheduled despite economic uncertainty.

U.S. skiing legend dies at 89

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — American Skiing legend Dick Durrance, who won 17 national championship titles and put Aspen on the map of major ski destinations, died Sunday. He was 89. Durrance died of natural causes in Carbondale, north of Aspen, family members said. Durrance, the first general

manager of the Aspen Skiing Co. and a key developer of the resort at Alta, Utah. Besides his 17 national championships, he won three Harriman Cups, North America's largest ski race in the late 1930s, and placed eighth in the slalom and 11th in the downhill at the 1936 Winter Olympics.

LDS president praises beauty of N.Y. temple

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon church President Gordon B. Hinckley scooped up some mortar and slathered it on an inside cornerstone as the church's New York City Temple was dedicated. "As I walked through this magnificent building created within an old building, I said to myself, 'This is Zion in Babylon,'" Hinckley, 94, said at the dedication Sunday. The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

"This is such a place of beauty. A miracle, I think, has occurred here," he said. The temple is the 119th built by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for sacred rituals, including marriages and baptisms. — It is only the second temple after Hong Kong to be built on the upper floors of an existing structure. That posed some problems for the cornerstone ceremony. This one was on the wall between the temple's entrance and the elevator to the chapel on the third floor.

Power glitch sparks nuclear plant shutdown

PHOENIX (AP) — A disturbance in the power grid caused a nuclear plant to shut down and temporarily cut off power to about 65,000 Arizona residents on Monday. All three units of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station were shut down as they were designed to do when the disturbance hit, said Jim McDonald, a spokesman for Arizona Public Service Co., which operates the plant located 50 miles west of Phoenix. He said he didn't know what type of disturbance occurred or its cause. However, there were

no evacuations or safety issues connected to the shutdown. It was not immediately clear when the plant — one of the nation's largest nuclear facilities — would restart production, McDonald said. Power was cut at 7:41 a.m. for about 30,000 customers in the west and northwest Phoenix area for about two hours. In Tucson, power was down for less than an hour Monday morning for about 35,000 customers. A natural gas plant five miles southeast of the Palo Verde plant also shut down, McDonald said.

Police catch apologetic suspect in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Honesty may be the best policy. But for one alleged thief, it became the quickest way to jail. Police say Peter Shelley, 24, punched a convenience store clerk and stole a pack of cigarettes June 6 after he refused to show the clerk his identification. But last Saturday, police say Shelley returned to the gas station and apologized to the clerk — twice. The clerk called police, who caught Shelley in his car near the gas station and arrested him.

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protect our joints," Dr. Zenk said. Each chewable dose of FLUIDjoint is so good it tastes just like a tablespoon of a vanilla milkshake. That makes most people happy because they can get rid of all those huge supplement pills they choke down everyday. "FLUIDjoint's effect was far superior than Glucosamine in every clinically measured joint parameter. A remarkable 90% of the people who use FLUIDjoint can expect to experience an improvement in joint function. FLUIDjoint is safe and effective for continuous, long term use, according to study results." John L. Zenk, MD, Principal Investigator, Certified American Board of Internal Medicine. For most, FLUIDjoint provides rapid results. A noticeable improvement in joint performance can be seen in less than 14 days of taking the daily dosage. Each place in your body where bone meets bone is a potential spot for the grinding agony of joint pain, arthritis, stiff fingers or sore knees. Until now, many people have flocked to remedies that contain Glucosamine, Chondroitin, MSM or Collagen. Glucosamine and Chondroitin have a common drawback, they do not work for everyone. In contrast, FLUIDjoint is a new micronutrient supplement. Drugstore will be able to provide FLUIDjoint without a prescription. Dr. Lee Randolph Beck, a biologist and former professor at the University of Alabama Medical School explains, "FLUIDjoint has extensive scientific support, and FLUIDjoint's micronutrients have been tested in well-controlled clinical studies." "The results of one study revealed that FLUIDjoint was substantially effective in improving all measured

parameters (joint pain, joint stiffness, activities of daily living and total WOMAC scores which measures overall joint function) beginning at the second week and continuing to the completion of the trial. No serious adverse reactions were noted in any of the groups," Dr. Beck said. Figure 1 depicts the effect measurements for FLUIDjoint and glucosamine sulfate in one of the studies. In that study FLUIDjoint substantially beat glucosamine in the combined study. Although both compounds show the ability to produce a large effect size in every category, FLUIDjoint out-performed glucosamine in every category measured in the study. With many years of science behind FLUIDjoint, clinical tests show that daily consumption of the amazing key ingredient in FLUIDjoint is of great benefit to those who worry about joint function. The active ingredient in FLUIDjoint was awarded a United States Patent 5,650,175, for the anti-inflammatory factor method of isolation and use. "This all results in the most advanced joint health supplement on the market today. It lets you move with ease. It works sooner than imagined. Your joints can bend and flex easier so you can do all the things you love to do," Dr. Beck said. "Not all drugstores have received deliveries of FLUIDjoint yet. Until shipments have reached all 30,000 of our drugstores, we've opened a National Direct Order Line 1-800-239-6133 ask for Dept. FJ4652. So anyone who doesn't want to wait can call immediately and have FLUIDjoint sent to their home," said John Lindesmith, PatentHEALTH spokesman. "It has been announced that Rite Aid, Kmart, Albertsons and Wal-Mart stores are the first in the area to receive FLUIDjoint and now have it available," Lindesmith said.

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# Subtle symptoms disguise heart attacks

**DEAR ABBY:** A couple of months ago, I suffered a heart attack. It happened one morning while I was getting ready for work. I felt a lot of pressure in my chest and thought it was indigestion. I sat down for a few minutes, thinking it would pass—but then I broke out in a cold sweat and became very nauseated.

My husband took one look at me and insisted we go straight to the emergency room. When we arrived, they gave me some tests and told me I was having a heart attack. I couldn't believe it. Like many women, I thought heart attacks happened only to men.

I didn't know that women can have entirely different symptoms than men. My ignorance could have killed me. Abby, please urge women over the age of 40 who have a relative who has suffered a heart attack at an early age, or women being medicated for



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

high blood pressure or cholesterol—to talk to their doctors about their risk for heart attacks.

Recognizing the symptoms could save their lives.  
—LUCKY SURVIVOR IN DELAWARE

**DEAR LUCKY:** Thank you for the heads-up. According to the American Heart Association, coronary heart disease kills an estimated 250,000 women of all ages and ethnicities every year.

While some heart attacks are sudden and intense, like the one depicted in the movies

where the person gasps, clutches his chest and falls to the ground, the symptoms in women are often far more subtle.

The May 2004 issue of the Mayo Clinic Health Letter had an eye-opening item on this subject. It related that a recent survey of more than 500 female heart attack sufferers had shown their warning signs were often not pain-related.

"More than 70 percent of those surveyed reported feeling unusual fatigue. Other ... symptoms included sleep disturbance, shortness of breath, indigestion and anxiety."

"The majority of the women reported they experienced these warning signs for more than one month before their heart attack, suggesting the symptoms were related to a heart problem."

"Less than 30 percent ... experienced chest discomfort before their heart attacks.

Those who did described it as aching, tightness or pressure—not pain. In addition, only 57 percent reported chest discomfort during their actual heart attacks. They were more likely to experience shortness of breath, weakness and fatigue.

"The absence of chest pain may be a reason why some women don't recognize the symptoms of a heart attack or are misdiagnosed when they seek medical care."

"For those who may not know it, heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women. That's why it is so important that women discuss heart disease with their doctors."

"The American Heart Association has a risk-reduction program for women. To join, call 888-694-3278. Simple lifestyle changes can help us avoid having a heart attack. So make the call. It could save your life."

# Wolves can bark — they just don't want to

**Item No. 191C** in our Love and War man's file is an observation of the sage Anna Wickham: "The true male never yet walked who liked to listen when his mate talked."

Italy's hospital nurses expect tips.

All canines can bark. Wolves are canines. Wolves can bark. But they don't. Take that curiosity into your next debate about environment versus heredity.

Phantasies, too, get drunk. On old grapes. Pretty significant is the fact that grasses grow from the base instead of the tip. That's not true of much foliage. But grasses therefore keep on growing after animals graze so animals



**L.M. BOYD**

can keep on grazing. Used to be hippopotamuses in Europe.

Q. Who coined the phrase, "The American dream?"

A. U.S. historian James Truslow Adams in his 1931 best-seller "The Epic of America." To describe the general longing then for a richer happier life. It also later became known, incon-

sequentially, as the brand name of a roll-your-own cigarette paper used by marijuana smokers.

Remember, the wildebeest calves in February.

Q. First sort of building in what's now Chicago was ...?

A. A mission. In 1674, "Hades" was a hell of a place: the underground abode of the dead in Greek mythology. Lot of people who know Pluto as a comic dog do not know the original Pluto was king of the aforementioned Hades.

Almost forget to mention Albert J. Parkhouse invented the wire coat hanger in 1903.

George Bernard Shaw said: "When two people are under

the influence of the most violent, most insane, most delusive, and most transient of passions, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited; abnormal and excessive condition continuously until death do them part."

Q. How fast can a starfish pedal across the ocean floor?

A. About 15 mph, tops.

Q. What country in Europe has the most wildfyer?

A. Spain.

The life of the male marsupial mole of Australia is pretty basic. He's born. He cuts enough to stay alive until a four-day season of romance in June. He mates once. Then he drops dead.

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## Keep working, Cancer

**IF JUNE 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY**—you attract people who just want to bask in the glow of your warm personality. Even though crosscurrents may be causing tensions, you have your feet firmly on the ground and can see far beyond petty squabbles. Chance meetings now could lead to more important things in the future.

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr. 19): It is best to avoid taking new initiatives under these stars. People could be quarrelsome and ready to take offense at the drop of a hat.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20): Significant others could be fixated on one idea to the exclusion of all else. Wait until their passion burns itself out to start important conversations; otherwise, your side won't be heard.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Small talk can set off a powder keg of misunderstanding, and you can accidentally touch on sensitive areas. Nasty words and sarcasm can create tension and disputes. Concentrate on being warm and kind for the best success today.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Work and responsibility may be piling up, so keep your shoulder to the wheel today if it could be difficult to concentrate as people are in a sour mood and ready to challenge you every move.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Stick close to health and home today and you will receive the adoration you crave. Mucky situations are likely to appear, but you should be able to find solid ground and avoid being caught up in the quagmire.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Probing words can reach hidden places and upset a home's nest of trouble. Guard against thoughtlessness. People may be easily provoked into anger, but true love overcomes misunderstanding.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tense situations are at hand, but by keeping your cool you can avert trouble. It is a difficult day to keep the flames of love burning bright, but you have the diplomatic skills to ward off chilly atmospheres.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid being caught up in gossip or an obsessive idea. Those who seem overly inquisitive and threaten to invade your privacy may be irksome.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Great diplomacy is crucial with key people in order to maintain your momentum. Urges to be playful should be shelved for now; maintain decorum until the celestial conditions improve.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Overwork can cause sharp tempers. Be aware of limitations and take a break now and then. Be accurate to the nth degree today as others are more likely to find fault with mistakes and disapprove of shortcuts.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People are argumentative and hypercritical today, so avoid beginning important projects. If you can escape the "madding crowd," it is likely that you and that special someone will find some tender moments.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

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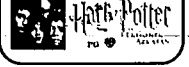
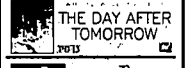
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# Death sentence gets tossed

BOISE (AP) — A federal appeals court on Monday threw out the death sentence of a Blackfoot man condemned for killing a 31-year-old woman 19 years ago.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' threw out the ordered execution of Richard Albert Leavitt, 45, in compliance with

the 2002 U.S. Supreme Court order invalidating death sentences imposed only by judges and not juries.

Idaho has since changed its capital punishment law to include juries, and the federal appellate court ordered Leavitt resentenced under that law.

But the court also said that it would have thrown the death

sentence out even if Idaho's old system had been valid because Leavitt had inadequate legal representation when he was sentenced to death.

It is the fourth Idaho overturned death sentence arising from the Supreme Court's ruling.

The appellate court raised a number of questions about

Leavitt's trial but concluded that none was sufficient to justify throwing out his conviction.

"Neither the jury, nor any court which has since reviewed the evidence in this case, has been impressed with Leavitt's stories," the court wrote in the unsigned 52-page opinion.

Danette Jean Elg, 31, was

stabbed repeatedly and then sexually mutilated in her home in Blackfoot in July 1984. Her body was not found until several days after she died.

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Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Organizers are asking gymnasts if they think they could get by with just one parallel bar.

Michael Ventre of MSNBC.com, on possible concessions to construction delays for the Olympics in Athens, Greece

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

When the Los Angeles Lakers won consecutive NBA titles in 1987 and '88, defeating the Boston Celtics and the Detroit Pistons in the Finals, it was the first time a team had accomplished the feat since the Celtics in 1969 and '69. After 1988, how long was it before another team won back-to-back titles?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American Legion baseball

Jerome A at Idaho Falls, 2, 3 p.m.
Madison A at Twin Falls, Basin Field, 4 p.m.
Twin Falls AA at Pocatello, Halliwell Park, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Women hold third inter-city match

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Ladies Inter-City Golf Association held their third match last week at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

Rupert Country Club and Blue Lakes Country Club are currently tied for the top spot. The next match is to be held Tuesday, July 6 at the Jerome Country Club with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Mini-Cassia Hershey's meet set for June 29

RUPERT — A Hershey's Youth Program track and field event will be held at Minico High School Tuesday, June 29. The seven-event meet is open for boys and girls ages 9-14 with three age classes per gender. Participants can enter up to three events, either two track and one field or two field and one track.

Three more teams win at 3-on-3 tourney

TWIN FALLS — Three boys teams earned age-group wins at the June 5 Western Days 3-on-3 Classic basketball tournament.

The Fab Five Future Bruins, made up of Freddie Tellez III, Elliott Eyr, Jason Byce, Damon Jones and Kyle Miley won in the 8- and 9-year-old division.

The Twin Falls Ballers, which included Eric Har, Chase Mackelvey, Sam Ellis and Taylor Christensen won in the 10-year-old division. Winners in the 11-year-old division were the Hoop Devils, made up of Derek Maloney, TJ. Ellis and Jayson Welker.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Pistons won titles the next two seasons, defeating the Lakers and Portland Trail Blazers in the Finals.

Wranglers take down Burley



Wood River pitcher Steve Hansen is congratulated after scoring during the Wranglers' 11-8 Game-1 win in their American Legion Class A game in Burley Monday.

Legion game turns out to be unexpected slugfest

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

BURLEY — Burley's Ricky Jensen started it by facing a triple to the right-center gap, but 19 runs and 20 hits later, it was the Wood River Wranglers who came out on top of Monday's game at Bobcat Stadium, 11-8.

The slugfest that was Game 1 of Monday's doubleheader was uncharacteristic of two teams generally known for their pitching and defense.

Both teams put their aces on the mound, but neither Wood River's Steve Hansen or Burley's Zac Pickup got into a comfortable rhythm. "Before the game, we were looking at both teams and expecting pitching to be the strength," Wranglers coach Larry Hovey said. "But it was a totally different story today."

Hovey, who led the Wranglers in place of regular coach Bill Lloyd, had his fair share of surprises Monday. Hansen

struggled with his control on his way to the win, throwing five innings and giving up four runs on eight hits, six walks, and two hit batters while striking out only one Bobcat batter.

"Steve's usually more consistent than that," Hovey said. "We tried to keep him on a strict pitch count and he got up there pretty quick." Also surprising was outfielder Derek Abbott's performance at the plate. The usually-patient hitter went 2-for-5 with three RBIs, but also struck out three times.

"It looked like he was guessing up there, and he paid the price for guessing wrong those three times," Hovey said. "But those two hits were huge."

Tyler Thiele went 3-for-4 with a walk, two RBIs, two runs scored and managed to work through some control issues to close the game out on the mound for Wood River, which improves to 4-3 on the year. Please see LEGION, Page C2

2004 STATE RODEO CHAMPIONSHIPS

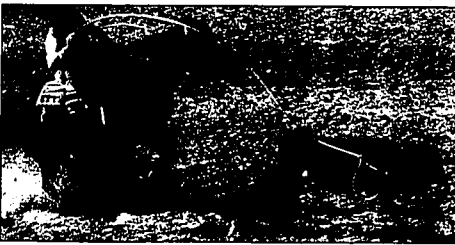
Area ropers, riders compete today

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's time for Idaho's best cowboys and cowgirls to go for the big buck this week as the 2004 state rodeo championships fly out of the chutes today. Pocatello's Bannock County Fairgrounds will be the site of this year's festivities, as the best ropers and riders from Regions Five and Six see how they stack up for the first time against statewide competition.

Gooding cowgirl Italy Jo Eames leads the list of area competitors looking for an all-around title. Eames, who will attend the University of Nevada-Las Vegas on a rodeo scholarship in the fall, ran away with the Region Five All-Around Cowgirl title. Her season point total of 338 points was 104 points ahead of second-place teammate Cady Mae Coats' total.

"I think I'm very qualified to do well and be a contender at state," Eames said. Eames topped the district standings in both the pole bending and barrel racing competitions, and took third in goat



A cowboy ropes a calf in calf roping competition during a high school rodeo earlier this season. A host of area cowboys and cowgirls will compete in the 2004 state rodeo championships, which begin today in Pocatello.

tying. She finished third in breakout roping in last year's state competition, bested by Filer's Andrea Sparks and Jerome's Jenna Bubak. Sparks finished third in last year's all-around standings while Bubak was second in the rookie of the year rankings. Sparks returns as the District Six All-Around Cowgirl, as well as the goat tying and breakout roping champion.

If the past is any indication, Eames' best competition may come from within the Magic Valley. Along with Sparks, last year's top three rookies — Gooding's Malerie Born, Bubak and Filer's Christy Schiewe — will all be in action in Pocatello. "That's good, too," Eames said. "Because we all practice together and push each other to get better. They all have a great

shot and I wish the best for them."

The start of the competition will mark the first time the girls from each district have gone head to head this year, and it will be interesting to see who steps forward to take the spotlight on Idaho high school rodeo's biggest stage.

The Magic Valley sends a lot of cowboys and cowgirls to state and nationals and it's because practicing together makes it tougher," Eames said. "It's awesome

how many good girls come from the area."

Filer freshman Cassie Vierstra could challenge for both the all-around and rookie cowgirl buckles at state. She finished second in the District Six breakout roping, barrel racing and pole bending competitions, and was third in the goat tying

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Ex-MLB chief gets spot on USOC

By Jon Sarche Associated Press writer

DENVER — Former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth was appointed chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee's new board of directors Monday, two decades after leading the Los Angeles Games to a record profit. Ueberroth, 66, will lead the 11-person volunteer board in setting USOC policy and overseeing its finances.



Peter Ueberroth

As chief organizer of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, Ueberroth helmed the games turn a \$225 million profit. He served as commissioner of Major League Baseball from 1984-89.

The 11-person board replaces an unwieldy 125-member board that often clashed with athletes and sports organizations. The announcement comes two months before the start of the Athens Olympics and more than a year after ethics charges against the USOC's former chief executive, Lloyd Ward, prompted a congressional investigation. He later resigned, along with seven other leaders, amid calls for restructuring.

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., has said there was too much emphasis on executive salaries and perks and not enough on athletes and sport. Campbell, a 1964 Olympian in judo, last year said the USOC was rife with nepotism and cronyism, "just like Enron."

Duval ends sabbatical, eyes U.S. Open

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press writer

DENVER — David Duval is ending his seven-month break at golf's toughest test.

Duval said Saturday night that he plans to play in the U.S. Open next week at Shinnecock Hills, his first pro tournament since he withdrew from a tournament in Japan in November. "I'm ready to go play," Duval told The Associated Press from his home in Denver on Saturday night.

Duval has not played on the PGA Tour since he missed the cut in Las Vegas last October. The last player besides Tiger Woods to be No. 1 in the world, Duval slid into a slump that dropped him out of the top 100 on the money list for the first time in his career.

Duval, who won his first major at the 2001 British Open.

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AN AMERICAN'S STORY

Olympian's family faced internment at Minidoka center during WWII

By Paul Newberry Associated Press writer

ST. PETERS, Mo. — Gary Hirai has never been to Japan. He doesn't speak Japanese. He nicknamed his daughter "Kimiko," but has no idea what it means in the language of his ancestral land.

Hirai is an American through and through, proudly sending off his child to represent the United States at the Olympic Games.

"It all fits together perfectly, as far as I'm concerned," said Hirai, whose daughter, Kimiko Soldati, won a spot on the U.S. diving team at trials in suburban St. Louis.

There's no bitterness about where his life began. Hirai was born in Fel-

lony 1945 while his family was locked up in an Idaho internment camp, their freedom snatched away simply because of their Japanese heritage. It didn't matter that Hirai's parents were born in this country, loyal Americans living in Seattle when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and lured their country into World War II. Like thousands of other Japanese-Americans, Hirai's parents were

housed at the Minidoka Internment Center, otherwise known as Hunt Camp, from 1942 to 1945. The area is now a national monument.

uprooted from their home and sent off to a de facto prison, considered a threat to national security simply because of their family tree.

"How do you think that would make you feel?" said Hirai's 89-year-old mother, Mae. "I really don't even like to think about it. We just had to take it. But we went through a lot of suffering."

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Kimiko Hirai Soldati waves to her family and friends after completing her 3-meter springboard finals dive Saturday during the 2004 Olympic Diving Trials in St. Petersburg, Fla.

AP Photo

SPORTS

Rocket's night for naught as Astros fall

Chicago's Prior outshines Clemens

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark Prior pitched five shutout innings in his third start since coming off the DL and Todd Walker homered twice, ending stogie Clemens' unbeaten start with a 7-2 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

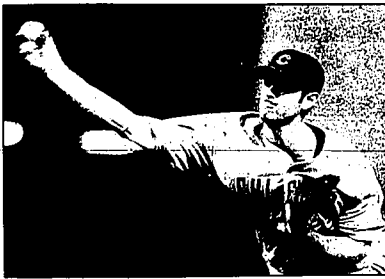
A highly anticipated pitching duel between one of the games' most enduring stars and one of its newest was surprisingly lopsided in favor of the Cubs' 23-year-old All-Star.

Prior (1-1) allowed only five hits and struck out eight, denying his childhood idol a chance to become the first pitcher in the big leagues with 10 wins. Clemens also could have become the first Astro to start the season 10-0 since Juan Agosto in 1981.

Walker went 4-for-5 with homers in the sixth and ninth and a triple in the third. He also scored four runs. The Cubs' second baseman is now 4-for-29 in his last six games after going 0-for-13 in his previous four.

Aramis Ramirez and Moises Alou also homered, handing the Astros their third loss in four games.

Houston's problems were compounded by the loss of shortstop Adam Everett, who left the game in the first inning after straining his left hamstring.



Chicago pitcher Mark Prior delivers a pitch against Houston during the sixth inning Monday, in Houston.

while running out an infield single. The Cubs showed no weakness following Sunday's 15-inning thriller against the Anaheim Angels, a 6-5 victory that took 5 hours, 8 minutes to complete.

Chicago was helped by Clemens' (9-1) struggling throughout the night, giving up five runs on a season-high 10 hits. He had six strikeouts but didn't appear to have any zip on his normally "fearsome" fastball and slider.

The rocket opened the fifth by allowing two singles and a walk, leading the bases with no outs. Ramirez then singled in Todd Walker and Derrek Lee fol-

lowed with an RBI single to score Martinez and give Chicago a 4-0 lead.

Clemens worked his way out of that jam, but promptly gave up a homer to Walker in the sixth that gave the Cubs a 5-0 lead. He was replaced by reliever Kirk Bullinger to start the seventh.

American League Indians 14, Orioles 0

CLEVELAND — Jake Westbrook pitched a four-hitter for his first major league shutout and the Cleveland Indians trounced the Baltimore Orioles for their fourth straight win. Cleveland scored seven runs

in the third inning and six more in the fifth to beat the Orioles their sixth loss in nine games.

John McDonald, getting a rare start and batting only .107, got a career-high four hits and Lou Merloni had two of the in-lane night doubles.

Westbrook (6-2) struck out four and walked two in his third career complete game. Eric DuBoise (4-5) was charged with eight runs in 2-3 innings. He gave up six hits and walked four.

The game was a makeup from a May 2 rainout at Jacobs Field.

Exhibition Hall of Fame Game Braves 10, Twins 7

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Jon Schuerholz, batting only .165 in 56 games as a second baseman for Myrtle Beach, hit just his second pro home run and added three singles. He was picked as the MVP and got a hug behind home plate from Class A players.

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Lakers' coach Jackson faces giant challenge

By Chris Sheridan Associated Press writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Oh, great Zen Master, what now?

How do you turn dysfunction into function? How do you un-break what is so obviously broken? Can it be mended, or saved? Is hope not lost?

"Well, right now I don't think there's a challenge that's as imminent as this perhaps since the '95 season when we had to restructure and change the Chicago Bulls," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said as his Los Angeles Lakers, trailing the Detroit Pistons 3-1 in the NBA Finals, prepared for Game 5.

In the prep work that did not include practice, Jackson gave the Lakers a day off aside from their fly-by-at-the-Palace to publicly address the dueling possibilities of having their season ending Tuesday night in Detroit or continuing in Los Angeles where they'd attempt a comeback that would be unprecedented in NBA finals history.

Jackson wore denim Monday while Kobe Bryant showed up



Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson listens to a question during a press conference in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Monday.

in a green and tan sweat suit and a white visor.

Dressed for summer vacation they were, although they insisted they aren't ready for it to commence.

"Understand that history is not necessarily on their side of their Bryant said. 'There's both

sides of the coin." Indeed, no home team has ever won the middle three games in the finals since the NBA switched to a 2-3-2 format in 1985.

But no team devoid of superstars just won their league is, since 1973, and the Pistons since 1973, and the Pistons since 1973, and the Pistons since 1973, and the Pistons since 1973.

"I sense this team, and what I bring, would be a testament to how special our league is, because I think this team tries to play the right way and respects the game and respects one another," said Pistons coach Larry Brown, whose first NBA title would prevent a counterpoint. Jackson, from breaking the record of nine coaching titles he shares with Red Auerbach.

Coaches often say that no game is as difficult as a close-out game. Desperation changes the equation for the team that's trailing, and overconfidence

rescued by Sorensen just before halftime. He leaped to his right to push out Del Piero's shot, then recovered to deny Totti's follow-up with his right hand.

At the other end, Buffon dove to his right to block a shot from Martin Jorgensen.

The Italians seemed in position to go ahead in the 53rd minute. Totti slipped the ball out left to Gianluca Zambrotta. He had just Sorensen to beat from a tight angle, but the ball rolled across the face of the goal.

Sorensen and Buffon chatted briefly after the game. "He came over and said, 'Well done,'" Sorensen said. "It's a good keeper, too, and I think we showed that today."

He now needs to keep his team focused on the moment rather than letting their minds wander. The possibility of a summer of changes that could include his own departure, along with those of Bryant, Karl Malone and Gary Payton.

"I think it's the easiest thing to do," Jackson said, "because there's nothing else that sits beyond it, really, than just tomorrow's game."

Italy soccer suffers setback against Denmark

By Stephen Wade Associated Press writer

GUIMARAES, Portugal — Italy was held to a 0-0 tie by Denmark on Monday, a big setback for an Italian team considered one of the favorites to win the European Championship.

In Monday's other game, Sweden routed Bulgaria 5-0.

It was a disappointing result for the Italians, who were outplayed by a workmanlike Danish team that was stronger and quicker and would have won if not for two saves by Gianluigi Buffon, one of the world's best goalkeepers.

"At last, we faced the reality of European Championship," Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni said.

Buffon kept out shots by Martin Jorgensen and Dennis Rommedahl. Denmark goalie Thomas Sorensen made reflex-action stops on shots by Alessandro Del Piero and Francesco Totti in the space of two seconds.

Henrik Larsson, persuaded to come out of retirement from international play, had two goals for Sweden. Fredrik Ljungberg, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Marcus Allback also scored for the Swedes, the fifth with seconds to go.

Playing in 91-degree heat at the Dom Afonso Henriques Stadium, the Danes employed pace and muscle to try and unsettle the usually rock-solid Italian defense, and they pro-

vided some early scares. "I thought we deserved to win the game," Denmark coach Morten Olsen said. "We were better prepared, certainly better prepared than Italy. There is no doubt about that."

The Italians came close to scoring when Totti's 30-yard free kick was bending toward the net before Sorensen pushed the ball around the post.

In the 17th minute, Danish winger Thomas Helveg powered a 25-yard shot that the unprotected Buffon had to punch upward.

Fielding four stars who play regularly in the Italian league, the Danes stretched the Italian midfield and pressured the Italian defense. They also were

also cowboys to look for at state.

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Aaron says Bonds will be hounded by negativity

By Christian Red New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Hall of Famer Hank Aaron fears that the racism and intolerance that plagued his pursuit of Babe Ruth's home run record 30 years ago likely will come again as Giants slugger Barry Bonds draws closer to Aton's milestone 755.

"It's just the nature of the business," Aaron said Monday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in midtown. "They did it to me. They did it to Roger Maris. The only person who escaped it was Mickey Mantle."

Aaron was making an appearance on behalf of Harlem RBI, the program launched in 1991



Hank Aaron

that encourages inner-city children to become active in team sports to improve their neighborhoods. But when asked about the steroid allegations that hounded all seasons and whether they would want any new career home run record, Aaron waved off the questions.

"I don't know enough about that to comment," he said several times. "Minority kids have enough problems as it is that have to worry about steroids."

Olympian

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The family had a car and had just moved into a home when word came that they had to "evacuate" by a certain date. They were basically allowed to take the clothes they could carry — nothing else.

"We had to leave everything just the way it was," Mae Hirai remembered Sunday. "I even left the doilies on our table tops."

The family hastily sold their home and car — at a loss — and boarded a train for a relocation camp in California. In all, they spent three years in confinement, most of it at a camp east of Jerome.

Mae's husband was allowed out to work in a nearby sawmill, earning \$16 a month. The rest of his family lived behind a fence, confined to one small room in a barracks, sharing meals and bathroom facilities with other detainees.

"It was really monotonous," Mae said. "There wasn't much to do."

The family was released shortly before the war ended in 1945, having gone through their entire savings during the ordeal. They remained in Idaho and got to work rebuilding their life.

Gary, who spent only two months in confinement, said his parents never talked much about the past. They didn't want to pass along any bitterness to their four children.

"They wanted us to be so ingrained with being Americans," he said.

Gary calls his a typical American life. He grew up in the tiny Idaho town of Cascade, graduating in a high school class that numbered a dozen. He went to college, earning a degree in physical therapy. He got a job in Colorado, married, raised two kids.

In a nod to his family history, Hirai did a college paper on American policy toward citizens of Japanese descent during the war.

"I wanted to learn a little bit more about it," he said. "Maybe there's some people who aren't even aware of what happened. That bothers me some, that people don't know our history. But that's about it."

Hirai's daughter, whose actual name is Kimberly Mae, will be competing in the Olympics

for the first time, an amazing story in her own right. At 30, Soldati was the oldest diver at the trials, former gymnast who didn't start diving seriously until she went to college.

As a teenager, she had to deal with the death of her mother, Judy, who lost a lengthy battle with breast cancer at age 43, and two knee operations. She persevered, finally winning a long-sought Olympic berth on the 3-meter springboard.

Soldati's family rooted her on at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, wearing T-shirts with "Kimiko" written on the front. "USA Diving" on the back.

"I'm proud of my heritage and proud of my family," Soldati said. "I have a whole crowd of Japanese cheering for me, and it's awesome. My family is extremely important to me."

Growing up, she constantly asked questions about her family's background. Her father didn't hide the details, but never showed any signs of animosity.

"It's always there," Hirai said. "It's just a underlying thing."

In 2001, Soldati got a chance to return to the land of her forefathers, representing the United States at the world championships in Japan.

"She had a great time," Hirai recalled. "They let her carry the flag (at the opening ceremonies). It was neat experience for her."

Hirai feels the same way now. In just one generation, his family has gone from prisoners to Olympians.

"How can I complain?" Hirai said. "I've had a great life. Good schooling. Great kids. You're not going to get any complaints from me, especially now."

His mother sat in the stands, a strand of red and blue stars resting atop her white hair.

Asked what it meant to have a granddaughter representing the country that once locked her up, tears formed in her eyes.

"I can't even tell you what this means," she said. "I'm so proud."

An American through and through.

Legion

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"It wasn't pretty by any stretch of the imagination, but we made them pay for some of the free passes they gave us," Hovey said.

Despite taking the loss for his plate, going 2-for-3 with a double, triple, one RBI, two runs scored and two walks. He also struck out four batters in his 5-3 innings of work on the mound, but put seven Wrangler cutters on base via walks or bean balls. Burley's Cody Winmill was also solid at the plate, going 3-for-4 with three singles.

Wood River will now travel to Twin Falls Thursday for the

Donnelly's Sports Invitational, while the locals look to rebound Thursday at the Boise Tournament.

"It was an interesting game for us, now that they're going to be in our conference next spring," Hovey said.

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Rodeo

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standings. Not only was her 2004 performance good enough for the rookie cowgirl title in District Six, it also garnered her reserve all-around cowgirl honors for the district.

On the boys side, Glennis Ferry senior-to-be Ted Walker could be a favorite for the all-around cowboy title. Walker finished third in last year's standings behind champions Mac Erickson of Almo and teammate Wes Kerr. Both 2003 graduates. While he won't compete in cow cutting this year, Walker knows Kerr finished second while competing in only two events.

"That'll kind of hurt me, only having two events," Walker said. "But you never know what can happen. Wes was in it with only two last year."

Walker finished atop the Dis-

trict Five standings in calf roping and team roping along with Wendell's Rob Webb after tying for third in the team roping standings with Kerr last year at state. He will want to see how he and Webb stack up.

"Well, they're two different teams," Walker said. "But I think if we rope good this year, we can have a very bit as good."

Filer cowboy Kyle VanBlizzen took District Six All-Around honors and will look to finish his season strong in the roping events. Between VanBlizzen and District Six bareback bronc champion Brad Reeder, the Filer boys should make a good showing at this year's championships. Reeder finished third in bareback and eighth in bull riding in the 2003 state championships.

"I think there's tough competi-

tion all over Idaho and a lot of it is from our area," Walker said. "I know a lot of the guys from rodeoing with them in the past, and any of the top six from our districts could have a good shot at it."

The cowboys from Raft River High School can't be overlooked, either. The trio of Brody Erickson, Zach Hutchison and Norman Kimbler are all solid in the riding events and will be looking to step in where Mac — the older Erickson — left off last year.

Bliss' Sam Bray was neck and neck with Walker all season for the top spot in District Six and will look for a strong showing in the bull riding competition.

Gooding saddle bronc rider Cliff Toone, Murtagh steer wrestler Bradley Ward and Declo rider Scott "Crash" Shaw

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Duval

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earlier this year did not play at the Masters. It was thought that he would play at least one PGA Tour event as a tuneup before taking his game to a brutal test like Shinnecock Hills.

"I would have loved to have played some other tournaments," Duval said, "but it just didn't work out and I just didn't want to miss the U.S. Open."

"I love Shinnecock Hills."

Duval tied for 28th in the 1995 Open at Shinnecock, his rookie year on the PGA Tour.

Duval will be playing with Scott Hoch and Phillip Price when he tees off at 7:40 a.m. Thursday.

"It is going to be hard. It's going to be windy. I'm looking forward to having fun," Duval said. "There is 156 players there, and I guarantee I'll be having the most fun."





## Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

### Tourist tally

A measurement of Twin Falls' tourist traffic that started out sluggish this season has made a rebound. Managers released visitor counts from the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center, at the south end of the Perrine Bridge: **May 2004:** 3,871 That's up 6 percent from the 3,639 visitors during May 2003 — good news to tourism-dependent businesses. The May visitor count was just 3,620 in 2002. **April-May 2004:** 5,828 That's down 3 percent from the same two months in 2003. The year-to-date 2004 visitor total is 2 percent below the comparable 2002 number. (The visitor center's season starts in mid-March most years, but the Buzz — which was undergoing improvements — opened on April 3 this year. So March visitors were excluded from year-over-year comparisons.) (Source: Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce)

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Times-News holds farewell party

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News is inviting the public to a going-away party for Clark and Cathy Walworth from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls.

During Friday's party, a presentation is set for 5 p.m.

Clark Walworth, *The Times-News'* top editor for 14 years will leave Twin Falls later this month to lead the Casper Star-Tribune, a sister publication in Wyoming. He joined *The Times-News* in 1988 as city editor and was promoted to managing editor in 1990.

Cathy Walworth writes freelance feature articles and the "Green Thumbprints" weekly gardening column, and she compiles the "Desert Seasons" column in *Ag Weekly*, *The Times-News'* agricultural publication. Cathy Walworth plans to remain in Twin Falls a few more months as the couple makes its transition-to-life-in-Casper.

For more information about Friday's event, call Mary Karez at the newspaper office at 735-3256.

### Small business group seeks nominations

TWIN FALLS — The Boise District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration is seeking nominations on behalf of minority small-business owners throughout the district to receive the 2004 Minority Small Business of the Year Award.

Nomination forms, call Rodney Grzadzinski at (208) 334-1696, ext. 233.

All nominations must be received by July 16.

### Inflationary worries

**HOLD STOCKS DOWN** — Investors' growing dread of higher interest rates sent stocks sliding sharply Monday, with a solid retail sales report and expectations of higher inflation providing the latest catalyst for a selloff.

The Commerce Department's latest retail sales figures showed a larger-than-expected increase in sales, indicating consumers' hunger for a wide variety of goods. While the data was evidence of an economy on sound footing — it also fed concerns that pent-up demand could drive prices higher.

Should economic reports over the next couple of weeks continue on this track — particularly a key gauge of inflation due out Tuesday — the Federal Reserve may feel the need to raise interest rates by a half percentage point at the end of the month, instead of the quarter point Wall Street has been expecting.

— compiled from staff reports

# Doctors wanted

## Adventure, all expenses paid and good wages

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Dr. Molly Hutsin-piller says she has the best job in medicine.

Her work for a physician staffing agency has taken her from the South Pole to Alaska. She can pick and choose the assignments, or not work at all. She doesn't have to support an office or staff and her agency covers expenses for airfare, rental cars, lodging and malpractice insurance — "everything except gas and food."

She's a doctor for hire who practices medicine and nothing more. "You have power over your schedule," said the 48-year-old emergency physician from her Snowbird resort time-share, resting after 3.5 months at the South Pole, where she worked for National Science Foundation contractor Raytheon Co. and dealt mostly with altitude sickness at the 9,000-foot base.

A business started 25 years ago this fall by a University of Utah medical student — hiring doctors like smokjumper for temporary assignments, often in remote places — has provided thousands of physicians like Hutsin-piller with reliable work and ballooned into a \$2 billion industry.

"They're needed and appreciated, and they don't get sucked into professional politics with pure medicine, without all the hassles," said Dr. Therus Koffi, who started the physician-for-hire business known by the industry name locum tenens — Latin for "holding a place."

Koffi, an entrepreneur who started four companies, now sits on the board of Salt



Dr. Molly Hutsin-piller poses at Providence Alaska Medical Center, Tuesday, in Anchorage, Alaska. A business started 25 years ago by a University of Utah medical student — hiring doctors like smokjumper for short-term assignments, often in remote places — has ballooned into a \$2 billion industry.

Lake-based VISTA Staffing Solutions, which can draw on a pool of more than 1,200 physicians, including Hutsin-piller. Their wages range from \$50 an hour for basic emergency care to as much as \$2,000 a day for neurosurgeons, depending on the assignment.

"If they don't want to go to North Dakota in February, they don't have to," said VISTA chief executive Mark Brouse, who can resort to horse-trading to find doctors willing to take less desirable postings: "We'll send you to Hawaii in March." Physicians work anywhere from a week or less on U.S. assignments to as much as six months overseas, typically earning \$400 a day for family practice or about \$1,200 for specialists.

VISTA, which screens and certifies doctors, covers their malpractice insurance with a \$1 million annual premium, Brouse said. The company has as many as 200 physicians under contract any given day. The demand for these footloose doctors

is expected to steadily increase as the U.S. population grows and gets proportionally older, while U.S. medical schools are limited in the number of new doctors they can graduate, Koffi said.

Regional disparities in the supply of doctors, who tend to gravitate to metropolitan areas, gave rise to shortages in the first place.

Koffi was a medical student when he landed a federal grant to supply medical help to rural areas. Initial reservations across the West where doctors are scarce.

In 1979 he founded Comprehensive Health Systems, selling that company in the early 1990s. Through a series of mergers it's now called Hamilton Health. One of seven big players in the medical staffing industry, VISTA is the fifth largest and fastest growing player, supplying doctors only. Others deploy nurses as well. The roll call of agencies includes another 60 mom-and-pop operations.

# BUCKING COMPARISONS

## Home Depot CEO tries to edge out chief competitor

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Home Depot Inc. CEO Bob Nardelli doesn't like to talk about his company's chief rival, but that doesn't mean he's ignoring it — he tours Lowe's stores when he travels around the country.

He doesn't go incognito, and so he's sometimes asked to leave. "For the record, they were not personal visits," Nardelli said, laughing, during a recent interview with *The Associated Press*.

Nardelli is checking out the competition as he leads Home Depot's efforts to give its stores a new look and revamp customer service, a move that began amid a charge into its turf by North Carolina-based Lowes' Cos. "I don't," he'd rather not link Home Depot's makeover to its rival.

"He has suffered with the comparison with Lowes'," said former General Electric Co. chairman and CEO Jack Welch, who used to be Nardelli's boss.

Lowes' has a fraction of the stores he has. His stores are older. It's the law of size and age, but he's fixing that."

Nardelli, who had headed GE Power Systems, was a candidate to replace Welch at GE, but didn't get the job, instead landing the top position at Atlanta-based Home Depot in 2000. Welch said it wasn't a consolation prize for Nardelli, but rather a perfect fit — Nardelli gave the mostly decentralized Home Depot some direction.

"It's got an engine inside him," Welch said.

Analysts agree that Nardelli is putting Home Depot on a better path.

Colin McGranahan, an ana-

### The Home Depot at a glance

- **Opened:** June 22, 1979.
- **Number of stores:** 1,766 in the United States, Canada and Mexico, including one in Twin Falls.
- **2003 revenue:** \$64.82 billion.
- **2003 profit:** \$4.30 billion.
- **Headquarters:** Atlanta.
- **Chief executive:** Bob Nardelli.
- **CEO background:** Joined General Electric in 1974, advancing through a series of leadership positions in the company's appliances, lighting and transportation systems business units; joined Case Corp. in Racine, Wis., as executive vice

president in 1988; returned to GE in 1991 as president and chief executive officer of its Canadian Appliance Manufacturing Co. in Toronto; appointed president and chief executive officer of GE Transportation Systems in Erie, Pa., in 1992; appointed president and chief executive officer of GE Power Systems in 1995; named chief executive officer of The Home Depot in 2000 and chairman in 2002.

*Source: The Home Depot, interviews.*



Home Depot Inc. CEO Bob Nardelli

ber 2000, the company had had eight consecutive quarters of declining comparable store sales — those from stores open at least a year.

"The problems included the fact that as it grew, it was no longer able to uphold the high standard of customer service it was known for in its formative years," Nardelli says. Home Depot is working to improve service.

"On any given morning, we have 300,000 associates who get up, who are from one to two-day associates to 20-year associates," he said. "So your job, part of the 23 million hours of training that we'll do, is to bring consistency."

He said he's focused on what lies ahead, which includes this week's announcement that Home Depot will open a business development office in China with the intent to eventually open stores.

So far, as he considers what he's done at Home Depot, Nardelli said he doesn't have many regrets.

"There's a lot of things when you look back, you say 'Gee, how could I have done that better, faster?' But I think the strategy has served us well," he said.

# INEEL will hire for expanded research mission

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — After a dozen years of reducing the payroll by nearly half, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is finally ready to begin hiring again.

Both the INEEL and associated Argonne National Laboratory-West have begun looking for new workers to handle the expanded role the site has been given in nuclear energy research and homeland security. The two laboratories

will merge next February under the new name of the Idaho National Laboratory when the new operating contracts for the site take effect.

While personnel managers are going over the resumes of employees laid off in the past, the targets of the new hiring initiative are young people in targeted specialties.

"We need workers with a whole different educational background than before," said Bern Slikorski, director of human resources at INEEL.

Less than a year ago, the Site BWSX, which is running the site for the government, laid off or offered early retirement to 200 workers. That brought the work force at the site down to around 6,000 from 8,500 when Bechtel took over in 1999.

Still, eastern Idaho's biggest employer and the driving force of the regional economy, INEEL is significantly smaller than it was in 1992 when the payroll was nearly 1,300.

Officials are unsure just how many new workers they will

hire in the next year, but 88 openings have already been posted on the INEEL Web site.

Mid-career workers are being considered for some jobs, but managers are focusing on young people beginning their careers, who can learn from older workers before they retire while bringing in new skills.

"We have to be able to maintain a core of significant expertise, and I'm getting anxious about that because our core is about to retire," said John Sackett at Argonne-West.

# Insulation company requests incentive for expansion

## Despite competitive disadvantage, company wants to stay in Twin Falls, CEO says

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho markets provide a small percentage of the raw materials for Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., which in 2002 had used 200 million pounds of paper — and the state consumes little of its finished mulch and cellulose insulation.

So the Twin Falls recycled-paper mill, Hamilton, does a tremendous amount of shipping on both ends of the manufacturing process, said Christy Eames, chief executive officer.

### NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Earlier this year, city leaders were preparing an application for a state grant to help upgrade electrical capacity at Hamilton Manufacturing Inc.'s Twin Falls plant, where an expansion is expected to add jobs.

■ **The latest:** The city and the company called off that grant application, Hamilton's CEO said, because the company discovered it would be cheaper to install transformers itself than to pay fees to use the equipment a grant would have bought.

■ **What's next:** Urban Renewal members must decide whether to award an incentive grant to Hamilton (see NewsTracker) and when to give it to help the company stay in Twin Falls and create new jobs.

Hamilton Manufacturing was already feeling the pinch from big-city competitors that are closer to concentrated markets of materials and labor. Please see EXPANSION, Page C6

# Avoid use of overdraft protection

**Question:** The last 18 months have been extremely difficult financially, and I have had to use overdraft protection repeatedly. Each time I use it, I am charged \$22. This has truly snowballed on me. I paid over \$4,000 in overdraft fees last year.



"These charges make it impossible to start becoming solvent again. The local bank is not much help. Can you please tell me who I go to with this problem?"

**Answer:** Try your nearest money manager.

The way to deal with tough financial times isn't by killing checks. Overdraft protection is meant to prevent you from the occasional mistake that might otherwise result in a bounced check. You're using it to live beyond your means.

Unfortunately, some banks encourage this approach by suggesting their customers use overdraft protection as a line of credit. But as you've seen, this is an extremely expensive way to

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including oil, grain, and metals. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Expansion

Continued from C4... customers, and the company felt the pain in its bottom line.

Hamilton has considered moving its plant and its jobs out of town, perhaps to the Nevada-California border.

By the end of its two-year expansion project, Hamilton expects to employ an annual average of 30-50 people.

Already this year, Hamilton's international sales have equaled the total from all of 2003.

The new positions will include sales representatives, shift leaders, warehouse workers and a couple of technical people.

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\$10,000 for a security fence to reduce product vandalism that has been costly for Hamilton.

\$94,885 for power transformers. \$635,000 for other electrical upgrades.

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