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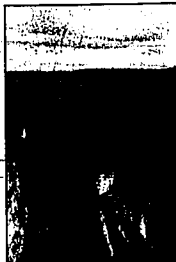


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Sheriff IDs body

Homicide victim was 52-year-old Jerome resident

By Rebecca Meany
 Times-News writer

JEROME — Officials with the Jerome County Sheriff's Department Wednesday released the name of a homicide victim but did not reveal the circumstances surrounding the man's death.

Francisco Gonzalez Ferrer, 52, of Jerome was found dead Tuesday morning by a co-worker after Ferrer didn't show up for work, Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

Officers arrived at the victim's house at 27 S. 100 W. around 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and determined that a homicide had occurred. Weaver declined to say how Ferrer was killed or where "in the house his body

was discovered.

An autopsy was under way Wednesday in Boise, he added.

Ferrer was last seen alive at 11:30 p.m. Monday.

Weaver said, "We have no one in custody." "We have no persons of interest we're examining."

He added that the department had interviewed four or five people as of Wednesday morning but did not say if any of them was a suspect.

Weaver called a press conference Wednesday to reveal pieces of information about the crime.

Behind the sheriff, a "For Sale" sign hung from a post in front of the victim's blue and white house.

Ferrer was married with two children, but Weaver said he was not sure whether they were liv-

ing with Ferrer at the time of his death.

"From all indications from his family, co-workers and friends, he was a very nice man, very helpful to his neighbors," Weaver said.

Ferrer worked at a dairy, but Weaver said he did not know which one.

The victim had no previous contact with the Jerome County Sheriff's Department, Weaver added.

The investigation continued Wednesday afternoon.

"We're collecting evidence as we speak," Weaver said.

"It can take minutes, days, weeks, months or years" to solve a murder. "I'm hoping we can solve it quickly."

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call the



Francisco Gonzalez Ferrer

NewsTracker

- **Last we know:** Officials found the body of a man at a residence near Jerome Tuesday and determined the cause of death to be homicide.
- **The latest:** Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver identified the victim as Francisco Gonzalez Ferrer, 52.
- **What's next:** investigators will continue to gather evidence while an autopsy is performed on the body in Boise.

Jerome County Sheriff's Investigative Section at 324-8845.

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Scientist closes in on system to reduce phosphorus

By Julie Pence
 Times-News writer

JEROME — University of Idaho agricultural engineer Ron Sheffield is pretty sure he has come up with a system to eliminate excessive phosphorus loading on concentrated animal feeding operations.

He's so sure it will reduce phosphorus in animal waste by up to even 80 percent in some cases that by early autumn he will have a system design and cost analysis completed for the 5,000-head St. Ellen Dairy in Jerome County.

Sheffield's advertised mission when he came to Idaho from North Carolina over two years ago was to find ways to manage dairy farm dairies. But his assignment also was to identify other CAFO problems. "Find appropriate solutions, get them on the ground and optimize their operations," he said.

Sixty percent of large dairies in Idaho have proven to have at least one field with phosphorus levels above the Idaho Department of Agriculture's recommended threshold, Sheffield said. The project fell right into his lap, because high phosphorus levels were something he had worked on with other scientists at North Carolina State University. In addition, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is requiring that all states have a strategy to managing phosphorus by 2008.

Like nitrogen, phosphorus is an element people do not want in their drinking water. But the biggest concern in Idaho is the danger of it getting into the Snake River. That happens when irrigation water soaks down into underground streams that eventually drain into the river through the canyon walls, Sheffield said.

"Phosphates leaving the field either through runoff or through percolating into the groundwater will be a problem in the Snake River into the foreseeable future," he said.

When phosphates enter the river, they stimulate the growth of algae, which can result in an algae bloom. Algae blooms are easily recognized as layers of green slime and can eventually cover the river's surface.

CAFOs aren't the only culprits in regards to phosphorus. Idaho farmers have been doctoring their fields with commercial

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BUILDING HOPES OF HIGHER EDUCATION



COBY MYERS/The Times-News

Andrew Stenberg punches out holes where pipe will be hung in the renovated Fine Arts Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus Wednesday.

CSI touts education center plan

By Karin Kowalski
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Administrators at the College of Southern Idaho seized the opportunity Wednesday morning to promote their plans for a higher education center to be built across from the campus on North College Road.

Administrators gave a tour to the state's Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council which oversees construction of all sorts of state-run facilities. The council stopped by CSI during a

NewsTracker

- **Last we know:** The College of Southern Idaho finished its new Student Union Building, and construction continued on expansion of the Fine Arts Building.
- **The latest:** CSI administrators Wednesday hosted members of the state's Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council, which controls the list of which projects receive priority for state money.

two-day tour of southern Idaho. In October, state agencies will make presentations to the

council in hope of having their projects placed on the state's priority list for funding. It takes

several years to move up that list and get money, so CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer is starting early, showing off plans for a new building that would house four-year programs run by other institutions, such as the University of Idaho, Boise State University and Idaho State University.

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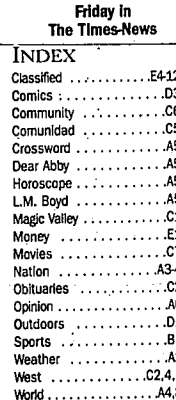
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The cost of reducing phosphorus

- Cost to develop the experimental system: \$15,000.
- Who paid for it: The co-owners of St. Ellen Dairy in Jerome County in the form of a grant.
- What a full-scale operation costs: About \$10 per cow for initial construction for dairies over 2,000 cows, then a penny per cow per day to operate. Initial set-up for smaller dairies is more.



Thomas Galde gives a hug to his newly found dog, Chevy, at his home in Boise Wednesday.

Computer chip reunites owner, lost Labrador

The Associated Press

BOISE — At first, Thomas Galde thought the voice on the phone must be confused. An animal shelter in California couldn't possibly have his dog, Chevy.

After all, the animal was right in front of him, 650 miles away at his Boise home.

But when the man insisted and mentioned a computer chip in the dog's neck, Galde realized that after seven years, Chevy's predecessor had finally been found.

The older dog disappeared from Galde's Hayward, Calif.,

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A prototype wall of LITraCon, a translucent concrete, is shown in a photo provided by the National Building Museum.

New concrete lets the light shine through

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It used to be only Superman who could see through concrete walls, but an exhibit at the National Building Museum shows new materials can do it too.

Called "Liquid Stone," the show features variations of translucent concrete, a newfangled version of the old construction standby that offers a combination of aesthetics and practicality.

One display is a wall of translucent concrete blocks. When someone stands in front of it, light is shone from behind, the person's shadow can be seen clearly on the other side.

"I think it's beautiful in itself, so it might be attractive in a restaurant or a home," said G. Martin Mueller Jr., the museum's senior vice president. "But it Please see CONCRETE, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and warm. Highs near 80.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and pleasant. Lows in the lower to middle 50s.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny, warm, and pleasant. Highs in the middle to upper 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and warm. Highs up to 70s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and comfortable. Lows up to 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a light afternoon breeze. Highs in the lower to middle 80s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 80, Low 53).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Burley, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Fairly pleasant and seasonable conditions will exist through the weekend. High clouds will pass by from time to time along with a slight chance of late day to evening rain and thunder.

Today Highs: 67 to 78. Tonight's Lows: 37 to 48.
BOISE
Warm and mostly clear conditions will prevail through the weekend. Skies will be partly sunny during the day and clear at night. Winds will remain light and variable.

Today Highs/Lows: 82 to 85 / 54 to 57.
NORTHERN UTAH
A low mountain thunderstorm is possible late in the week with otherwise partly cloudy and pleasant conditions expected.



Yesterday's State Extreme: 62 at Deer Park, Idaho. Low: 31 at Stanley.

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Chip Guardsman's dog turns up missing

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backyard in 1996.
Calls were made to the precinct, hours were spent searching the neighborhood, and countless fliers were posted to no avail.

Chevy seemed to be gone for good.
Gaide couldn't quite get over his prized pet, and it was six years before he could bring himself to buy another black lab, one he also named Chevy.

Gaide moved to Boise last year, bringing the younger dog along.
The call about the original Chevy came about three weeks ago, Gaide said, after animal shelter officials tracked him down through his wife, who still lives in California.

"I got this phone call, 'Well, I'm calling you from the animal shelter, we have your dog here and can you come pick him up,'" he said.
"The guy says it's a little black lab and his name is Chevy, and I'm white as a ghost because I don't know what's going on."

Once the confusion was ironed out, Gaide said, arrangements were made to pick up the long lost dog.
Now, he said, the older

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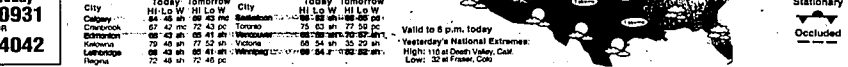
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for London, Paris, Tokyo, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Montreal, New York, etc.

Valid to 6 p.m. Today
Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 104 at Death Valley, Calif. Low: 24 at Frost.

Phosphorus

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fertilizers with phosphates for decades with the idea of "banking" phosphorus, a 1992 U of I study explained.
But the risk to the environment regardless of the source is the same, Sheffield said.

Once the phosphorus is in the soil, it doesn't care if it came from a cow or bag of Miracle Gro, Sheffield said.
The most difficult phosphorus problem on dairy farms comes from waste lagoons. Whereas solid manure from CAFOs can be shipped even hundreds of miles away to be used as fertilizer, the wastewater from lagoons cannot.

"The liquid is extremely difficult to move any distance," said David Mezes, who manages the waste at St-Ellens cows production.
Sheffield said his studies show a flush-system dairy will typically only be able to move 15 percent of the total phosphorus off the farm. Generally, two or three

Concrete

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might also be used in an indoor fire escape where you wanted light to come through in case of a power failure. It could become a lifesaver."
The translucent blocks are made by mixing glass fibers into the combination of crushed stone, cement and water, varying the amount to produce a versatile building material.

The process was devised by Hungarian architect Aron Losonczi in 2001.
"The idea came from a work of art I saw in Budapest," he said in a telephone interview from Csongrad in southeast Hungary.
"It was made of glass and ordinary concrete, and the idea of combining the two struck me. Then I went to Stockholm to do post-graduate work in architecture and it developed there."

One of the first demonstrations was a sidewalk in Stockholm made of thin sheets of translucent concrete. It looks like a concrete sidewalk but is illuminated at night by lights under it.
A company in Aachen, Germany, called LITraCon for "light transmitting concrete," makes translucent blocks and plans to have them market-ready this year.

Andreas Bittis, in charge of marketing said that thus far, they have mainly been used in demonstration projects, such as the Stockholm sidewalk.
Bittis has many ideas for practical uses.
"Think of illuminating subway stations with daylight," he suggested in an e-mail. Or using the concrete for speed

Concrete

bumps and lighting them from below to make them more visible at night.
Translucent concrete is strong enough for the uses for traditional concrete, and production costs fall, the price of any new product will be significantly higher than similar older products.

Will Wittig, who teaches architecture at the University of Detroit Mercy, has developed concrete panels shown in the exhibit that in some places are only a tenth of an inch thick. He said he had ideas about an all-concrete building, part of which would consist of ordinary opaque concrete and the translucent kind.

The smaller theater will be at least 70 feet tall to accommodate hanging scenery.
The theater said the expansion will double the size of the campus' oldest building, which was built in 1968. The auditorium is used about 300 times a year.

"For us, it's a very nice project," Meyerhoeffer said. The building is expected to be completed by April 1, 2005, if all goes as planned. The project has had several weather-related changes and delays from state budget problems.

Robert Unrau, senior project manager for the State Department of Public Works, was also on the tour, has managed the construction project from the beginning and is seeing it moving ahead." Unrau said.

"I'm pleased to see it moving ahead," Unrau said.
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CORRECTIONS

Twin Falls City Council met on Tuesday
Wednesday's newspaper gave the incorrect day of this week's Twin Falls City Council meeting. The council met on Tuesday.

MC women's shelter needs more money
A Wednesday article about the Mini-Cassia Women and Children's Shelter contained an error regarding the amount of money raised for purchase of a modular home.

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Daniel Walock, director
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The shelter organization has raised about \$20,000 and needs an additional \$30,000 in donations to buy and install the modular home.
The Times-News regrets the error.

Phase of mapping project should cost \$244,684
Wednesday's article about a global-imaging system mapping project in Burley contained an incorrect cost estimate for the project.
Phase one of the mapping project is expected to cost \$244,684.
The Times-News regrets the error.

ish. "What's up with the new guy?" But now he acts like he remembers me, responds to me, and the bond is still there."

Rommel isn't wearing a collar, but he does have a microchip implant for identification. If you have seen Rommel, call Jacobsen at 737-0638 or 731-8581.

boarded the plane not knowing why his dog had gone, and she'd love to be able to give him some good news.
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Edgar left for Fort Bliss, Texas, Thursday on the first leg of an 18-month deployment that will include a one-year tour of Iraq. Jacobsen said he

Gaide is living happily with Chevy's other three dogs, including Chevy the younger.
"He's doing fine, well adjusted," Gaide said.

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CSI

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major priorities for the college and the community.
It's a key to economic development," Meyerhoeffer said. "It's a benefit to have them here."

The council also received a tour of the new Student Union Building and saw the progress of the expansion of the Fine Arts Building.

The \$7 million in additions to the Fine Arts Building will include three classrooms, a lecture hall, two sets of restrooms, a 400-seat theater, a common lobby, dressing rooms, a rehearsal room, a scene shop and tool room, a costume room, several offices and lots of storage space.

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Kerry, Edwards start campaign

CLEVELAND (AP) — An upbeat John Kerry campaigned for the first time with running mate John Edwards on Wednesday and boasted that the Democratic team has a "better vision, better ideas" than its Republican counterpart — and joked, "we've got better hair."

One day after Kerry chose Edwards as the vice presidential candidate, the two senators offered glowing critiques of each other at a downtown plaza in Ohio, a critical battleground state.

Introducing Edwards in Cleveland, the first city to get

electricity, Kerry welcomed "a different kind of electricity called John Edwards." The Massachusetts senator called his running mate a man with "passion, conviction and strength."

"He represents the best of the hope of our country, the best of opportunity," Kerry said.

Kerry also poked fun at himself as well as his running mate for something the two often are teased about.

"We've got better vision, better ideas, real plans. We've got a better sense of what's happening to America — and we've got

better hair," Kerry said, laughing.

In turn, Edwards praised Kerry for showing "strength and courage and determination" during the Democratic primary. "And the truth is, it's the same strength, courage and leadership that he showed his whole life," he said.

Kerry and Edwards sought to dispel any notion of ill-will from the primary campaign by embracing and laughing together like old friends. The two — both millionaires — promised that together they would fight for the middle class. And, they criti-

cized President Bush.

Sill, the entire day had a celebratory feel — all part of the campaign's plan to introduce the Democratic ticket before the convention in Boston July 26 — and it was definitely a family affair.

Earlier, the candidates, their wives and children appeared on the Kerry family's suburban Plattsburgh estate for family photographs before heading to Ohio and then to Florida to kick off four days of campaigning that will end Saturday with a rally in Edwards' home state of North Carolina.



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and his newly selected running mate Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., right, are seen in Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday during their first campaign rally together since Edwards' selection.



Robyn Sims, President of the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Home and School Board, looks over an 1891 Henry Tanner painting titled, "Horse and Dogs in a Landscape," that hangs in Principal James McWilliams' office, on June 18. The school district has uncovered millions of dollars worth of art in school basements, boiler rooms and hallways.

Art collection worth millions found in Philadelphia schools

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — To the delight of school officials, a multimillion-dollar treasure trove of 19th- and 20th-century art has been discovered in basements, boiler rooms, closets and hallways in Philadelphia's cash-strapped public schools.

The artworks — 1,200 works in all, including paintings, sketches, sculptures, murals, tapestries and ancient artifacts — had been donated to the school system or bought for small sums long ago.

But over the decades, many of them were taken down when the walls were painted and were put into storage, where they apparently were forgotten altogether.

The collection is probably worth tens of millions of dollars, school officials and art experts said.

"This is an incredibly unusual and extraordinary find. From the collection, over 100 of them are very important works," said

art consultant Kathleen Bernhardt-Hidvegi of the Chicago-based Corporate Art Source. She conducted the inventory in the city's 264 schools.

The collection includes paintings by Thomas Eakins and Henry Ossawa Tanner, both of whom attended Philadelphia's prestigious Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, as well as landscapes by "Pennsylvania Impressionists" Edward W. Redfield, Walter Emerson Baum and Henry B. Snell.

The school system will look into how to preserve and display the collection and make money off of it, perhaps through calendars, coffee-table books and the like.

But Natalie Paquin, school system chief of staff, made it clear that selling some or all of the collection is out of the question, even though the district has been in financial straits and has been its first balanced budget in seven years this spring.

"Our history is not for sale. It's for the benefit of our children and it's part of our region's history," Paquin said. "Many of these paintings were made here, some only a couple of blocks from the school. That's an exciting way for kids to learn about art, culture and history."

The inventory began quietly in March 2003 and is similar to one conducted for the Chicago school system, where Philadelphia schools chief executive Paul Vallas and Paquin previously worked.

Roughly the same number of works were inventoried during the mid-1990s in the Chicago schools, whose collection was estimated to be worth at least \$20 million. But Philadelphia's collection is "richer in its historical value and more beautiful," Paquin said.

Some of the artworks were hanging in halls and offices, but many were not as lucky.

Study: Rapid rise in PSA level sign of aggressive prostate cancer

The Associated Press

Prostate cancer is much more likely to kill if a man's PSA level rises rapidly before the cancer is even diagnosed, according to a study that suggests a new and far more meaningful way of looking at PSA test results.

The finding could help patients and doctors make the often difficult decision of whether to undergo surgery or merely wait and watch.

The PSA test is widely used to diagnose prostate cancer by measuring levels of a substance called prostate-specific antigen in the blood. Up to now, doctors have focused largely on the PSA level itself, and not on how it changes over time.

But researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital and elsewhere found how fast PSA level increased in the year before prostate cancer was diagnosed predicts which tumors are deadly nearly 10

times better than the PSA level itself.

"The study is pretty definitive," said lead researcher Dr. Anthony D'Amico, a radiation oncologist at Brigham and professor of radiation oncology at Harvard Medical School. "It's not the level-of-PSA that matters, it's the change from year to year."

The finding underscores the importance of getting regular PSA screenings, so that doctors can spot trends.

When doctors find prostate cancer, they often recommend "watchful waiting" or prostate-removal surgery, because the operation can cause impotence and incontinence and because some prostate tumors are so slow-growing that men die of something else before the cancer kills them.

But most men do not want to wait, so doctors are seeking better ways of predicting which tumors will be lethal. PSA levels alone are not al-

ways reliable. A recent study found the tests missed about 15 percent of prostate cancers in older men whose readings were supposedly normal — that is, at or below a count of 4.

The new study, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, followed 1,095 men, 65 years old on average, who had prostate cancer; they received PSA screenings at least once a year and underwent prostate surgery between 1989 and 2002.

Twenty-eight percent of the men whose level rose more than 2 points the year before diagnosis died of prostate cancer within seven years — despite having the gland and adjacent lymph nodes and seminal vesicles surgically removed.

D'Amico said the findings make clear which patients need aggressive treatment, but not which ones can safely be monitored through repeated testing.

ACLU fights for gay rights

BALTIMORE (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union on Wednesday sued the city of Baltimore and four Maryland counties for the right of same-sex couples to marry.

The lawsuit was filed in Baltimore Circuit Court on behalf of nine couples and a man whose partner recently died. The couples had sought marriage licenses and were denied, said Ken Choe of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, based in New York.

Maryland law specifically defines marriage as between a man and a woman. In February, Attorney General Joseph Curran sent a memo to state legislators and the 24 clerks of the court reminding them that clerks are not authorized to issue licenses to gay couples.

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Iraqi premier gets broad powers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq unveiled emergency laws Wednesday to fight the enduring insurgency, even as masked gunmen battled Iraqi and American forces in Baghdad. The measures gave the government broad powers — including the right to impose limited martial law — but some Iraqis questioned whether they would restore order.

The laws also allow Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to set curfews, send security forces on searches and freeze suspects' assets and monitor their communications. He can also assign military leaders to run restive areas.

Government officials insist built-in checks will protect Iraqis' rights and prevent the government from backsliding into dictatorship.

That was not much of a concern for some Baghdad residents. "Borrowing Saddam Hussein's big stick for a short period of time is fine if it's for the interest of the people," said politician Salahuddin Haifi.

Allawi, a secular Shiite with close CIA links, can only invoke his new powers with the unanimous approval of the Presidential Council made up of the president, who is a Sunni Arab, and two vice presidents, a Kurd and a Shiite.

The laws are the first major step by Allawi's government to make good on its promise to end the violence that has killed hundreds of Iraqis over the past 15 months.

"The law ... is really designed to protect lives in Iraq, whether these lives are Iraqi or friends of Iraq," Allawi said. "We will use the law ... whenever it is necessary to defeat our enemies."

Justice Minister Malik Dohan al-Hassan announced the measures, saying, "Present conditions in Iraq have



A frightened Iraq girl cries holding her younger sibling as U.S. soldiers kick down a door and enter a house as they carry out house-to-house searches near Martyr's Square near Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday.

reached a stage that is impossible to tolerate."

Less than a mile away, a daylight gunbattle between Iraqi security forces and insurgents raged for hours in the streets of central Baghdad. Officials said four people were killed and 20 wounded.

U.S. armored personnel carriers moved to the scene of the fighting on Hafa Street to help the Iraqi forces. Two Apache helicopters hovered overhead.

Also Wednesday, four explosions shook another neighborhood near the headquarters of Allawi's political party, wounding six people, the interior ministry reported. The neighborhood hit by the explosions is also home to one of

Allawi's residences. He was not there at the time.

In the latest in a rash of kidnappings, Al-Jazeera television aired a video showing armed men holding a Filipino hostage whom they threatened to kill unless the Philippines withdraws its troops from Iraq within 72 hours. Other militants are holding an Egyptian truck driver.

With the violence continuing, some Iraqis welcomed the emergency measures, saying they were needed to improve security.

"This law must be strictly enforced," said Adel Issa, owner of a clothes shop in the Baghdad's upscale Mansour district. Senior Kurdish politician

Mahmoud Othman said emergency powers by themselves would not solve security woes. "Force alone does not solve security problems," he said. "Efforts must be made to achieve national reconciliation and grant amnesty to those who fought the occupiers," he said from London. Allawi's government already is considering such an amnesty.

A prominent member of the Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni group with links to insurgents, said he would welcome the new laws if they are used to target terrorists killing civilians.

"But we will oppose them if we see them benefiting the American occupiers," said Sheik Abdel-Salam al-Kobeisi.

Israel refuses to meet to discuss withdrawal

JERUSALEM (AP) — The government snubbed an international group of Middle East mediators in the region to discuss Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, officials said Wednesday, adding it first wants to discuss the pullout with a U.S. delegation.

The representatives of the so-called Quartet — the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia — met Wednesday with Palestinian officials, who welcomed the visit.

The group is trying to push forward the Gaza withdrawal plan. It hopes the pullout will be the first step of the internationally backed "road map" peace plan.

Israeli officials, however, decided not to meet with the diplomats at a stop in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Sharon's spokesman, Asaf Sharif, denied the government

had refused to meet the Quartet team. He said that Israel first wants to talk to a White House delegation arriving this week before discussing the withdrawal plan with others.

"We did not refuse to meet with them. ... There were no plans to meet them from the beginning," Sharif told The Associated Press. "We have a very respected American delegation coming out this week and we will discuss these issues with them."

But Christina Gallach, a spokeswoman for EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, said the Israelis had called off a scheduled meeting.

She said that at last month's summit of the Group of Eight industrial powers, participants had decided to send Quartet representatives to meet with Israeli and Palestinian officials to discuss how the Gaza pullout could advance the "road map" peace plan.

Lawmaker: Pentagon taxes Reserves to breaking point

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "The Pentagon is taxing its Reserve soldiers 'nearly to the breaking point' with renewed and extended deployments in its two ongoing wars, the ranking Democrat on the House military panel said Wednesday.

And the committee's Republican chairman said recent moves to find more combat soldiers for Iraq — including the use of troops who normally train others — could "mortgage the future" of the nation's military.

Both said they are concerned about the stress on the armed forces.

"I'm worried ... worried for them, for asking very few to exert an enormous sustained effort for the good of all of us," said Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, Republican chairman of the panel, noted that the ratio of Reserve to active duty soldiers in Iraq is increasing and said he was concerned troops are not getting enough turnaround time back in the states.

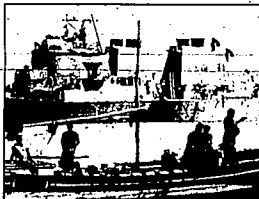
Trial starts in Cole bombing, with alleged al-Qaida members

SANA, Yemen (AP) — A security court charged six alleged al-Qaida members Wednesday with plotting the attack on the USS Cole, opening the first trial in the suicide bombing that killed 17 American sailors. Among the defendants is reputed mastermind Abd al-Fahim al-Nashiri.

Police and soldiers cordoned off the security court in Sana'a, and marksmen watched from rooftops, as five of the defendants were brought in to hear the judge read their indictment. Al-Nashiri, the sixth defendant, is in U.S. custody.

The attack occurred in October 2000 when two suicide bombers brought a small boat alongside the destroyer as it refueled in Aden harbor. The bombers detonated explosives stashed on the boat, killing themselves and 17 sailors, and blasting a huge hole in the ship's hull.

The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in 2002. He was detained in the United Arab Emirates and transferred to American custody. U.S. officials believe the Saudi-born al-Nashiri is a close associate of al-Qaida leader



Osama bin Laden.

In addition to the Cole attack, he is suspected of helping direct the deadly 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

A diplomat at the U.S. Embassy in Sana'a refused to comment on the trial or disclose al-Nashiri's whereabouts. Nor would he say whether the accused would be handed over to the Yemeni authorities. U.S. diplomats attended the hearing.

The United States reportedly pressed Yemen to delay the trial until all facets of the case had been thoroughly investigated. Journalists in Sana'a often heard the trial was about to begin, and

then found it had been postponed. Judge Najib al-Qaderi said the court would publish a statement in local newspapers summoning al-Nashiri to appear. Yemeni officials have said they have asked the United States to hand him over.

The five defendants, all Yemenis, refused to plead and asked the judge to grant them access to lawyers.

Al-Qaderi, who approved their request, said they were charged with belonging to the al-Qaida terror network, forming an armed-gang with the purpose of carrying out crimes against the state, resisting the authorities and forging documents.

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MORNING BREAK

Children not always welcome at bar mitzvah

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column and usually agree wholeheartedly with your advice. However, I was stunned to read your reply to "On the Spot" in New Jersey who chose not to invite her neighbor's 8- and 6-year-old children to her son's bar mitzvah.

Yes, it's true that children are invited to bar mitzvahs. But in this case, the neighbor's children are not family and are too young to be dignitaries at the bar mitzvah boy. The parents are within their rights to exclude these children from the guest list, especially when the cost of additional guests is taken into consideration. Furthermore, it was rude of the invitees to RSVP that their uninvited children would attend.

—LINDA M. ROCKVILLE, MD.

DEAR LINDA: You're right - I goeef. My readers were quick to set me straight. Read on:



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and recently had a bar mitzvah myself. I understand the situation. This was a challenge for our family, too.

Abby, these affairs are expensive and it is not always affordable to include kids who are not close to the family. Also, young children can't sit through a three-hour service. That mother should discuss the situation with her neighbors and tell them that due to budget and space restrictions, the number of guests is limited.

—ASHLEY S. FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR ASHLEY: Where were you when I needed you?

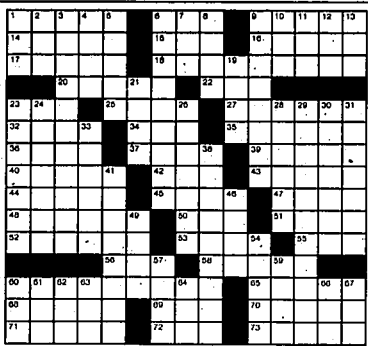
DEAR ABBY: The bottom line is, it takes "chutzpah" to include uninvited children.

—SUE K. WEST ORANGE, N.J.

be happy to attend — if she didn't have a "band gag." Mother felt embarrassed and slighted. She would now like to start working from home to avoid this person and has asked me not to send an invitation. What should I do? —SOON-TO-BE BRIDE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SOON-TO-BE BRIDE: Since the co-worker has indicated that if a job comes up she might be absent, take the hint and don't send the invitation. Better that she was honest in advance about the fact she might be able to attend, rather than being a no-show.

PS: Although your mother is disappointed, she should not let her co-worker's reaction spoil a warm workplace relationship. Avoiding the woman is not the answer. Forgiving her and moving on is.



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Taurus should act for the greatest good of all

IF JULY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are not isolated and alone in this world. If weighted down by concerns, seek a partner to help you share the load. Loving companions are waiting for permission to lend a hand, and good fortune is around to corner. The challenges we face in life teach us a lesson or reward us if we are industrious. Loving companions are waiting for permission to lend a hand, and good fortune is around to corner. The challenges we face in life teach us a lesson or reward us if we are industrious.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

acting for the greatest good of all. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid gambling with assets today and "just say no" to any temptation to skirt the rules. Existing debts may need attention and matters of credit could become burdensome. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Accept the challenges in your path with gusto. Actions speak louder than words and having flaws pointed out may prod you into dynamic activity. Repair areas that show trouble but avoid starting new ventures. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Micro-management by authority figures can create resentment and seemingly block creativity. The best course is to accept temporary restrictions and limitations with good grace. Past

problems may resurface and demand your attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rely upon loyal and trustworthy partners; put your heads together to fight off restrictions. Short-term setbacks could appear that seem to block your goals. Be patient and wait for better timing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is a difficult day when your faults could be magnified in public. Fulfilling runs rampant. Be as accurate as possible. Stay out of the limelight so you do not become a target.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A depressing atmosphere could challenge you to dig into your legendary reserves of power. Fight the urge to be negative and avoid gossip with neighbors—small aggravations could turn into major arguments. Strive for resilience in financial arenas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Though you can receive tremendous acclaim for your vi-

sionary dreams, others may not be willing to put their money on the line. Gamblers are unlikely to pay off for the present. Make no promises now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): On adhering to sterling principles will you be able to maintain congenial relationships. Romantic attachments could be strained if your attitudes are too cut and dried. Be reliable and honest in all things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The tendency to see the worst in everyone could dampen spirits, but don't forget that a little healthy skepticism can go a long way. Monetary stability may be blossoming—don't let fear take over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Great inspiration is yours and fabulous opportunities could open up. Take profits now but avoid new investments or agreements. Loved ones may prove to be worthy, and supportive partners will be protective.

Kangaroos knock on doors to beg for food

Kangaroos on Kangaroo Island off Australia's coast not only beg for food, but knock on local doors to beg for it. In 1848, crews fanned out through Guatemala in search of spondillia trees. They wanted the sap to make chewing gum. What they found were deserted buildings. Ruins of an ancient city. Remarkable! The world discovered chewing gum before it knew anything at all about the great Mayan civilization.



L.M. BOYD

Moss has no roots. The founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley, who lived to age 88, never ate an evening meal.

Q. If you paint alternate stripes of red, green and blue on a top, then spin it fast enough, what color will it appear to be? A. White.

Q. How many calories in a one-ounce shot of bourbon? A. As difficult to be rich without bragging as it is to be poor without complaining. The ancient Chinese used to say something to that effect.

A. Check the label. As many calories as the proof. If it's 86 proof, it's 86 calories. It was Kenneth Tynan who said, "A critic is a man who knows the way but can't drive the car." However, Tynan's comment has more bite: "A critic is someone, who never actually goes to hate, yet who afterward comes out shooting the wounded." The word "coward" comes from the Latin "cauda" meaning "tail," an allusion to the frightened animal with its tail between its legs. Q. What's "Wallace's Line"? A. An imaginary boundary in the Southwestern Pacific that divides Australian animal life from Asian.

President has 'nuclear football' at his disposal

Today — "WNBA Basketball" — From Madison Square Garden in New York. (CC) ESPN2 6 p.m. — "The Nuclear Football" — The president's emergency satchel allows him to authorize a nuclear launch at any time. (CC) (TVPG) THE HISTORY CHANNEL 7 p.m. — "Capturing the Friedmans" — In 1987 teacher Arnold Friedman and his son, Jesse, are accused of sex crimes against minors. (CC) (TVMA) HOME BOX OFFICE 10 p.m.

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Jackson negotiate with untrustworthy adversaries. (CC) (TVPG) SCIENCE FICTION CHANNEL 7 p.m. — "Uncle Buck" — A bumbling

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EDITORIAL

T.F. School District could do more to screen employees

For the second time in 13 months, an incident involving alcohol and coaches has thrown the Twin Falls School football program into turmoil.

Head coach Gary Krumm, who led the school's football program on an interim basis last season and got the job permanently less than three months ago, was arrested on independence Day and charged with domestic battery — a felony driving under the influence and interfering with a 911 call. His girlfriend told police that Krumm beat and choked her and tried to prevent her from phoning for help.

On Tuesday, the Twin Falls School District suspended him with pay, pending an investigation.

That was the appropriate response. Krumm has not been convicted, but the offenses of which he's accused — felony domestic battery and driving under the influence — are serious offenses.

The coach Krumm succeeded, Mark Schaal, faced much less serious charges — driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident — after a police officer followed a trail of wreckage that led to Schaal's home. The DUI charge was later dismissed, and Schaal — who still teaches at Twin Falls High — was removed from his coaching position and as a driver education teacher.

The last Twin Falls School District employee charged with driving was Bickel Elementary School Principal Mary Lee Roberts. She resigned in August 2002 and later pleaded guilty to mailing herself a pound of marijuana. Roberts quit before the district took any disciplinary action.

Whether Krumm keeps his job teaching physical education at TFHS will depend on the outcome of his case, but the district is going to have to make a decision soon about who takes over the football

program — at least temporarily. It's likely to be one of Krumm's assistants.

But in the long run it's troubling that abuse of alcohol has once again emerged as an issue among educators responsible for coaching 15-, 16- and 17-year-old kids.

Any high school counselor will tell you that use of alcohol and drugs is widespread among students. Schaal's conduct sent exactly the wrong message to those youngsters, and if the allegations are true, Krumm proved to be true, his example would be even worse.

Equally troubling is the description of the alleged assault on the woman, according to Twin Falls police reports. Krumm is alleged to have hit her about the head and face. She sustained serious bruises. Alcohol counselors note the linkage between alcohol and the removal of inhibition that destroys self-control and often leads to violence, particularly in tense domestic relationships. Employers guard against such patterns with employee assistance programs, record screening, and good front-end psychological testing to identify potential problems.

These standards, which are norms in the private sector, should be considered by the school district in future hires.

Krumm's first year as the TFHS coach was highly successful, winning a conference championship and advancing to the state 5A high school playoffs. Under his tutelage, the school's football program seemed to have a bright future.

That promise may now be in jeopardy. But the more important issue here is trust — and the ways that student-athletes model themselves after adults they admire.

The legal system will decide if Coach Krumm acted illegally. The school system will be left with the consequences.

Contributions pave Edwards' path

If current polls hold up, personal injury lawyers could be a heartbeat away from the presidency come Jan. 20. John Kerry's selection of North Carolina's John Edwards as his running mate opens the door to that frightening possibility. Wealthy and well-connected plaintiffs' lawyers already control a majority of votes in the U.S. Senate and thus can fend off issues like tort and medical malpractice reform that threaten to put major dents in their bank accounts.

ERIC PETERS

Now they may be able to seize the vice president's tie-breaking vote in the Senate as well. By funneling millions of dollars into Kerry's presidential campaign coffers, they smoothed the way for Edwards' selection on the Democratic ticket.

John Kerry secured his party's presidential nomination in late February, his campaign coffers have received swarms of checks from the same lawyers who backed fellow trial lawyer-Edwards' unsuccessful bid for the top spot on the ticket. Federal Election Commission records show Kerry received more than \$7 million from some of the nation's best-known personal injury lawyers in March and April. That's roughly \$1 in every \$10 of the \$74-million he missed during those two months. Instead in the Kerry campaign, say the pace of lawyers' contributions actually accelerated during



May and early June. Leading the lawyers' drive to place Edwards on the Kerry ticket was Dallas' Fred Baron. Baron, who made tens of millions from pressing asbestos class-action claims, was the co-finance chairman for Edwards' presidential bid and collected more than \$9 million for the senator from his fellow lawyers. The flamboyant Texas says he intends to raise additional millions for Kerry Victory '04, a joint effort of the Kerry campaign and the Democratic National Committee. His goal is to double and, perhaps, even triple, that amount for Kerry. Baron notes the plaintiffs' bar's work on behalf of Kerry

and Edwards this year is far more intense than their efforts on behalf of Al Gore on the 2000 presidential race. "I think that what we learned over the last four years is just how much is at stake in terms of the civil justice system," he said recently, noting President Bush's support for reforms limiting punitive damage awards against doctors in medical malpractice suits. Lawyers often walk away with 40 percent to 50 percent of the multi-million dollar damage awards in such cases. Within days of ending his presidential bid Edwards, who earned millions of dollars as a lawyer in North Carolina, urged

his fellow lawyers to stay active by donating to Kerry. He personally called nearly 200 his top fund-raisers to Washington for a March meeting that turned into a pep rally for a Kerry/Edwards ticket. "This carefully orchestrated full-court press to deliver Edwards the vice presidency may appear unseemly, but it is perfectly legal and a classic example of how fat cats dominate the action in today's Washington."

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News story missed points on manure application

The Times-News article on Monday, June 28, titled "Manure management" had numerous omissions, misleading assumptions and sensationalism that, as an industry, we felt needed clarification.

What are some of the points The Times-News failed to report to its readers? The article stated that the odor was like being "up close and personal with an outdoor" but failed to report that human waste from septic systems had recently been applied on fields (not owned by Desert Rose) adjacent to where the dairy manure was being applied.

The article failed to report that the field was sampled prior to application of manure and was phosphorus deficient, containing only 4 parts per million (ppm) phosphorus, well below the 30 ppm threshold. The application was being applied at rates that

READER COMMENT Bob Naerebout

were recommended to Desert Rose Dairy and they were following the state-approved nutrient management plan. The practice did not violate the guidelines of the odor management plan that Desert Rose is required to follow.

The article speculated that the manure was "dairy lagoon sludge" when it was fresh manure being applied daily. The article also quoted a source who said "phosphorus from cow manure will move downward sooner than commercial fertilizers." In reality, the exact opposite is true. An article titled "Determination of Phosphorus Source Coefficients for Organic Phosphorus Sources: Laboratory Studies," authors A.B. Leyden, J.T. Sims, and E.J. Coale, published in the Journal of Environmental

Quality, Volume 33, January-February 2004 issue, the authors state that inorganic phosphorus (commercial fertilizer) has the greatest potential to be leached out of the soil because it is highly water-soluble followed by liquid and deep pit manures. The least likely to be leached out of the soil is fresh manure (this was the kind of manure being used at Desert Rose) or composted manure. Both fresh and composted manure are far less water-soluble than commercial fertilizer.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture has been given the tools and authority to penalize producers who are not following their nutrient and odor management plans. This includes keeping proper records. ISDA has demonstrated to Desert Rose Farms and the dairy industry its willingness to investigate and exercise that authority when violations occurred. In this

case, no violations occurred and no action needed to be taken.

The dairy industry welcomes the opportunity to listen to and address the concerns of our neighbors. We believe more can be and will be accomplished by developing a closer working relationship with those who have concerns with our dairy management practices particularly if that relationship encompasses a mutual understanding of each party's position.

Editor's note: Bob Naerebout is the executive director of the Idaho Dairyfarmers Association. Also, the Times-News reporter Julie Pence asked Desert Rose owner Hank Hagfliger about the field in question, he initially declined comment, then later called back to say "We're running our farm according to our nutrient management plan."

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Families of 116th members need support

Not since April 1941, have the soldiers of the "Valley of the Snake River" been inducted en masse into federal service. Twin Falls, Jerome, the Mini-Cassia area and other communities in which the 2nd Battalion of the 116th Cavalry Brigade, Idaho Army National Guard has units can be proud of the outpour of support they gave to the men and women of the Idaho Army National Guard this past week. Special recognition goes to Dennis Maughan, the Twin Falls City Council, the chamber of commerce and all the other participants in the Twin Falls City Park, June 28. One of the soldiers I talked to said, "This would be just like going to 36 two-week annual training periods only on a consecutive basis." This brings me to the point of my letter. Having participated in approximately 36 non-con-

secutive two-week annual training periods, I, and some of who were with many of the above-mentioned troops, I know firsthand minor things can and do go wrong at home — the car has a dead battery or a flat tire, the sprinkler system sprays the neighbor's car, the toilet won't stop running or the kitchen sink drips, etc. I have volunteered you, the former members and retirees of the 2-116 CAV (formerly the 116th Armored Cavalry Regiment) to the Family Support Unit coordinator as people who would be honored to support our troops' families by helping to correct these minor annoyances. Should you feel that this is a volunteer project that you would like to support, I will appreciate your contact by phone, 733-1808, or by writing to me at 2065 Hillcrest Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Sine Moral
TIM SIMPSON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Jim Simpson

is a retired command sergeant major with the 2-116 CAV).

Gooding falls short on July 4 celebration

Way to go, Gooding Council members who voted for... Once again, Gooding had no Fourth of July celebration, the only town in Magic Valley that did not. I was informed by someone in City Hall that most of the members would be out of town. How very convenient for you. You should all be ashamed. How un-patriotic can you get? Friends, neighbors and city residents, when the next election comes around, maybe we should be more careful about who we vote for.
AVA SHOUP
Gooding
Rant against war does poor justice to soldier
According to a letter to the editor in the July 5 issue of

The Times-News, Joel Brady was "going to see my son-in-law off to war." His son-in-law obviously volunteered to join the armed services of the United States, obey the orders of the commander-in-chief and do others in command that he served under, and to defend our "one nation, under God." I hope he doesn't see this ridiculous, hateful letter written by his father-in-law. I'm sure it would be an embarrassment to him. I pray for his safe return.
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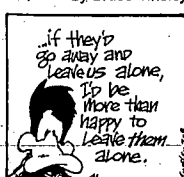
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Is Greenspan's magic for real?



ROBERT SAMUELSON

It's Alan Greenspan's swan song. The Federal Reserve raised interest rates last week, as expected. The overnight Fed funds rate went from 1 percent, the lowest since the late 1950s, to 1.25 percent. Over the next year or two, most economists expect the Fed to continue increasing rates, the idea is to contain inflation without smothering the economic recovery. This seems to be Greenspan's last big move on the nation's money and credit markets. His term at the Fed ends in January 2006, and present law bars reappointment. If this final maneuver succeeds, it could secure a dazzling record.

Look back. He arrived in 1987 after Paul Volcker had drubbed double-digit inflation. Under Greenspan, the Fed has faced many problems: the stock-market crash of 1987; weak banks in the early 1990s; the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis; the dot-com stock-market and tech bubble

of the late 1990s; the aftermath of September 11. But there have been no calamities. The two recessions (1990-91 and 2001) were mild; inflation has declined — from 4.4 percent in 1987 to 1.9 percent in 2003 — and incomes have risen. From 1987 to 2003, gross domestic product increased by 61 percent and the number of jobs by 25 million.

He's made it look easy. Compared with earlier threats, the present challenge seems tame. For three years, the Fed has aggressively combated a weak economy with cheap credit. The Fed funds rate has been below 2 percent since late 2001 and was at 1 percent

since June 2003. Now the recovery seems firm. In the past year GDP growth has averaged 4.8 percent. Job growth has resumed. On the other hand, unemployment remains high enough to mute pressures for big wage gains, which — being the largest cost for business — might spill over into higher prices. The economy seems strong enough to tolerate higher interest rates and weak enough to permit rates to rise slowly (at a "measured" pace, says the Fed).

But appearances may deceive. We now have a new book from a former Fed governor that provides a glimpse of Greenspan's Fed. It's much messier than advertised. Nominally by President Clinton, Laurence Meyer served from 1996 to 2002. His book ("A Term at the Fed") isn't a kiss-and-tell tale; it focuses on economic issues. Still, it offers fascinating insights. By Meyer's account, Greenspan and the Fed often

fy by the seats of their pants. Despite a staff of 220 economists, armed with computer models, the Fed is regularly surprised. In 1996 and early 1997, unemployment (then close to 5 percent) was declining by the models; tight labor markets should have increased inflation. But inflation was dropping. "We had never seen anything like this before," writes Meyer. There were other surprises: The Fed didn't foresee the Asian financial crisis, the extent of the stock-market bubble or the 2001 recession. Meyer doesn't criticize the Fed staff, which he thought excellent. But there were limits to what could be predicted.

So judgment counts — and one man's counts most. On paper, Greenspan casts just one vote in 12 on the Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's monetary-making group. But in practice, things are different. "While this is not written anywhere," notes Meyer, "the chairman is ex-

pected to resign if the Federal Open Market Committee rejects his policy recommendation." To Meyer, efforts to craft a consensus were haphazard. The Fed was a "rather lonely place to work." Governors met mostly in formal committees; he rarely saw Greenspan in private.

The result is that a lot depends on how one man copes with uncertainty. In 1996 and early 1997, Greenspan resisted higher interest rates. Based on skimpy statistics, he judged that computers were improving business productivity (output per hour worked). Companies could cut costs; they didn't have to raise prices. Although better statistics later confirmed Greenspan's view, the pressure was always to accept it. Today's situation is not entirely dissimilar, because uncertainties abound.

For starters, low interest rates encouraged a housing boom and maybe a bubble in real-estate values. The Fed

faces two dangers in raising rates: raising them too slowly and raising them too rapidly. If the Fed funds rate — the only rate the Fed actually controls — increases too slowly, then inflation might worsen. Higher inflation could then push up other interest rates, because lenders expect to be compensated for the eroding value of their money. Already, the consumer price index is higher than expected: It was up 3.1 percent in the past year, though "core inflation" (without food and energy prices) was up only 1.7 percent. But raising the Fed funds rate too rapidly might stall the economic expansion. Either way, home building and housing prices are vulnerable.

Greenspan needs to walk a thin line: Can he? History — and his legacy — await the answer.

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LETTERS

Movies have messages from both political sides

The column in Thursday's paper by Lorne Gunter bespeaks an ignorance of movies in general and "message" movies in particular. The writer wants us to believe a "left-leaning" Hollywood wants to influence the political spectrum and "un-elect the president it doesn't want." But several films mentioned are decidedly "right-leaning." "The Birth of a Nation," though a groundbreaking film, is basically a racist apology for the Ku Klux Klan. "The Green Berets" essentially glorifies the Vietnam War.

Gunter also confuses "Hollywood" with independent films. D.W. Griffith and Charlie Chaplin started United Artists so they wouldn't have to bow to the movie moguls of their time. "Easy Rider," which doesn't just "glorify" the hippy lifestyle, was made for a very un-Hollywood sum of \$340,000, part of which, supposedly, was charged to Peter Fonda's credit cards. And "Fahrenheit 9/11."

let us not forget, was nearly kept off the nation's screens by a man who epitomizes Hollywood: Michael Eisner, the head of Disney.

So what, really, is Gunter's point? That films, whether they come out of the Hollywood machine or from independent filmmakers at the polar opposite end of the spectrum, sometimes contain messages. What's wrong with that?

Not wanting to be left without something to say about Michael Moore, he hangs suspect theories on a topical hook. The truth is, the film industry is not monolithic. It spans many viewpoints and explores many paths. At its worst, it does manipulate; at its best, it provokes thought. More often than not it simply wiles away two hours of your time. And it almost always has something to do with money.

Speaking of "Fahrenheit 9/11," many patrons of the Lamphouse Theatre have called or e-mailed to lament the fact that we were not showing this film. Before anyone knew it would become No. 1 at

the box office, we were supposed to screen it. There's not much doubt a larger audience will yield greater returns in a shorter time. That's what every distributor desires, especially an independent like Lion's Gate. Though we're disappointed we didn't get to open Michael Moore's film in Twin Falls, we're content to wait. To those who've asked, our reply is, "Yes, we will screen 'Fahrenheit 9/11' at the Lamphouse." You'll just have to wait until the other cinema in town decides it has given Michael Moore enough of a soapbox. DAVID AND TRIS WOODHEAD

Twin Falls
(Editor's note: David and Tris Woodhead own the Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls.)

King Fine Arts Center festivities inspired us all

More praise and congratulations don't do justice to those who organized and participated in the patriotic program at the King Fine Arts Center on July 4. Could there be a soul so

dead who was not thrilled, whose spirit was not lifted, whose pride was not swelled in their country and to be a part of such a wonderful country? It reawakened the feelings I experienced on my return home from World War II on a ship with the wounded, many amputees, some were prisoners of the Germans, walking skeletons who had given so much of their body and spirit for their country.

We had been on the water approximately 11 days when we heard a shout, "There she is." Those who could rushed on deck to see what the excitement was about. Some may have expected to see some glamorous movie star, but there on the horizon, coming into view, was the Statue of Liberty. Soon those in wheelchairs were brought up on deck, and we just looked at her and the New York skyline came into closer view. We just watched while trying to swallow the

lumps in our throats and trying to hide escaped tears while viewing what many thought they would never see again. The secure feeling we had never experienced since leaving our beloved land returned; we could almost smell it.

It was so fulfilling to again pledge allegiance to our country, one nation, under God — with his divine intervention, George Washington acknowledged, he never would have defeated the British in the Revolutionary War. This is truly a choice land above all others.

It was truly an outstanding program, as it has always been,

and should unite us all as patriotic American citizens and should revitalize our eroding patriotism and confidence in our government.

It was most satisfying to see everyone united in their love of our great country. Thoughts of those we knew who never came home to friends and loved ones gave us pause and appreciation for their sacrifice.

Many thanks to all those who participated in such a super program that rekindled old memories.

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Steve Widmer lost his hearing operating noisy machinery dairy farming for 25 years. When he sold his farm and became one of Twin Falls' top insurance agents with the Farm Bureau Insurance Company of Idaho, his wife, Linda, convinced him that he should get a good hearing aid. "She just said, 'You need them, you've got to have them and you're going to get them,' and she was right," Steve explains. "I also wasn't going to get just any hearing aid. I was going to get the best."

Steve, age 52, wears the popular Senso Diva digital hearing instrument by Widex. "Now, I can hear better on the phone. In large groups everything used to be muddled. Now I can pick out the voices speaking to me," he says. "Because they are digital, when noise occurs, the hearing aid shuts it down."

Away from work, Steve loves to sing in his church choir and the Magic Chords barbershop chorus. "I had to have my aids adjusted a few times in order to maximize the performance, but once adjusted, I could hear everything as natural as could be," he states.

To get his hearing aids, he also chose the top hearing aid practice in Twin Falls, Professional Hearing Aid Services. "Working with Fritz, Brian and Michelle has been very rewarding," Steve says. "They are professionals who really take care of you!"

And Steve knows all about taking care of people. He manages all lines of property, casualty, health and life insurance for his clients. "There's no substitute for hearing well," he says. "People ask me about my hearing aids. I tell them that buying a hearing aid is a big decision, a life choice, just like buying insurance. You want to buy the best from the best!"

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WORLD

Japan will whisk away U.S. deserter

TOKYO (AP) — For nearly 40 years, Charles Robert Jenkins has been a wanted man, unable to leave his adopted home of North Korea for fear of being court-martialed for allegedly deserting his Army unit.

On Friday, that will change — at least temporarily. After months of intense negotiations, a jet chartered by the Japanese government is set to whisk 64-year-old Jenkins out of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. The plane will fly Jenkins and his two daughters to Jakarta, Indonesia — and again out of the reach of American authorities — for a reunion watched by all of Japan.

Japan's interest isn't in Jenkins but in his wife, who was kidnapped by North Korean spies in 1978 after stopping to come to mother on the tiny island of Sado off Japan's main island.

Her mother has never been accounted for. But Hitomi Soga was allowed to visit her with several other abductees after North Korean leader Kim Jong Il ended decades of denial and confessed during a summit in 2002 with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi that under his late father's leadership his country had carried out at least a dozen kidnappings.

Soga's husband, formerly of Hich Square, N.C., complicates her case. Koizumi hoped to win the return of Jenkins and his daughters — Beata, 20, and Mika, 18 — when he visited North Korea on May 22. But he failed in an hour-long meeting to persuade Jenkins to come to Japan, where he would most certainly be turned over to American custody.

Responding to an outpouring of sympathy for Soga, the Japanese government negotiated a reunion in Indonesia, which has no extradition treaty with Washington. Soga flies to Jakarta Thursday, and her husband the next day. "I am happy for her," Koizumi said Tuesday. "I hope North Korea continues to demon-



Hitomi Soga, a former Japanese abductee who returned home in October 2002, arrives at a Tokyo hotel Wednesday.

strate such sincerity in the future.

Koizumi's motives, however, have been questioned. Critics accuse him of speeding up the reunion to boost his plunging approval ratings before week-end parliamentary elections.

Officials deny it. "This is a humanitarian issue, not a political one," said Koizumi spokesman Hiroaki Hosoda.

Washington is lukewarm. Koizumi raised the issue, but President Bush last month and got sympathy but no concessions.

Secretary of State Colin Powell was also firm.

"The Japanese are approaching this as a humanitarian issue and we understand and accept that," he told reporters, but added: "Sgt. Jenkins is, of course, a deserter from the U.S. Army and those charges remain outstanding."

Little is known about Jenkins' life in North Korea, or his motives for his 1965 defection from a unit near the Demilitarized Zone dividing the peninsula. He is known to have taught English and played an American villain in government propaganda movies.

Ireland's health minister vows to punish pub's rebellion for smoking

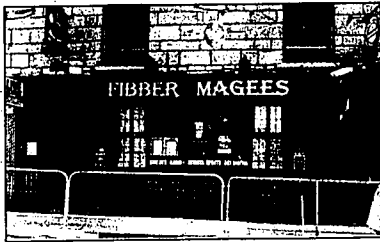
GALWAY, Ireland (AP) — The smoke of rebellion rose across Ireland on Wednesday as a handful of pubs let customers smoke in defiance of a government ban.

Health Minister Michael Martin promised to punish the owners of Fibber Magees, a Galway pub that was the first to rebel against the 3-month-old ban, and any others joining the campaign.

Martin, who led the drive to outlaw smoking in enclosed workplaces, called the pubs' actions "an affront to the Irish people and an unacceptable defiance of the law."

"The full rigors of the law will be applied here ... and quickly," he said.

The anti-smoking law, the first imposed by any nation and a close copy of laws in California and more than a dozen U.S. cities, provoked strong opposition from owners of Ireland's 10,000-plus pubs. But until this week, no pub



A view of the exterior of Fibber Magee's pub in Galway's Eyre Square, Ireland. Irish health minister Michael Martin vowed to confront anyone who flouts the country's workplace smoking ban amid fears that a breach by a Galway pub could spread nationwide.

publicly defied the government, partly because opinion polls showed strong support for the ban across the nation of 3.9 million.

The owners of Fibber Magees, a pub on Eyre Square in this nightlife-rich western city, says its business is off by two-thirds — because — of the

smoking ban. This week, owners Claran Lawless and Ronan Lawless plunked ashtrays on upstairs tables and taped up a sign, "You are now entering a smoking area."

By text-message and telephone, frustrated smokers and others quickly spread the news of Fibber Magees' rebellion. By Tuesday night, and for the first time in months, the pub's upstairs room was packed and thick with smoke.

Lawless insists the gambit is the only way to make money. Otherwise, he says, he will be forced to close by September. "We're damned if we do and damned if we don't," Lawless said. "We're either going to go out of business or be put out of business."

Lawless, who owns three other pubs, said he would also allow smoking in at least one of them beginning Wednesday night. And a County Cork publication also said he was joining in.

Row looms as Spain protests British sub

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A diplomatic confrontation brewed Wednesday between Spain and Britain after Madrid called in the British ambassador to express its "profound ill feeling" over the planned visit to Gibraltar of a nuclear-powered submarine.

The HMS Tireless, which strived protest, when it visited the port four years ago, was to arrive on Friday. It was not clear how long it would stay or why it was visiting.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying the submarine's visit would be a

"negative mark in the good relations of the two governments." "Ambassador Stephen Wright was on the visit, but said it was 'part of a routine operational program.'"

"I can confirm that Spain asked (Britain) to cancel or divert the visit, we declined to do so. HMS Tireless, like any other Royal Navy ship, is entitled to use Gibraltar port facilities, but we've kept the Spanish authorities informed and provided them with assurances of Tireless' safety record," the spokeswoman said on customary condition of anonymity.

In Barcelona, Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos described the affair as "another provocation by the British admiralty," the Spanish news agency life reported.

"We consider this attitude unacceptable and not very friendly on behalf of the British Navy," Moratinos said. He said the government would "take note" of the incident and "we will see in the future how our way to cooperate with Britain in many areas will develop."

The submarine was towed into Gibraltar in May, 2000 with

cracks to its engine cooling system. Its repairs took a full year, triggering protests by people on both sides of the border concerned over the environmental threat.

Gibraltar, which Spain has wanted to reclaim since Britain conquered it in 1704, is a constant source of tension between the two countries.

On June 25, Wright was told of Spain's dismay at Princess Anne of Britain's visit to the small territory as part of celebrations marking the 300th anniversary of its capture from Spain.

Child psychologist admits sexually abusing children

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A prominent Polish child psychologist, widely known for his writings on child rearing, has confessed he sexually abused minors, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Andrzej Samson, who built a reputation offering advice in books, newspapers and magazines, and has served as a court expert in pedophilia cases, was detained June 28 after police grew suspicious that he was linked to pornographic photographs discovered in a garbage dump near his Warsaw home.

Prosecutor Anna Marcinkowska told The Associated Press that Samson, 56, has "admitted to the charges presented to him by the prosecutor's office." She would say only that "those who were hurt were children."

Another prosecutor, Alina Janeczarska, told Poland's PAP news agency that Samson had confessed to charges of repeated sexual acts with a child

under 15, possessing materials depicting children in sexual acts and making pornographic materials available to children.

In recent years, Poland has increasingly confronted pedophilia, a problem that was largely ignored under the previous communist regime. Samson's case, which has drawn heavy coverage in Polish media, follows the conviction of two Roman Catholic priests in child abuse cases over the past year.

"It's very good that another taboo has been broken in Poland," said Piotr Tymochowicz, a public relations consultant who participated in a televised debate about Samson on Wednesday.

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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

If Nen can get healthy, the two can car pool up I-5.

Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, on Barry Bonds, who has moved his family to Beverly Hills, and San Francisco Giants pitcher Robb Nen, whose main residence is Coto de Caza in Orange County

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Whom did the Los Angeles Lakers give up to get Wilt Chamberlain in the 1968 trade with the Philadelphia 76ers?
ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball
Burley A at Jerome, 2, 4 p.m.
Meridian A Tournament, TBA

IN BRIEF

T.F. Terror hold fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Terror U-14 softball team will hold a car hopping for tips fund-raiser from 6 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.

Raft River alumni holds junior rodeo

MALTA — The Raft River High School Alumni Association Junior Rodeo will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 17 at the CT Rodeo Arena, north of Malta on Highway 61. Signs will be posted.

Sprint triathlon entries taken until Friday

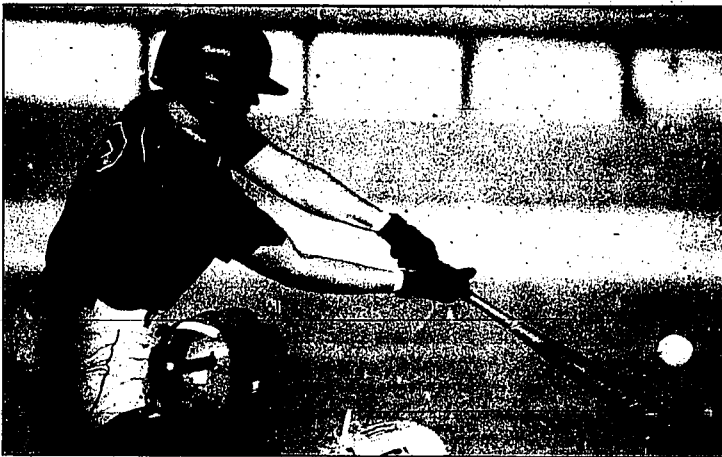
SUN VALLEY — The 2004 Sun Valley Sprint Triathlon will start with the half-mile swim portion at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Harker Center Pool followed by the 14-mile bike and four-mile run events at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 11 starting at the Trull Creek cabin in Sun Valley.

Rolsma cards ace at Jerome golf course

JEROME — Ryan Rolsma cards a hole-in-one on Hole No. 5 on July 6 at the Jerome Country Club from 160 yards out using a 6-iron. The witness was Melissa Rolsma.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jerry Chambers, Archie Clark and Darrall Imhoff



Twin Falls third baseman Cody Howerton takes a swing during the Cowboys' 10-6 Game-1 road win over the Minico Spartans Wednesday.

Cowboys corral Spartans

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
RUPERT — The Twin Falls Cowboys AA American Legion team managed to corral the Minico Spartans' stampeding bats to take a 10-6 win in Game 1 of their Wednesday night doubleheader at Warburton field.

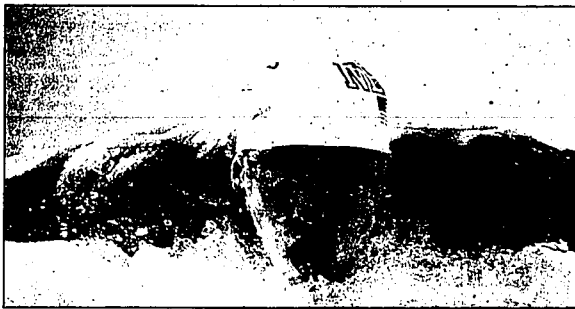
They'd come out playing with confidence. But the Cowboys have been down before, and as they usually do, they set their jaws and held the Spartans to only three hits for the Area C district game's final six innings.

improve to 20-12 on the season, and 13-2 in conference. That's what we wanted to get out of the 'Cowboy Classic,' Stadelmeir said.

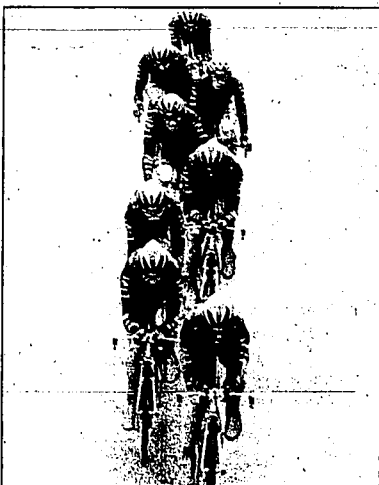
Phelps breaks world record in trials

The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Michael Phelps began his quest for Olympic history with a world record. Phelps, the 19-year-old swimmer who hopes to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in Athens, broke his own mark in the 400-meter individual medley with an electrifying swim at the U.S. Olympic trials Wednesday night.



Michael Phelps swims the butterfly on his way to breaking the world record in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4 minutes, 8.41 seconds at the U.S. Olympic swim trials in Long Beach, Calif., Wednesday.



Floyd Landis of the U.S. leads his U.S. Postal Service teammates as they pedal under the rain during the 4th stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a 40.08-mile team time-trial between Cambrai and Arras, northern France, Wednesday. The U.S. Postal Service team won the stage, and Lance Armstrong took the overall lead.

SEEING YELLOW
Armstrong captures Tour lead

By John Leicester Associated Press writer

ARRAS, France — It's the jersey Lance Armstrong covets and works so hard for: garish yellow and awarded daily to the leader of the Tour de France. Armstrong slipped into the jersey Wednesday for the first time at this Tour after he and his team won a rain-soaked time trial. Then the five-time champion said he's ready to surrender the cherished shirt — at least temporarily.

Highlights from third stage of Tour de France

Stage: A 40-mile team time trial from Cambrai to Arras, France. Winner: U.S. Postal Service. New Orleans Fared: Germany's Jan Ullrich's Teamille Team finished fourth, 1 minute, 19 seconds behind; American Tyler Hamilton's Phonak Hearing Systems finished second; 2:07 behind.

when the Tour climbs into the Pyrenees at the end of week two, followed by the Alps. But Armstrong's team can't keep tabs on all 183 riders still in the race. As long as as-key challengers don't zoom ahead, Armstrong indicated his won't Please see TOUR, Page B4

Skaters barred from performing in Sun Valley

By Dan Gallagher Associated Press writer

BOISE — Canadian figure skaters David Pelletier and Jamie SalDe, the pair awarded duplicate gold medals amid the 2002 Winter Games judging scandal, were not allowed to perform last weekend at Sun Valley Resort because they lacked proper work visas to enter the United States.

U.S. customs agents at Vancouver, B.C., International Airport denied the two entry last Friday because they lacked the proper documentation, the Idaho Mountain Express of Ketchum first reported Wednesday.

The pair were allowed to enter the country as visitors. "According to the U.S. Customs agents, they were held up at the border in Vancouver last week because of a basic discrepancy in their work visas," Sun Valley Marketing Director Jack Sibbach said Wednesday. "We couldn't let them perform. They felt bad about it, completely. They wanted to skate."

Some patrons at Sun Valley's ice show got refunds offered by Sun Valley, Kolb said, but most stayed for the holiday show that featured three-time world silver medalist Surya Bonaly. Ice show director Rainier Kolb said he made minute arrangements to fly Bonaly by private jet from her Lake Arrowhead, Calif., home to Sun Valley for the performance.

The resort had scheduled a July 10 show with the pair, but their agent, Robert Steadward of EBL Sports Services, said this week that getting the proper visas by next weekend seemed unlikely.

Alexei Yagudin, the 2002 gold medalist, will be here for the Saturday show, Sibbach said. "If the Canadians get it worked out, we'll have more world-class skaters."

Sibbach said Pelletier and SalDe would not be paid for the weekend shows because they did not perform. Mike Milne, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Please see SKATERS, Page B2

Avs hire Quenneville as coach

By John Marshall Associated Press writer

DENVER — Joel Quenneville was hired Wednesday to coach the Colorado Avalanche, replacing Tony Granato, who has become his assistant.

Quenneville was the coach of the St. Louis Blues from January 1997 until this February when he was fired during a 4-12 slump.

Quenneville said he had been in contact about openings with several teams this summer — just not the one that hired him. "This came about as quickly yesterday — I'm cutting the grass in the backyard and here I am sitting in front of everybody when Colorado wasn't even an idea," Quenneville said. "It came about so quickly and I'm total thrilled about the opportunity. I love the challenge."

SPORTS

Pirates continue winning ways

MIAMI (AP) — Oliver Perez outpitched All-Star Carl Pavano, and Pittsburgh Pirates played outstanding defensive in a 4-3 victory Wednesday night over the Florida Marlins.

Perez (5-4) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings. Five relievers finished with Jose Mesa getting his 22nd save. He struck out Danton Easley with two on to end the game.



Pavano (9-4) allowed four runs — one earned — and seven hits in six innings. Rob Mackowiak, Bobby Hill, Craig Wilson and Mike Redman had RBIs for the Pirates. Pittsburgh threw out the potential tying run at the plate to end the seventh inning on a relay from left fielder Rob Mackowiak to third baseman Bobby Hill. Catcher Jason Kendall threw out two runners in the ninth.

Braves 14, Expos 2

SAVANNAH, Puerto Rico — Jarrold Wright pitched six solid innings. Andrew Jones homered twice and drove in five runs. Both Jones and J.D. Drew went 4-for-4 and homered in the sixth inning as the Braves swept the three-game series and won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Charles Thomas, Adam Laithe and Rafael Furcal also went deep as part of Atlanta's 17-hit attack. Wright (6-5) gave up six hits and allowed a run. Brian Hernandez (6-8) worked two-plus innings and allowed six runs on eight hits.

Brewers 4, Cubs 0

MILWAUKEE — Doug Davis pitched eight innings. Geoff Jenkins hit a two-run homer and Milwaukee completed a rare three-game sweep of Chicago. Davis (9-6) struck out a career-high nine and allowed just four hits and two walks. All-Star Carlos Zambrano (9-4) allowed four hits and two walks in four innings in 5-2-3 innings.

The Cubs hadn't been swept in a series of three or more games since Sept. 24-26, 2002, against Cincinnati.

Cardinals 4, Reds 2

ST. LOUIS — All-Star shortstop Barry Larkin's second error of the season led to the go-ahead run, and Reggie Sanders' seventh-inning single was decisive for St. Louis.

Jim Edmonds homered to help the Cardinals sweep the three-game series and reach 6-0.



Florida Marlins shortstop Alex Gonzalez, right, throws to first base to double up Pittsburgh Pirates' Abraham Nunez after forcing Jason Kendall at second in the first inning Wednesday, in Miami.

on their hometown. In the seventh, Edgar Renteria went to second on Larkin's wide throw to first. Sanders had a one-out single off John Riedling (4-2) to give off Cardinals a 3-2 lead.

American League Tigers 10, Yankees 8

NEW YORK — The Detroit Tigers beat up New York pitching for the second day in a row. The Tigers pounded rookie Brad Halsey in a 10-8 victory Wednesday. Detroit won 9-1 Tuesday, and took two of three.

Halsey (1-2) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings for New York, which has allowed 49 runs in its last six games. The Yankees were swept by the Mets last weekend. The Tigers won after Ivan Rodriguez and manager Alan Trammell were ejected in the first inning for arguing after the All-Star catcher was called out on strikes by Angel Hernandez.

Davis won his first series at Yankee Stadium since taking single taking three of four from July 10-13, 1997. Jeremy Bonderman (6-6) won despite allowing six runs on seven hits in 5-2-3 innings. Alex Rodriguez had a three-run homer for New York.

Red Sox 11, Athletics 3

BOSTON — Pedro Martinez pitched seven strong innings, and Boston pounded Oakland again more. Nomar Garciaparra, Manny Ramirez and Mark Bellhorn

homered for the Red Sox. Boston has scored 22 runs on hits in the first two games of the series. Martinez (9-3) allowed one earned run on five hits and a walk, striking out seven. Oakland's Mark Redman (6-6) allowed six earned runs on nine hits in 2-2-3 innings.

Blue Jays 12, Mariners 4

TORONTO — Josh Phelps homered twice and had a career-high seven RBIs to lead Toronto over struggling Seattle. Phelps' had mammoth grand slam off Julio Mateo that landed in the fifth deck at Sky-Dome. He also hit a two-run homer off Travis Blackley (1-1), and added an RBI double to become "the fifth Toronto" player with seven RBIs in a game.

Rangers 9, Indians 8

CLEVELAND — Gary Matthews Jr. and Mark Teixeira hit two-run homers in a decisive seventh inning. Teixeira connected off Jeremie Robertson (1-1), and Matthews hit his off Rick White. Alfonso Soriano and Brad Fuller added solo shots for the Rangers. Believer Ron Mahay (2-0) won and Francisco Cordero got his 26th save.

Matt Lawton homered and Travis Hafner hit two RBIs for the Indians, whose bullpen has blown 20 save chances.

Devil Rays 13, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE — Rob Bell took a two-hitter into the eighth inning, and Toby Hall and Damian Ralls had three RBIs apiece to lead Tampa Bay over Baltimore. The only player to reach base against Bell (3-3) was first

seven innings was Brian Roberts, who hit doubles in the first and third. Bell retired 13 straight batters at one point. Baltimore scored three runs in the ninth off Jorge Sosa — two on a homer by Rafael Palmeiro. John Parrish (5-3) and four relievers combined to yield 14 hits and 11 walks.

Angels 12, White Sox 0

CHICAGO — Jarrod Washburn pitched a four-hitter for his first career shutout, and Jose Guillen homered twice and tied a career high with five RBIs for Anaheim. Angels catcher Bengie Molina was one of the slowest players in the majors — grounded into a 5-4-3 triple play. Washburn (9-4) struck out six and walked two in his fifth complete game and first in 2004. Scott Schoeneweis (5-7) gave up six runs in five innings and lost his fifth straight decision.

Twins 12, Royals 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Kyle Lohse pitched Minnesota's team-record — third — straight complete-game shutout, leading the Twins over hapless Kansas City.

The six-hitter by Lohse (3-6) came after Brad Radke's fourth-hitter and Johan Santana's three-hitter to start the series. The Royals, who lost their eighth straight game and 13th in 14, have one run in their last 37 innings.

Booker Lee Mauer had his first career four-hit game, and Minnesota's first five batters — Cristian Guzman, Lew Ford, Mauer, Corey Koskie and Torii Hunter — went 14-for-21.

Vahaly wins first match of year, advances

NEWPORT RI. — Brian Vahaly snapped a seven-match losing streak Wednesday, beating Michal Mertinak 6-2, 6-2 to advance to the second round of the Hall of Fame Tournament.

After a couple of years out here, I got kind of burned out," said Vahaly, who won his first career ATP match at Newport in 2002. "It's been a tough year. I've had a really hard time."

Vahaly had climbed to a world ranking of 84th at the end of last year, but his losing streak dropped him to 236th entering this tournament. He will face top-seeded Vincent Spadea on Thursday.

In other first-round matches, qualifier Brian Baker defeated Wesley Moodie 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2); Glenn Weiner beat Alexander Peya, 7-6 (4), 6-4; Gilles Elsenhder defeated Rajeev Ram, 6-2, 6-3; and David Sanguinetti

Tennis roundup

eliminated Robert Kendrick, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Monaco reaches Swedish Open quarters

BASTAD, Sweden — Argentine wild card Juan Monaco rallied from a set down for the second straight match, beating Belgian Kristof Vliegen 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 Wednesday to become the first Swedish Open quarterfinalist. Monaco, who upset third-seeded Nicolas Massu of Chile in his opening match on the slow clay, equaled his previous best showing on the ATP Tour. He reached the last eight in last tournament of Buenos Aires in February.

He next plays sixth-seeded

Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, who beat Jarkko Nieminen of Finland 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Also reaching the quarterfinals were defending champion Mariano Zabala of Argentina and Alberto Martin of Spain. Zabala downed Georgia's Irakli Labadze 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Martin, who will play Zabala on Friday, defeated Italy's Filippo Volandri 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Costa ousted in second round at Swiss Open

GSTAAD, Switzerland — Two-time champion Albert Costa of Spain lost in the second round of the clay-court Swiss Open on Wednesday, beaten by Igor Andreev of Russia 6-2, 6-4.

Defending champion Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic rebounded from a first-set scare to defeat Albert Montanes of Spain 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 and reach the

quarterfinals. Costa, the 1996 and 1999 champ, was upset in the opening round last year and is still without a title since the 2002 French Open.

Andreev beat Juan Carlos Ferrero, the defending French Open champion, in the second round at Paris before losing to eventual champion Gaston Gaudio in the fourth round. Then, playing on grass for the first time at Queen's, he defeated Andre Agassi.

Andreev will face Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo of Spain in the quarterfinals. Hidalgo downed Stefan Koubek of Austria 6-3, 6-4.

In the quarterfinals, Novak will play Italian qualifier Potito Starace, who beat Victor Hanescu of Romania 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (1).

Federer plays Croatia's Ivo Karlovic in the second round Thursday.



Greece coach Otto Rehagel waves to the crowd at the all-marble Panathenon stadium, where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896, after Greece won the Euro 2004 championships, in Athens on Monday.

Greece's coach will stay for qualifiers

By Derek Gatopoulos Associated Press writer

ATHENS, Greece — The coach who led Greece to a remarkable upset in winning the European Championships will stay for two more years despite calls for him to coach his native country.

Otto Rehagel "will honor his contract," Vassilis Gagastis, head of the Greek soccer federation, said Wednesday. "We are not considering any other scenario."

Gagastis said the 65-year-old Rehagel had turned down an offer to remain coach until 2008. "He told me that he would be too old and didn't want to go to the soccer field in a wheelchair," Rehagel said.

Rehagel, who is vacationing in Germany, has become a national hero in Greece and has been offered Greek citizenship. He was cheered by hundreds of thousands of fans who lined the streets of Athens on Monday in a homecoming celebration. Rehagel extended his contract with Greece shortly before Euro 2004 in Portugal. He has made no public statements about his future since Greece's triumph. "He is one of us," Gagastis said. "He believed in the Greeks

and ... gave the players the wings they needed to win. All Greeks thank him for what he has done. He had the ability to X-ray our opponents and read them well."

Pressure has been growing in Germany to hire Rehagel before the country hosts the 2006 World Cup. The coach's position has been vacant since Germany was eliminated in the Euro 2004 group play.

Greek soccer officials have confirmed Rehagel is a candidate for the top job. In Greece, Rehagel has been credited with transforming a team with no prominent players. He also had to deal with a domestic league plagued by fan violence and financial trouble. Before beating Portugal in the final, Greece held powerful Spain to a tie and beat defending champion France and the talented Czech Republic.

Gagastis described Greece's victory as "priceless," giving the country a badly needed boost before the Aug. 13-29 Olympics. He urged the government to give players a "generous" bonus.

Greece faces neighbors Turkey and Albania in World Cup qualifying games, which start in the fall. Other nations in the group are Denmark, Ukraine, Georgia and Kazakhstan.

Cowboys

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Meanwhile, the Spartans drop to 10-14 on the season, 8-7 in conference entering Game 2 later Wednesday.

"When they came back in the fourth and tied the game up at 5, it kind of took the wind out of our sails," Frank said.

The Cowboys got a big boost out of left fielder Kenny Stepien, who went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, three runs scored, a stolen base, and a walk.

"I've been thinking of taking him out of the nine hole," Stadelmeir said. "But it's like having a second leadoff hitter with him there."

Tim Mealer came up with a two-RBI double in the top of the fourth, while Luke Hawkins went 2-for-3 with one RBI and a walk.

Center fielder Nate Robertson went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and one RBI. Warburton led the Spartan

hitters, going 2-for-4 with a double, a home run, three RBIs, and two runs scored. The Cowboys will host Idaho for a Friday Doubleheader, while Mexico will travel to Ridge Falls for a road doubleheader the same day.

The Cowboys' win came off their Tuesday home sweep of Madison, 7-6 and 9-6. Nick Carr earned the win in Game 1, with Matt Sherman picking up the save, while Tim Mealer pitched a complete game for the Game 2 victory.

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each time he poked his head above water during the breaststroke. Finally, everyone rose to their feet as he finished things off in the freestyle.

When Phelps touched the wall, he quickly jerked his head around to get a look at the scoreboard. When he saw the record, he pumped his left fist and wagged a finger.

"I'm here," he said. "I might as well try to swim my best."

At the Athens Olympics, Phelps will attempt to break one of sport's most hallowed marks — Spitz's seven golds at Munich in 1972. It's a daunting task in this age of specialized swimmers.

through the trials, where he is scheduled to swim six individual events. The grueling schedule has him competing for seven consecutive days, usually in both the morning and evening.

The two individual medleys, in which the swimmers use all four strokes, seem his safest bets for Olympic gold. Phelps also holds the world record in the 200, where he has the five fastest times in history.

Eric Jenson finished second to Phelps in the 400 IM to likely claim a spot on the Olympic team. He knew all along that he had little chance of knocking off the favorite.

as winning," said Vendt, who finished more than 5.5 seconds behind at 14:05. Two six-minute finals were held Wednesday evening — impressive performances in their own right, but overshadowed by Phelps' record.

Keller won the 400 freestyle with an American record of 34:19, more than 2 seconds ahead of Phelps' mark set last August.

Keller won bronze in the same event at Sydney four years ago. Larsen Jensen settled for second at 34:56 — also lower than the previous record. In the women's 400 medley, 15-year-old Katie Hoff swam the second-fastest time in American history, 4:37.81. She tumbled a bit on

the final freestyle leg, just missing Summer Sanders' 12-year-old national record of 4:37.58. Kaitlin Sandeno, an Olympic medalist and the fastest swimmer in the morning, settled for second at 4:40:39.

Phelps, who finished fifth in his only event at Sydney, has matured into the world's most dominant all-around swimmer over the last four years. At the 2003 world championship, he made history by breaking five individual world records in one meet.

Now, he will attempt to knock off Spitz. In addition to the two medley events, Phelps also is entered in the 100 and 200 butterfly, the 200 freestyle and the 200 backstroke.

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The Netherlands, which reached the Euro semi-finals, while Mexico dropped two places to sixth.

Bulgarian astronaut carries Olympic torch SOFIA, Bulgaria — Georgi Ivanov, Bulgaria's first astronaut, opened the Olympic torch relay Wednesday in the capital of Greece's northern neighbor.

It's quite symbolic that the torch will be carried first by a man who has explored the earth in space, said Ivan Slavkov, chairman of Bulgaria's Olympic committee.

He said he hoped that 10 years hence the Olympic flame would be lit on the nearby Mount Vitosha. Sofia has bid for the 2014 Winter Olympics.

The relay began at noon at the city's main square, the Zemski Monastir in the southern outskirts of the city. It passed through city streets to the landmark square in front of the Alexander the Great Cathedral in the heart of Sofia.

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Matta accepts coaching position at Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A week after declaring he had no interest in becoming the basketball coach at Ohio State, Xavier's Thad Matta accepted the position on Wednesday.

Ohio State sports information director Steve Snapp said the school would hold a news conference Friday to introduce Matta.

Xavier athletic director Dawn Rogers confirmed Matta's hiring shortly after she received a call from him early Wednesday evening.

Matta, 36, met with athletic director Andy Geiger, members of the search committee and Ohio State president Karen Holbrook on Wednesday.

Matta, who took Xavier to the second final of the NCAA tournament in March, was one of three coaches interviewed on campus this week.

The others were Steve Willis Wilson and Vanderbilts Kevin Shuler. Interim head coach Rick Boyages was to be interviewed later on Wednesday but apparently did not meet with the search committee.

In three years as the Musketeer head coach, Matta's teams have gone 78-23. He was 24-8 in his only season as head coach at his alma mater, Butler.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League Baltimore Orioles — Released OF David Meacham to the Texas Rangers for assignment. Injured LHP Rick Rypien to the Texas Rangers for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Colorado Rockies — Released pitcher in training agreement with Colorado Springs of the Rockies. Released OF Scott Spivey to the Colorado Springs of the Rockies.

MINOR LEAGUE San Francisco Giants — Released LHP Derby Meyer to the San Francisco Giants. Released RHP Scott Spivey to the Colorado Springs of the Rockies.

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Baseball

Angels at White Sox, ESPN, 7 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA, Washington at New York, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

Cycling

Tour de France, stage 5, OLN, 7 a.m.

Golf

European PGA Tour, Scottish Open, first round, TGC, 7:30 a.m.

Nationwide Tour, Scholarship America Open, first round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

Senior Players Championship, first round, USA, noon.

PGA Tour, John Deere Classic, first round, USA, 2 p.m.

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SPORTS

Thorpe shoots for third title on Champions Tour

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Jim Thorpe is one of four two-time winners on the Champions Tour this year.

He hopes to become the only three-time winner this week at the Senior Players Championship, the second of the tour's five major championships.

Thorpe, defending champion Craig Stadler, Bruce Fleisher and Hale Irwin, the top-ranked player on the Champions Tour, have all won twice this year. Nine others have won tournaments.

Thanks to a hot putter, Thorpe won last week in New York and last month in Michigan.

"I would be really happy to be the first three-time winner this year," Thorpe said Wednesday. "And I think I've got a shot because I've played well here the last two years with a couple second-place finishes."

Thorpe only wished it was as easy to beat the 50-and-over set now as it was when he joined the Champions Tour in 1999.

"When I first came out here, you could hand pick about eight guys that were the ones to beat," he said. "Now, all 78 guys out here can win."

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem likes that. "The PGA Tour now attracts the best players in the world, and the Champions Tour has attracted all the best players in the world over 50," Finchem said.

The Senior Players is the first of three straight majors on the schedule. In two weeks, the Senior British Open starts, followed by the U.S. Senior Open the next week near St. Louis.

Irwin will not go to Northern Ireland in part to avoid the long flights, and what they might do to his back.

"I don't think any of us like this back-to-back-to-back stuff," Irwin said. "Hopefully, it's just a quirky thing. It's not."

Finchem said Wednesday the current, cramped schedule for three of the majors on the Champions Tour will be in place through 2006.

"We would obviously like to get more spacing with the majors on this tour, but there are a number of obstacles," said Finchem, referring to television commitments and the limited number of warm-weather months.

With wide fairways and receptive and true greens, birdies are common at the TPC of Michigan, just outside of Detroit.

"The low scoring at this tournament has always been surprising to me because visually, it looks a lot more difficult," Irwin said.

The average winning score the past six years has been more than 17 under at the course ranked 10th out of 31 Champion Tour venues last year. In terms of scoring average.

"I think the golf course could be tougher because this is a major," Thorpe said. "But we're all playing



Jim Thorpe reacts after making a putt on the 18th green at the Long Island Classic Sunday in East Meadow, N.Y. Thorpe capped a 3-under 67 with an 18-foot par putt and beat three players by one stroke, making him the first player this year on the Champions Tour to defend a title.

The field is without two familiar faces. Tom Watson, the runner-up here last year, withdrew with a triceps injury and Chi Chi Rodriguez withdrew due to illness.

The same course, so nobody has the advantage.

"We all know you're going to have to be close to 20 under to have a chance to win here."

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L.A. bound?



Former Michigan basketball player and Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich is saluted by the student section during the retirement ceremony for his No. 45 Jersey at Crisler Arena Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, in Ann Arbor, Mich. With Mike Krzyzewski out of the picture, it appears Tomjanovich could be the next coach of the Los Angeles Lakers. The former rockets coach has been offered the job, a Houston television station reported Tuesday.

Lakers expected to hire Tomjanovich

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers remained without a coach late Wednesday, but the hiring of Rudy Tomjanovich appeared imminent.

Tomjanovich would succeed Phil Jackson, who coached the Lakers to three NBA championships in five years. The team announced June 18, three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals, that Jackson wouldn't return next season.

"We feel we've identified the guy that we want to hire," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said Tuesday, adding he hoped to have a coach in place by the end of the week.

Kupchak didn't identify Tomjanovich, but all indications are he's the only viable candidate remaining after Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, North Carolina coach Roy Williams and Miami Heat president Pat Riley decided to remain in their current positions.

Kupchak did say Tomjanovich "would be a wonderful selection" if he gets the job.

Tomjanovich would be the fourth coach in NBA history to coach one team to multiple championships before being hired by another, joining Bill Russell, Riley and Jackson.

The 55-year-old Tomjanovich guided Houston to titles in 1994 and 1995. He coached the Rockets for 12 years before stepping down in May 2003 — two months after being diagnosed with bladder cancer.

He negotiated a settlement of the remaining two years and \$12 million on his coaching contract with the Rockets.

Reportedly in good health now, Tomjanovich worked as a scout with the Rockets last season — his 34th year with the organization he joined in 1970 as the second overall selection in the NBA draft.

Tomjanovich was the winningest coach in Rockets history with a 503-397 record, but they failed to make the playoffs in his last four years there.

He would join an unsettled Lakers team — Kobe Bryant is an unrestricted free agent who reportedly favored the hiring of Krzyzewski, and Shaquille O'Neal has demanded a trade.

Derek Fisher and Karl Malone are also unrestricted free agents. Tomjanovich, one of the first candidates interviewed and considered a top candidate from the beginning, had to wait as the Lakers discussed the job with Riley, Krzyzewski and Williams.

Riley, a winner of 1,110 games in 21 seasons — the first nine with the Lakers — said he spoke with Lakers officials but wasn't offered the position.

An offer was reportedly made last week to Krzyzewski, who announced Monday he was staying at Duke. Williams told the Lakers last month he wasn't interested in the job.

Jackson completed a five-year, \$30 million contract June 30. According to several published reports, Tomjanovich is expected to agree to a similar deal.



The eight riders of Spanish team Euskaltel-Euskadi pedal under the rain outside the village of Bancourt during the 4th stage of the Tour de France cycling race team time-trial between Cambrai and Arras, northern France, Wednesday.

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exhaust his teammates by making them chase down breakaways by second-tier riders at this stage — even if their efforts earn them the yellow jersey for a day or two.

"This is a hard race to defend," the 32-year-old Armstrong said. "We're not going to sacrifice the team to defend the yellow jersey in the north of France. The time to work and defend begins in the Pyrenees."

Last year, Armstrong's team surrendered the jersey to a French rider, Richard Virenque, for a day. Armstrong took the lead in the next Alpine stage and then wore yellow all the way to Paris — 13 racing days in all.

With Wednesday's win, Armstrong has earned 60 jerseys in his Tour career, including five as champion. But, "I don't really think about those things," he said.

"The only real yellow jerseys that matter are the ones that the guy wears on the Champs-Elysees."

Armstrong's overall lead was 10 seconds, but the next four spots on the leader board were occupied by his teammates. The closest non-team member was Spain's Jose Enrique Gutierrez, who was 27 seconds behind in sixth place.

Gutierrez rides for Phonak Hearing Systems, the same team as Armstrong's American rival Tyler Hamilton, who was 36 seconds behind.

As a team, Phonak trailed by 1 minute, 7 seconds, but because

of the new regulations that limit the advantage gained by the winners, Hamilton lost just 20 seconds to Armstrong overall.

The T-Mobile squad of Armstrong's most feared challenger, 1997 Tour winner Jan Ullrich of Germany, finished fourth, 1 minute, 19 seconds back. But Ullrich's loss was cut to 40 seconds by the rule change.

Still, Armstrong said, "20 seconds or 40 seconds is a significant amount of time."

Hamilton's team was hurt by punctures but worked furiously to limit its losses.

"Nobody gave up. We fought till the bitter end," said Hamilton, a former teammate of Armstrong. "It was pretty rough."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fire burns stretch near Glens Ferry

GLENS FERRY — Fire officials contained a fire of unknown origin 6 miles northeast of Glens Ferry. The fire, which burned grass and sagebrush, began around 3:30 Tuesday afternoon and scorched 265 acres before it was contained just after midnight Wednesday, according to a news release issued by the Bureau of Land Management.

Three local engine crews, one BLM helicopter and fire retardant drops by two single-engine air tankers were used to quell the blaze. The Oregon Trail runs through the area but the fire did not affect it, the release said.

Armories offer help for military families

TWIN FALLS — There is plenty of help at local armories for the families of Idaho National Guard soldiers.

Last week, citizen soldiers of the 116th Cavalry Brigade left for Fort Bliss, Texas, on the first leg of an 18-month deployment that will include a one-year tour of Iraq. It is the largest call-up in the history of the Idaho National Guard, according to a Guard news release. Some 2,000 Idahoans are now training at Fort Bliss for their mission to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Armories around the state are still open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Personnel are standing by to offer assistance to family members in need. For more information, call your local National Guard armory in Twin Falls, Jerome, 324-2971; Gooding, 934-5492; and Hailey, 788-2911.

T.F. band will celebrate composer night

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Band will celebrate composer night by featuring original pieces by A. Scott Watson and George Halsell.

Watson and Halsell will be guest conductors at his evening performance, which begins at 8 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park. The band will play "Magic Valley" and "Fantasy on an Old English Air," which are composed by Watson. Halsell's "March Triumph" also will be played. Other songs featured in tonight's performance include "Village Festival," "Olympic Fanfare and Theme," "Swanland," "Lord of the Rings" and "the Grosley March." The concert will feature a raffle for a CD containing historical photos donated by BLPF photographers.

Blue Lakes, Pole Line paving begins today

TWIN FALLS — A paving project at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road in Twin Falls will require nighttime traffic restrictions beginning today.

To minimize inconvenience to motorists, the resurfacing project will be done from 9:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays, according to the Idaho Transportation Department. During project hours, the intersection will become a four-way stop and traffic flow will be controlled by flaggers. Motorists should expect minor delays during work hours.

The intersection is rerouted and the pavement is dented. The project will extend the life of the pavement and give it a smoother ride.

Completion is scheduled for the middle of August. The contractor for the \$313,300 project is Intermountain Slurry of Salt Lake City.

Partnership will meet next week in Jerome

JEROME — The South Central Community Action Partnership will hold its annual meeting Wednesday at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E.

The business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. A public is invited.

The SCCAP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the low-income population of the Magic Valley.

Compiled from staff reports

Ramos got \$150,000 in settlement

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

BOISE — Angel Ramos, the former superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, received \$150,000 in exchange for his resignation as part of an agreement reached with the State Board of Education in June.

The board disclosed the terms of the "confidential" settlement Wednesday in response to public records requests.

Laci Willis, spokeswoman for the state board, said releasing the terms of the settlement does not constitute a breach of the agreement with Ramos because it includes a clause that reads,

"terms are to be kept confidential except as it may be required to be disclosed by law." Willis said the board is subject to Idaho's laws, and that includes public disclosure of spending of public money.

Ramos wrote in an e-mail that he plans to sue the state for disclosing the settlement could not be reached for comment.

Ramos also wrote that the manner in which the state has handled this situation and the way that they are throwing away state money. The state has wasted \$235,000 (\$150,000 settlement plus my yearly salary of \$85,000), not to count their own expenses, in a concerted effort to terminate me for doing my job." His supporters said he had more than a year after the board started receiving complaints about Ramos' management of staff and finances at the school. His supporters said he had a strong rapport with students and was making great progress in improving the educational

That state has only made available parts of the settlement — they have not made available information in the settlement that is negative toward the state, specifically why they would settle with me in the first place," Ramos wrote.

He also wrote that the legal process and the state's disclosure of the settlement terms have caused him and his wife, Maria, considerable pain.

"This is just a continuation of their arrogance or incompetence, or both," Ramos wrote. "The people of Idaho, Republicans and Democrats alike, should be disgusted with the



Angel Ramos

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- Last we know: Angel Ramos received a confidential settlement with the State Board of Education in exchange for resigning from his position as superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.
The latest: The board disclosed the terms of Ramos' settlement.
What's next: Ramos says he plans to sue over the state board's disclosure of settlement terms.

GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE



The sun rises over a dormant pilot's field near the Snake River Canyon east of Twin Falls on Wednesday.

Simpson says he'll tweak wilderness plan

KETCHUM (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson said Wednesday he will likely expand the area designated as wilderness in his proposed legislation to create a new federal wilderness area in the Boulder and White Clouds mountains.

The modifications will be based on comments the Republican congressman heard last week during two days of hearings in central Idaho. None have been finalized, he said, but up to another 100,000 acres could be set aside for preservation when the new draft is released next month.

"You have to balance off what you can include in changes and how that will upset the balance in the entire bill and the support for it," Simpson said.

Simpson said he would decide in August whether to hold another round of public hearings, based on the feedback to the final draft.

While Congress is scheduled to adjourn by Oct. 1, Simpson remained optimistic about prospects for the bill. He said even if it is not passed this year, much progress will have been made to put it on a fast track in the next Congress.

In the meantime, Simpson said, he will continue to accept written comments on the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act.

Simpson has called his original proposal a preservation and economic-stimulus plan for central Idaho. It designates 294,000 acres of wilderness in the Boulder-White Clouds area but keeps the Germainia Creek trail cutting between the Boulder and White Clouds open to motorized users, who have opposed past plans because they shut the trail down. Motors are banned in wilderness areas.

It put some areas popular with motorized users like the Fourth of July and Frog lakes in wilderness, while others favored by conservationists are left out of wilderness boundaries.

The plan would also transfer more than 1,000 acres of federal land to Custer County and would authorize a buyout of ranchers' grazing allotments affected by the proposal.

Last week, Simpson hosted town hall meetings in Ketchum. Please see WILDERNESS, Page C3



Rep. Mike Simpson

NewsTracker

Last we know: U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson held public meetings in Ketchum, Stanley and Chal...

The latest: Based on comment at those meetings, Simpson said Wednesday he'll likely increase the size of proposed new wilderness areas in his plan.

What's next: Simpson will decide in August whether to hold another round of public hearings before taking the proposal to Congress.

Pilot walks away from accident

By Troy Foster Times-News writer

WENDELL — A pilot walked away from his plane unharmed Wednesday after it came to a stop upside down in a cornfield southwest of Wendell.

The plane took off from the Jerome Airport but the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing when the engine failed, Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said.

"He lost power in his engine and knew that he was going to go down," the sheriff said, "so he landed it in a cornfield and at the last second it got caught in some soft dirt and flipped over on its top."

Gough identified the pilot as William Blackburn of Twin Falls. Blackburn was the only occupant.

The yellow crop-dusting biplane was westbound when it crashed near the coordinates of 1500 E. 3350 S., Gough said. The pilot was intending to distribute dry fertilizer at a nearby field.

Attempts to reach Blackburn were unsuccessful.



A crop-dusting plane owned by Twin Falls-based Ken-Spray LLC rests upside in a cornfield southwest of Wendell/Wednesday after being forced to make an emergency landing.

Gough said the plane's wings were being removed Wednesday so the crop-duster could be transported out of the field. Federal Aviation Administration officials and the National Transportation Board were contacted concerning the crash, the sheriff said. But officials with those agencies indicated the incident didn't warrant their further review, Gough said.

Wednesday's crash is the area's second in less than a month. On June 11, a plane piloted by Robert Moore of Shoshone crashed landed in a potato field at 400 S. 275 E. near Jerome. The aircraft, a Piper Tomahawk, also came to rest upside down. Moore walked away unharmed while his female passenger was treated and released from St. Benedict's Family Medical Center that same day.

At the time of the incident, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said the plane had run out of fuel.

Serving their country
Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. Information supplied by their families.
Brian J. Layton
Age: 20.
Hometown: Twin Falls.
Local family: Wife, Lori L. Layton; daughter, Michelle R. Layton; son, Brian J. Layton, currently deployed to Baghdad International Airport; mother, Betty Gillson.
Service, date of enlistment: National Guard, 1983.
Rank, assignment: Sergeant first class, infantry scout.
Task: Infantry scout soldier.
Employer: Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.
Additional information: Part of the Idaho National Guards 116th Cavalry Brigade that is deployed to Iraq.
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Barbara B. Lawrason - Twin Falls

Barbara B. Lawrason, 79, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Monday, July 5, 2004.

Barbara was born Feb. 25, 1925, in Glendale, Calif., the second daughter of Max and Nellie B. (Nicols) Kestenholz. She attended schools in the Eagle Lake, Calif., area and attended Wheaton College. She was married to Robert H. (Bob) Lawrason on May 9, 1946. They shared 58 years of marriage and raised two children. Bob and Barbara discovered Idaho in 1959 and fell in love with the rugged mountain area. They purchased their first Hagerman property in 1960 and commuted between Idaho and California until permanently moving to Idaho in 1966. They moved to Twin Falls in 1997.

Both Bob and Barbara are members of Amazing Grace Fellowship in Twin Falls. Barbara will always be known as an adventurous spirit, whether she was leading a Scouting or 4-H group, working in community theater, branding cattle, managing their various businesses or working at a new friend. She was most active in serving her Lord, Jesus Christ, and enjoyed leading Bible studies, singing in the choir and making certain that everyone attending a church service felt welcomed and loved. She was also a founding member of the Hagerman Lions, Gideon's Auxiliary and a Chaplain at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Barbara was an accomplished artist and writer specializing in poetry.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; her son, Stephen (JoAnn) Lawrason of Bliss; her daughter, Kathy Minard of



Christ, and enjoyed leading Bible studies, singing in the choir and making certain that everyone attending a church service felt welcomed and loved. She was also a founding member of the Hagerman Lions, Gideon's Auxiliary and a Chaplain at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Barbara was an accomplished artist and writer specializing in poetry.

Twin Falls; her grandchildren, Greg Minard of Twin Falls, Juanita Minard of Boise, CarrieAnn Lawrason of Twin Falls and Daniel Lawrason of Twin Falls; her sister, Elaine (Clynton) King of Page, Fla., and her brother, Robert (Naomi) Kestenholz of Los Angeles, Calif.; her sisters-in-law, Bette Avery of Hemet, Calif., and Dorothy Lawrason of Huntington Beach, Calif., as well as her beloved nieces and nephews.

Her parents; brother-in-law, Hubert Avery; a niece, Laurie Kestenholz; and a nephew, David Avery, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho, with Pastors Lynn Scamell, Rick Kirk and LeRoy Tucker officiating. Cremation and private inurnment are under the direction of Park's Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials be given to The Order of the Morning Star, P.O. Box 155, Jerome, ID 83338, which distributes Bibles both locally and throughout the world.

Brent H. Crump - Heyburn

Brent H. Crump, age 52, of Heyburn, died Monday, July 5, 2004, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

He was born April 27, 1952, in Soda Springs, Idaho, the son of Kenneth Elmer and Hermese Hatch Crump. He graduated from North Gen'l High School in Bancroft in 1970, and continued his education at Utah State University.

He married Nancy Peterson on July 12, 1972, in Soda Springs. Together, they owned and operated the 24 Mile Brown Swiss Dairy in Cambridge County where they bred and raised Brown Swiss Cattle.

In the spring of 1994, they moved to Heyburn, where they started the successful Crump Hoop Hitting and Knives which he operated until his death.

Brent was a hard worker and instilled in his family the importance of being honest and having integrity in all of your dealings. He loved his wife and children and knew



the importance of spending quality time with them.

He enjoyed the outdoors and liked hunting geese and elk. He was a proponent of the 4-H and 4FPA programs. He was an avid hockey fan and loved to Dutch-Oven cook for family and friends.

He is survived by his best friend and wife, Nancy Heyburn; his children, Amanda Vander Meer of Moscow, Idaho, and Kenny Crump of Boise; his mother, Hermese

Crump of North Ogden, Utah; and his siblings, D'Ann (Bill) Jorgensen of Grac, Idaho, Kern (Linda) Crump of Burley, Idaho, Nyle (Jamy) Crump of Hancock, Idaho, and René Crump of North Ogden, Utah. He was preceded in death by his father.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

A celebration of life and memorial service will be held at 12 noon Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Chestfield Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bancroft, Idaho.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852-9813, or to Saint Alphonsus Nephrology Department, 1037 N. Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83720.

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

Wilma Faye Johnson - Twin Falls

Wilma Faye Johnson, 79, of Twin Falls, formerly of Buhl and Kimberly, passed away at her home in Twin Falls on July 6, 2004.

She was born the daughter of Orion and Connie Pressnell Butler on Jan. 7, 1925, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Wilma was raised in the family ranch south of Kimberly and spent countless hours riding horses.

Wilma married Alvie Johnson, the love of her life, and together they raised four children. They farmed and ranched in Buhl during their married life. After Alvie's death, she moved to Twin Falls.

She is survived by her daughters, Twila (Tim) Harder of Pocatello, Idaho, Vicky (Milton) Becker of Aberdeen, Idaho, and Shela (John) Kner-



er of Twin Falls; son, Travis (Solidia) Johnson of Albany, Ore.; sister, Betty Clontz of Kimberly; along with six grandchildren, Weston and Troy Becker, Jane Harder, Lindsay (Jarrod) Baxter,

Nicole Johnson and Patrick Knerler. Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvie; sisters, Mildred Butler and Raymah Jarvis; and brothers, Jack Butler, Dale Butler and Tommy Butler.

Her family will greatly miss her stories of days gone by and the joy it brought her to tell them.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with a graveside service to be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to People For Pets (Build the Shelter Fund), P.O. Box 1163, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Shirley Ann Anderson - Hansen

Shirley Ann Anderson, 65, of Hansen, passed away Sunday, July 4, 2004, at her home, after a long and extended illness with her family by her side.

Shirley was born Dec. 10, 1938, in Topeka, Kan., the daughter of John and Jessie Tillman May.

She moved with her family to Twin Falls in 1944. On June 15, 1957, she married Marvin Anderson in Twin Falls. She and Marvin farmed in the Hansen area. Her health problems forced her to slow down.

She loved being a mother and wife.

Her family was the most important thing in her life. Behind her love for the Lord, Shirley was a wonderful wife, mom and grandmother. She loved camping and working on the farm.



Shirley is survived by her husband, Marvin of Hansen; two children, Randy (Karen) Anderson of Twin Falls and Sondra Fisher of Kimberly; six grandchildren Jamie (Mike) Smith, Michelle (Jordan) Boyd, Zach Anderson, Justin Egbert, three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim (Janet) May of Jerome, Harold (Virginia) May of Enumacul, Wash., and Duane (Dol) May of New Mexico; and five sisters, Esther (Phill) Rynearson of Twin Falls, Naomi Tupper of Nampa, Juanita Jones, Wanda



Fouts and Geraldine Valline all of Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and three sisters. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at White Mortuary Chapel in the Park. Viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the mortuary. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

OBITUARIES

Charles Jack Brown - Hansen

Charles Jack Brown, former-ly of Hansen, passed away Dec. 11, 2003, at his home in Palirump, Nev.

Jack was born May 25, 1925, in Purdy, Mo. As a young boy he moved to Hansen with his parents Earl and Ida Brown. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Navy and served his country

as a radioman in the South Pacific during World War II. In his lifetime he was a carpenter, plumber, pilot and prospector.

He is survived by four daughters, Teresa, Jenifer, Christ and Valerie. Surviving him also are three stepchildren, Tony, Carlos and Claudia

along with 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Please join us at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park when we will remember his life and lay his ashes to rest with his parents. Look for the red, white and blue balloons.

Alexis Nicole Dawn Ward

Alexis Nicole Dawn Ward, our bundle of joy, has left us to be in a better place and to watch over us.

Sullivan July 5, 2004. Alexis is survived by her mother, Amber Ward of Twin Falls; her father, Eric Woolf of Coffeyville, Kan.; three half-brothers, Ethan, Andy and Brandon; two half-sisters, Emily and Morgan all of Coffeyville, Kan.; maternal

grandparents; Bob and Kathy Melt of Twin Falls; and John and Betty Ward of Salina, Okla.; maternal great-grandparents, John and Mary Sikes of Locust Grove, Okla.; Cliff and Mary Nielsen of Coffeyville, Kan.; and Bill and Jean Fleicher of South Coffeyville, Okla. Also surviving are three great-great grandmothers, Viola Ward of Coffeyville, Kan.; Betty Nielsen of Mountain Grove, Mo.; and Mary Sikes of Locust Grove, Okla.

SERVICES

Raymond - Leonard - Sudweeks of Kimberly, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Chapel in Kimberly viewing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. before the funeral at (White Mortuary).

George Bennett of Twin Falls and formerly of Paul City, Mo., funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Harrison St. LDS Church; friends may call from 9:15-10:15 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary).

James Edward Lynn of Paul City, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. before the funeral at the Payne Mortuary.

St-in-Klamath Falls - (Eternal Hill of Mountain Home).

Ida Meoso of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

(White Mortuary).

Connie L. Bly of Star, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road, Boise.

Phyllis Schmidt Johnson, visitation from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the chapel; service at 10 a.m. Monday at East Lawn Mortuary, 5757 Greenback Lane (East Lawn Sierra Hills Memorial Park).

Audrey Margerite McGinnis Scoggin, celebration of the life at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at the Fairfield Community Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Wilma Faye Johnson

TWIN FALLS - Wilma Faye Johnson, of Twin Falls, on July 7, 2004, at her home.

A graveside funeral service will be held for Wilma at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl, Idaho, with Pastor Clarence Kershon officiating. Interment will follow the service.

A full obituary will follow at a later date. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Edna Martha Wofford

GOODING - Edna Martha Wofford, age 88, of Gooding, died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Magic Valley Manor Assisted Living in Wendell.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St. in Wendell. Arrangements by Demary Funeral Chapel.

Jesse A. Lee

RUPERT - Jesse A. Lee, a 65-year-old Rupert resident, died July 5, 2004, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at the Rupert Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

David Lee Dwight

PAUL - David Lee Dwight, a 24-year-old Paul resident, died July 6, 2004, at his home in Paul.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel with Pastor David Gramham officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday evening and one hour before the service Saturday.

Service are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Cindra Henson

BUHL - Cindra Henson, 37, of Buhl, died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at her home unexpectedly.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the Buhl Middle School. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Durango takes stand against turning over immigrants

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) - The City Council has unanimously agreed city resources won't be used to identify or turn over illegal immigrants to the government unless they commit crimes.

The resolution approved Tuesday does not allow the city to override state or federal immigration laws. It does support the Police Department's practice of not reporting undocumented immigrants to immigration authorities unless they have been arrested for a crime.

Supporters say legal and illegal immigrants are reluctant to call police or take advantage of government services for fear of being deported. Opponents said the resolution will encourage lawbreaking.

"These people are here illegally. They come here and work at lower wages, driving wages down and use a large percentage of social services," Peggy Maloney of Mancos told the council.

The resolution says city resources and employees cannot be used to seek out, report or deport undocumented residents.

Memories advertisement for Magic Valley Funeral Home. Includes text: 'To offer your sympathies or share a story about a departed friend or family member, visit the online guest book. The "In Loving Memory" site lets you leave a personal message and read messages left by others, all for free.' Also includes phone numbers: 877-486-HEAR (4327) and 877-486-HEAR (4327). Website: www.magicvalley.com

Building's new owners seek input

By Micky Walker
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The new owners of the Odd Fellows Hall on Main Street want to know what the community's input needs are. Teddy Keaton, part owner of the building, asked City Council members on Tuesday what they would like to see happen to the historic structure.

"My children and I bought the hall and are in a quandary as to what we're going to do with it," Keaton said.

The hall is currently zoned commercial and has been vacant for many years.

Keaton would like to make the upstairs into two apartments and possibly provide a community center on the main level.

"I'm coming to you," Keaton said. "What does this town need that I won't lose my shirt on?"

Keaton said she has an art gallery in Gooding but would be willing to bring some of her art

pieces to Filer for display.

"I could bring parts of it over here and perhaps have classes for the community," she said.

Keaton received a list of business people applicable to the commercial zone.

Council members Don Barkley and Mollie Mason suggested Keaton attend the next Gem Community meeting where options could be discussed.

"I think it's great that you got involved because it is a historical building and I hated to see it deteriorate," Mayor Jay Fort told Keaton.

Keaton also wanted reassurance that constructing the two upstairs apartments would align with the city's zoning for the structure.

Fort told Keaton that if the main floor was retained for commercial use, apartments upstairs would be in compliance with the code.

"According to the code, as long as you have a commercial business operation of some

kind on the lower level, then the upstairs can be single or double units," Fort said.

In other business, Crest Hughes received approval for his proposed subdivision, Golden Spur No. 10 subdivision.

Hughes is looking to build four duplexes on Midway Street.

Neal Dean, who lives near the proposed housing development and an adjoining subdivision, questioned the need for the duplexes.

"Why do we need more houses along the edge when we don't have the ones filled in?" he asked.

Hughes said he did not own the existing subdivision Dean referred to.

"I'm not going to be putting just in there, and what we have built on Midway I think looks pretty good," Hughes said.

Council members also approved Brian Dey's final plat for Shepherd Acres No. 3 at the intersection of Stevens Avenue and 4000 North.

Canal company halts Magic Dam releases

The Times-News

JEROME — With the Big Wood Canal Co.'s halt to the release of water from Magic Dam on Saturday, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has opened the water to allow for salvage of fish.

"We would rather have people harvest these fish than let them go to waste when the canal is dewatered," said Doug Megalgie, regional fisheries manager, in a news release.

Daily bag, possession, and size-limits will be removed on the Big Wood River from Magic Dam to the Richfield Canal, the Richfield Canal downstream to the Gooding County line, and on the Richfield and Lincoln canal systems. Licensed anglers may take the fish by any method except firearms, explosives, chemicals or electric current until Aug. 31.

After Aug. 31, standard fishing methods, bag limits and pos-

session limits will be reinstated.

Loss of streamflows in the Big Wood River below Magic Dam during July and August will likely result in water temperatures lethal to the remaining trout population, the news release said. It is possible that some fish will survive in larger spring-fed pools, so the salvage order will be lifted by September when water temperatures cool.

The shortened salvage order may allow remaining trout to survive over the winter to provide a limited spring fishery, Fish and Game says. Additional public salvage may be considered later this summer.

The same area was dewatered earlier this year, but the cooler air temperatures kept the standing water cool enough for trout to survive.

No fish were stocked in the Richfield Canal in 2004. Fish and Game diverted those fish destined for the canal into other

fisheries with better water storage for release.

Fish now in the canal are likely those that escaped - from the reservoir or those that overwintered in the Big Wood River below Magic Dam; the department says.

"We hate to see this happen, but because of the dry year it was inevitable. The lack of water stored in Magic Reservoir impacts many people as well as the local fish population," Megalgie said. "We expect to see the fishery rebound in the next few years if we get adequate winter precipitation."

There has always been some survival of rainbow trout in the deep pools and areas with springs in the canal, even during these dewatering periods. We observed some rainbow trout spawning in the Big Wood River Canyon just below Magic Dam this spring, which documents survival of larger trout despite past dewatering events and salvage orders.

Albion officials rescind windmill position

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — The City Council voted 2-1 Tuesday to rescind its March 2003 endorsement of the development of a wind-generated power facility in the Albion Valley.

The change came in response to a request by several members of the Committee Against Windmills in Albion who attended the meeting.

Committee members also asked city officials to write a letter to Windland Inc., which proposes building and operating a wind farm in the Cottorrell Mountains, requesting that the city's endorsement be removed from the company's Web site.

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that the council should rescind its position because the majority of citizens are against it.

Two councilmen were unable to attend the meeting. A quorum was obtained by having one councilman, Don Bowden, on a speaker phone.

Bowden suggested postponement of any action until he could see the letter and petition. Councilman Jim Forsgren concurred, saying he would like to have more time to study the issue.

Forsgren was sworn in at the beginning of the meeting after being appointed to replace Councilman Len Marrs, who resigned due to health problems.

After further discussion during which committee members encouraged an immediate decision, Councilman Rick Mahoney moved that the council's endorsement be rescinded.

Bowden seconded the motion with the condition that he be able to see a copy of the petition.

The vote was cast with Forsgren voting against rescinding the endorsement.

During their March 2003 meeting, council members ap-

proved and signed a position paper prepared by Marrs.

The paper stated that the mayor and City Council supported the development of wind-generated power in the state and the Albion Valley — at the Cottorrell Mountains site, in particular — noting that "installation of the wind farm will provide economic benefits to the City and to the Albion Valley, in the form of employment during construction and the potential of permanent, full-time jobs during operation, increased economic development, construction for local businesses, and an increased tax base for Cassia County."

It was noted by council members that they were not endorsing any particular company, but supporting the concept of wind power in the Albion Valley.

Elected officials encouraged residents of the city and valley to support the development of wind-generated power at the proposed site.

Three of the current council members were not on the council at the time the position paper was approved.

Shoshone mulls T.F. water ordinance

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The City Council is considering adopting a conservation ordinance to curb the amount of water used by Shoshone residents.

Long-term water planning is the top of discussion during several recent Shoshone meetings. Like Twin Falls and other Magic Valley cities, Shoshone's well water levels have dropped in recent years.

Shoshone City Council members are considering a water conservation ordinance similar to the one re-

cently adopted by the Twin Falls City Council.

City Clerk Mary Kay Bennett passed out copies of the Twin Falls ordinance to Shoshone Council members Tuesday. They plan to review it to see if it can be altered to apply to Shoshone.

The well-water level in Shoshone is believed to be dropping at a rate of about 5 feet per year.

The council has considered many options to address its water supply, including the possibility of drilling a deeper well. But the city's pump house is on top of the well, meaning the

building would have to be torn down in order to drill deeper.

The Twin Falls ordinance Shoshone is considering requires that all customers on the city water system avoid watering lawns between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In addition, even-numbered addresses are to water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, while people living at odd-numbered addresses are to water lawns on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Residents using drip irrigation for gardens, trees and other landscaping can water any time.

Gooding looks at franchise fee for Idaho Power

By Micky Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — An Idaho Power Co. franchise fee could net the city of Gooding an additional \$10,000 in annual revenues.

The first of three readings of a 10-year franchise agreement with Idaho Power was conducted by the council Tuesday. The agreement will allow the power company to collect the funds by raising city residents' power bills by 1 percent.

Dan Olmstead, a spokesman from Idaho Power, presented a draft of the ordinance at the City Council's request and fielded questions from City Attorney Craig Hobday.

The 1 percent fee will be listed on the user's bill and collected by Idaho Power, Olmstead said.

The money will then be sent to the city on a quarterly basis to help pay for the power company's use of streets, alleyways, highways and other public places to repair or improve electric power.

As a power user, the city of Gooding also will have to pay an additional 1 percent to support the franchise fee.

Two additional readings of the agreement will be held at the July 19 and Aug. 2 council meetings. Following the readings, the city will advertise and hold a public hearing on the ordinance.

In other business, Terry Platts presented an noise ordinance for the council's consideration.

Platts obtained a copy of an

ordinance adopted by the city of Paul that regulates amplified noise from sound devices such as boom boxes or truck-mounted speaker systems.

He told the council he was concerned and annoyed that he can hear neighbors blocks away playing music from their vehicles.

"I probably don't need to tell you that over the past year we have learned to sleep with ear plugs in," Platts said.

It is particularly disturbing on the weekends, he added.

Police Chief Jeffrey Perry reviewed the ordinance but told council members it was too vague in some instances and too restricting in others.

The council took no action on the ordinance.

Catholic archdiocese consider bankruptcy

Sex abuse lawsuits financially threaten church

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A number of Roman Catholic dioceses have considered bankruptcy to fight lawsuits resulting from allegations of priest sex abuse over the years.

Portland Archbishop Donald Wuerl said he would like to make that move after the Portland Archdiocese became the first in the nation to file for Chapter 11 protection.

The bishop of the Diocese of Tucson in Arizona says it may be the "best way to respond to all victims."

Bishop Gerald Kicanas has been meeting with attorneys for much of the past month to consider filing for bankruptcy, said Fred Alston, spokesman for the Arizona diocese.

Kicanas said the Archdiocese of Portland bankruptcy announced Tuesday by Archbishop John Vazny "while not unexpected, came as a surprise."

He did not say whether Tucson will follow Portland, but warned "we continue to explore the best option for our diocese."

Others have already settled and say they have moved on, with or without the threat of bankruptcy.

The Diocese of Dallas in Texas and the Archdiocese of Louisville in Kentucky both faced millions of dollars in lawsuits over alleged sexual abuse by priests before they were able to settle the claims.

The Texas diocese received permission from the Vatican in 1997 to file for bankruptcy after a jury awarded nearly \$120 million to several victims of one

priest, but the victims settled for about \$31 million rather than pursue the judgment.

"We got our terrible past behind us," said Bronson Howard, diocese spokesman in Dallas.

In comparison, the Kentucky archdiocese settled 243 sex abuse claims for about \$26 million last year without resorting to bankruptcy.

"We never seriously considered it," said Cecilia Price, archdiocese spokeswoman in Louisville.

In California, the largest archdiocese in the nation is facing about 50 claims that are in mediation with no discussion of bankruptcy because insurance coverage is expected to take care of any settlements, said Tod Tamberg, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

That was the primary reason we're in mediation is to make sure every legitimate victim of clergy abuse is provided just and equitable compensation, and you're not just paying the first five cases that come along and leaving nothing else for everybody that's left," Tamberg said.

In Boston, Archbishop Sean O'Malley promised when he was named to succeed Cardinal Bernard Law as head of the Archdiocese of Boston in 2003 that he would move to settle about 550 abuse lawsuits after bankruptcy was threatened.

Law was widely blamed for spreading the problem to other dioceses by transferring priests accused of sex abuse without disclosing the allegations.

A \$90 million settlement was reached in Boston and the archdiocese sold the archbishop's mansion and 43 adjoining acres to Boston College for nearly \$100 million last April to help pay for it.

In other dioceses may be considering bankruptcy but no figures are available because each of the 195 U.S. dioceses are independent and must consider their individual situation, said Sister Mary Ann Walsh, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C.

"It would be relatively few," Walsh said.

In Portland on Wednesday, Vazny urged Roman Catholics to rally around the church at a brief sermon during morning Mass, the Portland archbishop did not refer directly to his decision to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for the Archdiocese of Portland.

But Vazny said the purpose of the church was to follow the teachings of Christ, including the need to take responsibility for sin in order for it to be forgiven.

"Undoubtedly many heads are bowing in embarrassment and shame today," he said. "But we cannot stay mired in that frustration and that sense of failure."

Josie Moskall, a longtime parishioner who immigrated from Ireland in 1947, said many of her fellow parishioners were concerned about the sex abuse lawsuits and the bankruptcy, but they try to put it in perspective.

Water

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water doctrine requires groundwater pumpers with junior water rights to be shut down until the senior spring rights are filled.

Canyon springs has declined in step with more efficient irrigation practices across the plateau, persistent drought and the development of wells across the aquifer. Spring users point to the latter factor as most significant in the springs' decline, while groundwater pumpers argue the first two are the biggest causes of the decline.

Before Wednesday's meeting, spring users said they viewed the legislative committee's review of the Swan Falls agreement as an unnecessary detour from the panels' primary function. Some had argued that the 1984 settlement — which set water levels at Swan Falls Dam to guarantee Idaho Power hydropower generation and still allow for upstream groundwater development — in essence protected groundwater pumpers from curtailment.

Noh said Wednesday's discussion "pretty well put to rest" that argument.

Twin Falls Canal Co. board member Chuck Coiner, meanwhile, said he's not sure if the discussion cleared up the relationship between the Swan Falls agreement and the spring users/groundwater

pumpers dispute.

"It got it out in the open, got everybody talking and listening about the historical part of it," he said. "But I think different people heard different things."

In addition to the coming meetings with "key stakeholders," Noh said, the committee expects the head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's farm programs to visit the region in mid-August to discuss the pos-

sibility of taking lands irrigated by the aquifer out of production through the Conservation Reserve Program and other federal programs.

And Noh expects the Idaho Department of Water Resources to finish the first "run" of its computerized aquifer model around the middle of this month. It's hoped that effort will provide "agreed-upon measurements of the degree to which drought is a factor, the degree to which pumping is a factor, and what's going to happen to the aquifer if we do nothing," he said.

The most difficult task for the committee, Noh said, will be convincing groundwater users — particularly those in Groundwater District 120 in eastern Idaho — to agree to curtail pumping.

Coiner said a complicating factor is that while those in the aquaculture industry need relatively pristine, 50-degree water to "make them whole," the Twin Falls Canal Co. — which relies on spring feedwater from the Falls Reservoir — could make use of replacement water that "doesn't come from springs."

"I'd like to think we could all work together to find one sort of solution, but that's doubtful," he said. "I mean, the basis of the problems is the same, but because of the differences between irrigated agriculture and aquaculture, it makes two different animals out of it."

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** A legislative committee has been meeting regularly to help resolve a dispute between groundwater pumpers and spring users along the Snake River in southern and eastern Idaho.

■ **The latest:** People involved in the historic 1984 Swan Falls agreement between the state and Idaho Power Co. met in Boise Wednesday to discuss the settlement's implications.

■ **What's next:** Leaders of the legislative committee plan to meet with the parties to craft a proposed resolution to the long-running dispute which could see spring users go to court to enforce their water rights — and curtailment of wells north of the Snake River.

Ramos

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quality of the school, while his detractors said he wasted money on the OptiSchool project. Iouad state financial regulations, retaliated against those who opposed him and resisted state discipline.

Ramos was the school's first deaf and Hispanic superintendent.

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The agreement

Following are the terms of the State Board of Education's settlement with Angel Ramos, according to the board:

- **Cash** — \$150,000 will be paid to Ramos and his wife, Merla.
- **Housing** — Ramos is allowed to keep living at the superintendent's house on the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind campus until Aug. 10.
- **Vacation** — Ramos will resign from his position and receive his payout of vacation leave that has been accrued under the state payroll system.
- **OptiSchool** — Ramos is granted all rights, title and interest in the software programs and intellectual property for the OptiSchool software program.
- **No litigation** — Ramos and his wife dismiss and release any current or future legal action in connection with their employment at the school and its foundation.

Wilderness

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Stanley and Challis.

The opinions were strong and varied. Some people said the legislation failed to adequately protect enough land, while others said it locked moose hunters out of too much territory.

Cheryl Hymas, a local horseback rider, said the Sawtooth Valley works as it is.

"This is the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, not the Sawtooth National Wilderness Area," she said.

Allister Getty, a member of a Custer County economic stabilization committee, said past congressional action to limit uses on public lands have already taken a toll on the local economy.

"Look at our main street. It's dead, and it's all thanks to our

congress and our government," he said.

But celebrity and singer Carole King, also a 27-year Custer County resident, asked her neighbors to consider the possibilities of the legislature.

"We need to dream. We need to vision and imagine things outside the traditional," she said. "We need something to disturb the economy, but we're all afraid to grow."

IDAHO/WEST

State fires director of education trust

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The state of Utah on Wednesday fired the director of a college savings program after an internal audit indicated there was possible misuse of the group's administrative funds.

David Butler, a spokesman for the Utah Board of Regents, stressed that former director Dale C. Hatch was not accused of misusing money invested by people saving for college. He said only administrative funds were involved.

"These are not savings accounts that people have started for children or grandchildren," he said.

Hatch was the director of the Utah Educational Savings Plan Trust, which handled more than 45,000 accounts with total balances of more than \$715 million for several years.

The foundation was created by the Legislature in 1996 to encourage saving money for college, and carries accounts from all over the country similar to Individual Retirement Accounts or 401ks. The Board of Regents oversees the trust.

Participants have nine options to invest in a mix of stocks, bonds, and short-term money market funds.

The money invested and earned can be used at any accredited college or university.

Executives called for an audit of Hatch after other employees discovered questionable transactions, according to a statement from the Utah System of Higher Education.

Hatch was placed on administrative leave July 1, and notified Tuesday that he would be fired effective Wednesday.

According to the statement, Hatch was fired for "conflict of interest, breach of trust and violations of State Board of Regents policies."

The regents' audit was sent to the State Auditor and State Attorney General's offices.

Auditor Auston Johnson said his department was reviewing the initial audit and might expand it.

He said he couldn't comment on specific findings of the first audit.

Paul Murphy, spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, said the Salt Lake County District Attorney's office would be the first to consider charges against Hatch.

He also said he couldn't provide additional details on the allegations.

Investigators scramble for leads after dog poisoning

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Investigators are still scratching their heads over the poisoning of 26 dogs since March, including the latest case, a dog that died after a visit to Yellowstone National Park.

A \$20,000 reward has yielded no clues to who has been scattering pesticide-laced meat around western Wyoming and eastern Idaho, killing eight dogs and sickening 18 others.

The leading theory is the culprit is an extremist who opposes the reintroduction of wolves to the region and is trying to kill them off.

But the discovery of two poisoned hot dogs and a poisoned steak in Jackson this spring has given rise to another possibility — that someone is upset by unleashed dogs.

"In my opinion, the bait that was found in town was directed at dogs and the cases that were found in Teton County could be either one — wolves or dogs," Sheriff's Detective Mike Carlson said Wednesday.

Tensions have run high on a popular Bridger-Teton National Forest trail where a local man has been known to confront people who do not keep their dogs on leashes. A dog was shot near the trailhead in late 2002, prompting forest rangers to begin pat-

rolling the trail.

But the man is not linked to the shooting and is not a suspect in the poisonings.

Most of the poison has been left at campgrounds, picnic areas and roadsides. The latest case was last Thursday, when a dog died after it apparently ate poison at Bridge Bay Campground near Yellowstone Lake.

It is the only dog poisoning in Yellowstone to date. Despite a thorough search, no poison turned up at the campground, and no plans are being made to scour Yellowstone's hundreds of miles of roads.

"If they do see any suspicious activity, certainly they are aware of what to look for," Yellowstone spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said.

Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, as well as the U.S. Forest Service, have been posting signs at trailheads with information on how to recognize poison and poisoning symptoms.

"Keep your dogs on a leash and be aware if they pick up anything off the ground," Carlson suggested. "And if they find any suspected baits, please call the Sheriff's Office and let us know."

"And don't touch the bait or anything like that."

Newsman discovers triple murder on his N.M. ranch

HONDO, N.M. (AP) — Three people were found slain on a New Mexico ranch owned by ABC newsman Sam Donaldson, authorities said Wednesday.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan said Donaldson went to the house of his ranch manager on Tuesday evening and discovered an "obvious crime scene."

Once deputies searched the area, they found the bodies of a male and two females, he said. Their identities were not released.

The sheriff said he was treating the case as a triple homicide. "My wife Jan and I are shocked by the apparent triple homicide that took place on our ranch sometime over the Fourth of July weekend while we were away in Santa Fe," Donaldson said in a statement Wednesday. "We understand the investigation is continuing."

and we have been asked by authorities not to comment further at this time."

Sullivan said Donaldson was not a suspect and was cooperating with the investigation.

He declined to provide further details.

HAPPY HAPPY HIPPO



Jazl, an African river hippopotamus, munches away on an ice block mixed with watermelon on Wednesday morning at the San Diego Zoo's Hurli Forest. The tasty treat was given to Jazl as the Zoo celebrated her first birthday. At birth, Jazl weighed 70 pounds. Today, she weighs 910 pounds, averaging a weight gain of about 200 pounds a month. Common river hippos, Hippopotamus amphibious, are the third heaviest land mammals on earth after the elephant and the rhinoceros.

Police arrest suspect in post office arson

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A suspected arson fire at the city's main post office caused about \$200,000 damage and delayed mail delivery.

Richard L. Olsen, 53, allegedly confessed to setting the fire Monday night, said Sgt. Steve Hunt of the Idaho Falls Police Department. Gasoline was used as an accelerant.

Olsen, of Idaho Falls, was formally charged with burglary and arson on Wednesday and was being held in lieu of a \$250,000 bond.

Postal workers were barred

from the building until engineers determine whether the roof and walls were damaged so much by fire that they pose a hazard.

The walls, ceiling and floor of the lobby were blackened and waterlogged, and some of the mail inside the building was damaged by water from the sprinkler system.

"We will try to get everything delivered, but there will be delays and disruptions, and people will have to be patient with us," said William Scouten, acting Idaho Falls postmaster.

"It's like a 100-year flood for the post office. It's as major as it gets."

The main post office's 104 employees have been temporarily transferred to the Eagle Rock office.

However, home mail delivery will be slowed because the main post office housed the city's only mail sorting center.

The 1,300 mailboxes in the lobby will be closed and an alternate pickup was being set up at the Eagle Rock Post Office.

Until the main post office is

repaired, or postal officials find a new building to house the operation, only mail that is sorted automatically in Pocatello will be delivered.

The FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Explosives collected ash and other samples to assist postal inspectors, Idaho Falls police and fire officials in investigating the arson.

Because of the extensive damage to the building, federal charges also will be filed, said Larry Dzombik, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Inspector.

Seven California air tankers get ready to fly

CHICO, Calif. (AP) — Seven air tankers operated by Chico-based Aero Union Corp. have now been approved for fire fighting duty, and company President Terry Unsworth expects an eighth of the firm's P-3 Orion aircraft to be back in service soon.

The U.S. Forest Service says proved five of the planes for use last week, reversing a May decision to ground all 33 of the large air tankers used to fight wildfires across the nation.

Twenty-four of the 75 Aero Union employees laid off because of the groundings are back to work, and more are expected to return in the next few weeks, Unsworth said.

"The 230-employee company also owns two DC-10s and three SP21 Neptunes, which remain grounded. The government canceled all 33 of its heavy tanker contracts over safety concerns after two tankers operated by Hawkins and Powers Aviation Inc. of Greylburg, Wyo., broke apart in midair over Colorado and California in 2002.

The reinstatements come as the fire danger grows, and as fewer California National Guard helicopters are available to fight fires this summer because they've been sent to Iraq

or are out of service for repairs.

The state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection says it will work instead with local and out-of-state agencies to make sure there are enough of the choppers to fight California wildfires.

The department usually uses at least five Chinook and 10 Black Hawk helicopters from the guard each fire season. This year, the guard can supply the state with only three or four of each type.

"The military deployments are hurting us in not having aircraft available," said Mike Padilla, the department's avia-

tion chief.

Guard spokesman Doug Hart said California has agreements with states, including Nevada and Oregon, to use their equipment when necessary. But other states also are cramped by the deployments.

However, the California Guard is slated to get a new, specially equipped firefighting helicopter later this month: the Firehawk, a Black Hawk helicopter fitted with a large water tank and a snorkel to draw water.

The state's own fleet of small air tankers and helicopters also remain available.

Contest to win buildings, bakery ends with no winner

PAYSON, Utah (AP) — Apparently it wasn't a recipe for success.

An essay contest, in which the winner was to receive a bakery and an adjoining building, has been called off because the owners didn't get enough entries.

Roel's Bake Shoppe owners Paul and Lolly Penrod have now decided to sell the shop rather than give it away.

"The publicity was out there, but there just wasn't enough interest," Lolly said.

"We didn't even have half of what we needed."

The Penrods announced the contest in April.

They proposed that they would give away the bakery to the person who paid a \$100 entry fee and wrote the best essay of fewer than 300 words on the theme "Why I want to

own Roel's Bake Shoppe."

In June, they decided to throw in \$5,000 cash to get the bakery going, along with ownership of the historic building next door and the bakery's 60-year-old recipes.

They also extended the essay entry deadline from July 1 to July 5 after not enough entries were received.

But the added time and money weren't incentive

enough.

The Penrods said they were hoping for at least 200 entries so they could pay off their roughly \$200,000 in loans on the building, but they only received about 300 entries.

"We returned the money to everyone that entered, and we put it up for sale," she said.

"The disappointment is definitely there, but you just have to move on."

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Longtime officer: Treat people with respect

By Coren Hart
Times-News correspondent

"RUPERT" — When Robert Vasquez was a high school student, he had no idea of going into law enforcement.

"I went to work at Ore-Ida, though I was always intrigued watching the detective shows on TV," he said. "Then a friend of mine got me involved in the reserves. It took one ride around, then the bug bit me."

That bug has resulted in a career spanning 38 years for Vasquez, now Minidoka County's chief deputy sheriff.

His first job was with the Burley Police Department and he was kept busy because he was one of only two Hispanic officers on the force and in the state, and his bilingual skills were in demand. His wife, Aurora, supported him 100 percent.

"It was tough," she said. "When he would get a call at night and go out, I would worry for him."

But she kept most of her fears to herself. Instead, she told him to get out there and help the people. "He was a nice husband, a good provider and a good role model," she said. "He made time for his family. I wouldn't trade him for a million bucks."

Vasquez, 66, said he learned that if he treated people fairly, there were few problems and he treats people with respect.

"I always remember that I am a public servant," he said. "I am here to serve people. It's very important to remember that they are the ones that actually pay our wages."

He went to the police academy, where he received the top award for outstanding achievement.

"I knew that people would expect more of me because I had received it," he said. He also continued taking



CORNER PHOTO/The Times-News

Robert Vasquez's law enforcement career spans 38 years. His advice to youngsters: stay in school and go to college because education opens doors.

courses throughout the years.

Vasquez went to work for the Heyburn Police Department and became chief of police for 18 years. He believes he was the first Hispanic police chief in the state. Then an opening came up in the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department and he applied. He has been

there almost 32 years and appreciates the stability of that department.

"They are so dedicated. Many officers work shifts even when we cannot compensate them. They just want to see the job done, and they like what they do. People here really care," he said.

He credits Sheriff Paul Fries for much of that stability.

"Bob and I actually have known each other a long time. It goes back to '66 or '67. When we were both chiefs, we attended lots of chiefs' meetings," Fries said.

On the top of the bookshelf in

Vasquez's office are trophies, most for marksmanship. He enjoyed participating as a team with Fries in competitions. He's also been honored by the Lions Club, was president for two terms, and received the Melvin Jones Fellow humanitarian award last year.

As Vasquez has assumed more administrative tasks, his time in the field has diminished, but he has taken charge of several cases.

"One that sticks in my mind was the murder of a young woman in Heyburn," Vasquez said. "It was very unusual because the perpetrator turned himself in to the police in Burley the next morning... But you know, so many things can go wrong in any case. There are always changes. Supreme Court decisions change the rules. You have to adapt. So we handled it very carefully... He pleaded guilty and the young man got 25 years—so it turned out all right."

He said most crimes today are tied to drugs with methamphetamine, one of the biggest problems in the United States. He sees the solution in education of the young and did school presentations for many years.

"Even second graders would come up to me and say, 'My mom and dad do this and this,' and I think they're using drugs," he said. "We would try to keep an eye out, but sometimes there isn't anything you can see."

His advice to young people: "Go through school. Go on to college. Then choose your career... The doors are wide open, because education opens doors." He smiled and added, "Live a good, clean life. Be prepared to work very hard. If you work hard, people will overlook some shortcomings. You have to have that will."

"Everything I have done, I feel good about," he said about his long career.

LATINO FLAVORED BOOKS

'Dirty Girls' delivers a clean, multicultural message

By James H. Burnett III
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

"Dirty Girls" by Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez

Because Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez is half Cuban and half Irish, she is not a typical Latina — at least, not according to age-old stereotypes.

That question of her cultural status, she says, was a major motivation behind her wildly popular novel, "The Dirty Girls Society Club," a story of six young professional women in Boston whose friendship stands the tests of time, racism, bad romances, self-doubt, substance abuse, archaic family expectations and even unexpected success.

The book isn't a commentary about physically dirty or even sleazy young women.

Valdes-Rodriguez uses the term *sueña*, which means "dirty girls." It can be offensive in many Hispanic cultures but in the book is used as an irreverent, if obnoxious, pun. The six main characters are anything but "dirty girls."

Valdes-Rodriguez's book — which she calls "a cultural lesson, but mainstream in that the focus is really about maintaining friendships" — was published about a year ago.

Sales have kicked into high gear with the recent release of the paperback version.

Valdes-Rodriguez, a former reporter for the Los Angeles Times and Boston Globe, hopes the book will help make the general public aware of the great diversity in Hispanic cultures.

"In writing my book, I didn't feel like I'd found any literature that had reflected a large diversity of Latina experiences," she says.

"I tried to show sort of a more diverse group, religiously diverse, nationally diverse, skin tone diversity. Those things are probably what I've heard most about from people who have read the book, that they hadn't seen that sort of diversity among Hispanics described elsewhere."

Among the main characters of "Dirty Girls," one woman of Colombian descent is a devout evangelical Christian who is outed as a lesbian by a newspaper gossip columnist. Another, a musician of Mexican descent, preaches the history and heritage of Mexican Indians through her music. Still another is a Cuban Jew. Most of the six main characters describe how their families told them not to date black men because it would hurt their social status.

Girl from the barrio rises to head drug-trafficking

By Nancy Pate
The Orlando Sentinel

"The Queen of the South" by Arturo Perez-Reverte; Putnam (\$25.95)

They call them narcocorridos, ballads about Mexican drug runners. Just songs, right? So thinks the narrator of Arturo Perez-Reverte's intriguing new novel about a drug runner's girlfriend who transforms herself into the legendary Queen of the South, a woman who appeared on the society pages the same week she turned up in the newspapers' police blotter.

Her name is Teresa Mendoza, and in the beginning, she is just a dark-haired girl with big, black eyes. Her lover, Gutero Davila, lies blocks of cocaine and bales of marijuana in his Cessna, eluding both the Federales and the DEA. Then one afternoon, as she listens to Los Tigres del Norte singing a narcocorrido on the stereo, the phone rings. She knows what it means. Gutero is dead. Run.

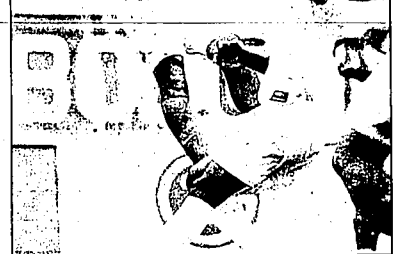
Fast forward a dozen years. The narrator, a magazine writer working on a story about the Queen of the South, is at last face-to-face with his subject. He wants to know about Simbas, Mexico, back when it all started,

when the blond, smiling Gutero first put his aviator-jacket clad arm around the vulnerable girl from the barrio. He then tells readers, not only about Teresa's escape to Spain, where she worked as a cashier in a bar and fell for another drug runner, but also about how she managed to go from prisoner-to-player, heading a Mediterranean drug-trafficking ring. How she became a woman to be reckoned with in a man's world.

"The Queen of the South" is something of a departure for Perez-Reverte, a former journalist whose book sales in his native Spain are comparable to those of Stephen King in this country and whose award-winning novels are a staple of European best-seller lists.

At the end of "The Queen of the South" — the last 40 pages are riveting as Teresa comes full circle to contend with an old betrayal — the narrator imagines himself sitting in a Mexican bar listening to songs on a jukebox. "I was sorry I lacked the talent to sum it all up in three minutes of words and music. Mine, for good or ill, was going to be a corrido on paper."

FIGHTING TO WIN



Mexican player Daniel Osorno (11) fights for the ball against Dominican Janik Joseph during their World Cup qualifying match at the Victoria Stadium June 27 in Aguascalientes City, Mexico. Mexico defeated Dominica 8-0.

Immigration officer speaks at meeting



Noticias

Professors write book on Latinos in pop culture

PHOENIX — Two Arizona State University professors have put together a two-volume set of encyclopedias designed to explore the impact of Desi Arnaz, Jennifer Lopez and other Latinos on American pop culture.

The encyclopedia of Latina and Latino Popular Culture in the United States is designed to give readers a comprehensive look at the diversity among Latinos in the United States and examines pioneers in literature, art, music, religion, politics, sports and other areas. It is expected to be released in the fall.

Cordelia Candelaria and

People in the news

Peter Garcia, university professors and co-editors on the project, focused attention on the three largest Latino populations in the United States — Mexican, Cuban and Puerto Rican.

The essays examine the popularity of the subjects and their lasting influence. For example, Arnaz, the Cuban-born actor who played Ricky Ricardo on the TV show "I Love Lucy," helped introduce a technique involving three cameras instead of one to make filming

sitcoms easier.

Garcia's longing for Cuba guides movie

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Andy Garcia says a longing for his native Cuba is the guiding force behind his next movie, which will be filmed in the Dominican Republic starting next week.

Garcia, 48, was born in Havana but left Cuba with his family when he was 5 for Miami Beach, Fla. Garcia's family left after Fidel Castro's revolution in 1959, and Garcia has been a critic of Castro's communist government.

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T.F. Lions Club hosts Miss M.V. program

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Lions Club is again hosting the Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Program.

The pageant will start at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased at the door.

Ten young women from Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome and Kimber-

ly all of whom have rehearsed for the past several weeks, will compete. The young woman named Miss Magic Valley will compete next June in the Miss Idaho Pageant.

This year's program is the 54th which began as the Miss Twin Falls Pageant in the early 1950s, according to the club, so far, more than \$500,000 in schol-

arships have been awarded to young women in the Magic Valley through the program.

The contestants are: Araceli Aguilar, Kiley Marie Johnson, Kami Rust, Niki Magill, Gabrielle Marcantonio, Jenette Miller, Amanda Schmahl, Monique Schaal, Ely Jane Garner and Krista Anna Gambrel.

The evening's pageant will

also feature the current Miss Magic Valley, Aubrey Harding; the reigning Miss Idaho, Elizabeth Barchus; and Miss Magic Valley 1994, Jaime Thuleten.

This year, the program will award more than \$6,300 in academic scholarships, and CSI will offer \$3,500 in scholarships for young women who will attend the college this fall.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY



The Minico High School MI-Cadette drill team will hold a team dance from 8 p.m. midnight Friday at Wheels, behind Ali's Pizzeria, 2510 Overland Ave. in Burley. The dance is for all area teens from 13-17 years-old. The cost is \$3 and proceeds will be used for the MI-Cadettes' costumes, competition fees and traveling expenses for performances.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Many support swim team fund-raiser

The Magic Valley Marlins Swim Team is very grateful to the following businesses that generously sponsored it in its recent Aquathon fund-raiser: Blue Lakes Country Club; Moss Creek Hair Salon; Idaho Jobs; MountainSide Electric; Standard Nutrition, Gloriadis Daycare; Green's Storage; Mr. Gas (Burley); Middlekauff Ford; Rob Green Pontiac-Buick-GMC; Adventure Motor Sports; Barquesters Health & Fitness; Walton Inc.; SMA Storage Management; Stephan, Kvanvig, Stone & Trainor, attorneys at law; Lamb Weston; McDonald's; Clear Lakes Agency; Calligan Water Conditioning; State Farm Insurance; Bieri Agency; Hart Mediation; Barry Rental; Hruza Insurance; Wells Fargo Bank (Rupert); Rupert Trading Post; Rupert Animal Clinic; EZ Money Auto; Liljenquist Chiropractic; Parson, Smith & Stone LLP; Foothold Retrievers; Glanbia Foods; Bonanza Motors; and Arctic Circle.

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People donate for Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 of Paul would like to thank everyone in the Mini-Cassia area who donated to our Poppy Day Fund and made this our best year.

A special thank you to Smith's, Liddle's and Stokes for allowing our ladies to offer the poppies at your locations. We also would like to thank The Times-News, South Idaho Press and Minidoka County News for printing our Poppy Day article.

The auxiliary has many ongoing projects for our veterans and, with your generous donations, we will be able to do more.

A very special thank you to all our American veterans as well as heros.

ALBERTA MIDDLESWORTH
President, Unit 77
American Legion Auxiliary Paul

Buhl resident is thankful for 'gift of life'

By Sandra Wisecaver
Special to the Times-News

BUHL - A Buhl resident is thankful to those who shared the gift of life with her.

Lorraine Walker, 64, was diagnosed with colon cancer in September 2003 and surgery was required, followed by radiation and chemotherapy treatments. She became anemic.

"That's why I needed the blood," Walker said.

She required two units of blood during surgery and another 12 units during and following her treatments.

"That's what kept me going," Walker said. "I'm fine now. They got my cancer."

Two of Walker's granddaughters, sisters Jennifer and Denise Claire, are regular donors at Red Cross blood drivings. Both were 17 when they started donating after friends talked them into signing up for a blood drawing. When it came time to give, their friends bowed out. The sisters, however, gave and have become regular donors whenever possible.

Walker first gave blood when she was 17 and her mother needed a transfusion due to a complication during a pregnancy.

"They put us on stretchers, side by side, and I gave blood directly to her," Walker said.

Her granddaughters are thankful for donors who helped make their grandmother's recovery possible.



Denise Claire, left, and sister Jennifer Claire, right, are grateful to donors who gave blood their grandmother, Lorraine Walker, needed during her treatments for cancer.

"It really doesn't take that much time or effort to do something that will mean so much to someone," Denise said.

Want to give blood?

Jerome - Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Call Jaren Lopez at 324-5602.

Buhl - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Quillen at 543-8289.

Rupert - Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, First Christian Church, Call Ann DeWald at 436-1344.

Wendell - 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, LDS Church, Call Patty Anderson

promotion now through Sept. 6. Each prescreening donor will be entered in a drawing to win a one-year supply of gas valued at \$1,500.

If a donor recruits and comes in with a new donor, they will get an additional entry.

The promotion encompasses drives in the Magic Valley and Treasure Valley.

Walker is well on the road to recovery and back in the kitchen, cooking and baking up treats for family.

"Everyone has their favorite," she said.

Sandra Wisecaver is a volunteer with the American Red Cross.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Redfish Lake Visitor Center hosts events

STANLEY - The Redfish Lake Visitor Center announces several free activities.

Moraine Hike: 10-11:30 a.m. Sunday and Tuesday. Participants hike in the Fishhook Creek area.

Native American Rock Shelter Tour: 2 p.m. today, Friday and Monday. Participants use their own vehicle for a 2-mile drive.

Salmon, Wonders from the Ocean: 11 a.m. Friday and Monday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Participants receive an introduction to the salmon and a walk to salmon locations.

Tree Trek: 2-3 p.m. Tuesday. Participants walk through tree-covered landscape.

Junior Ranger sessions for children ages 5-11 are, as follows:

Animals and Their Tracks: 10-11 a.m. today, Bet You Didn't Know: 2-3 p.m. today, Wild, Wild Journey: 10-11 a.m. Friday, Amazing Animals: 2-3 p.m. Friday, Bet You Didn't Know: 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Animal Tracks: 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the Stanley Lake Overlook, Animal Olympics: 2-3 p.m. Saturday and Animals and Where They Live: 2-3 p.m. Sat-

urday at Alturas Lake Boat Ramp. There is a limit of 15 children.

Evening programs at the Redfish Amphitheater include "Starstruck at 9 p.m. today, "Hiking in the SNRA" at 9 p.m. Friday, "Gold Mining" at 9 p.m. Saturday and "A Night at the Movies" at 9:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday. A campfire starts a half hour before.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and located about 6 miles south of Stanley. For more information, call (208) 774-3376.

Caregiver Support Group meeting date changes

TWIN FALLS - The monthly Caregiver Support Group meeting was moved in recognition of the Fourth of July.

The meeting will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging Annex, 998 Washington St. N.

The speaker will be Andy Hall from the Mountain States Tumor Institute. He will lead part two of "Music Making Reflecting on Your Experiences of Caregiving."

Those primarily responsible for caring for a sick, disabled or elderly family member or

friend are invited to meet other caregivers.

For more information on the support group or caregiving resources, call Page Geske at 736-2122, ext. 306.

Snake River Weavers' Guild meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Weavers' Guild will have its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Ise Hylton will be the hostess. For more information, call her at 734-6258.

Homeless shelter hosts 'Gathering Conference'

RUPERT - "A Gathering Conference" presented by Community Oasis Outreach, a homeless shelter, will be held today through Saturday at the Rupert Civic Center, 624 1st St.

The conference will be free and open to all churches, denominations and community members.

Guest speakers will be Harold Eberle and Mike Prato. Washington-based Eberle is author and speaker. Prato and his wife, Nancy, have been in the pastoral ministry for 22 years and he is pastor at the Vineyard Church in Bend, Ore.

The schedule is: Thursday from 9:30 to noon, a workshop with Pam Rose entitled, "Prophecy Teaching," 3-5:30 p.m., a workshop with Debra Bates entitled, "Standing at Crossroads," and evening service at 6:30 p.m.

Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, a workshop with Eberle entitled, "Harmony in Marriage"; 3-5:30 p.m. a workshop with the Candlans; and evening services at 6 p.m.

Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., a pastors workshop; 3-5:30 p.m., a workshop with Joyce Labuda entitled, "Praise Him in the Dance," and evening service at 6:30 p.m.

Lunch will be at 12:15 p.m. at Community Oasis at 102 Second St. in Rupert.

For more information, call 436-1683 or 219-9159.

Class of 1979 holds reunion planning meeting

BURLEY - The Burley High School class of 1979 will hold a reunion planning meeting at 4:30 p.m. today at the Chadwick Grille, 130 W. Main St.

West Magic Fire District will hold fund-raiser

SHOSHONE - The West

Magic Fire District will hold a fire sale fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the West Magic Fire Station, Pioneer Drive in West Shore Estates.

A barbecue will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the West Magic Lake Recreation Club house.

Anyone with items to donate can drop them off the week of the sale at the West Magic Fire Station.

Arizona summer birds gather for breakfast

TWIN FALLS - Arizona residents spending the summer in the Magic Valley are invited to breakfast at 9 a.m. Monday at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

For more information or to make reservations, call 543-5798

Gathering Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its July 2 winners.

Tied three ways for first are Joe Blackford and Sam Smutny, Mary Steele and Lucy Gustafson and Riley Burton and Bev Clark; second, Jodi Faulkner

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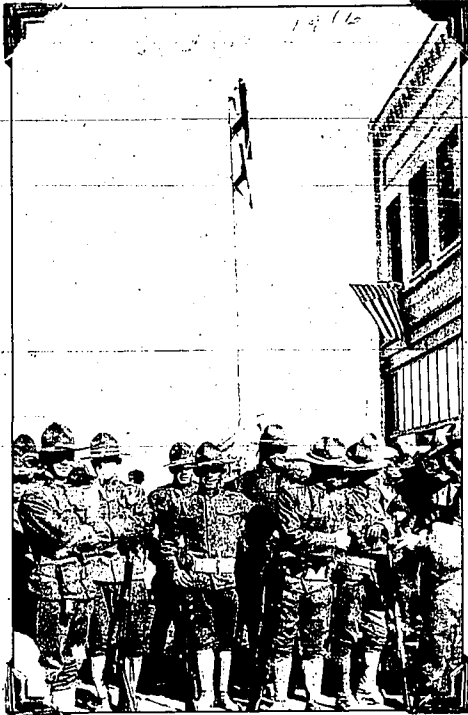


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Local soldiers gather in Filer in 1916. The photograph's owner believes them to be members of Company K, Second Idaho Infantry, which was organized in October 1915 and mustered into federal service in June 1916 and sent to the Mexican border - the first of Company K's many homes while in the service.



Photo courtesy of MARJORIE ANNIS of Twin Falls

Dwey Showers, a member of the Filer militia, is pictured in Filer in 1916 with a young friend. Showers, a plumber by trade, had earlier served in the U.S. Army in the Spanish-American War. Dwey's granddaughter Cecilla Jerome lives in Twin Falls.



Photo courtesy of MARJORIE ANNIS of Twin Falls

New military recruits march in Filer in 1916.

The soldiers in these old photographs are just a fraction of the Magic Valley residents who served their country during World War I.

While they fought, folks back home rolled bandages for the Red Cross, practiced shooting, raised money for emergency relief funds and grew sugar

beets as a patriotic duty.

Today's selection of photos from our readers' scrapbooks celebrates the soldiers of World War I - as well as the communities who yearned for their return, and the loved ones who welcomed them home.

-Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of MARJORIE ANNIS of Twin Falls

Above, Filer and Buhl members of the Company K, Second Idaho Infantry, march in Filer in 1916. Many of the company's members saw heavy fighting overseas in World War I. The company returned to the homeland in March 1919, "having made a good record as a body of soldiers, fighters and men," one historian wrote.

Right, three Twin Falls brothers pose in 1918, during World War I. From left are Albert George Benoit, Emory Benoit and Harry Benoit.



Photo courtesy of TERESA HAMLETT of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of BETTY R. PASTOR of Twin Falls

Howard M. Holler, left, and John W. Holler - sons of H.M. and Cella Holler of Twin Falls - pose in uniform in 1918, after their return home from World War I service in France.



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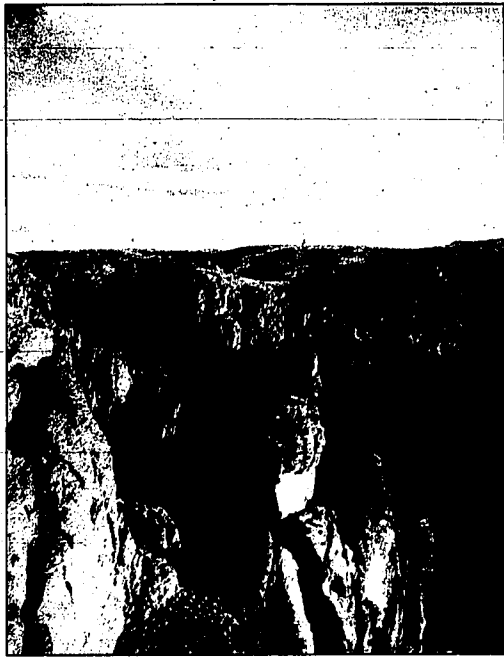


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Above, Twin Falls residents gather for a patriotic meeting in Twin Falls' City Park in April 1917, following the United States' declaration of war with Germany. At right is the park's former bandstand.

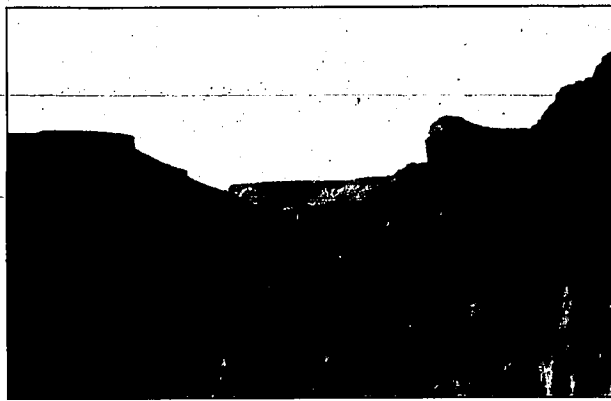
Left, on his first visit home after joining the U.S. Army, Fred Rudolph embraces his girlfriend, Alice Brown, at left, and his mother, Rosa Rudolph, at right. This Twin Falls photo is from July 1917, during World War I. Fred and Alice were married in 1919.

EXPLORING THE WILDERNESS IN IDAHO AND UTAH



Left: Vertical sculptures dominate the scene around Jarbidge Canyon. Right: A reminder to watch your step. Bottom: A typical view from inside Jarbidge Canyon. Bottom, left: The canyon opens up for a good view of the Jarbidge River.

photos courtesy of Mike O'Boyle



Southwest splendor

Jarbidge scenery goes deep into Idaho's rugged beyond

By Mike Cothem
Times-News correspondent

The map indicated that our destination lie just a few miles westward. The landscape ahead gave no clues, however, looking much like the last 10 miles that our truck had bounced over.

But that's the magic of traveling through Owyhee County in search of its canyon lands. Open space and a flat horizon dominate until a crack may suddenly appear out of nowhere. Moments later, standing on the edge of a rocky

rim, one is transfixed by the scene below.

That was the scenario for my son and I as we stood overlooking the Jarbidge Canyon. We took a moment to catch our breath, not because of any exertion but from the scene suddenly thrust upon us. The panorama was even more fascinating because we still could not see one drop of the river responsible for all the canyon's sculptures.

Quite often, from a canyon rim, one can see much of the bottom and its defining feature. But from our vantage

point, the only evidence of the Jarbidge River was the sound of water flowing somewhere below. A maze of rock formations hid the base of the drainage. Only after a little down-scrambling and exploring did we receive a glimpse of the river itself.

Earlier in the spring, this canyon and others in the county were "newsworthy items. Ten groups that range from resource users to environmental organizations released a plan regarding Idaho's southwest corner. The grassroots-generated propos-

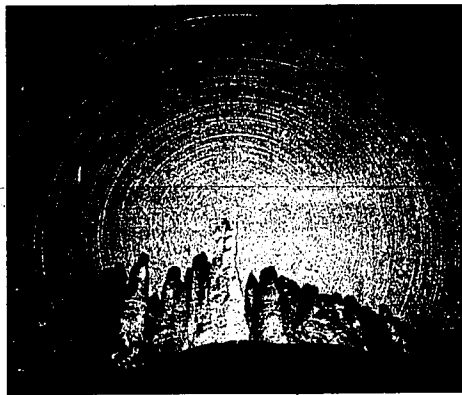
al, called the Owyhee Initiative, would give formal wilderness designation to many canyon corridors and wild and scenic designations to several of their waterways.

In return for this protection, the compromise would permit some previously restricted areas to be examined for multiple use. Existing grazing and recreational uses would continue in nearly all areas. A few critical locations would have more restrictions, but the proposal would only close about 1 percent of the county's 10,000

Please see JARBIDGE, Page D2

If you go

A limited number of roads access the Jarbidge Canyon. Our route took us west on the Three Creek Highway until we turned onto a good gravel road that goes north to the town of Bureau. After 5.3 miles on this gravel, turn west onto a road at a sign marked "Post Office." The canyon is about 12 miles to the north-west down this two-track. Keep Poison Butte on the left and Poison Creek on the right.



Above: In a six-hour time exposure, stars form long trails as the earth rotates on May 15, as seen from Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah. Top, right: Bryce Canyon National Park volunteer Ron Warner positions a telescope to view the planet Saturn before one of the many star parties held in the visitor center parking lot, April 18, at Bryce Canyon. Right: Known to have one of the darkest skies in the country, Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, as seen April 18, is one of the better places to view the night sky.



Moonlight madness

Astronomy shines brightly at Bryce Canyon National Park

BRUCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP)

—The night sky provides a means of navigation, a stage for legends and a sense of wonder about what other forms of life might be out there.

At Utah's highest national park, the stars are as important a natural resource as its surreal hoodoos.

"We are trying to sell the Bryce Canyon night skies as a unique and extraordinary tourism opportunity," said National Park Service Ranger Kevin Poe, who leads the popular Viewing the Void program. "I love hearing people say they planned their vacation to the desert Southwest around our as-

tronomy programs."

That is exactly what the Barnes family of Sandy did on a recent crisp spring night. After an entertaining and informative program in which their three children starred in an impromptu mythology play, the family headed outside for scenery that is difficult to find anywhere else.

"We were looking on the Internet and found out about the program," said Sue Barnes. "We thought it would add a great educational aspect to the trip and give us something to do at night. Our kids are really into astronomy and this is perfect for them. We already

plan on coming back."

Kelsty Barnes, 8, said she wants to be an astronaut one day. Until then, the night sky will have to suffice.

"It is really amazing to see the planets and other things out there," she said after spying Saturn and its rings through a telescope in the visitor's center parking lot. "Some day I might see another galaxy. In the meantime I get to see stuff from Earth."

And there are few places as good as Bryce Canyon "to see stuff from Earth." The combination of high elevation, an arid environment and a lack of light pollution makes this

one of the best spots on this planet to view other planets and stars.

"It is sort of like laying on the bottom of the shallow end of the swimming pool. It is easy to recognize people looking down at you," Poe said. "Other places it is like being in the 12-foot end of the pool where it is blurry and hard to recognize your family and friends wondering why you are at the bottom of the pool. There is less atmosphere to look through here."

Bryce Canyon also has a weather pattern conducive to clear night skies. Most storms in the nation. Please see BRYCE, Page D2

OUTDOORS

Idaho offers youth education classes

JEROME - Youth wanting to hunt this fall need to plan now to sign-up for one of several education classes offered this July, August and September.

Because of a recent law changes allowing 10-year-old children to hunt small game with an adult, classes are expected to fill up early.

Sign ups for fall classes begin the third week of July and will be held at:

- July 19 - Farmer's Insurance Office, 130 Broadway Avenue North, in Buhl
- July 19 and 21 - Boy Scout Service Center, 2988 Falls Avenue East, in Twin Falls
- July 19-20 - Cassia County Sheriff's Office, 123 East Fourteenth Street, in Burley
- July 20 - IDB* Campus (Routon Building) 202 Fourteenth Avenue East, in Gooding
- July 21 - Filer Middle School, 2991 Highway 30, in Filer

Outdoors in brief

July 21-22 - Blaine County Sheriff's Office, 201 First Avenue South, in Halley

July 21-22 - Fish and Game Regional Office, 868 East Main Street, in Jerome

Registration times are from 5-8 p.m., with Buñ's going from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration requires an address, phone number, date of birth and social security number for each student. Cost is \$8 per student.

Students completing the class will receive a free small game hunting license for this year's hunting season. Students 12 and older wishing to hunt big game this fall must upgrade to a junior hunting license. Cost is \$20 at a Game Depot office of Fish and Game Regional Office or for \$6.50 at other license vendors.

Jerome Rod and Gun Club hosts shoot

JEROME - The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will meet Wednesday, July 14 at the Jerome Range for a special trap and 22 rifle shoot. The shoots start at 4:30 p.m. and a club meeting will follow at 7. The public is welcome to attend.

Silver Sage Grotto group meets today in T.F.

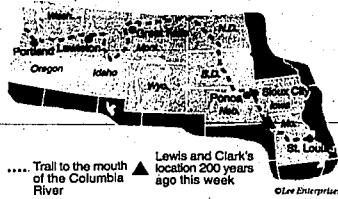
TWIN FALLS - The Silver Sage Grotto cave exploration group will hold its July meeting at 7 p.m. today in Room 277 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The agenda includes a slide show about caves in Mexico, a report on the clean up efforts in southern Idaho's Spider Cave and discussion on the National Speleological Society's conven-

'waves Dashed over her'

The Lewis and Clark Expedition passed the mouth of the Nemaha River, which enters the Missouri River just north of the Nebraska-Kansas border. The explorers kept careful notes of the rivers and streams entering the Missouri.

Taking care of those notes was a problem at times. On several occasions during the expedition, Clark lost his field notes due to weather conditions and he had to reconstruct them with the help of Lewis and the other men.



Trail to the mouth of the Columbia River

Check out www.lewisandclark.com

July 13, 1804 - My notes of the 13th of July by a Most unfortunate accident blew over Board in a Storm in the morning of the 14th obliges me to refer to the Journals of Sergeants, and my own recollection [of] the occurrences Courses Distance &c. of that day.

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William Clark
(Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday; Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

Kids: Meet the pesky, buzzing mosquito

By Kelton Hatch
Special to the Times-News

A high-pitched whine buzzing in your ear. You may hear it while sitting around a campfire while playing in your backyard. Just mention mosquitoes, and the skin on some people starts to itch and crawl.

Whether you love them or just tolerate them, mosquitoes are interesting insects.

There are about 2,700 species of mosquitoes in the world. Mosquitoes may be found in many different habitats. They may live in hot tropical forests or cold northern lands. Mosquitoes can be found from sea level to over 10,000 feet above sea level.

Although they may be found in many different places, all mosquitoes need water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in water and develop and grow in water. They

Kids' corner

have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. All life stages of a mosquito, except for the adults, are aquatic - they live in water.

Male and female mosquitoes do not look the same. Females are usually larger than males and have thin antennae. Males have bushy, hairy antennae.

Mosquitoes have short lives. It takes between seven to 14 days for a mosquito egg to become an adult. Adult female mosquitoes can live several weeks. Males usually live less than a week.

Mosquitoes eat different things at different stages of their lives. Larvae breathe from a tube at the end of their bodies. If the tube gets clogged with oil or other things, they will suffocate.

Both male and female adult mosquitoes eat nectar. Only female mosquitoes suck blood. They use a proboscis to find blood to make their eggs.

Mosquitoes use their senses of sight and smell to find a blood meal. They see movement and infrared light given off by warm bodies. They can also smell chemicals, like carbon dioxide and lactic acid, on your breath, as well as smell chemicals on your skin. A mosquito can smell you when it is over 100 feet away.

Have you ever noticed that mosquitoes seem to bite certain people more often? It's true. Everyone has a different smell.

Mosquitoes do like the smell of some people over other people. The tip of a mosquito's mouth has six needle-like parts for cutting and sucking. To suck blood, a mosquito slips the tip of its mouth into the skin. The mosquito then injects anticoagulants into the cut. This keeps the blood runny and thin, so the mosquito

can suck up the blood. The anticoagulants are not supposed to be in your body. Your body tries to break up and get rid of the chemicals, causing an itchy bump.

Although mosquitoes may bite you crazy with their blood, they are an important part of nature. Mosquitoes are important parts of the food web. They are food for fish, bats, birds, spiders and other insects.

Some bats may eat 600 mosquitoes in just one hour of hunting. If there were no mosquitoes in the world, we might not have as many other animals. Mosquitoes help pollinate flowers when drinking nectar.

Next time you hear "EEEEEE," try to think of something positive about mosquitoes. They may irritate you with their biting, but they are important to have around.

Kelton Hatch is a regional conservation educator at the Department of Fish and Game

Jarbridge

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miles of roads.

The Jarbridge-Bruneau component of the proposal is one of the most targeted for protection. The focus of our trip, the Jarbridge River, has the potential for 54,000 acres of wilderness along its corridor and 29 miles as well as scenic views.

But statistics and designations aside, this section of the Jarbridge has always been wilderness,

with or without a capital W. Originating from a spectacular Nevada mountain range of the same name, Jarbridge is a combination of poor accessibility and scenic qualities makes the area a great place to visit without running into many people.

The first spot on the canyon we visited, dominated by all those rock formations, offered great hiking opportunities. While not seeing any big horn

sheep that inhabit the area, several cultures riding the canyon's thermal currents gave us a shiver.

Just a few miles downstream, near where dry Poison Creek meets the Jarbridge, the drainage opens up and becomes more of a "classic" canyon. There we had a good view of the river as it flowed north toward the Bruneau. Also at this point, we were reminded to watch our step and not get overly focused

on the scenery. The reminder was a rattlesnake on the rim, warning hikers to stay in the sun.

Seeing only a portion of the Jarbridge Canyon and a tiny fraction of the entire county's canyon lands gives perspective to the area's vast space. The combination of this openness and poor accessibility but a little danger. But they also provide the inspiration to come back again and explore further.

Magic Valley Angler's Guide

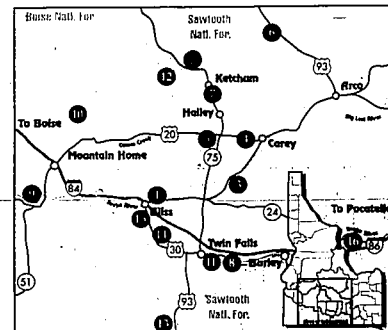
Malad River: GOOD. Excellent top water action with great opportunities for beginning and experienced anglers. Throw in attractor dry flies such as wulfs, stimulators and adams, along with various caddis patterns.

Little Wood River: FAIR. No one has fished it to give a report. If you think things are to be crowded, give this river a try. It can generally be very good this time of the year. Throw big attractor patterns. If you do well, don't tell anyone...

Clear Lake: GOOD. The lake is often spotty but the water level is good. The lake is slowly coming into its classic summer form. The early season hatches are beginning to wane as the heat of summer turns on.

There is good caddis activity very early and very late in the day. Arriving at the river when it's still dark and being on the water with first light can provide some great activity, staying until dark can also. During the day it's mostly sunfish, falls, some PM-D, activity and Calibetics. The Tricos should be showing in good numbers soon.

Grasshoppers are beginning to mature and are also on the verge of being a player on the water. **Big Wood River: GOOD.** The Wood has been decent depending on the area an angler chooses. The higher flows really set the fishing back on the upper reaches of the river north of Ketchum. The mid valley has been the best fishing by far, but also the busiest with angler numbers. The lower river through Halley and Boise continues to produce smaller fish, but decent numbers. The Green Drake, is still out, although the peak of the hatch activity has come and gone. There is still some splashers in this bug hatching season. 1 p.m. and some morning hatchers



The Magic Valley fish report is for the week of Thursday, July 8. Updated conditions from Silver Creek Outfitters and Blue Lakes Sporting Goods are listed for family fishing waters and major rivers in the Magic Valley/Wood River regions. Check Idaho Department of Fish and Game regulations for restrictions:

- Malad River
- Big Wood River
- Little Wood River
- Silver Creek
- Magic Reservoir
- Big Lost River
- Warm Springs/Trail Creek
- Milner Dam
- C.J. Strike Reservoir
- South Fork of the Boise
- Darkies Lake
- Penny/Dollar Lakes
- Salmon Falls Creek Res.
- Clear Lake
- Billingsley Creek
- Lake Walcott

as well. As the flows continue to drop this week the fishing should keep getting better and better. **Big Lost River: GOOD/FAIR.** The Lost River system is fishing dry to dry depending on how much rain falls every night. The less precipitation we get over the coming weeks the better this will begin to fish consistently. Copper Basin is fishing well for smaller fish, as the majority of big fish seem reluctant to rise. The Lost below the North Fork confluence is high, tinted and incredibly hard to wade, give this a week or two to come into shape. The Lost River below Mackay Reservoir is fishing decent with nymphs; strong wading skills are required until they lower the flow slightly (current flow - 450 cfs). **Milner Dam: FAIR.** Fish shoreline droppings and cover hard. Recent catches have shown many small fish. **C.J. Strike Reservoir: FAIR.** The

fish have begun to hold deep. Creek inlets and other canyon waters are the place to be. **Warm Springs/Trail Creek: GOOD/FAIR.** These Big Wood tributaries are beginning to fish well in most reaches. There has still been very little pressure on these waters as the summer crowds have yet to arrive. Some nice wild fish are around these systems. **Diwers Lake: GOOD.** Early and late hours aren't only best for the fish, but also to avoid the swimmers. Night crawlers, com,

powerbait, crankbaits, plastics and boss poppers all work. **Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: GOOD.** Walleye fishermen are doing well in water from 3 to 15 feet deep with crankbaits, and fly jigging lighter plastics and bait. **Clear Lake: FAIR.** Fish the slots in the weed channels and the outlet to avoid weeds. Intermediate or floating lines are necessary here so throw scuds, egg imitations, pheasant tails and wooly buggers. **Billingsley Creek: GOOD.** Excellent hatches but very limited access without the float tube. Those who dare to venture have been rewarded with some fine brown trout. **Lake Walcott: POOR.** As usual the warm weather has put the fish down. Low light conditions are present in the lake. Pound the banks and submerged cover with crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Drop shooting lizards and various plastics are also productive.

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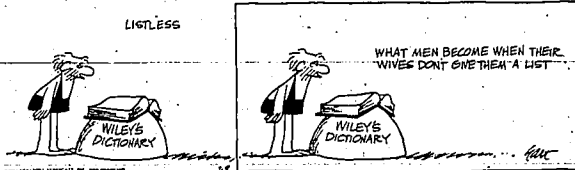
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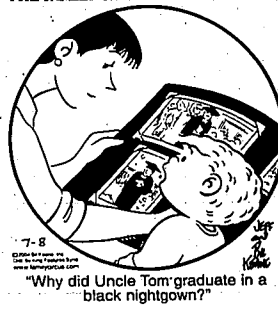
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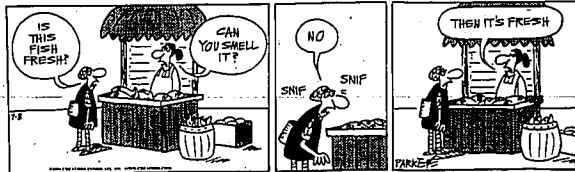
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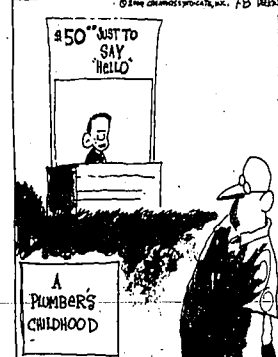
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OUTDOORS

BLAZING NEW TRAILS:

Antelope Island officials seek more visitors

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Changes are coming to Antelope Island. There will be more trails, more campgrounds, more access — a few trails and a couple of backcountry campgrounds on the south and west portions of the island, for instance, which are now off-limits to all but participants on rented horses, riding with guided tours.

Antelope Island is rich in archaeological resources — and renowned for its wildlife viewing opportunities. Bison, antelope and bighorn sheep are the main attractions, along with Fielding Gar Ranch, the oldest post-settlement structure still standing on its original foundation. But up to now, more than half the island's 28,000 acres have been off-limits to the public. It's the only state park so restricted.

The Antelope Island Access Management Plan, open to public comment until April 27, would change that. There would still be large tracts of land where bison and bighorn could roam without fear of unleashed dogs, the sound of vehicles or the creeping of overzealous photographers. But on a limited basis, the public would be able to access some of these previously off-limits areas. Eventually, if the State Parks board approves the plan in May, visitors could see about nine miles of hiking, biking, horseback-riding trails open this summer. But most of the changes will be long-term. Before the public would be allowed near the park's numerous historic and

prehistoric cultural sites, for instance, there will have to be an "interpretive plan" in place to regulate that use without too much disturbance to the sites. After the access plan is approved, the interpretive plan may take two years to complete.

With about 300,000 visitors a year, Antelope Island is Utah's most visited state park. But that number isn't going up, in fact, it's been about steady since 1994. Park manager Ron Taylor hopes some of the changes recommended in the plan will bring that number up.

"We would like to see a little bit of growth," Taylor said. "Not something overwhelming, a controlled growth, but we'd like to eventually bring those numbers up to 500,000 a year."

Along with increased visitation comes increased revenue, revenue Taylor would need to implement some of the plan's more ambitious goals — like trail and campground construction and maintenance, and longer operating hours.

"If all we're getting are the same visitors and giving them more opportunities, that's nice," Taylor said. "But as a manager, I'd like to see some growth. It'd be more work for us and for our volunteers without any more help."

Antelope Island currently uses about 120 regular volunteers and has plenty of work available for one-time group projects.

As the island angles for more visitors, however, managers and

law enforcement officials are having trouble coping with those who are already here.

"Boy, these last couple of weekends have been terrible," Taylor said in early April. "Our trail patrol has been worked to the bone."

One couple elicited a search and rescue when they opted to camp, illegally, on one of the trails instead of at their reserved site — in Bridger-Buy Campground. Two men were cited after hiking into two restricted cultural sites near the east-side road. Dogs have chased wildlife during the crucial spring breeding season.

In the best of times, visitor impacts are limited to a gradual widening of existing trails, a fact that led planners to limit new trail construction to less than five miles in the plan. New trail openings will be almost exclusively on already existing roads.

"If we build any new trails, they'll start off at 4 feet wide, but they'll end up at 12 feet wide like all our others," Taylor said.

Antelope Island's soil is extremely vulnerable to erosion. Some areas are rife with bare, sandy swaths created only by bison trails. Even if the trails were closed for rehabilitation, Taylor said, "We're not going to see it in our grandchildren's lifetimes."

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So this year's trail openings will be tests. Visitors will likely be required to sign in before entering the new areas, and the trails could be closed because of abuses or impacts to wildlife, Taylor said.

ENCHANTED HIKE



Bryn Beere of Portland hikes in Enchanted Valley June 21. If it is one of the classic hikes of Olympic National Park, in one of the wildest valleys, along one of the wildest rivers in the Pacific Northwest. This is temperate rain forest, where precipitation can be measured by the bucket, and the forests and meadows are unbelievably verdant.

Personal ethics should be guide when trying to find wounded animal

Question: "I'm preparing for an archery antelope hunt. If I shoot an antelope and it runs away injured, how long do I have to search for it? If I'm unable to recover the animal do I have to validate my tag for the lost animal or can I try for another one?"

Answer: The answer to your question requires a discussion of law and hunting ethics.

Idaho Commission Rule IDAPA 13.01.08400 says, "No person shall wound or kill any big game animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession." So the law is clear, you

must take the necessary time to look for an injured animal.

The ethical part of the discussion is what is "a reasonable effort" to retrieve your game animal? Is searching for one hour, four hours, a day, several days "reasonable"? My personal code of ethics would guide me to

search for an injured game animal into the second day. All of this depends on many things such as: time of day, location of wound, terrain of the area, impending weather and many more.

However, ethics of individual hunters are as unique as fingerprints. As a conservation officer I could never find fault in a hunter for searching too long. If someone only conducts a cursory search, the reasonableness is questionable. Ultimately a court would decide whether a hunter's effort to recover an injured animal was reasonable.

A focus of the archery education program is to know your

equipment and your shooting limits. Additionally archers must be able to assess the seriousness of the wound based on the animal's behavior and body fluids left on the brush. Good archers are prepared to blood trail and track injured game animals significant distances.

If you are unable to locate your injured animal after a reasonable effort to recover it, the law allows you to continue hunting and take a different animal. Again your personal ethics should be your guide. Many archers consider a lost animal as their one opportunity for the season. If they fail to recover the animal

they validate their tag and return home empty-handed.

There are several messages here: spend the time to learn your equipment, know your shooting limit, your hunting area and the animal habits. Additionally, hunting across by differently in the wind, shoot at 3-D targets from different positions, practice distance judging under various conditions and terrain, and lastly, shoot only when you're sure, and make it count.

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IHFA invites public to planning event

JEROME — The public is invited to participate in a five-year planning process involving over \$100 million in federal housing and community development funds, administered by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association and the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor.

The two entities will host public open houses in seven Idaho cities in July and August — including one from 4:30 to 6 p.m. July 27 one at the Jerome City Council chambers, 140 E. Ave. A — and are creating an online needs-assessment survey to accept additional public comments through the fall.

Each year Idaho receives up to \$20 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development block grants for housing and community development projects involving low-income housing, sewer, street and road improvements, and economic development.

From that \$20 million, IHFA administers federal grants to support affordable housing and emergency shelter options, while Commerce and Labor distributes Idaho Community Development Block Grants to support community and economic development projects.

HUD requires the state to submit a consolidated plan, which identifies needs and prescribes strategies and actions to address those needs.

"We know each community is unique," said Julie Williams, vice president of Community Housing Services for IHFA. "Before beginning a strategic plan, we need to hear from constituents and stakeholders about their local priorities."

Program information and an online survey will be available after Aug. 1 at www.ihfa.org.

For information, send an e-mail to ihfa@ihfa.org or call Erik Kingston toll-free at 1-877-438-4472.

Area companies will webcast finances

TWIN FALLS — This month, local investors can listen in a several companies with Magic Valley operations discuss their quarterly financial results.

These are among the upcoming webcasts or replays of earnings conference calls:

• Boise Cascade Corp. — webcast available at www.bcc.com at 10 a.m. July 20, and archived thereafter.

• Lithia Motors Inc. — webcast available at www.lithia.com at noon July 22.

• Ameristar Casino Inc. — replay available at (888) 203-1112 from 4 p.m. July 28 until Aug. 4; access code is 368995.

CSI offers free career planning workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a career planning workshop designed for those who are beginning an education or new career, trying to identify interests or developing new skills.

A professional staff member will help participants identify their interests, discover their workplace talents, explore careers in demand — and investigate their options.

Class will be held in two parts — from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday and July 16 — at the Center for New Directions.

Admission is free, which includes career tests. Registration deadline is Wednesday.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 6680.

Boise small business office will relocate

BOISE — The Boise District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and its resource partner the Service Corps of Retired Executives will relocate to 380 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Suite 330, in Boise.

The SBA and SCORE offices will be closed today and Friday for the move and reopen on Monday at the new location.

The telephone number will remain the same: (208) 334-1696.

— compiled from staff reports

Canadian leader speaks on trade

Idaho gathering brings business leaders together

The Associated Press

SUN VALLEY — Paul Martin, the newly elected prime minister of Canada, told business executives at a high-powered media conference here Wednesday that Canada and the United States needed to resolve several lingering trade disputes for the sake of preserving confidence in the North American economy.

Speaking with reporters shortly before his speech, Martin said he would stress the importance not only of trade relations between the two neighboring countries but also of improving security.

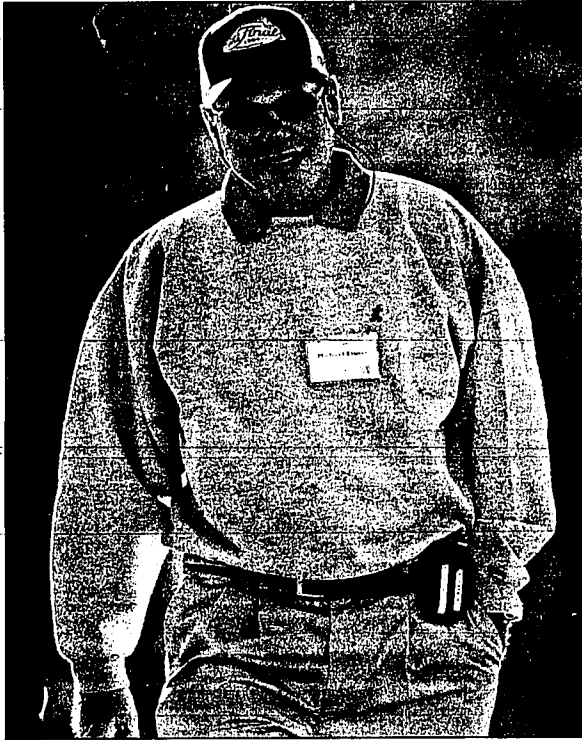
"We cannot continue with some of the ongoing problems, whether it be softwood lumber and BSE," he said, referring to mad cow disease, "without it eventually having an effect on confidence in the North American market."

"We've got to find a way in which disputes can not only be settled but settled permanently," he said.

On the issue of security, he said he would tell the executives that "the more efficient North America is, the more efficient they will be."

"As countries like China and India come on, North America is going to have to get a lot more efficient and you can't get efficient if you have trade disputes going on between the three NAFTA partners," Martin said.

Martin was speaking as part of an annual conference of media executives and investors in this mountain resort town hosted by Allen & Co., a privately-held investment bank in New York. Martin's speech and other official proceedings of the conference were closed to reporters.



Daney's Michael Elsnar arrives at the Allen & Co.'s annual media conference Wednesday in Sun Valley.



Hewlett-Packard's Carley Florina and her husband, Frank, arrive for the first morning meeting at the Allen & Co.'s annual meeting Wednesday in Sun Valley.



Berkshire Hathaway's Warren Buffett, right, talks with Jim Kennedy, of Cox Enterprises, as they arrive for the first morning meeting at the Allen & Co.'s annual conference Wednesday in Sun Valley.

Half of faulty household products are never returned

CSB MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Even as the number of product recalls jumped in recent years, many defective goods remain in consumers' hands, according to a new study by Consumer Reports.

Consumers never turn in almost one-third of recalled vehicles, more than half of toys, electronics and other household products, and three-fourths of child car seats, partly because companies don't adequately inform consumers about product hazards.

At the same time, the number of defective products is rising, according to the report. The quantity of cars recalled each year has doubled since the 1990s, to almost 19 million vehicles in 2002, while recalls of packaged food, drugs and medical devices rose nearly 24 percent.

The recall rise may be due to more companies reporting safety hazards: the federal government is upping its enforcement efforts or manufacturers making more

defective products, said Tom Marks, senior editor with Consumer Reports.

Overall, there were about 5,000 recalls last year, the bulk of them covering food, medical devices, cosmetics and drug products. Many such recalls involve food products; for instance, those that don't correctly identify potential allergens such as peanuts or shellfish on the label.

Of the 5,000 recalls last year, 529 involved vehicles, tires and child-safety seats, and 280 were for household products, according to the report.

But consumers continue to hold on to bad products, in part because they're often unaware of product recalls, Marks said. "People often don't hear about them. The manufacturer might not tell you."

The Consumer Reports study details the case of a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee owner who received a recall notice only after her car was destroyed by a fire caused by an exhaust manifold design flaw.

Still, vehicle recalls are Please see **RECALLS**, Page E3

State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

CAREY — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and they'll call to claim the property.



It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

The first time that will happen is 2007. Before the 1997 law, the tax commission held unclaimed property for its rightful owners in perpetuity.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Carey, Declo, Dietrich, Eden, Fairfield, Malta and Rogerson. The tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth between \$25 and \$50.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Carey	Eden
Carley Baird	Clifton Barnard
Bar L. Bingham	Guillermo
Nicki Borzaga	Chaires
Marilyn Farr	Judy Geates
worth	Fredo Juchau
Robert Hennefer	Leslie Juchau
Patricia Hennefer	Robert J. Knox
Amber Hennefer	Midred Mussmann
Michael G. Olsen	Berwyn W. Mussmann
Larvon Olsen	Xicotencati
Maxine Simpson	Panchi
Mae Taylor	Velia Tlaramantes
Zach Warren	Ginn Wells
Wood River	
Snowmobile	
Club	

Declo	Fairfield
Octavio Ambróz	Lorrie L. Brand
Jennifer Gamza	Carms County
Manuel Guadarrama	School District
William T. Cavness	
Margaret Jorgensen	Gladys Fosten
Richard E. Looney	Magic Valley
Juan Magand	Peace Officers Association
Alejandro Peralta	Gary Muenzaga
Miguel Ramos	Brent Nelson
Marciala Rodriguez	Heath H. Norton
Luann Schreck	Carrie L. Riedy
The Window Welder	Preston E. Smith

Dietrich	Malta
Melton Aguilar	Fern Adams
Sam D. Astle	Laura Branch
Ralph	Nolan Hansen
Beardsworth	Daria Branch
Wallace Bingham	Brian Hansen
Thomas Marshfield	Nathan D. Lee
Robert Jauregui	Lauro Ruiz

Rogerson
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Layoffs and the left behind

The Washington Post

When layoffs occur, remaining staff members often bear the brunt of the work, and that can lead to even more complications.

Question: I work for a small nonprofit. Management laid off a third of the staff, with a few more layoffs to come. I am the last person who could be identified as support in any way. The executive director promoted me to an exempt level, but my immediate boss is not behind my promotion and ignores the duty change. Also, the executive director had me and a few others covering the phones while they went to the annual meeting, so I got promoted and demoted almost simultaneously. What do I do?

Answer: Steven Darien, chairman and chief executive of the Cabot Advisory Group, a Bedminster, N.J., firm that advises corporations on workplace issues, said that, most important, this worker "ought to be thankful she's still got a job."

"If a bunch of people were out of an office, there's nothing wrong with asking her to answer the phone," Darien said. "I



ON THE JOB
Kenneth Bredemeler

wouldn't make an issue of it right now. I'd wait several months" to see how the situation evolves in normal day-to-day interactions and see whether more workers are laid off.

Then, Darien said that if she is still dissatisfied with the way her immediate boss is treating her, "I'd go to the executive director. I'd say, 'I appreciate the fact that you promoted me, but I'm a little confused about my role.'"

"I'd ask if he knows that the (immediate) boss hasn't accepted her promotion and tell him that this has made her uncomfortable," Darien said. "I'd put the monkey right back on his back and try and get him to resolve it. I'd ask him to explain what expectations he has for her and if that differs with her immediate boss, then that has to be solved."

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

• Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.

• Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.

• Send e-mail to lostfound@tax.state.id.us.

• Log on to www2.state.id.us/tax/incl on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search-link for other names and a link to list states' unclaimed-property lists.

MONEY

Stocks climb on bargain hunting Former Enron chairman might be facing charges under sealed indictment

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street reversed a three-day slide Tuesday as investors returned to the market in search of bargains, shrugging off high-tech profit warnings and an analyst downgrade of Internet stocks.

The advance had little conviction behind it, however, as volume remained light and the major indexes lost more than half of their earlier gains. Investors were generally cautious, fearing few big moves as they awaited second-quarter earnings, including those from Yahoo! Inc. and Alcoa Inc., that were released after the close.

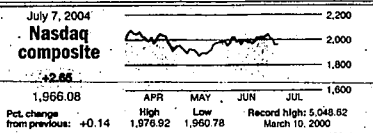
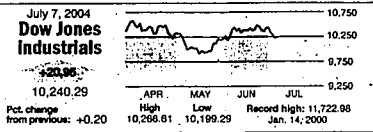
But analysts said investors were making some bets on hopes for strong second-quarter results overall. A slight drop in oil prices also cheered the market.

This is a little bit of a relief rally, certainly some bargain hunting," said Peter Cardillo, chief strategist and senior vice president at S.W. Backus & Co. "There is a very strong recovery market, and it needs to hear better news from corporate America, telling it that the earnings growth is still in place. We're not hearing much from the technology sector."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 20.95, or 0.2 percent, to 10,240.29.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 2.12, or 0.2 percent, to 1,118.33, and the tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index was up 2.65, or 0.1 percent, at 1,966.08.

All three major indexes had been down for the three previous sessions as investors worried that the economy was slowing. But despite the market's uncertainty and warnings, some analysts believed a strong second-quarter earnings season was still in place, in part due to



the lower comparisons from a year ago, when companies were just starting to see their bottom lines rise from recession. "I think the second quarter will see some blow-out type numbers," said Kevin Caron, market strategist at Ryan, Beck & Co. "I think that all moderate growth will be in the second half of the year and into 2005, but the economy and earnings as a whole remains healthy."

Corporate software makers PeopleSoft Inc. and IBM Software Group Inc. both warned that their quarterly earnings would fall below analyst expectations. PeopleSoft rose 31 cents to \$21.75 while IBM Software added 83 cents to \$1.02.

Even software giant Microsoft Corp. isn't immune to the crunch, though its share price held up well. Microsoft gained 6 cents to \$28.10 after chief executive Steve Ballmer, in a memo to employees, said the company would trim \$1 billion in expenses by reducing prescription drug benefits and stock discounts for its workers.

Prudential Securities downgraded the entire Internet sector from "neutral" to "favorable," citing the possibility of a summer slowdown. Prudential singled out eBay Inc., cutting its rating on the online retailer to "neutral weight" from "overweight." eBay lost \$2.97 to \$86.87.

(HOUSTON AP) The three-year investigation of Enron Corp. scandal has reached the top of the energy company, with the criminal indictment of founder and former chief executive Kenneth Lay, sources told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Lay, who has insisted he knew nothing of the financial fraud at Enron, was expected to surrender to federal authorities Thursday, said the sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The specific charges remained under seal. Prosecutors from the Justice Department's Enron Task Force presented an indictment to U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Milloy in Houston on Wednesday, and at their request sealed both the indictment and an arrest warrant, the sources said.

A hearing before Milloy was scheduled for late Thursday morning. Lay's lawyer, Michael Ramsey, did not immediately return a call for comment.

The Securities and Exchange Commission was expected to bring civil fraud charges against Lay on Thursday, including misleading filings and misleading statements and insider trading, a person familiar with the case said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Enron founder charged

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Prosecutors have aggressively pursued the case against Enron's CEO and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling and contributor to President Bush who led Enron's rise to No. 7 in the Fortune 500 and resigned within weeks of its stunning failure.

Barring last-minute delays, Lay is the 30th and highest-profile individual charged.

He will be the second Enron CEO to be charged. Jeffrey Skilling and his successor Lay and their stepped-down abruptly in August 2001, shortly before the scandal broke, was charged with nearly three dozen counts of fraud and

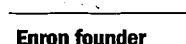
other crimes in February. Waiting to testify for the prosecution is former finance chief Andrew Fastow, who pleaded guilty to two conspiracy counts in January. Fastow admitted to engineering partnerships and financial schemes to hide company debt and inflate profits while pocketing millions for himself.

Enron's collapse led a series of corporate scandals that sent investors fleeing and sparked numerous investigations through 2002.

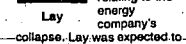
Thousands of Enron's workers lost their jobs and stock fell from a high of \$90 in August 2000 to just pennies.

The charges against Skilling and former top accountant Richard Causey target actions over several years leading up to Enron's collapse, while allegations against Lay were expected to focus on his actions after the role of CEO upon Skilling's abrupt resignation in August 2001, the sources said.

Days after Skilling's resignation, Lay met privately with Sherron Watkins, then an executive of Enron's staff, who had sent him a lengthy memo warning of impending doom from Fastow's myriad schemes to hide debt and inflate profits. Lay told The New York Times in a month he did not believe the company had serious problems and trusted other senior managers — including Fastow and Causey — when they reassured him that all was



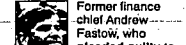
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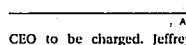
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including symbols, prices, and changes. Includes sections for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, showing Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indexes such as Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and others.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, High, Low, YTD %Chg, and YTD %Vol.

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Text explaining how to read the market report, including details on stock prices, volume, and market movements.

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Table listing livestock futures contracts, including Live Cattle, Hogs, and Pigs, with prices and changes.

METALS/MONEY

Table listing metals and money futures contracts, including Gold, Silver, and various currencies, with prices and changes.

Commerce Dept. dumps Asian shrimp imports

The Washington Post. WASHINGTON — To the long list of products found to be dumped in the U.S. market, which include steel, catfish and bedrock furniture, the latest addition is shrimp — so a good portion of the shrimp that America imports is facing stiff duties. The Commerce Department ruled yesterday that shrimp from a number of Chinese and Vietnamese companies is being sold at unreasonably low prices, and it imposed duties on the shrimp ranging as high as 113 percent. Although the penalties on most Vietnamese shrimp imports were relatively modest, and one Chinese firm escaped duties altogether, the outcome was a clear victory for the U.S. shrimp industry, which has been seeking to limit competition from abroad. The rulings confirm what the industry is painfully aware of: Eddie Gordon, president of the Southern Shrimp Alliance, said in a prepared statement. He called the department's decision a critical step on the road to recovery for tens of thousands of fishermen, farmers and processors devastated by the massive volume of dumped Chinese and Vietnamese shrimp. But the decision drew fire from a coalition of seafood importers and restaurateurs that complained the duties would force higher shrimp prices. The duties are "unfairly discriminatory," said the reason for the disparity in the duties on Chinese companies was that, in contrast with Allied Pacific and Yelin Enterprise, the two companies with lower duties, product shrimp all the way from the larval stage. Those firms have "a much lower cost of production," and are evidently not guilty of selling much below that, he said.

Recalls

Continued from E1. Among the most successful, simply because state registration of defective propane grills is relatively easy means to contract car owners. That's not the case for many household products. When Williams-Sonoma sold about 49,000 defective propane grills a few years ago, the company used credit-card receipts to find buyers. But that's a solution few companies can use. And one that some buyers may not appreciate these days, given the rise of identity-theft concerns. Some companies use product registration cards to find buyers to return the goods in full. But because manufacturers demand marketing information, such as age and income level, Marks said. The only product that requires a registration card without the marketing gibberish is child safety seats. When those mandatory registration cards without marketing receipts went into effect, the recall rate (the number of recalled products returned) for child safety seats went from 14 percent to 21 percent, he said.

Something missing?

We are able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund or commodity that is not in our report, give us a call and we'll try to include it. Please call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262, with your suggestions.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table listing various mutual funds, including equity, bond, and specialty funds, with columns for fund name, price, and change.

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR 2004 MILLING AND OVERLAY PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Engineer, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho until 10:00 A.M. on July 23, 2004, at which time they shall be publicly opened and read in the City Hall Conference Room of the Twin Falls City Hall.

Bids will be received for the milling and overlay of the following city streets: Contract Documents with specifications and/or plans are available at the office of the Engineer, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho a FORTY TWO DOLLARS AND OVERLAY (\$42.00) contract fee plus a TWENTY FIVE DOLLAR (\$25.00) mailing fee if required.

By Sharon M. Bryan District Magistrate, City of Twin Falls, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1907 (208) 735-7245

PUBLISHED: July 8 and 15, 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-04-2884

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of: RUSSELL DEAN BOWLES, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate.

All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice of said claims.

Claims must be presented to Coleman, Fisk & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, PO Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525, and filed in the Court DATED this 14th day of June, 2004.

Karen Gilbreath Personal Representative

PUBLISHED: June 24, 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-04-2785

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of: RUTH A. HARTMAN, Deceased.

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Claims must be presented to the firm of Coleman, Fisk & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue West, PO Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525, and filed with the Court DATED this 23rd day of June, 2004.

Karen Gilbreath Co-Personal Representative

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of: ROBERT HOOD LISTER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alma C. Doto Lister has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on July 27, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

JACK'S TIRE AND OIL, INC. Requests a Special Use Permit to construct and operate a tire retail and service business located at 172 Harkins Road South.

VALLEY HOUS COALITION, INC. Requests rezoning from R-1-4100-1 of approximately 5 acres located 300' south of 507 Addison Avenue West.

JASON NEWHOUSE Requests a Special Use Permit to construct and operate an indoor recreation facility which would include an indoor go-kart track located at 815 Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

EARL WILLIAMSON FOR EARL AND BARBARA WILLIAMSON FAMILY TRUST Requests the Commission's recommendation on the zoning designation for approximately 36.93 acres of land proposed to be annexed with a zoning designation of R-2, currently zoned R-1-43300, located on the north side of the 1100 block of Fillet Avenue West.

In addition, Gerald Martens, on behalf of Earl & Barbara Williamson and Roger & Sharon Williamson, has requested the Commission's recommendation on the zoning designation for approximately five acres of land proposed to be annexed with a zoning designation of C-1 PUD, currently zoned R-4, located west of the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Washington Street North. The applicant will make a presentation before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at 7 p.m., and a public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2004, at 7 p.m., in the Twin Falls City Council Chambers.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7267.

Any and all persons wishing to object may appear and be heard at the appointed time.

Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls at 735-7267 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

Is/La/Mar N. Orton Community Development Director

PUBLISHED: Thursday, July 8, 2004

INVITATION TO BID

All sealed bids will be received and opened on July 21, 2004 @ 2:00 P.M., MDT, at the Idaho Transportation Department, Supply Services Section, 5311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho. All interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. This is to furnish all materials and labor for the Design and Construction of a Rigid Steel or Fabric Covered Sand Shed at Twin Falls as per the specifications contained in requisition Form K-019930. Contractors can view the contract or furnish the necessary Performance and Payment Bonds may forfeit this survey.

The State Contractor's License Board shall license all bidders in the State of Idaho. The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.

Dated this 28th day of June

ROD BECKER, PURCHASING AGENT

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Copies of Bidding Documents, Specifications and other information may be obtained by contacting the Idaho Transportation Department at Supply Services Section, (208) 334-8872, (3311 West State Street, Boise, ID 83703) or by contacting your local Plain Room.

PUBLISHED: July 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 13th day of October, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, in and for the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, I, the undersigned, Trustee of the Idaho Office of Alliance Title Company, Inc., a Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent, which is lawful money of the United States of America, all property located in Block 3 of COLLEGE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, as shown on the subdivision map on file in Book 10 of Plats at Page(s) 28, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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JOSLIN FIELD, MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY DELTA EXTENSION PROJECT AIR PROJECT NO. 3-16-0036-023

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS OWNER: Twin Falls City and County, Idaho.

Separate sealed BIDS for the New Taxiway Delta Extension project located at the Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

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13,630 T.S. "L" 45 KW Regulator

purvise existing pavement, drainage, ditches, taxiway lighting, electrical, seeding, etc. quality standards will be maintained by the Owner and will be received by the Owner at the office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

Notwithstanding to whom bids are opened and read aloud, and the successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory performance and payment bond in the penal sum of 100 percent of the contract price.

Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Public Works License Act, I.D. Code, § 45-1502.

As permitted by state law and required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the following conditions apply:

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This contract is covered by the Section 3 regulations 24 C.F.R. 135.

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We invite Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on July 27, 2004, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Clerk's Office, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND TWIN FALLS COUNTY Requests the vacation of a portion of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, located north of Addison Avenue West and east of Shoup Avenue West.

A complete description of the proposed vacation is on file with the City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7267.

Any and all persons desiring to comment on the proposed vacation should be heard at the appointed time.

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/s/ LaMar N. Orton, Community Development Director

PUBLISH: Thursday, July 8, 2004

Thursday, July 15, 2004

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Transfer has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within Lincoln County.

A L T O N & P A U L A HUYSON, PO BOX 741 SHOSHONE ID 83352

Application No. 70080 on 8/6/02. This application proposes to divide private water rights on the farm owned by the applicant, returned from the Little Wood River and Big Wood River both of which are in the State of Idaho.

A portion of the land north of the kept land with cash shares, and has been subdivided for home sites. A small field with water rights was sold without water rights. The farm is located just north of Shoshone and east of Hwy. 75. For specific details regarding this application, please contact IDWR Southern Regional Office at 208-342-2222, idwr.state.id.us, with data provided under the provisions of the "Public Information Applications".

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PUBLIC NOTICE Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in the following: 1. A report of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, dated July 8, 2004, regarding the proposed rulemaking for the regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services, dated July 8, 2004.

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INVITATION TO BID The Twin Falls Housing Authority will receive bids for a portion of their 2004 Capital Fund Program No. ID18P00150103 Modernization Program. The project consists of the following: 1. Installation of new boilers (includes asbestos abatement) at Tony Courts, 240 Maurice St., N. Twin Falls, Idaho 83401, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications, are on file at the office of the Twin Falls Housing Authority of Twin Falls, Idaho, at 200 Elm St., N. Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

Qualified Bidders may obtain copies of the documents at the Twin Falls Housing Authority, 200 Elm St., N. Twin Falls, Idaho.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Twin Falls Housing Authority, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. This guarantee must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on an Idaho bank made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a bidder's bond. The bidder in the event of failure to sign the contract or furnish the necessary Performance and Payment Bonds may forfeit this surety.

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Dated the 28th day of June ROY BECKER, PURCHASING AGENT IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Copies of Bid Documents, Specifications and other information may be obtained by contacting the Idaho Transportation Department, Supply Services Section, (208) 334-8672, (331) West Street, Boise, Idaho 83703, or by contacting your local Plan Room.

PUBLISH: July 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS Separate sealed bids will be received by the City of Kimberly, Idaho, hereinafter known as the owner, at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Kimberly, City Hall, 132 Main Street North, Kimberly, Idaho 83241, until 11:00 A.M. mountain daylight saving time, at which time the proposals will be opened and read aloud.

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No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. This guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on an Idaho bank made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a bidder's bond. The bidder in the event of failure to sign the contract or furnish the necessary Performance and Payment Bonds may forfeit this surety.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 2002020252 - 14835 Loan No. 3068418 On 07/14/2004 at 11:00 a.m. (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, to-wit: the office of the Trustee, American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83401, First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83401, and the County Assessor's Office of Steven J. Melnot, Inc. will call at public auction, to the highest bidder, for sale, in lawful order of foreclosure, the following real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Township 15 South, Range 5 East, Section 15, Block 10, and the portion of the NE1/4 of Section 15, from which the Southeast corner of said Section 15 bears South 00°00'00" E. a distance of 2,057.40 feet, said East one Quarter corner being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 00°00'00" West along the East boundary of the NE1/4SE1/4 of said Section 15, a distance of 1,028.70 feet to the North 89°46'57" West parallel with the North boundary of the NE1/4SE1/4 of said Section 15 for a distance of 200.00 feet to the NE1/4SE1/4 of said Section 15; Thence South 89°46'57" East along the North boundary of the NE1/4SE1/4 of said Section 15 for a distance of 200.00 feet to the NE1/4SE1/4 of said Section 15. 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834 HAGERMAN Fri. 8-5 & Sat. 8-7 Moving! Portable dishwasher, microwave, refrigerator, peddle organ, house hold, misc. and antiques. 180 East Road.

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829 JEROME Fri. & Sat. 9-5 Collectibles, furniture, books, ceramic, etc. Avon, clothes, Zebra Finches (live birds). 450 21st. 879-2211

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831 JEROME Sat. 8-4-3:30pm. Estate Sale. Furniture, collectibles, antiques, kitchen items, books, books, canning jars, misc. 118 1/2 Ave. N.

832 JEROME Sat. 8am-3pm. Jerome Tennis Team Fundraiser. We need new uniforms come to our sale. Clothing, stuffed animals, a little bit of everything! 803 1/2 Broadway.

833 JEROME Saturday Hugo moving sale. Big. Kid's yard toys, furniture, misc. kid, guitar, home decor and lots more. 803 1/2 Broadway.

834 KIMBERLY Fri. & Sat. 9-5. Family. Lots of big & sm. clothes, furn. dishes, wall tent and more. Amphibious stove, gas fireplace, microwave, 3 wheeler, boat and motor, stock water, sliding glass door, bunk bed frame, repliscope gear. 304 N from 5. Kmart. Worth the drive.

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Thursday, July 8, 2004

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Lauyers are like rhinoceroses: thick-skinned, shortsighted, and always ready to charge. — David Mellor

One of the most attractive characters in "Frank Stewart's Bridge Club," his latest book which I wholeheartedly recommend and which is available from Baron Barclay, is Minnie, who has something in common with Mister Magoo, except that she always seems to do the right thing for what appears to be the wrong reason. Let's see her at work.

"Minnie gets me because she can't see well enough to tell kings from jacks," Cy the Cynic said bitterly, "and she gets me because she won't buy a hearing aid. If taste and smell were factors, I'd have no chance at all."

Cy, with the club's senior member, Minnie Bottoms, at his right, reached today's hearing aid dummy, a duplicate game. West led two high spades, and Cy called for the queen of trumps on the second one.

"If Minnie throws a diamond," Cy told me, "I draw trumps and run the diamonds. If she throws a club, I draw trumps, cash the top tricks, lead a diamond to dummy, and ruff a club to set up the fourth club for my 12th trick."

"So what was the problem?" I asked; though I could already see. "She underuffed!" Cy said. "She thought she'd heard me call for the three of trumps, not the queen, and was taking the setting trick. I saw that in the water. When I drew trumps, she could discard behind the dummy, so she could not be squeezed."

"Maybe she's better off without a hearing aid," suggested Frank innocently.

North-South hand diagram showing cards for both sides.

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 6 All pass

Opening lead: Spade king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: 10 7 4 2 A K J 10 9 5 8 6 5 4 3 2

South West North East 1 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass

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