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# Firm expands to Jerome

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

JEROME — A South Carolina-based plastic bag manufacturer plans to open a plant in Jerome by the end of the year, adding an initial 30 to 40 new jobs to Magic Valley's economy and expecting to grow to 200 jobs within three years.

Hartselle S.C.-based Hilex Poly Co., which makes high-density polyethylene "T-shirt" bags for Wal-Mart and other stores, is purchasing the building formerly occupied by Moore Wallace Inc. The Moore plant closed in July 2003, and more than 100 jobs were lost. After some renovations and

Economic development efforts impress plastics company.

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infrastructure improvements to the site, Hilex Poly hopes to produce its first plastic bag in Jerome by January. Hilex Poly Jerome plant manager Mike Schutz, said at a press conference Monday.

Hilex Poly, which operates factories in South Carolina, North Carolina, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Texas, plans for its Jerome plant to serve as a "gateway to the West Coast," said Rex Varn, president and chief oper-

ating officer.

"Our investment in the good jobs Hilex Poly will bring to southern Idaho provides yet another example of how the state of Idaho's business-friendly attitude helps create work for Idahoans," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said in a statement Monday, announcing \$571,250 in state and federal grants for the company.

The teamwork that helped Hilex Poly expand is hard for other states to compete against."

Jan Rogers, executive director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, which was instrumental in recruiting Hilex Poly to Jerome, praised the teamwork involved

in the deal.

"To be able to put a business in that Moore plant ... is a real tribute to Jerome and the state and everyone else involved," Rogers said.

Legal ties were part of the draw for Schutz. The plant manager is moving to town next week from North Carolina, and has brought his wife and three children.

"My wife went to high school in Burley," Schutz said. "Until now, I never knew where that was."

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# T.F. board eliminates modified diplomas

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School Board voted to eliminate modified diplomas at its Monday meeting and create provisions for all students to receive standard diplomas.

The policy will allow students with Individual Education Plans to either take the required Idaho Standards Achievement Test, or, if eligible, take the Idaho Alternative Assessment. Either way, they would receive standard diplomas. Students who don't reach proficiency levels on the ISAT can petition the board to demonstrate proficiency through a locally established mechanism that the district has yet to create.

The new policy will allow the district to meet the state requirement to have all students pass the 10th grade ISAT or an alternative assessment as part of the requirements to graduate.

Janet Burdick, the district's director of support services, said the change will affect approximately 25 students. She said there are 25 seniors with IEPs this year, although the change will go into effect for the class of 2006.

At the meeting, Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said the board's next task is to work on developing its own local alternative assessment.

Other items on the School Board agenda included:

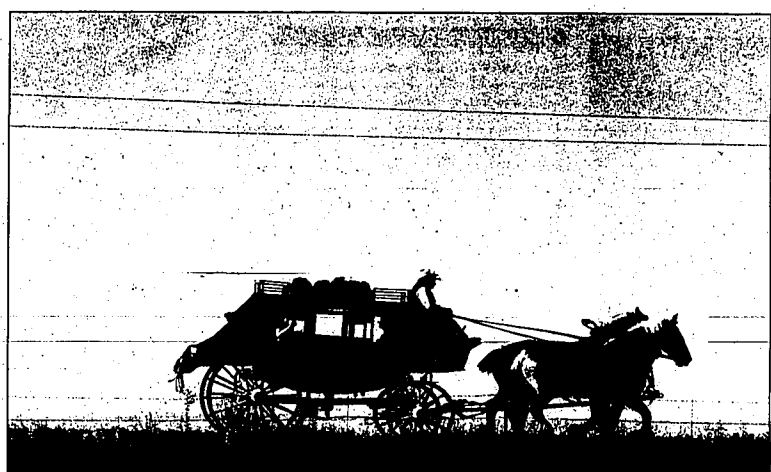
Filer busing — The board approved a one-year memorandum of understanding to allow buses from Filer to transport students inside the Twin Falls district. The agreement stipulates that students must live near established Filer bus routes and no new routes should be developed within the Twin Falls district. The agreement will be signed by the Filer School Board. The State Board of Education might decide Friday whether to allow an election on part of the Twin Falls district's western edge voters, there can determine whether they want their children to attend Filer or Twin Falls schools.

Athletic event admission — The board voted to raise adult admission fees for athletic events from \$4 to \$5. The student and senior citizen prices will remain \$3. Season passes will increase to \$28.75 per person and \$196.88 for family passes. The increase might generate \$2,500 more to help cover officials' fees, Dobbs said.

Busing — The board approved splitting off two high school routes from the district's other busing routes. Dobbs said the new plan will add about 95 miles per day to the district's routes, costing between \$40,000

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# THE LAST RIDE



Eric Lee of Twin Falls drives two of his Belgian geldings to pull the historic I.B. Perrine stagecoach owned by Jeanette Meyers, during a wedding at the Stricker homestead south of Hansen on Saturday. Meyers, whose late husband, Johnny, had restored the stagecoach, has sold the relic to a private, out-of-state collector.

# Historic stagecoach disappears from public view

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More than a decade after rolling back into public life, the historic stagecoach once owned by city founder I.B. Perrine will disappear — probably forever — beyond Twin Falls' horizon.

Jeanette Meyers of Twin Falls, widow of the man who pulled the stagecoach's rotted remains from the weeds and weather more than 20 years ago and spent six years restoring it, has sold the stagecoach to a Texas man. The buyer will add it to a private collection in a controlled-atmosphere museum



inside his home.

The sale is final, and the stagecoach is expected to leave town this week inside an enclosed semi-truck bound for Texas, said Eric Lee of Twin Falls, who handled the sale for Meyers.

"And it'll never get pulled again. It's strictly a museum

piece," Lee said. "I can't imagine a better thing for it."

The Texas man — whom Meyers and Lee did not name — doesn't intend to resell the 120-year-old Perrine stagecoach, and he's eager to know everything possible about the history that has rolled under its wheels.

"So it's just a perfect person to buy it," Lee said. The buyer's home has a front door large enough for the coach to roll right through.

Meyers had told several local people about her interest in selling the stagecoach, which is difficult to store, insure and care for.

"It would have been nice to

have stayed in the Magic Valley, but no one seemed interested," Lee said.

Meyers didn't name the price she received, but she said it's less than the stagecoach's \$35,000 insurance value.

Since making its first public appearance in restored condition in the mid-1990s, the red-and-yellow stagecoach has given rides at the historic Stricker homestead south of Hansen; been on display at the Twin Falls airport and Magic Valley Mall as a symbol of Twin Falls' centennial celebration; appeared at Jerome's Live History Days; and been put to use during draft

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# In sovereign Iraq, Iraqi security forces still depend on U.S. troops

The Associated Press

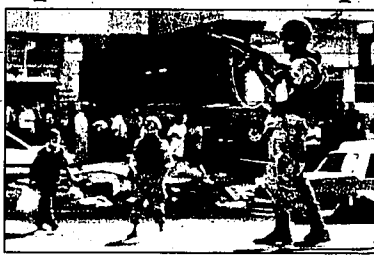
BAGHDAD, Iraq — A single muzzle-flash from a rooftop 200 yards away sends a 14-man patrol of U.S. and Iraqi troops crouching behind mud-brick houses in a poor Baghdad neighborhood at dusk.

The joint patrol is key to Washington's exit strategy: putting Iraqis in charge of their own security so American troops can go home.

Since the June 28 transfer of sovereignty, Iraqis are patrolling more — both with U.S. troops and without. But ill-trained and poorly equipped, Iraqi security forces are still heavily dependent on American support and firepower to combat the more than 15-month-old insurgency.

"We're trying to push them out as much as possible," U.S. 1st Lt. Christopher Gebbia said of the six Iraq national guardsmen accompanying his group.

The U.S.-dominated coalition of 160,000 troops retains ultimate responsibility for secu-



A member of the Iraqi National Guard patrols the streets of New Baghdad, Iraq, on July 28. Part training, part public relations, joint patrols comprised of U.S. and Iraqi troops are an essential part of Washington's eventual exit strategy: putting Iraqis in charge of their own security so American troops can go home.

city. But for months it has worked with Iraq's 130,000 police, 41,000-strong national guard and 10,000-man army,

which is expected to grow to about 30,000 soldiers by early 2005.

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# First lady calls Kerry stem cell criticism 'ridiculous'

The Associated Press

LANGHORNE, Pa. — First lady Laura Bush defended her husband's policy on embryonic stem cell research Monday, calling Democratic rival John Kerry's criticism "ridiculous" and accusing proponents of overstating the potential for medical breakthroughs.

"We don't even know that stem cell research will provide cures for anything — much less that it's very close," to yielding major advances, Bush said.

The first lady weighed in on the highly charged political and scientific issue on the third anniversary of Bush's decision to limit federal funding of embryonic stem cell research to only the 78 stem cell lines in existence Aug. 9, 2001.

Religious groups oppose the scientific work in which culturing of stem cells kills the embryos, equating that with abortion; and had urged Bush not to be the first president to fund the research — even with limits.

Proponents of the science, including former first lady



First Lady Laura Bush pauses while accepting an endorsement from President George Bush, Monday from the Pennsylvania Medical Society in Langhorne, Pa.

Nancy Reagan and 58 Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, argue that it could lead to cures to diseases such as dia-

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny, breezy and hot. Highs in the lower 90s. Tonight: Mostly clear and dry. Lows in the upper 50s to near 60. Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine and hot temperatures. Highs near 90s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 91, Low 69).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI Lo Precip. Lists cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and continued hot. Highs in the lower 90s. Tonight: Mostly clear, cool and dry. Lows in the lower 50s. Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine and hot temperatures. Highs in the upper 90s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Very little weather is expected over the next several days. It will continue to be warm and dry each day. The fire danger will be increasing as the result.

BOISE: Near cloud free skies and very warm temperatures are expected over the next several days. Make sure your air conditioner is functional in your car.

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MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Aug 10, Aug 23, Aug 30, Sep 6. Lists moon phases like New Moon, First Q.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

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U.V. INDEX

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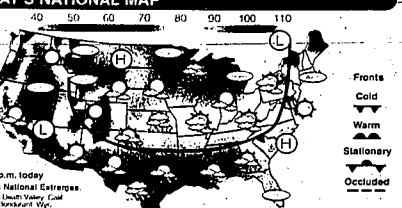
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

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U.S. FORECAST

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Iraq

Continued from A1. Though most Iraqis want American troops to leave, few believe Iraqi forces are up to the job of replacing them. 'We don't feel safe, even though Iraqis are patrolling more than before,' said Ahmed al-Sudawi, a 40-year-old resident of Hammadi.

Continued from A1. general said on condition of anonymity. When 'serious violence' breaks out, however, as it has since Thursday in Najaf, U.S. forces have taken the lead - though the way they do so at the government's request.

Continued from A1. Baghdad neighborhood. Each loaded down with helmets, flak vests and assault rifles. 'We want Iraqis to see their own people out on the streets providing security,' said Gebbia.

Continued from A1. The majority of Iraqis are opposed to the U.S. military presence and insurgents view Iraqi security forces as traitors and American stooges.

Continued from A1. 'The courses are just three weeks long. It's not enough to make them Rambo, but you can give them the basic skills ... that will help them live out there,' said U.S. Capt. Gene Waldenfeld.

School

Continued from A1. Lunch bids - The board approved several school lunch-related bids, including a \$108,727 bid from Food Services of America, a \$36,580 bid from Nicholas & Company Inc. and bids under \$10,000 from Gem State Paper & Supply, Carpenter Paper Company, BS & B Equipment Inc., Bargreen-Ellingson Equipment and Restaurant & Store Equipment Inc.

Bush

Continued from A1. with new techniques that may make them more scientifically useful - and could be studied under more open rules. An exact count isn't possible because private-funding means much of the work is done without any public scrutiny.

Stage

Continued from A1. Falls Centennial Commission. 'I think it's too bad that it has been sold to someone out of state and that it will be leaving us,' Lezائم said she understands the need to sell - 'because we know it's a lot of work for them to transport that thing around' - and said Jeanette Meyers has been gracious about letting people use the restored stagecoach.

Relic

Continued from A1. ered them to new towns throughout Magic Valley. Johnny Meyers, whose hobby was restoring old buick and wagons - bought the stagecoach in 1982 from a grandson of Perrine. Little was left of the coach, its rusty remnants shrouded by tall weeds beside the Snake River.

Policy

Continued from A1. 'That's so ridiculous,' Laura Bush said in an interview with The Associated Press. 'It's one of the myths that start during a campaign.'

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Continued from A1. 'This is the Oregon Trail you're on, this piece right here,' Meyers told the reporter who slung a camera over his shoulder. Williams climbed into the coach's red-lined, tasseled interior. 'It might get a little realistic, so keep your eyes on it,' he said. 'It's kind of exciting to ride in here,' Williams said. 'You know, we're probably the last people to ride in here.'

# Nichols asks forgiveness for bombing

McALESTER, Okla. — Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, addressing a court for the first time, pledged his allegiance to Christianity and asked victims of the blast for forgiveness Monday as a judge sentenced him to 161 consecutive life sentences.

"Words cannot adequately express the sorrow I have had over the years for the grief that has been shared by many who have endured and continue to suffer," Nichols said from the witness stand. "I am truly sorry for what occurred."

District Judge Steven Taylor gave Nichols life without parole on each of 161 counts of first-degree murder.

Nichols had already been sentenced to life without parole in 1998 on federal charges for the deaths of eight law enforcement officers killed in the April 19, 1995 bombing. He was spared the death penalty in both cases when jurors could not agree on a sentence.

### Compact OKs state's \$141 million settlement

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska will pay \$141 million for blocking efforts to build a low-level radioactive waste dump but will not be obligated to allow a facility in the state under the settlement of a lawsuit accepted Monday by a five-state compact.

The dump was to have been built in the northeast part of the state and take waste from the compact, which consists of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf in Lincoln had ruled in 2002 that former Nebraska Gov. Ben Nelson, now a U.S. senator, engaged in a politically motivated and orchestrated plot to keep a regional dump from being built in Nebraska.

### State fires four probation officers for mistake

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The state fired four probation officers Monday for allegedly failing to keep custody of the lead figure in six slayings last week.

Corrections Secretary James Crosby said the probation officers missed two key opportunities to put Troy Victorino in jail, including one on the same day as the killings.

Crosby said Monday he had no answer for why Victorino slipped through the cracks. "There is no excuse for this inaction," Crosby said.

Police said the killings were the brutal culmination of an argument between Victorino, an ex-convict, and one of the victims, who is believed to be Erin Belanger, 22. Investigators said Victorino organized the attack over his video game system, which had been removed from a vacant house belonging to Belanger's grandparents, where he and others had been squatting.

### Five illegal immigrants die during crossing

GILA BEND, Ariz. — Five illegal immigrants died during a border crossing through southern Arizona's treacherous desert and authorities were searching for a sixth who remained missing.

"We're hoping to find him or her alive," said Andy Adams, a spokesman for the U.S. Border Patrol's Tucson Sector, which covers most of the Arizona-Mexico border.



Followers of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr fire a mortar during clashes with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, on Monday.

# Radical cleric vows to continue his fight against U.S. troops

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Militant cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose Shiite militia has been battling U.S. forces across Iraq, warned Monday that he would fight until the last drop of his blood has been spilled. In his first appearance since the violence began.

The five-day-old uprising by al-Sadr's Mawtani Army began to affect Iraq's crucial oil industry, as pumping to the southern port of Basra — the country's main export outlet — was halted because of militant threats to infrastructure, an official with the South Oil Company said.

About 1.8 million barrels per day, or 90 percent of Iraq's exports, move through Basra, and any shutdown in the flow of Iraq's main money earner would badly hamper reconstruction efforts. Iraq's other export line — from the north to Turkey — is already out of operation.

Clashes intensified Basra, where a British soldier was killed and several others wounded in fighting with militia near the cleric's office Monday, the British Ministry of Defense said. Three militants were killed and more than 10 others wounded, a senior Iraqi police official said.

In the holy city of Najaf, the main scene of fighting, U.S. forces tried once more to drive militiamen out of a sprawling cemetery, and an American tank rumbled up to within 400 yards of the Imam Ali Shrine, Najaf's holiest site, which fighters have reportedly been using as a base.

While U.S. and Iraqi forces were trying to quell the eruption of Shiite violence, attacks by Sunni Muslim militants persisted around Baghdad: A suicide car bombing targeting a deputy governor killed six people and a roadside bomb hit a bus, killing four passengers.

The U.S. military also said a U.S. Marine was killed in action Sunday in the western province of Anbar, a hotbed of Sunni militancy.

The death brought to at least 927 the number of American troops who have died in Iraq. An insurgent group warned in a videotaped message it would launch a campaign of attacks on government offices in Baghdad, telling employees to stay away.

Al-Sadr's militants also kidnapped a top Baghdad police official and demanded that their comrades in detention be freed.

In the city of Nasiriyah, 190 miles south of Baghdad, militants raided the local office of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's Iraqi National Accord party, set it on fire and warned party members to leave the city, an assault captured on video obtained by Associated Press Television News.



King Kong battles a prehistoric pterodactyl with one hand as he holds actress Fay Wray captive in the other hand in a scene from the 1933 film 'King Kong.'

# Actress Fay Wray, heroine of 'King Kong,' dies at 96

Los Angeles Times

Fay Wray, who screamed her way into movie history as the apple of King Kong's eye, has died. She was 96.

Wray died Sunday night at her home in New York City, according to Rick McKay, a close friend. No cause of death was reported.

"She was fairly active up until the end," said McKay, who directed the documentary "Broadway: The Golden Age," which included an interview with Wray. Her last public appearance was at the New York

premiere of the film in June. Wray was already a silent screen and talkie star when at age 25 she was cast by director Merian C. Cooper as Ann Darrow — a.k.a. "the girl" — in the 1933 film "King Kong."

Although she made about 80 movies, her fame as a co-star to a giant ape — she referred to her unrequited love simply as "Kong" — far outlasted the notoriety she got from her films with the pantheon of Hollywood's leading men, including Gary Cooper, Ronald Colman, Cary Grant, William Powell and Spencer Tracy.

# Texas schools urge judge for reform

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — School districts suing the state over Texas' shantytown school funding system said Monday that another way must be found to pay for education.

"Texas can and must do better, that's why we're here, Your honor," attorney David Thompson, one of the attorneys for the districts, told state District Judge John Deltz in opening statements as the trial began.

Hundreds of Texas districts — rich and poor — have joined the lawsuit. The suit alleges the funding system prevents districts from meeting the Texas constitutional requirement that all students have equal educational opportunities.

Another plaintiffs attorney, George Bramblett, said several factors keep the system from working: Many districts are taxing at the legal limit, population has exploded and academic standards have gone up.

Attorneys for the state contend that Texas has met and exceeded the basic minimum educational requirements set forth in the Constitution.

The trial could last more than a month. At the center of the trial is the fairness of the school finance plan, which depends on property taxes to pay for schools' maintenance and operations costs.

# Afghan detainee says he wasn't top leader

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — In one of the longest appearances before tribunals evaluating some 585 terror suspects, a prisoner admitted Monday that he was a Taliban bodyguard but said he did it only to feed his family.

Conspicuous with his shackled right hand to stress points, the 37-year-old Afghan pleaded for about an hour before the members of his tribunal closed the session to review classified material. The review tribunals are meant to decide whether detainees should be released or remain in custody as "enemy combatants," which gives them fewer legal protections.

All the detainees at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo are accused of links to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network.

a living for my family," the slight, bearded man said in a prepared statement read by his Pashto interpreter. "I wasn't a big leader in the Taliban."

The U.S. military says the man — held at Guantanamo Bay for more than 2.5 years — not only fought for the Taliban but also served in 2000 as an acting Taliban governor in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

"The man testified he mediated community disputes for about eight months when the governor was away, but was not acting governor. He said he served as a bodyguard for two Taliban governors in Kabul beginning in the 1990s.

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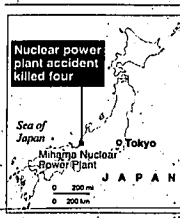
WORLD

# Accident at Japanese nuclear plant kills at least four workers

MIHAMA, Japan — Japan suffered its deadliest nuclear power plant accident Monday when a bursting pipe killed at least four workers and injured seven in another blow to the industry in an energy-poor country already worried about nuclear plant safety.

No radiation was released when the boiling water and steam exploded from a cooling pipe at the plant in Mihama, a small city about 200 miles west of Tokyo.

World in brief



But the steam leak followed a string of safety lapses and cover-ups at reactors, and Japanese Minister Junichiro Koizumi vowed to launch a thorough investigation into the accident. Fears about the safety of the country's 52 nuclear power plants soared in 1999, when a radiation leak northeast of Tokyo killed two workers and exposed hundreds to radiation.

Monday's leak was caused by a lack of cooling water in the reactor's turbine and perhaps by significant metal erosion in the condenser pipe, said the plant's operator, Kansai Electric Power. The pipe's wall, originally 10 mm thick, had become as thin as 1 mm in the 26 years since the reactor was constructed.

rain across South Asia passed 2,000, as authorities in India reported Monday that 39 bodies were found floating in receding flood waters and four children were killed when a house collapsed.

The toll already is well above last year, when 1,500 people were killed during a monsoon that extended to mid-October. The monsoon usually runs from June through September.

Victims have mostly died from drowning, mudslides and waterborne diseases.

Officials: Mauritania foils bomb, assassination plot

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania — Mauritania's pro-U.S. government broke up a plot by military officers and radical Islamists to seize power in this heavily Arab West African nation through a bombing and assassination campaign, officials with the military and the ruling party claimed Monday.

There was no immediate confirmation or denial from the Sahara nation's government, and it was impossible to verify the claims independently.

Iraq issues warrants for two top politicians

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Ahmad Chalabi and his nephew vigorously denied counterfeiting and murder charges Monday, saying Iraqi warrants for their arrest were part of a political conspiracy trumped up by Saddam Hussein loyalists.

But the judge who issued the warrants said Chalabi, a long-time Saddam opponent, and his 41-year-old nephew, Salem Chalabi, should get ready for a trial.

— compiled from wire reports

After complaints, U.S. pledges more restraint

KABUL, Afghanistan — The top U.S. general in Afghanistan promised President Hamid Karzai to tone down aggressive tactics in sweeps for Taliban-led insurgents and to ensure U.S. troops are more sensitive to Afghans' conservative ways, the military said Monday.

Already fending off allegations of prisoner abuse, Gen. David Barno agreed that his men would try to smash in fewer doors and handcuff fewer villagers to ease resentment and foster goodwill, a military spokesman said.

Old rivals agree on Gaza pullout plan

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon, the hawk, and Shimon Peres, the dove, agree on Israel's need to pull out of Gaza, but an alliance between their parties was held up Monday by a sharp disagreement over whether Israel should be a welfare state.

Coalition negotiations broke up over the 2005 state budget and welfare cuts.

No further talks were scheduled, hinting at a crisis.

Tehran's demands on nuclear program stall

VIENNA, Austria — Iran is demanding that Europe's leading powers back its right to nuclear technology that could be used to make weapons, dismaying the Europeans and strengthening Washington's push for U.N. sanctions, a European Union official and diplomats said Monday.

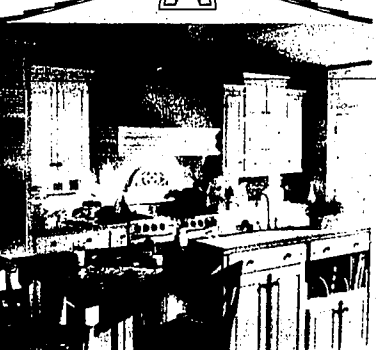
Declining to respond to a list of demands presented by Iran last week — whose contents were made available to The Associated Press — the Europeans are urging the Iranian government to instead make good on a pledge to clear up suspicions about its nuclear ambitions.

But diplomats said Iran's demands undermine the effort by France, Germany and Britain to avoid a confrontation.

They had hoped to persuade Tehran to give up technology that can produce nuclear arms, but now are closer to the Bush administration's view that Iran should be referred to the U.N. Security Council for violating the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the diplomats said.

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## iTunes, meet your Musicmatch AirPort possesses many functions

By Mike Langberg  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Steve Jobs is so persuasive he can suck all the air out of a room, which he's doing now in a big way with online music.

You'd think selling music online didn't exist until Apple Computer's CEO unveiled his iPod music player and iTunes music store and that all his competitors have sunk into hopeless despair ever since.

Not true. Parental underdog Musicmatch this week unveils a new version of its software and an online service with what could be the coolest new feature of the year: "Send to a Friend," allowing you to e-mail a 20-song playlist to acquaintances. Those friends can play the songs in full up to three times each, without having to pay a dime or download any music files.

Musicmatch, based in San Diego, came up with the first commercially successful jukebox software for managing a library of digital music files on a computer, back in 1997. Musicmatch Gold (www.musicmatch.com) still stands in my view, as the most powerful program in a field that now includes iTunes (www.apple.com/itunes), Microsoft's Windows Media Player (www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia) and RealNetworks' RealPlayer (www.real.com).

On Tuesday, Musicmatch launched Musicmatch Jukebox 9.0 along with an online listening service called On Demand. Subscribers to On Demand, which costs from \$7.95 to \$9.95 a month, get Send to a Friend.

Musicmatch is offering a large and somewhat confusing array of products and services. Here's the rundown:

• **Musicmatch Jukebox 9.0.** The software, replacing the previous version 8.2, is available free as a 19-megabyte download from the company's Web site, and is also sold on disc in stores. For a one-time payment of \$14.95, you can upgrade the free version to Plus status, which provides faster ripping (conversion of music CDs into MP3 files) and burning (conversion of MP3 files into CDs), the option to record from the microphone input or line-in jack, printing of CD jewel case inserts and other useful features. For \$39.95, you can buy a lifetime upgrade to recent versions 10.0, 11.0, 12.0, etc.

To run Musicmatch Jukebox 9.0, you need Windows 98 Second Edition, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows 2000 or Windows XP. There is no Macintosh version. You also need high-speed Internet access, such as a cable modem or DSL line, for the On Demand service.

• **Radio.** Musicmatch Gold, available for \$35.40 a year, gives access to a long list of online radio stations organized by genre, where you can skip ahead when you hit a song you don't like. Musicmatch Platinum for \$59.40 a year adds an Artist on Demand feature, where you can ask for songs exclusively from a performer or performers you need.

• **Music Store.** As with iTunes and other online music sellers, you can buy individual tracks for 99 cents, but most albums for \$9.99. You can play these tracks

as much as you want on your computer, or burn them to CD.

• **On Demand.** This new service gives you unlimited access to 650,000 of the 700,000 tracks in the Music Store, streamed through the Internet to your PC. You don't store the music on your computer, and you can't burn the tracks to CD without buying them separately, but you can listen as much as you want. The cost is \$9.95 if you pay month by month, but drops to the equivalent of \$7.95 if you "make it" full-year payment of \$85.40 up front.

• **Musicmatch isn't the first to offer unlimited streaming for a monthly fee; the pioneers include RealNetworks' Rhapsody (www.rhapsody.com) and the revived Napster (www.napster.com).**

Send to a Friend, however, is completely new.

On Demand subscribers can share play lists of songs assembled from the 600,000-track library, eclectic mixes or complete albums, by clicking the "Send to" button and entering an e-mail address.

The friend receives an e-mail listing the tracks in your playlist. There's one catch: Recipients must install Musicmatch Jukebox 9.0 if it's not already on their computers; the Send to a Friend e-mails include a download link. Recipients must also have a high-speed Internet connection.

With the software installed, recipients only need to hit a button labeled "Click here to listen to this playlist." They can run through the playlist three times, getting near-CD-quality audio.

I tested Send to a Friend last week, using a prerelease version of the Musicmatch 9.0 software, with my colleague Dawn Chmielewski, who covers the online music business.

I called Dawn and asked her what music she's been itching to hear. Dawn asked for the new album Contraband from Velvet Revolver. I'm too stupid to have heard of the group, but Dawn assured me they're big.

I put the 13 tracks from the clean version of the album into a playlist. Dawn is no prude, but she's got young children at home and told me she didn't want the explicit version. I gave the playlist a name — "I gave the playlist a name" — for your protection and added a short message: "Rock on, Mom!"

Dawn received my Send to a Friend e-mail within a few minutes. She spent a few more minutes downloading and installing the free version of Musicmatch 9.0. Then she got to listen to full-length tracks such as "Sucker Train Blues," "Do It For The Kids," "Slither" and "Dirty Little Thing."

I felt good for giving Dawn free access to an album she's been wanting to hear. Dawn can now be fully informed in deciding whether to buy the album.

Send to a Friend, in short, is a great way to win friends and influence people. Not to mention a brilliant piece of viral marketing. I'm betting On Demand subscribers will rush to share songs with family and friends, who will get pulled into installing Musicmatch 9.0 and just maybe into becoming On Demand subscribers themselves.

### Product review

By Matthew Fordahl  
AT Technology Writer

Some wireless gadgets pump music from a computer to a stereo or TV. Others take a broadband connection and make it available to any PC within range. Still others share printers. And some extend the signal of existing Wi-Fi networks.

Apple Computer Inc. has taken a step in the right direction with its AirPort Express — a device that's an access point, print server, range extender and media adapter all in one.

Though not the first to combine functions, it breaks new ground by merging so many into such a small, portable unit. The \$129 gadget, which works both with Windows and Mac PCs.

The whole unit simply plugs into the wall socket. It's also the first media adapter to stream copyright-protected music purchased from Apple's popular iTunes Music Store. That means tunes no longer have to be burned to a CD to be enjoyed in a room where there isn't a computer.

Supporting both the popular 802.11b Wi-Fi standard and faster 802.11g, AirPort Express is a bit pricey if used just as an access point.

The AirPort Express Assistant is a welcome change from most wireless gear. The software wizard installed on any wireless-enabled computer, it includes an easy-to-understand page for locking down the wireless signal with encryption to block eavesdroppers and thieves.

Despite its small size, AirPort Express' Wi-Fi signal was robust and was detectable even beyond Apple's claim of a 150-foot range.

If you've already got an AirPort base station, AirPort Express can be used to extend the existing

network's range. To stream music, I ran a quick update of the iTunes music jukebox software, which ships with the device, and plugged a set of powered speakers (an AV receiver can off course be connected instead) into a jack on the underside of AirPort Express.

AirPort Express doesn't include audio cables, which Apple sells with an AirPort Express extension cord for \$39. After the update, iTunes will sport a dropdown menu that lists AirPort Express' name. When one is selected, music streams to the audio port on the remote equipment.

Unlike other media adapters, there's no remote display to indicate what song is playing. There are also no buttons to press to pause, advance to the next song or repeat the last one. All that has to be done at the computer running iTunes, which isn't good news when Slim Whitman starts yodeling and you're comfortably planted on the couch.

Besides streaming music, AirPort Express also has a universal serial bus port that can be used to plug in a USB printer. That means the printer no longer has to be tethered to the desk but can be placed anywhere in the range of the wireless signal.

It also means any networked computer can then share the printer.

In my home office I have a laser printer connected to my PC and a Canon i860 photo printer connected to a Mac.

After plugging it into AirPort Express, the printer was immediately discovered on my desktop PC, using Apple's Rendezvous networking software, which I downloaded from Apple's Web site.

## Users try to auction votes on eBay

By Gavin Lasnik  
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Gregg Henson, 36, has voted in every presidential election for which he's eligible. This year he decided to try something different.

Henson, a radio host in Detroit, cast his vote in the November election on the popular online auction site eBay, hoping listeners would pony up \$50 to add an extra vote to his favorite candidate's total.

"It started off with a conversation with my wife and I said 'Sell me your vote and I'll buy you a pair of diamond earrings,'" Henson said by phone Monday. "And then I got the idea to put my vote on eBay. I don't even know if it's legal or not."

As it turns out, it's not. Kirt Martin, a counsel for law firm Skadden Arps who specializes in election law, said selling a vote is certainly illegal, generally by under state bribery statutes. That may have been the reason for Henson's auction disappearing from eBay's listings just hours after it debuted. Still, in less than a day, it generated nearly 800 bids and a pair of bids, the highest at \$102.50.

Henson's auction expressed disappointment that Democratic candidate John Kerry

and President Bush. He said the decision to list it was a statement of his disdain for either candidate.

"The point is I don't think anyone feels strongly about either," he said. "A vote for Kerry is a vote against Bush and a vote for Bush is a vote against Kerry. That's what it's become."

Henson was not the first person to try and sell his vote on eBay. Another seller cancelled a vote auction Monday after originally listing it with a \$50 Buy-it-Now price tag. Another auction that ended in late June offered a Fort Worth, Texas, resident's vote at a starting price of \$18.99. Nobody bid on that auction.

The auction site prohibits the

sale of illegal items, so anyone caught selling their vote online will have it taken down, said eBay spokesman Hani Durzy.

That isn't as easy as it sounds though, as eBay has 25 million items listed at any one time, with 3 million added each day.

"Most people putting things up on eBay aren't doing it maliciously or knowingly, often they're just unaware," Durzy said. "But we're always on the lookout for it, along with lots of other things that are prohibited necessarily at the very top of our priority list, but when the situation dictates, we'll pay more attention to it, such as an upcoming presidential election."

## Word's propensity to shift into German becomes easy fix

By James Coates  
Chicago-Tribune

Q. My problem is with Microsoft Word. When I open "properties" to try to fix something, all of the commands are in German. I have to guess. How do I change these commands to English?

—Dick Illing

A. If your copy of Word suddenly spontaneously switched its menu and other prompts to German from English, yours wins the strange question of the day award. It's also the easy-fix winner.

### Computers Q & A

Microsoft's code writers put all kinds of specialty commands for various modules of Office in a companion program called Microsoft Office Tools. It is located in the same folder under the Start/All Programs menu as is Office itself. Click the Office Tools icon and you'll get a number of items, including the scanner and photo import software, an application repair module and a program that lets users select a language.

## Hotel guests want broadband

By Frank Bamako  
CBS MarketWatch

A comfortable bed, a telephone and a high-speed Internet connection are becoming must-haves for hotel guests.

"A furry" of hotel broadband deployment activity is taking place, according to In-Stat/MDR, a technology and marketing research firm. From small "no-frills" properties to luxury resorts, high-speed access is "now an essential element" of the guest room, the firm said.

Such an essential, of course, comes at a price. In-Stat esti-

### Computers in brief

mates hotels generated \$153 million in revenue from guest room access last year. That number will triple this year, while hotels also boost income by charging for access in meeting rooms and public spaces like the lobby and poolside.

The number of hotels offering broadband is about 5,200 today and will quadruple to 26,828 in the next three years, the research firm projected in its report, "Service Plus: Broadband in the Hospitality Industry."

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## EDITORIAL

### Neighbors merit more input on Martin Street

**V**acating Martin Street for the expansion of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center would be as easy as first thought.

City officials last week discovered a significant roadblock — no pun intended — to the hospital's proposal to vacate the street. A little-known city ordinance requires notification of all neighbors, and property owners affected by a proposal to vacate a street.

Because Magic Valley Regional had only notified those residents within 300 feet of the proposed vacating, it now appears that the hospital must go back and include a wider collection of neighbors.

There's nothing wrong with a slower approach. It's a matter of fairness that all neighbors have input and understand the impact of vacating Martin.

As noted in a letter to the editor last week by Tom Frank, chairman of the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission, many neighbors of Martin Street and the expansion learned of the proposal only two weeks before the P&Z hearing. Those property owners probably deserved much earlier notification of the Martin Street proposal.

Now that the city has clarified who warrants full notification of the proposal, perhaps these neighbors can ask other questions of the hospital and its expansion plan.

One key question to ask: Why didn't the hospital didn't use the right of eminent domain to purchase 44 acres of land lying north of the hospital? That prime property would have been the most suitable area for hospital expansion. And hospital officials didn't hide their preference to build there.

When the hospital tried to buy the land in 2000, officials said landowner Helen

Kolouch asked too much for it. But hospital officials might have been able to use condemnation through the county's power of eminent domain to establish a fair price. Why didn't the hospital use that strategy, rather than buy land across Martin Street at a piecemeal rate?

Neighbors, residents and clinic owners in the Martin Street area deserve those answers before the city makes any kind of decision on the vacation proposal.

Another point on Martin Street... Another concern on the Martin Street issue could be the pending decision of three city council members to recuse themselves from the final vote.

Shawn Barigar says he will step aside from the vote, as he's also employed as a spokesman for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Dennis Maughan would do the same, as he works for a competitor, St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Irwin.

And Chris Talkington has indicated he may also recuse himself, because he works for Twin Falls County Juvenile Services. Twin Falls County also owns Magic Valley Regional.

But Idaho's Ethics in Government law, Code 59-704, says a public official may only have to disclose his potential conflict of interest. Recusal may not be necessary in every case. The law gives some leeway, under advisement from the city attorney, as to how officials approach each case.

Recusal may be warranted in one or two cases, but in all three? Talkington's recusal may be unnecessary since he's with a county operation entirely outside the hospital's realm.

Should the Martin Street issue come down to four votes on a seven-member council, city residents may not get the representation they deserve.

## Missouri vows 'I don't' to gay marriage

**M**issouri voters turned out in record numbers last Tuesday to express in the privacy of a voting booth what many polite Americans are reluctant to express publicly — that marriage is between a man and a woman.



KATHLEEN PARKER

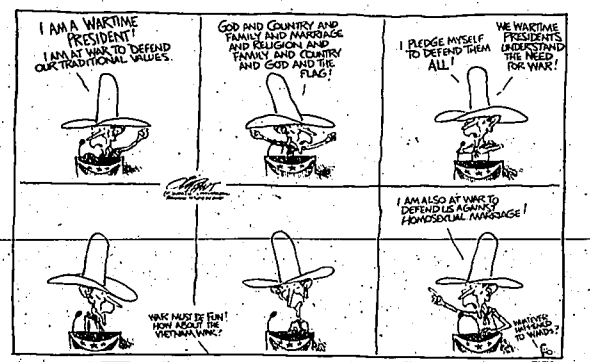
Under normal circumstances, the vast majority of people would slap their foreheads at the point of saying, "Duh." But these are not normal times and so "normal" goes underground, emerging only at election time to find expression through the ballot.

In Missouri, an unprecedented number of people turned out to vote for a state constitutional amendment clarifying the definition of marriage. The amendment passed by a 71 percent vote, which is considered not just a landslide but an avalanche. Voter turnout was 42.8 percent for a primary election that usually only draws between 15 percent and 25 percent.

Who knew? Certainly not those leading opposition to the amendment, 42 of whom are not only disappointed, but hurt, according to The New York Times, which buried the story of the amendment's success on page A-16. Editorial comment notes:

Activists for same-sex marriage say they will study Missouri to try to figure out why their strategy failed in hopes of preventing similar outcomes elsewhere. After all, they spent \$450,000 to no avail, compared to just \$19,000 the amendment's supporters doled out. We had good money can't buy deeply held beliefs.

Marriage amendments will appear on ballots this fall in nine other states (Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan,



Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah) and possibly Ohio and North Dakota. Between now and then, same-sex marriage supporters will try to determine what went wrong in Missouri, and what they can do differently.

The answers, respectively are: nothing went wrong, and probably not much.

What happened in Missouri is that people turned out to cast a vote in favor of what they believe to be true and important, that marriage is between a man and a woman. It was not a vote against gays and lesbians, as some will insist, but a vote for the basic structural unit of human civilization.

No amount of money or political strategy is likely to change either that understanding or the will to preserve it.

Political observers generally say that where goes Missouri, the "Show Me" state, so goes the nation. Missouri and Ohio both are considered bellwether states because they're diverse, evenly balanced between Democrats and Republicans and, as such, are microcosms of the country.

John Green, director of the University of Akron's Ray C.

Bliss Institute for Applied Politics, predicts that Missouri's vote will be replicated in other Midwestern states, including Ohio, though not necessarily in more liberal states, such as Oregon.

More predictive than partisanship, says Green, is religion, which accounts for much of the high turnout in Missouri. Churches urged congregations to vote and, as even nonbelievers grudgingly might concede, prayer has been known to work wonders. All of which probably bodes ill for Democrats and John F. Kerry.

If you want to know how people are going to vote, a reliable rule is, watch what they do on their day of worship. Do they head out for church/temple, or to Love's?

Given that religious people tend to vote more often than secularists — and given that secularists tend to vote more often for Democrats — a high turnout of religious Americans committed to preserving traditional marriage could be a boon to President George W. Bush.

As a just planned, those sneaky Republicans. They created a wedge issue out of

same-sex marriage in order to motivate those wacky (homophobic, bigoted, gay-bashing) right-wingers to vote in greater numbers and keep those multi-faceted, tolerant, peace-loving Democrats out of the White House.

I don't doubt that the right wing of the Republican Party is home to a few of those both wacky and paternally described. But the same-sex issue wasn't invented by Bush or the right wing. It was manufactured by the Massachusetts courts when judges ruled in favor of same-sex marriage.

The fact that so many voters, both Democrat and Republican, turned out in Missouri suggests that Americans want to have a voice in the marriage debate. Bush may benefit from extra voters mobilized by the issue, but credit for the wedge will belong to the activists and judges who forced silent Americans to speak up at the polls.

Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at [kparker@spkarc.com](mailto:kparker@spkarc.com), although she cannot respond to all mail individually.

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### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



### Letter

objective and unbiased truth? I find the people to be the ones who are the biggest and loudest among the ones who always claim to be so open-minded but only if what you have to say doesn't conflict with their ideas. If a Christian speaks up, we are called sanctimonious and judgmental preachers who should just sit down and shut up. Last time I read the Constitution, it said everyone has the right to free speech, not just the self-proclaimed liberals out there.

Obviously God loves everyone, and if you believe in him, you can't keep silent about it, nor should we. God knows our true intentions, and it is wrong to call all Christians the biggest sinners because they disagree with you. Whether it's abortion, politics or God, we have the right to voice our opinions the same as you. Ms. Plinkinton.

I don't pretend to be God or perfect — far from it — but I will continue to speak up for Christ, because that's my right as well.

KESTEN KECK  
Jerome

### Letter

Apparently the '00 'Stoner Movie' genre is making a comeback. You know, movies about getting stoned.

That are usually funny only to audiences who are also stoned.

Who'd want to see that again?

Hee hee hoo they Mallard... you've got to read today's Doonesbury!

Never mind.

OPINION

LETTERS

**Bush? Kerry? Can we get a third candidate?**

It is now official. We have a multi-millionaire, Ted Kennedy liberal, wacko socialist-pleasing, policy-waiver running along with a multi-millionaire, Clintonese, non-experienced trial lawyer for the Democrats. But wait, the Republicans have a clueless, inarticulate, multi-millionaire that has just recklessly cost hundreds of young American lives to no apparent end, who is running with a multi-millionaire, special interest-tied health risk, both of which are surrounded by self-serving sycophants and appear to be influenced by religious zealots.

The frightening thing is that there are so many delusional but otherwise sincere people that actually believe that one or the other of these cabals will actually be good for the nation or more specifically Idaho. The only plausible excuse would be party loyalty.

Surely we can find better leadership. If ever the country needed a "None of the Above" option on the ballot, this is the year.

LES V. NELSON  
Kimberly

**People excessively use resources, living space**

I want to encourage all my fellow Magic Valley residents to take a look at their impact upon the earth by checking out a Web site called [www.myfootprint.org](http://www.myfootprint.org). I think you will be very surprised by what you find there about how we Americans are using the earth and the size of our ecological footprint upon the earth.

There are many things that we can do to make a difference. We all know this. Recycle all reusable materials. Share your living space. Buy locally grown produce — we have a wonderful farmer's market here. Local produce is more nutritious as it is picked ripe, tastes better, is often grown organically and does not involve major transportation, therefore not using a great deal of fossil fuels to deliver to your table. Carpool, bike or walk whenever possible. Use environmentally safe products on your lawn (check out Gardens Alive, they have a product made from corn called "Wow" which repels weeds and fertilizes your lawn). Of course, it would be even better to not have a lawn, but I must admit that I enjoy mine very much. Americans use nearly one-quarter of the available world's resources, while we make up about 5 percent of the world's population. We can't keep that up for much longer, nor do we really have the right to do so.

KAREN FOTHERGILL  
Twin Falls

**The shifting winds**

**of John Kerry**

If John Kerry is so capable to be president as it seems he would have us believe, he would know that the terrorists have no intention to roll over and play dead just because the voters of this nation make the tragic mistake of electing him. Furthermore, with friends such as the present leaders of France and Germany, who needs enemies? Mr. Kerry, your remarks about no respect from other nations "don't cut much ice"! This nation does not need you for president.

Except for 4 1/2 years during World War II, I lived in Texas for 85 years, and Kerry reminds me of west Texas winds — you never know which direction he is next going to blow.

HENRY E. SINGLEY JR.  
Twin Falls

**Three Island Crossing proves a bad decision**

The show will go on — at what cost? Do we need an actual tragedy to make us aware of what our ancestors went through back when? I noticed from all the articles this week that only four animals have died for the crossing. How many will be enough? Nine? 12? What? Yes, accidents do happen.

They can also be avoided. Go down to the river. Dress up. Have your fun, but don't make some poor animal pay for your amusement.  
SHERYL DUFFY  
Twin Falls

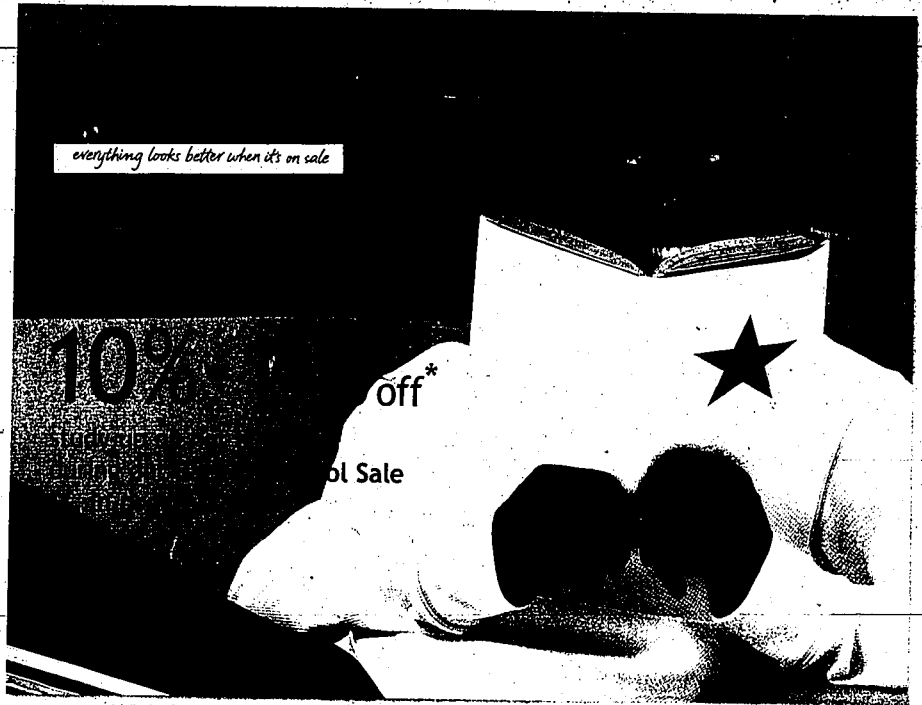
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Could this offseason get worse for the Miami Dolphins?

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

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

There's a rumor circulating in the NFL that (Dallas Cowboy quarterback Vinny) Testaverde tested positive for Geritol.



Dwight Perry of The Seattle Times

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Robb Ventura pitched a scoreless inning for the Dodgers in a 13-0 loss to the Anaheim Angels on June 25. What other current Dodger position player has made a mound appearance?

ANSWER: below

IN BRIEF

TFHS volleyball holds tryouts

TWIN FALLS — Tryouts for the Twin Falls High School volleyball team begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at the main gym.

Buhl offers youth soccer this fall

BUHL — The Clear Springs Soccer Association will hold registration for fall soccer for boys and girls in Grades K-8 at the Buhl Public Library on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. A junior high team will be formed. For more information, contact Kay Juker at 543-8055.

TFHS swim team begins practice

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Swim Team will begin one week of free, pre-season practices beginning Monday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the city pool. All Grades 9-12 students are invited to join the team. The first official team practice is Monday, Aug. 23 from 4-6 p.m. For questions, call 734-3074 or call the city pool at 734-2336.

T.F. Rec extends fall soccer registration

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation has extended the registration for fall soccer and added a \$10 late fee. Fall soccer is for boys and girls in Grades K-7. Teams will usually play twice a week for five weeks with game times at 5:45 and 7 p.m. Volunteer coaches are needed. Fees are \$12-20 depending on whether or not a player needs a jersey. Registration will be accepted at the Parks and Recreation office located at 136 Maxwell Ave. or online at WWW.tfd.org. Call 736-2265 for more information or with any questions.

Gooding Country Club will host tournament

GOODING — The Gooding Title and Escrow Company will be the title sponsor for the 2004 Bob Lyon Senior Golf Championship to be held Aug. 14-15 at the Gooding Country Club. The entry fee is \$50 and does not include cart rental which is an additional \$18 for both days. There will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, call Troy Vitek at the Gooding CC, 934-9977.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Steve Finley, who pitched one inning for the Arizona Diamondbacks in a blowout loss to the San Francisco Giants on Aug. 30, 2001. Finley walked a batter and hit left Kent but escaped unscathed because of an inning-ending double play.

Board hires Smith as TFHS coach

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Former Capital High defensive coordinator Tobe Smith was hired Monday night by the Twin Falls School District Board of Trustees, to coach the Bruins football program for one year.

Smith was recommended by the three-person committee of TFHS — athletic director Andy Barrow; principal Ben Allen and Dr. Robert Ridgeway last Thursday after a coach search. Practice begins for the 2004 season soon.

The board approved Smith's hire unanimously under the

consent agenda.

"It happened so fast," Smith said. "I'm very pleased."

Smith will teach physical education, weights, body development and possibly health at the high school. The addition of this position will assist the high school in meeting student class needs under the new block schedule.

Other positions added to accommodate the new block schedule include business and science, according to a press release.

Smith has 15 years coaching experience including stints in the college ranks at Independence Community College



(Kan.), New Mexico Military Institute and Western New Mexico

University.

He first entered the coaching ranks at Blackfoot High in 1992. The Borah High School graduate returned to Boise in 2001 and served as defensive coordinator, defensive line coach and linebacker coach at Capital High.

"We are fortunate to be able to recruit an individual of his caliber at this time of year," Barrow said in a press release. "We

are confident Coach Smith will have the ability to successfully lead the Bruin team this season and that under his leadership the student athletes will have a positive experience."

Smith and the board participated in a closed executive session late Monday night. Smith's approval could be overturned, but it is unlikely.

"I'd be shocked," Allen said. "A more detailed story about Smith will appear in Wednesday's Times-News. Smith will now contact former Bruin assistants about vacancies on his staff."

The search was prompted after former Bruins head coach

Gary Krumm resigned his post. The resignation came about after Krumm was arrested early in the morning July 4 over a domestic incident involving his girlfriend and for allegedly driving under the influence.

Krumm, 41, has since reached a plea agreement with prosecutors that dropped a felony domestic battery charge and an interfering with a 911 call charge.

He will plead guilty to two misdemeanor counts of domestic battery and one misdemeanor count of driving under the influence. His sentencing hearing was scheduled for Aug. 31 in Magistrate Court.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY



Klete Keller swims a 200-meter free event at the short-course World Swimming Championships in Moscow, Wednesday, April 3, 2002. Along with Dana and Tara Kirk, Keler and his sister Kalyin make it the first U.S. Olympic team with two sets of swimming siblings since 1976.

Family ties abound on U.S. Olympic swim team

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — U.S. swimmers really mean it when they say the Olympic team feels like family. For Dana and Tara Kirk and Klete and Kalyin Keller, it is family.

The Kirks are the first sisters to compete on the same U.S. Olympic swim team. Tess in the '90s and it's the first U.S. Olympic team with two sets of swimming siblings since 1976.

"I'm looking forward to hanging out with her," said Klete,



who at 22 is two years older than his sister. The U.S. team nearly had three sets of siblings, but Hayley

Parslow finished fifth in the 800-meter freestyle at the U.S. trials and failed to join older brother Aaron, on the team.

At the 1976 Montreal Games, Shirley and Jack Babashoff won a combined five medals, while brothers Bruce and Steve Furniss won three medals between them. In 1972, Lynn and Rick Colella made the team, with Lynn winning the only medal.

The Kellers came from an athletic family in Phoenix. Dad Kelly played basketball for Arizona State, mom Karen swam

for the Aztecs, and oldest sister Kelsey swam at Washington.

Producing two Olympians never was a goal.

Klete and Kalyin started swimming as kids, with Kalyin usually leading her brother. "I used to get angry about that," he said. Puberty helped him catch up.

"She's a really good workout trainer and she beats a lot of the boys," he said.

Klete won two medals at the 2000 Olympics; Kalyin didn't. Please see FAMILY, Page B2

Bengals, Broncos, Vandals open football drills this week

By Jared Eborn Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Back-to-back eighth football seasons have produced the beginnings of a winning tradition at Idaho State University.

"They've produced precious little else, however, as the Bengals failed to be awarded a spot in the 16-team NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in either season.



Monday afternoon and simplified things a bit.

"I don't know if you noticed, but this was more of a teaching day today," Lewis, entering his sixth year at ISU, said. "We needed to be better fundamentally, and that's what we focused on getting some of the simple, little things down better."

The Bengals have a solid offense returning with Mark Hetherington back for his senior season and standout receivers Sale' Key, Akilah Lacey and Shredrak Okoaber in uniform again.

On defense, ISU will be looking to replace several starters including national 1-AA defensive player of the year Jared Allen on the line.

Working the new players into the fold is the top priority. "We're not too worried about how we look in September at this point," Lewis said. "I'm more concerned with how we're playing today. We spent a lot of

time teaching the new guys some of the basics and how we do things around here."

One of those new guys feeling his way around practice is former Twin Falls quarterback Luc Martin.

Though far down the depth chart and a probable redshirt this year, Martin is going through the drills watching and learning.

"I had a lot of butterflies," Martin said of his emotions prior to his first practice as a college football player. "It's a lot more intense and a lot faster."

The 6-foot-4, 215-pound former Bruin signal caller is joined by a small group of Magic Valley natives who found spots on ISU's roster. A.J. Stone (Twin Falls) and Will-Yoder (Wendell) joined Oakley's Steve Burch on the practice field.

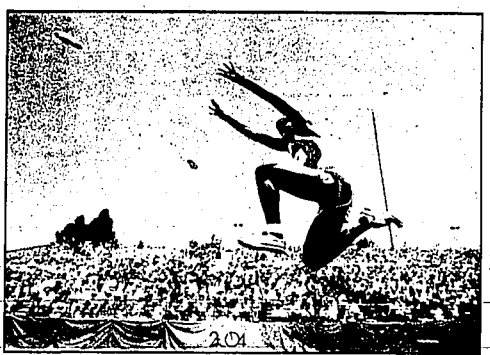
"I'd like to make my family proud and make Twin Falls proud," Martin said. "But I know I've got a while before I'm going to play. I'm just trying to learn the system as fast as I can so I can help whenever I'm needed."

The Bengals, 8-4 last year, will continue their fall camp this week with practices at 3 p.m. each day and then start two-a-days next week. ISU opens the season at San Diego State Sept. 4.

Boise State Broncos

BOISE — The two-time defending Western Athletic Conference football champion Boise State Broncos opened practice for the 2004 season Monday at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos began practice with 105 players, including six players who earned All-WAC honors during the 2003 season, according to a press release.

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Walter Davis jumps in the triple jump final during the Olympic Track and Field trials in Sacramento, Calif., in this July 17 photo. Davis placed second.

Bell and Lister make U.S. a triple jump contender again

By Bob Baum Associated Press writer

GEORGIPOULI, Greece — Kenta Bell has jumped at least 57 feet in 10 consecutive meets. Melvin Lister unseated a 58-footer at the U.S. Olympic trials. Walter Davis might be the most athletically gifted of the three.

The United States is back in the triple jump, a competition that at its best, "may be the most beautiful event on the track," Bell said.

"The triple jump is just a power baller," Bell said, borrowing a phrase used by U.S. gold medalist Kenny Harrison in 1996. "You hit the ground and boom, you're gone. For that, you only need second, you don't need first. Then, just when everybody else thinks you're about to come down, you find a way to suspend yourself just a little bit longer."

"Then, when you touch down, you're gone again, even higher and farther than the one before."

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Schayes recalls birth of shot clock

By William Kates Associated Press writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Dolph Schayes and some teammates scrimmaged in a small, single high school gym exactly 50 years ago. The short workout helped rescue the NBA and transform professional basketball from a checklike contest into a fast-paced, gravity-defying game.

"I remember we were all huffing and puffing," the 70-year-old Hall of Famer said. "It was summer, so we were out of shape anyway. It certainly changed the tempo of play. It was all running. No standing around. It made the game more fun to play."

It was Aug. 10, 1954, and a group of team owners and governing board members in the fledgling National Basketball Association — Danny Elias, Red Auerbach, Ned Irish, Eddie Gottlieb and Clair Bee — sat in the bleachers at Vocational High School in downtown Syracuse and watched as the 20-minute pickup game was played with a 24-second shot clock.

"There wasn't really a clock," recalled Schayes, a 12-time NBA All-Star who played from 1949-64 with the Syracuse Nationals and Philadelphia 76ers and was the NBA's all-time leading scorer when he retired.

"There was a guy on the sideline keeping it with his watch and yelling out the time. Twenty. Ten. Five, four, three ..."

"None of us at the time realized the significance of it. Please see SHOT CLOCK, Page B2

SPORTS

# Redskins edge Broncos, 20-17 Blue Jays win one for new manager

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Joe Gibbs came back for this. While his Washington Redskins beat the Denver Broncos 20-17 on a last-second 39-yard field goal by Ola Kimrin on Monday night in the Hall of Fame game, the Hall of Fame coach-still-enough-mistake-to-fill an entire preseason. And then some.

Still, the Redskins marched effectively to the winning kick behind third-string quarterback Tim Hasselbeck, offsetting a long night of general inefficiency.

The Broncos were even worse for most of the game, although that franchise's only Hall of Famer, John Elway, certainly couldn't complain. His weekend was made on Sunday, when he was inducted into the shrine along with Barry Sanders, Carl Eller and Bob Brown.

Fourth-string quarterback Mike Quinn led Denver's 13-play, 58-yard drive that was capped by a 2-yard TD pass to Job Puetzer and drew the Broncos to 17-15. Quinn hit Charlie Adams for the 2-point conversion to tie it.

Back came Washington, with a 35-yard pass from Hasselbeck to Darnell McCants sparking the winning march. Backup kicker Kimrin didn't flinch on the attempt, and Gibbs was a winner again.

"It was big for us," Gibbs said. "Denver has a veteran group and we were just trying to come back."

Many Broncos fans who filled Fawcett Stadium for the ceremony Sunday were back in their No. 7 jerseys and they saluted their hero with loud cheers when he was introduced before the game and at halftime. But there were no Hall of Fame quality performances on the field, only the usual collec-



Washington Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington takes down Denver Broncos running back Quentin Griffin in the first quarter during the Pro Football Hall of Fame game at Fawcett Stadium Monday in Canton, Ohio.

tion of errors for an opening exhibition game. Penalties galore, fumbles, interceptions, drops and poor timing slowed matters to a crawl.

Safety Sean Taylor, Washington's first-round selection (fifth overall), had a strong debut, though. He picked off fellow

brookie Matt Mauck twice, scoring from the 3 on the second interception.

Taylor stepped in front of Puetzer, grabbed the pass and sauntered into the end zone for a 10-9 lead in the third quarter.

Taylor's work was one of the few things Gibbs could be

pleased with, along with the final drive. It's too early in his return from a dozen years away from football to anticipate much more.

Still, watching the Redskins and Broncos in this game had to remind Gibbs of seeing his NASC 61—drivers, Bobby LaBrone and Tony Stewart, getting fat tires.

Worst of all, Redskins right tackle Jon Jensen ruptured his left Achilles tendon in the first quarter and likely will miss the season.

"We might have lost one of our best players," Gibbs said. "It looks like it's bad."

Washington appeared to put the game away on Hasselbeck's 33-yard TD pass to Earl Scott with 6:54 to go. But Quinn had other ideas.

Although each team was sloppy from the outset, there were enough big plays by the regulars to produce some early points—field goals.

Shawn Springs, signed to replace cornerback Champ Bailey after Bailey was traded to Denver for Clinton Portis, intercepted Jake Plummer's pass on the Broncos' first series. Starting from the Denver 40, Washington got to the 21 before Bailey's sticky coverage of Lawrence Coles forced an incompletion and the Redskins settled for John Hall's 39-yard field goal.

Jason Elam tied it with his own 39-yarder on the next series after Quentin Griffin, Portis' successor as Denver's starting tailback, had runs of 27 and 16 yards. Griffin finished with 45 yards on six carries.

Elam added a 40-yarder after a holding penalty cost the Broncos a 4-yard touchdown run by Griffin. He made a 47-yarder late in the first half after Washington's Rock Cartwright fumbled.

## Blue Jays win one for new manager

NEW YORK (AP) — Gabe Gross hit his first major league home run. Josh Towers took a shutout into the seventh inning and the Toronto Blue Jays won in John Gibbons' first game as manager, beating the New York Yankees 5-4 Monday to stop a five-game losing streak.

A day after Toronto-fired manager Carlos Tosca and replaced him with Gibbons for the rest of the season, the last-place Blue Jays built a 5-0 lead

in winning the finale of the four-game series. They kept a 1-0 lead.

Loaiza (9-6) winless in two starts since the Yankees acquired him from the Chicago White Sox on July 31 for Jose Contreras.

Inland 13, White Sox 11

CHICAGO — Ben Broussard hit his second career grand slam and Omar Vizquel, Travis Hafner and Casey Blake added solo home runs to send the Cleveland Indians over the Chicago White Sox 13-11 Monday night.

Cleveland hung on for its fifth win in six games and moved past the White Sox for second place in the AL Central. Chicago fell to the 12th time in 15 games.

Devil Rays 8, Red Sox 3

BOSTON — Aubrey Huff hit one of Tampa Bay's four homers and the Devil Rays handed Curt Schilling his first home loss this season, snapping a nine-game road losing streak with an 8-3 victory Monday night over the Boston Red Sox.

Schilling was 7-0 with a 3.32 ERA in 14 previous starts for Boston at Fenway Park.

## Orioles 7, Rangers 3

BALTIMORE — Melvin Mora homered twice and drove in three runs, and Baltimore extended its winning streak to seven by completing a four-game sweep of Texas.

Larry Bigbie also connected for the Orioles, who finished their first 7-0 homestand since September 1969. Baltimore moved within four games of 500 (53-57) for the first time since June 13.

## Angels 5, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ruben Gotay's throwing error allowed the Anaheim Angels rallied in the ninth inning again to beat the Kansas City Royals 5-3 Monday night.

The Angels completed their first four-game sweep in Kansas City and extended their winning streak to five, their longest of the season.

Dee Brown homered and led Anaheim to an earned run in seven mid-innings for the Royals, who took a 3-1 lead into the ninth.

But Robb Quinlan and pinch-hitter Tim Salmon singled to start the inning against Jaime Cerda (1-2). One out later, a wild pitch allowed the runners to advance. David Eckstein walked to load the bases, and Bruce Figgins' RBI single cut it to 3-2.

Cerda was replaced by Scott Sullivan, who threw another wild pitch that allowed pinch-runner Alfredo Amezaga to score the tying run.

With the infield drawn in, Vladimir Guerrero hit a grounder to second. Gotay threw low to the plate and the ball skipped past catcher John Buck all the way to the backstop. Two more runs scored for a 5-3 Angels lead.

## Athlete's boyfriend throws himself from same balcony

NEA IONIA, Greece (AP) — As relatives did it, it was the stuff of Greek tragedy. A love-struck young man threw himself off his balcony Monday, two days after a quarrel prompted his girlfriend to jump from the same spot.

"He had very intense feelings about the girl. He was very much in love," said Nikos Drakopoulos, a printer who lives across the hall from the couple. "He could not see himself living if she was gone."

Giorgos Christodimos, 24, was at an Athens hospital with injuries to his head and back. His high-school sweetheart, 20-year-old judo champion Eleni Ioannou, was at a hospital in "critical" condition with multiple fractures to her head and body.

The couple had been insepa-

ble ever since Ioannou moved into the apartment Christodimos shares with his grandparents just over a year ago.

Christodimos was raised by his grandparents after his father died and his mother remarried. He lost his job as an auto mechanic and hadn't been to work for another one, relatives said.

Neighbors said the couple spent a lot of time in their apartment in the working-class Nea Ionion suburb of Athens, listening to loud rock music. When they went out, they went out together.

Ioannou, a student at the Athens Gymnastics Academy, had become somewhat of a local celebrity since she qualified for Greece's Olympic judo team in the 172-pound-plus competition. She had been scheduled to move into the Olympic Village on Wednesday.

## Family

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qualify for those Sydney Games even though she was considered a shoe-in to make the team.

While the rest of the family traveled Down Under to cheer Kite on, Kalya stayed home. At her mother's insistence, she gave her something to strive for and she really wanted to do it. Not letting her go last time was a carrot for her. I thought my heart that was the best thing.

"It was Kalya," who attends Southern California, will swim the grueling 400 and 800 freestyles in Athens.

"She's probably be a little nervous, so I can be there for her," Kite said. "She's worked so hard for all these years."

Not to be outdone, Kite will swim the 200 and 400 freestyles and the 400 freestyle relay.

Are they okay? Hardly.

At 6-foot-6, Kite epitomizes the strong, laconic type, except for one-liners like, "I don't have that big a vocabulary. I didn't finish college yet."

He stands a foot taller than Kalya, whose perkiness could give "Today" show host Katie Couric a run for her money.

"It's hard to hold her back," and she's like a politician," their mother said. "She's very vocal about her goals. With him, everything is a big secret."

The Kirk sisters, who were in the 100 to 150 lbs. range up on Puget Sound in Bremerton,

Wash. "I've been waiting for this a long time," Dana Kirk said. "It's going to be great having someone there who knows what I need to swim my best."

"The sisters were '95 percent sure" they would room together in Athens, according to Dana, who is two years younger than 22-year-old Tara.

"We like to eat the same kind of food and we know what the other needs," she said.

The Olympics is only the second swimming trip the Kirks have taken on together.

"We're both going to have to get a lot faster to have medal potential," Dana said. "Tara and I are both competitive, we just push each other a lot."

They each qualified in one event: Dana in the 200 butterfly (she's a long shot); Tara in the 100 breaststroke (she's a medal threat).

As for their personalities — night and day.

Dana is the cuddly Kirk, a bubbly, talkative woman who regularly calls home.

Tara, far more serious, can go stretches without contacting her parents. She recently completed a stellar career at Stanford, and won the Broadrick Cup as the nation's collegiate female athlete of the year.

"It helped a lot that we don't swim the same things," Dana said. "It's a wonderful bond they'll have for the rest of their lives," she said.

## Triple

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Initially known as the hop, step and jump, the triple jump has been a part of the Olympics since the first games of the modern era, in Athens in 1896.

Americans were a power in the event from 1904 through 1968. In 1968, the U.S. team finished 1-2 in 1984, then Conley and Charlie Spinkins were 1-2 in 1992. Harrison won the gold, and Conley was fourth, in 1996. Then came the big fiasco out.

"The theory that we've come up with, in both the long and the triple jump, is that you had so many top-level athletes competing for a long time, and therefore put the ceiling on those trying to emerge up," said Conley, now executive director of elite programs for USA Track & Field.

"There's a pendulum that I'm trying to make swing back," Bell said. "Somebody has to start the movement. Somebody has to light the fire and make this thing go back the way it's supposed to be because we've got too much talent in the U.S. to be getting beat by people who are less talented than us without as many resources."

Bell and Lister talked about their Athens chances in interviews at the U.S. pre-Olympic training camp in Crete on Monday.

The 27-year-old Bell has the confidence to match his consistency.

Asked if Sweden's Christian Olsson — the reigning world champion — is the jumper to beat, he said, "That's what they're trying to tell me."

"This year he's winning, but he's not having the best year of his life," Bell said. "I'm having the best year of my life. I'm consistently jumping farther than everybody else every time out. In my opinion, I feel like it makes me the favorite. If I was a betting man, I'd bet on the most consistent guy."

Consistency has not been Lister's forte. Far from it. The 26-year-old former Arkansas jumper works full time at a Circuit City store in Fayetteville.

No one considered him much of a threat until he showed up at the U.S. trials in Sacramento and jumped four personal bests, capped by an eye-popping 55 feet, 4 inches.

It was 2 feet farther than Lister had jumped to date and the best mark in the world this year, breaking the trials record set by Conley in 1992.

"When I was at the trials, I just wanted to be on the team whatever took," Lister said. "That's what I thought about. I didn't think about it may hurt if



## Athletes 8, Twins 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Mark Koc say and Scott Hatteberg each drove in two runs, and Rich Harden gave Oakland's bullpen a rest in a victory over Minnesota.

A day after each team used seven pitchers in Oakland's 18-inning victory, starters Harden and Lincee each pitched into the seventh. The Twins took three of four from Minnesota in a matchup of AL division leaders.

## Drills

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Boise State practices daily through Aug. 22. The Broncos will then begin their regular in-season practice.

The Broncos will have a schedule where they start preparing for the Sept. 4 home opener against rival Idaho.

## Idaho Vandals

MOSCOW — The same high energy and lively atmosphere that marked spring camp carried over to fall drills at the University of Idaho football team began preparation for 2004.

"All it takes is one jump to be dangerous," Lister said. "I'm very confident. All I have to do is be Melvin Lister fast down the runway."

Davis, the youngest of the trio at 25, also qualified for the U.S. team in the long jump.

"Walter is lighter," Lister said. "He's a competitor. That's all I can say."

A former LSU star, Davis was the U.S. champion in the triple jump in 2002 and the long jump in 2003. His triple jump best is 57-8.5.

Davis was barely 21 when he earned a berth in the Sydney Olympics. Back then, he qualified in the long jump and triple jump, as he did this year.

However, he chose to participate only in the triple jump, finishing 11th.

Since then, Davis has compiled impressive credentials. He won the NCAA long jump and triple jump titles in 2001 while leading LSU to the national championship. He finished the year with the U.S. title in the triple jump.

He won the long jump and was second in the triple jump at last year's U.S. championships. He was a silver medalist in the triple jump at the world indoor championships.

"All three of these guys," Conley said, "are as talented as I was."

## National League

### Rockies 4, Phillies 2

PHILADELPHIA — Vinny Castilla's tiebreaking, two-run double with two outs in the eighth inning led the Colorado Rockies past the Philadelphia Phillies 4-2 on Monday night.

The Phillies fell six games behind NL East-leading Atlanta in their first home game since starting a 13-game road trip just after the end of the Braves. Philadelphia trails Chicago by 3.5 games in the wild-card race.

## Drills

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"We couldn't be more excited about coming out here," junior quarterback Michael Harrington said in a press conference after Monday's opening practice. "We get to play our football now."

First-year coach Nick Holt and his staff face the challenge of turning around a program that was 3-9 last season and 6-29 over the past two years.

Holt welcomed back 30 lettermen, although only two — senior Brandon Kunia and junior Mike Anderson — started every game. The others are sophomores Hank Thiel and Jade Tidwick — started 10 of 12.

In those early days, NBA games were low scoring, played at a poke-along pace that was thought to kill pro basketball as a spectator sport. It even got started. With no shot clock, a team with a lead in the fourth quarter simply stalled until the clock ran down.

The lowest scoring game in NBA history was on Nov. 22, 1950, when the Fort Wayne Pistons defeated the Minneapolis Lakers 19-18.

In a 1992 interview with The Associated Press, Biasone explained that he came up with his magic number through simple arithmetic. At that time, each NBA team was averaging 60 shots a game, which meant that each game featured 120 shots. Since each league game lasts 48 minutes, or 880 seconds, that total divided by 120 equals 24.

The 24-second shot clock made its NBA debut on Oct. 30, 1954, with the Rochester Royals defeating the Boston Celtics 98-95. According to NBA records, scoring jumped that first year from 79.5 points per game to 93.1.

## Shot clock

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Arguably, it can be said it's been the most important rule change in the history of the game," Schayes said.

Schayes, who played for the Syracuse city officials, mark the 50th anniversary of that game at a ceremony at the school, now Blodgett Elementary School.

Fittingly, a basketball game involving Joe Patry, a high school player, will follow.

"It changed the game of basketball, and it happened here in Syracuse. It's a fact to be proud of," said Syracuse Parks and Recreation commissioner Pat Driscoll, who would like to see a permanent memorial built to celebrate the moment.

In Springfield, Mass., at the National Basketball Hall of Fame, display case explains the clock's history, said Don O'Keefe, a museum spokesman. The clock's history also is included in the biography for Biasone, a Hall of Famer who played for the Syracuse Nationals and was one of the NBA's founding members.

The Hall of Fame has nothing special planned this year for the shot clock's golden anniversary, O'Keefe said. Neither does the



## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### CSI still offers machining classes

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering basic and advanced machining technology classes this school year, notwithstanding a California company's failed plans to relocate to Twin Falls.

Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp. would have employed several dozen people with computer numerical control, or CNC, machining skills.

"We found that there are no fewer than 10 companies already in the Magic Valley who have an ongoing need for CNC-certified individuals," said CSI Instructional Dean DeVere Burton. "We also have been contacted by several local companies that want to send their existing employees to our classes to upgrade their skills."

Burton said students with a basic certificate are getting job offers locally.

CSI's Basic Machining Technology classes (MACT 102) will be held from 6 to 8:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 14 to Dec. 23. The Advanced Machining Technology classes (MACT 150) will be from 6 to 8:50 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 15 to Dec. 22.

Cost for the three-credit basic course is \$670. Cost for the one-credit advanced course is \$300. Each class will be held at Larry Wayment's machine shop in Filer.

For information, call Burton at 733-8380 or to speak with one of the advisers in the Matrix, located in the college's Taylor Administration Building.

### The Fed will likely Inch rates higher

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates a quarter-point today, but with job creation at a near standstill many economists believe the Fed will then put its credit-tightening campaign on hold until after the November elections.

"That marks a change from the previous consensus that the Fed, when it raised rates the first time in four years on June 30, was setting the stage for gradual rate hikes at every Fed meeting for the rest of the year."

The change is being prompted by last Friday's startling unemployment report, which showed the economy managed to create just 32,000 new jobs in July, the smallest monthly job increase this year and far below the 200,000-plus jobs that economists had been expecting. It was the most dramatic sign yet that the economy has hit what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan had earlier termed a "soft patch."

Most analysts believe the Fed will not see the weak July performance as an indication that the economic recovery is in danger of stalling, noting that other indicators of July activity, such as auto sales, have shown a rebound after a disappointing June.

### CSI center offers research workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free Occupational Research workshop.

The workshop aims to help participants sort through their options — for training and careers — and weigh the factors of expected pay and required investment in training.

"Many people have narrowed down their career choices, but just need more information to help them make an educated decision," organizers said in a statement. Participants "will have a hands-on approach to researching areas of interest for an occupation and an occupational choice."

The informal free workshop is set for 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The session is open for individualized help. Time spent in the session depends on the amount of information each participant needs.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-880-0274, ext. 6680. Registration deadline is today.

— compiled from staff reports

# Union workers will vote on contract

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s union employees will vote today on an employment contract — while continuing to work under a temporary extension of the union's old contract, which expired July 31.

Negotiations between the company and representatives of the local chapters of the Bakery, Confectionery Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International

Union have continued since the old contract expired.

The extended contract will run through midnight Wednesday, said Paul McFarland, Nampa plant electrical foreman and president of the union's interfactory council.

A total of 1,245 union members at Amalgamated factories in Twin Falls, Paul, Niampa and Nyssa, Ore., will be affected by the outcome of the vote. Of those, 283 work at the Twin Falls plant. The Paul factory employs

334 union workers.

After union representatives turned down a first contract proposal, a federal mediator met with company representatives and the union's interfactory council last week, said John Lemke, Amalgamated Sugar's legal counsel.

"Initially, our differences were too great," Lemke said.

Lemke declined to give specific information on terms of the proposed contract. But McFarland said the company and

the union are negotiating "the usual stuff," including wages, contract length and employee benefits. He didn't elaborate.

A final contract proposal was offered to the employees by the company Thursday, Lemke said.

Union workers at all four Amalgamated plants met Monday to discuss the proposed contract before the vote, McFarland said.

There is little possibility of a strike if the union turns down

the contract, McFarland said, but the union last week received authorization from the national union board to use the tactic if the contract is rejected and further negotiations with the company fail.

Results of the vote should be available Wednesday, Lemke said.

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## SEALING THE DEAL



Bob Richards, left, Jerome's retiring economic development director, talks with Brian Badard, center, senior technical specialist for Hilex Poly, and Neil West, regional sales manager for the company, after Monday's announcement that Hilex Poly will open a factory in Jerome. Hilex Poly makes some 20 billion plastic shopping bags a year.

## Economic development impresses company

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

JEROME — It took a whirlwind tour through Idaho to convince plastic bag manufacturer Hilex Poly Co. that Jerome was the ideal place to expand its business.

In April, Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization director Jan Rogers received a phone call from Dave Brooks, regional manufacturing manager of the Hartsville, S.C.-based company.

Hilex Poly leaders thought Idaho might be a good place to put a plant, and they'd like to come take a look at several sites — Pocatello, Burley, Jerome, Boise and Meridian, to be exact. But they only had one day to search before they looked in Utah. Could Rogers help?

"Well, we can't get to all those places in a day unless we fly," Rogers told Brooks.

So when a Hilex Poly team came to Boise April 28, a state-owned plane was waiting for them. The corporate team and a number of economic-development leaders toured the state checking out five potential sites in less than 12 hours.

A few weeks later, the Hilex Poly team narrowed its search down to the former Moore Wallace Inc. building in Jerome.

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### About Hilex Pol Co.

- Company history: Plastic bag manufacturer Hilex Poly Co. was founded in 1979 by Leon Farenth, who in 1989 sold the company to publicly traded Hartsville, S.C. based packing firm Sonoco Products Co. Hilex Poly became the high-density film products division of Sonoco, producing high-density polyethylene ("HDPE") bags used in supermarkets, discount stores and the like.
- Location: In addition to the factory planned in Jerome, the company operates five plastic bag manufacturing plants in Mount Olive, N.C., Victoria, Texas; North Yarmouth, N.S., Nova Scotia; and Hartsville, S.C. Hilex Poly's corporate headquarters also are in Hartsville.
- Annual revenue: About \$200 million.

### About the planned Jerome plant

- Plan of action: Hilex Poly plans to

### More on the plant

- Open its doors in Jerome in November and December, with plans to start production in December of January. Workers will manufacture plastic bags at the Jerome plant for shipment to businesses in the West. The plant will be in production 24 hours per day, 383 days per year — with no seasonal layoffs. Growth will be planned in three phases, with full production capacity expected by the end of 2006.
- Number of workers: The company plans to hire 30 to 40 workers initially, growing to a staff of 55 within the first year. Hilex Poly expects to employ 200 full-time workers within three years as operators, packers, electrical and maintenance workers, quality assurance technicians, clerical staff, human resources staff, lead persons and plant managers and supervisors.

- Wages: "Average to above average" manufacturing wages, Hilex Poly managers say. Plant employees could expect to earn between \$9.50 and \$20 per hour, depending on position.
- Benefits: Employees are eligible for a benefits package, including medical, dental and life insurance, as well as a 401(k) retirement program. Employees working night shifts receive night differential pay, and all employees receive 10 paid holidays per year.

- What they're looking for: Hilex Poly prefers to hire those with prior experience in manufacturing but will provide on-the-job training.
- When to apply: Go to Idaho Commerce and Labor's Job Service Office

at 771 N. College Road in Twin Falls. More information about Hilex Poly and application forms will be available there by the end of the week. Hiring will start sometime this fall.

### About the building

- The site: Hilex Poly is in the process of purchasing and will remodel the 128,000-square-foot building, vacated in May 2003 by business forms manufacturer Moore Wallace Inc.
- Purchase price: Not available, but the asking price was around \$2.5 million, said Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler.
- Initial investment: \$10 million in equipment.

- Remodeling plans: Plant manager Mike Schutz said work to begin the remodeling of the Moore building — which will require the removing of a nearby railroad spur and road improvements — will begin in about two weeks.
- Filling a hole: The city of Jerome's tax base decreased by \$3.88 million when Moore Wallace Inc. closed. Rothweiler said he anticipates the Hilex Poly plant will fill that hole.

- Economic impact: Hilex Poly expands its operations to 200 employees. Planned, the company's total payroll and benefit impact on Magic Valley is estimated at more than \$7.2 million, according to information received by Idaho Commerce and Labor.

# New law cancels your right to get original checks back

Question: You often promote electronic bill paying, and once chastised a reader for being "in a snit" because a merchant converted his check into an electronic payment. As a customer who has always been careful to have his checks returned so that there could be no question as to who paid what when, I would like to know how the electronic approach could possibly be more sure than a hard copy, even if it is delivered by snail mail. What happens in the case of a check? Or a hacker attack?

Answer: We'll get to the answers in a moment, but first I must warn you: You're in for a bit of a shock.

Last year President Bush signed bank-industry modern-



ization legislation that essentially ends your right to receive your canceled checks. Starting in late October, the so-called Check 21 law will allow any bank in the check-processing chain to make an electronic image of your check and discard the original. If you're still receiving paper checks with your statements, you'll begin to see what are called substitute checks — paper copies of these electronic im-

ages. Your original will be gone — shredded in a landfill somewhere — and there isn't anything you can do about that.

Lawmakers and bankers decided this modernization was essential after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks grounded air traffic for several days. Until Check 21, a financial institution typically had to return a paper check to the bank on which it was written in order to get paid. With flights grounded, check processing came to a virtual halt, suspending hundreds of billions of dollars of transactions. No paper outage or hacker has been able to disrupt anywhere near that volume of business.

Now, the good news is that the substitute checks created in

the electronic imaging process will have the legal standing of the originals, so you can present them in, say, an audit by the Internal Revenue Service. But you also can present evidence of a completely electronic transaction, such as an automatic debit or a bill paid online. These transactions also note who got paid what and when, and come with federal protections not currently offered on check transactions: If you have a problem with a debit or electronic bill payment, banks are required to restore the disputed amount to your account within 10 business days. With checks, you typically have to wait until the bank completes its investigation.

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tions offered by electronic transactions have persuaded many to all but abandon their checkbooks. The Check 21 law might convince legions more. Most of which is provided in Idaho colleges and universities. Training can be for increasing farm income or to learn skills for a new job.

The new jobs can be either full time or part time to supplement farm income during the off-season.

"The farm economy has been real tough," McCawley said.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at [lpulliam@earthlink.net](mailto:lpulliam@earthlink.net) or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

## Nampa farmer changes careers

The Associated Press

NAMPA — Gary Briggs always thought of himself as a lifetime farmer. But with the beet and wheat business going down and the costs for health care going up, he's quitting the agriculture business to pursue a career as a registered nurse.

Briggs has been accepted into Boise State University's nursing school, part of a program funded by a University of Idaho Extension program that helps farmers either improve their farm income or pursue new livelihoods altogether.

"I know it's a radical change, and a bit frightening," Briggs said. "At least (with nursing) I feel like I have a little more control of my future."

Unlike most farmers, Briggs owns none of the land he farms some of Nampa. He rents it, mainly from other farmers who retired.

Using his own equipment, Briggs farms about 500 acres most years. He's down to 330 acres this year as he phases out.

With farm ground being eaten up by subdivisions all over Canyon County, he expects the land he now rents will start disappearing in a few years.

"Most of my landlords are in their 70s," he explained. "A lot of these guys don't want their farms divided until they're gone. But when the land may be worth \$20,000 to \$25,000 an acre, that's a lot of money. I just don't see a future in it."

The Alternative Careers for Idaho Farmers program started in 2001. Based at the University of Idaho in Moscow, it is funded by a \$900,000 grant from U.S. Department of Labor.

Paul McCawley, associate director of U.I. Extension, estimated that 200 farmers or their spouses are enrolled in the program.

Those accepted are eligible for expense-paid training, most of which is provided at Idaho colleges and universities. Training can be for increasing farm income or to learn skills for a new job.

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MONEY

Drug industry finds vaccine risky proposition

Los Angeles Times

As public concern has built about West Nile virus, so has the push to create a vaccine. Several drug companies are considering developing new medical protections against the virus, including Emeryville, Calif.-based Chiron Corp.

Although Lyme disease, spread by a tick bite, remains prevalent in wooded areas of the Northeast and upper Midwest, the only vaccine against the illness was discontinued in 2002 because of low demand. ... So drug companies are approaching West Nile virus with caution.

Gallagher: The stakes for the companies are big. The market for a vaccine could exceed \$300 million, according to some estimates. Beyond the economics of it, there is a sense of urgency from a public health standpoint.

fever and muscle aches. About one in 150 infected people suffer the worst form of the disease, a life-threatening inflammation of the brain. There is no treatment for the virus. Public health officials believe that West Nile virus first spotted in the United States in 1999, will become a lasting menace.

Some restaurants become private havens for smokers

BOISE (AP)—Although Idaho has a new law in place banning smoking in restaurants, some establishments are trying to skirt the issue by charging a nominal fee and calling themselves private clubs.

Well, I think you can, and I think you can win," he said. At the time, he was the first to look at the private club exemption and realize there could be a loophole.

Company

Continued from B4 After another Idaho visit—which included a long conversation with Idaho Commerce and Labor Director Roger Madison and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne—the company may be planning to expand to Jerome, and negotiations to purchase the Moore building began.

"This was a classic textbook case of recruitment," Rogers said. "We made it easy to do business with." Hillex Poly was impressed by the organization and cooperation shown by the city of Jerome. The Jerome Chamber of Commerce, SIEDO and Idaho Commerce and Labor, said Rex Varn, president and chief operating officer of Hillex Poly.

Incentives offered to Hillex Poly include

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• A \$200,000 grant for job-recreation efforts from Business Plus, a team of economic development groups and business from six counties.

Poly as a division of its company Sonoco pioneered the plastic grocery sack industry in the 1960s, essentially creating the phrase "paper or plastic?" ... "We were able to offer a lower cost option that customers also preferred."

Journal said. Increased prices of natural gas have led to more of the polyethylene resin from which plastic bags are made—also have affected the U.S. manufacturers. ... In July, the ITC unanimously found that the Asian companies were guilty of dumping plastic bags, and it will impose tariff penalties on companies that import the bags.

The Department of Health and Welfare begins a series of meetings around the state this week to discuss the rules restaurants must follow. ... Some anti-smoking proponents want the rules to outlaw smoking in restaurants, but it is not allowed to stretch beyond the laws that authorize them.

Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the Department of Health and Welfare, said he had heard of a single citation from around the state. ... "We were a little anxious, a little worried about it," he said, but "it really has been going OK, actually. The upshot is going to be nicer, the employees are going to be healthier."

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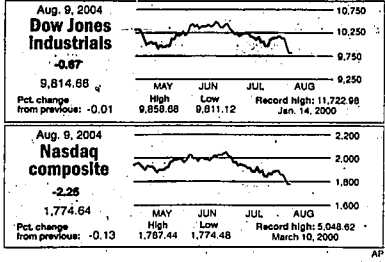
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Markets wait for Fed

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street traders were in a wait-and-see mood Monday, closing narrowly mixed as oil prices edged closer to \$45 per barrel and investors hoped for assurance from the Federal Reserve that the economy would not be cooled too much by a rate hike.

Trading was very light in advance of Tuesday's Fed meeting, at which the Open Market Committee will decide whether to raise baseline interest rates by a quarter percentage point to 1.5 percent. While the move had been widely expected before last week's report, analysts expected the Fed to proceed with the rate hike and reaffirm its current posture of a moderate but steady climb in interest rates.

The Fed has put so much effort in the game consistent message, it's surprised if they said something out of character, said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Financial Services Group in Philadelphia. "They're going to stick to a measured pace, and yes, they'll probably acknowledge the softness in the labor market, but they'll go ahead as planned."

Charter Communications Inc. slipped a penny to \$3.07 after posting a loss of \$1.35 per share for the quarter. The media company assumed new pre-tax losses that it previously applied to a subsidiary. Cablevision Systems Corp., swinging to a loss in the second quarter due to investments in businesses and poor performance in its satellite and cinema divisions. The company did improve its outlook, however. Cablevision's 4thQ earnings per share was down 18 cents to \$2.16 despite posting a 6.4 percent rise in same-store sales in July, creating the boost on better menu items for healthy eating and better service.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### T.F. firm collects hats for troops

**TWIN FALLS** - Stevens Pierce & Associates, a Twin Falls-based certified public accounting firm, is joining the "Hats for Home" campaign, collecting logo baseball caps for U.S. troops in Iraq.

Hats from Home started as a small idea from Richard Kingdon of Churchillville, N.Y., as a way to show support for his son and his unit stationed in Iraq. Kingdon and his wife, Alice, have collected more than 500 donated baseball-style caps to send to the troops in Iraq.

"The soldiers like the hats to wear on their day off," Kingdon said.

Stevens Pierce & Associates' goal is to collect 150,000 hats to send to Iraq. Donated baseball-style hats should have logos on them and be clean, new or unworn.

Hats can be dropped off at Stevens Pierce & Associates, 320 Main Ave. N., at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, or mailed to P.O. Box 145, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0145.

Anyone who has a specific unit or battalion they'd like to have hats sent to should call Jill Trowell at Stevens Pierce & Associates at 734-8662, and arrangements will be made to get hats shipped to them.

The first shipment will go out to the local Magic Valley reserve unit that was recently deployed.

### Meetings focus on fire protection

**GOODING** - County residents concerned about the threat of fire to their homes are encouraged to attend public meetings today and Thursday.

The meeting today will be held at 7 p.m. at the Hagerman Senior Community Center and will focus on the Hagerman and Bliss areas. Thursday's meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Gooding County commissioner's meeting room at the courthouse. It will focus on the Gooding and Wendell areas.

These meetings are part of an effort to create a Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan for the county.

The purpose is to identify areas of high fire risk to private property and develop plans to limit the threats.

This selection of private property and subdivisions for fuel reduction and fire protection programs will be determined by the plan and by the interest shown by property owners in the county.

For more information, contact Tom Blanchard, fire plan facilitator, at (208) 788-4500, or Curtis Jensen, fire education and planning coordinator, at the Bureau of Land Management at (208) 732-7311.

### Republicans hold their annual picnic

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee will hold its annual Republican Picnic and Barbecue at 6 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Twin Falls City Park.

Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, Rep. Mike Simpson, and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne have been invited, along with state legislators from Districts 23 and 24.

The cost is \$8 per person or \$20 per table. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Chip-sealing project continues this week

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Highway District is working on a chip-sealing project for the next two to three weeks.

Road Work Ahead Construction Co. is conducting traffic control. Street sweeping will continue through Aug. 30.

Today's schedule:

- On 2300 East from 2500 North to 2700 North
- On 2700 East from 2400 North to 2500 North
- On 2700 East from 2600 North to 2700 North

- compiled from staff reports

# CAFO application gets denied

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - County commissioners have determined that a potential traffic hazard is serious enough to warrant the denial of a proposed confined animal feeding operation in Jerome County.

Yincet Treyes, who has raised baby calves at 200 W. 151 S. for several years, applied to expand his operation, to 696 calves. He currently is allowed to have a maximum of 300 on his property without a permit.

More than 20 neighbors opposed the expansion, covering common themes in their testimony during the public hearings: process, flies, noise, odors, the potential for property value losses and a diminished quality of life.

But in the end, surprisingly, it

was a traffic hazard on an adjoining county road that scuttled the application.

"To approve the permit would seem irresponsible," said Commissioner John Florioza.

The commissioners denied the permit Friday ending a month-long waiting game following the conclusion of the public hearings.

"Treyes says he buys baby calves and raises them to about 250 pounds before selling them. He began his operation with 150 calves.

Janet Brasil - who spoke on behalf of Treyes during the hearings because his English is limited - said Treyes planned to sell his animals when they reached sizes between 250 and 500 pounds. Brasil said Treyes planned to build a berm around his entire property to keep his waste contained.



For updates and further details on this story, see the upcoming edition of the North Side News, a Jerome-based newspaper affiliated with The Times-News. It is distributed each Thursday throughout Jerome County.

Treyes also would spray for flies, haul solid waste off the property and comply with all required setbacks.

Jerome County Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown warned the commissioners - that - Treyes' farm borders the A2 zone, where

homes are encouraged. Although Treyes' property is located in an A1 zone, where the county encourages CAFOs, the increased development of homes in the A2 zone would lead to inevitable conflicts between home owners and the nearby agricultural activities.

But the potential traffic hazard was the prevailing concern. Joan Edmonds, who drives the school bus on that route, told the commissioners "that stretch of road is definitely hazardous because of a small hill and limited view. Fourteen children get off the school bus in that immediate area."

David Thompson, who lives at 126 S. 200 W., said that because of the limited sight on the highway at the entrance to Treyes' farm, increased traffic from trucks associated with a CAFO will create a dangerous

situation.

County Commission Chairwoman Veronica Lierman said the potential traffic hazard was "such an overriding concern" she could not support the application.

The county mailed letters to every neighbor who lived within a 1-mile radius of the proposed CAFO and invited them to testify at a July 12 hearing.

Lee Halper, who lives at 331 S. 230 W., asked to testify but was denied the opportunity because he did not live close enough to the proposed CAFO.

Dean Embry, who lives at 223 Bob Barton Road and was allowed to speak, said he was concerned "that the operation would lower surrounding property values."

"Dairies always start small and grow," Embry said.

## THAT OLD-TIMEY FEELIN'



Library regulars Roger Juntunen of Rupert and Pat Withers of Burley discuss a display of local antiques at the Burley Public Library Monday. The exhibit is provided in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution's "Yesterday's Tomorrow: Past Visions of the American Future," which will be at the library through Sept. 28. Burley Junior High School today hosts events to kick off the library exhibit from 5 to 8 p.m., including a family rocket competition and a hot dog feed.

## Church builders get OK for camp on site

**THE TIMES-NEWS**

**TWIN FALLS** - Volunteer builders for a new building for Our Savior Lutheran Church got the City Council's blessing Monday to camp on the construction site until November.

Church officials have gone through the planning-and-zoning process and then had to approach the City Council in order to change an ordinance that does not allow people to live in trailers or recreational vehicles in the city unless they are in approved PV parks. The council tweaked an ordinance to accommodate volunteers who had traveled from out of state to help the Our Savior congregation build its new facility.

From now on, the city zoning administrator can approve temporary RV parks for on-site construction on non-residential lots for between three and 15 RVs. But the campground can only last for six months, and all the RVs must be connected to

centralized sewer and water services.

Also Monday, the City Council approved the following planning-and-zoning items:

- The splitting of a 4.5-acre lot in the 300 block of Grandview Drive North in the city's area of impact. But first the owners must lengthen the driveway so that it reaches the second lot after the split. In addition, the owners and the city must sort out the stipulations of an agreement with the previous

owner in regard to paving of that driveway.

• The final plat of Park View Estates, No. 4, which is approximately 6 acres located south of 400 block of Park Avenue.

• Annexation of eight acres located at the northwest corner of Harrison Street South and Pheasant Road. Devine Homes Inc. and Strand Inc. made the request in order to pursue the development of a future subdivision.

## County investigates fire mitigation plan

**BY TAMMY WALQUIST  
Times-News writer**

**RUPERT** - With temperatures soaring as the conclusion of summer approaches, fire season is in full swing. For people who live in high-danger areas, the conditions could be a matter of concern.

However, if a new fire plan is put into effect, the concerns for some people may be lessened somewhat.

The Minidoka County Wildland-Urban Interface Mitigation Committee met with Minidoka County commissioners and county fire chiefs Monday to present a draft of a fire danger mitigation plan. If put into effect, the plan could help better protect areas susceptible to wildfires. It could also aid the county in other ways.

**Involving the public**

The Minidoka County Wildland-Urban Interface Mitigation Committee is encouraging public participation in the adoption of its plan.

The panel will hold public hearings around the county Aug. 24-26, with details about times and locations still to be determined.

county applies for grant money, it will already have fulfilled the requirements of having a mitigation plan.

The study is being conducted by Northwest Management Inc. out of Moscow. Representatives from Northwest have been touring the Minidoka County Fire District to conduct community assessments. With information obtained from these studies, they have come up with recommendations to help lessen fire danger.

## Public defenders say they need more help

**BY CHIP THOMPSON  
Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** - The right to an attorney, regardless of ability to pay, is a vital safeguard built into the U.S. Justice system.

But what happens when public defenders become overloaded?

The question Public Defender Doug Whipple has been asking Cassia County commissioners recently.

increased caseload.

Cabrere offered the example of child abuse cases involving one mother and multiple fathers in which each party is entitled to a public defender.

"It's looming; it's there, and it's coming up more commonly due to changes in society," Cabrere said.

He also pointed to drug felonies that often involve multiple defendants.

"There may not be enough attorneys in the Mini-Cassia area," he said.

Whipple said the prevalence of methamphetamine has changed the complexion of cases as well.

"With marijuana cases, clients were much more mellow and cooperative," Whipple said. "With people on meth, it's a whole different ball game."

Methamphetamine users tend to feel invincible and be much less cooperative and more agitated, Whipple said, often making their defense

## Hospital takes steps to improve patient care

**BY SANDY MILLER  
Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - When it comes to improving patient care, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is already ahead of the curve.

The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of more than 150 public and private organizations that provide health care benefits, has come up with a list of things hospitals can do to improve health care and protect against medical errors.

"They include things as simple as washing one's hands to prevent infections to requiring pharmacists to review all medication orders to providing 'checklists' to high-risk patients."

"Some of these issues were actually already addressing at this hospital," Chief Executive Officer John Kee told the Hospital Board Monday.

For instance, the hospital implemented a number of new policies aimed at improving patient care. Magic Valley Regional:

- Implemented a "no-blame" policy to encourage hospital employees to report errors.
- Improved infection control techniques.
- Implemented high-risk medication protocols.
- Implemented a lift program.
- Engaged its physicians in the development of departmental quality indicators to create a culture around performance improvement and to compare to nationwide benchmarks.
- Developed standard "best practice" patient care protocols. Pneumonia orders are in place.
- Implemented a case management program.
- Plans are in the works to implement a computerized physician order entry system in 2006, which studies have shown reduces errors considerably.
- Next year, the hospital will have a computerized bedside medication system up and running. The hospital is also working on integrating records and outpatient reports so everyone will be on the same page when it comes to patient care.
- "You want to work so you don't have fragmented records," Kee said.
- In other action Monday the board approved a resolution to adopt hospital policies and to send them on to county commissioners for their approval. Kent Taylor, attorney for the hospital, said it was a routine housekeeping duty.
- In other hospital business, the board heard reports from the hospital's administrative, finance, quality, community relations and medical executive committees.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Authorities issued no terror alert for Vegas despite tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after the Sept. 11 attacks, the Justice Department obtained video surveillance tapes suggesting terrorists were targeting Las Vegas casinos, but authorities never alerted the public as they discussed whether a warning might hurt tourism or increase the casinos' legal liability, internal memos show.

effect on the Las Vegas tourism industry" if the Detroit evidence became public. Another memo states the casinos didn't want to see the footage for fear it would make them more likely to be held liable in civil court if an attack occurred.

off to see the tape. "The reason that he (the FBI agent) was given for the low turnout was because of liability. That if they heard this information they would have to act on it. It was extraordinarily unacceptable and absolutely outrageous," Convergino said.

Association will announce trade show location

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The three-year-old Out-Door Retailer shows and the millions of dollars they bring annually to this week.

Thursday start of the association's summer show at the Salt Palace.

main challenger for the show, three other cities on the association's short list are New Orleans, Denver and Orlando, Fla.

Governors from U.S., Mexican states gather

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Mexican and U.S. state governors announced an agreement Monday to improve security along their borders.

Advertisement for Real Estate services: "If the majority of self-made millionaires made it in Real Estate... why don't you have your IRA invested in it? Chances are you didn't know you could."

DEATH NOTICES

L. Wayne Mitchell HEYBURN — L. Wayne Mitchell, a 63-year-old Heyburn resident, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at his home.

Beverly F. Barnes TWIN FALLS — Beverly F. Barnes, 69, of Twin Falls, died Aug. 7, 2004, at her home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Basil "Duke" George MALTA — Basil "Duke" George, a 90-year-old Malta resident, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at his home in Malta.

Alan E. Marks TWIN FALLS — Alan E. Marks, 83, of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at his home in Twin Falls.

Ray Dean Clayton of Shoshone, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone, Idaho, 205 E. Fifth (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Nathan Wyatt Ramsey of Nampa and formerly of Filer, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Filer Cemetery (Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa).

Jaden Todd Smith HEYBURN — Jaden Todd Smith, 3-month-old son of Todd and Zattelle Hondo Smith, died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at his home from a sudden illness.

Kristina Swenson, 58, of Lakewood, Calif., service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Jacqueline Lee Conrad of Gooding, celebration of life at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding (Cremation Society of Idaho, Boise).

SERVICES

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

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

Arrangements will be made by the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service in Jerome.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com.

Leonard James Slegers - Jerome

Leonard James Slegers, 58, of Jerome, passed away on Aug. 7, 2004, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.



Dorothy Slegers: his three children, Laci (Pete) Everett, Nicole and Dusty Slegers, two brothers, George (Darlene) Slegers and Jake (Lori) Slegers, and one sister, Gloria Slegers. He is also survived by one grandchild, Gweneth Everett along with many nieces and nephews.

conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, with the Rev. Jeffrey Porter officiating at the First Presbyterian Church located at 262 East Avenue 7E in Jerome. No viewing is planned.

Nile L. Casten - Twin Falls

Nile L. Casten, 94, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, August 9, 2004, at SunBridge Care and Rehab.

worked for the Jerome CO-OP and Crematory. He went to work in Twin Falls for the Ida Gem Dairyman where he was the assistant manager. He retired from there in 1972. Nile was a 50-year member of the Laramie Order of Moose #305 in Bulli as well as a member of the First Christian Church in Twin Falls.

Pyallugh, Wash., and Neil Casten and his friend, Deena of Elko, Nev.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and five sisters.

Ski club will pay \$1.8M over water pollution

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A gated resort community near Big Sky that sells homesites only to multimillionaires will pay \$1.8 million in penalties and complete a string of environmental restoration projects to settle complaints that it violated the federal Clean Water Act, the U.S. attorney's office said Monday.

The Yellowstone Mountain Club, owned by developer Tim Blissett, was accused in 2001 of dumping dredge and fill material from a construction site into waterways and federally protected wetlands. Earlier this summer, the club settled separate state allegations that it dumped fill and dredge materials into a tributary of the Gallatin River.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Leif Johnson of Billings says the agreement was the end product of an extensive and expensive investigation into the allegations.

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# Singer to GOP voters: Reconsider

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Republicans don't have to change their party, but they should vote for progressive change, singer Carole King said at a Monday gathering of Ada County Democrats.

The Grammy Award winner said she took some time off from her "Living Room" national tour to stump for Democratic presidential candidates John Kerry and local party hopefuls.

King's album, "Tapestry," went golden in 1971 and remained at the top of Billboard's album charts for 15 weeks. The following year, she became the first woman to sweep the top four Grammy awards.

The Ada County Democratic gathering attracted several hundred people Monday night.

"I'm here because of the buzz," King said. "I went to Eagle today and met with people outside of Albertsons. They told me they're not having a bad day going on and even if they've been Republicans they're not going to vote that way."

King still calls the old Robinson-Kerr ranch near the Salmon River in central Idaho home.

She said she is troubled about the Idaho economy and its effect on rural areas. She pointed out that the Challis School District, which her home is located in, cut Friday from the school week last year to save money. Challis lengthened the school day by an hour to make up for the lost day.

## King's coming to town

Singer-songwriter Carole King is scheduled to speak on behalf of the Democratic Party at several stops in the Magic Valley this week:

- Gooding — 7 to 8:30 p.m. today to make out on Norma Morton's home, 904 Utah St.
- Jerome — 10 a.m. Wednesday at the North Park on Main Avenue East.
- Twin Falls — 6 p.m. Wednesday at City Park.
- Burley — 10 a.m. Thursday at the Wild Flower Cafe.



Carole King, 1970's pop-music icon and longtime Idaho resident, stands in Winstead Park in Boise on Monday, where she was appearing at an Ada County Democratic fundraiser.

Idaho has the distinction of having the most Republican Legislature in the nation. King produced a local newspaper article in which conservative legislators were named as the Committee Chairwoman Dolores Crow of Nampa said she wished she knew how to improve the state's troubles.

Crow has venged war for years on tax increases.

"I think our state is run by the Republicans," King said. "I fight now, things are stagnant. We need new blood. I feel my celebrity might get a few more people out to vote."

"You don't have to leave the Republican Party, but look at it with an open mind and be informed," King said.

# Kerry looks for Hispanic, Indian votes in West tour

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on the weekend left a coast-to-coast campaign tour, courted Hispanic and American Indian voters in states he hopes can give him a winning edge.

Kerry talked about health care, education and tribal rights through whistle-stops in New Mexico and Arizona. His wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, sometimes adds a few words in Spanish to the delight of the crowd.

Kicking off a late-night rally Sunday, Kerry pledged to invest in Indian health care.

"If there's anything that sort of resonates the far and wide and the confrontation with the truth in America, which is what elections are supposed to be about, it is what is happening to Native Americans in this country still," Kerry said.

The western trek marks the

second half of the Democrat's visits to battleground states from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The trip to Arizona is Kerry's third since the Democratic primary, evidence of a close battle with President Bush for its 10 electoral votes. In Arizona, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., campaign in New Mexico and Arizona on Wednesday.

Recent polls show Arizona tilts slightly in Bush's favor, but Kerry's campaign has adopted the state's Hispanic population could help shift the balance toward the Democrats.

"We're going to turn Arizona blue," said Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, referring to the color used on electoral maps for states that voted Democratic. Bush won Arizona in 2000.

Kerry's tour through Arizona includes a visit by helicopter Monday to the Grand Canyon.

The Democrats want to spend \$600 million over five years on park maintenance, staffing and programs. The spending would be paid for with increased fees on companies that buy mineral-rich government property or extract minerals from publicly owned lands.

Kerry's program for parks includes more stringent enforcement of clean air and water regulations, and a promise not to contract national park jobs to outside vendors.

The Bush campaign challenged Kerry's criticisms that the parks have been neglected during the Bush administration.

President Bush has provided record funding levels for America's national parks. John Kerry's misleading attacks are one more reason why he has a growing credibility problem," said Bush-Cheney campaign spokesman

Steve Schmidt. Kerry addressed Indian health and tribal issues during a visit to an intertribal ceremony, set under towering red cliffs in Gallup, N.M., near the largest American Indian population in the Southwest.

More than half of New Mexico's population is either Hispanic or Indian. Some of the tribal leaders boarded Kerry's train for a discussion about Indian issues.

Kerry also won the endorsement of Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr. "He has promised all Native America they will be sitting at the table," Shirley said. "Kerry is looking for American Indians to vote in large numbers and give him an edge over Bush for New Mexico's five electoral votes. Democrat Al Gore won the state four years ago by 365 votes, the closest margin in any state."

# Web site offers safe driving incentives

The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Transportation Department's Office of Highway Safety is sponsoring a Web site designed to promote safe driving practices among teens.

—XTRa.com—Teen Driver, which stands for "Xtra Training, Resources for Teens"—combines education and entertainment to prepare young drivers for their exams, help them better understand the principles behind Idaho's driving laws, and reduce the number of fatal or serious-injury crashes involving teens.

Idaho teenagers account for one out of every four car crashes, even though they represent a much smaller fraction — 7 percent — of the state's driving population, according to the office of highway safety.

The action-oriented site engages teens and offers the chance to win prizes while furthering their driver's education.

XTRa.com addresses serious issues such as seat belt use and impaired driving. It received national recognition last month from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

# University president: There will be no bias

—SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A direct descendant of Brigham Young and the former dean of the George Washington School of Law is settling into his new position as the University of Utah president.

Michael Young, 54, began his duties as the school's 14th president Aug. 2.

The California native has strong Utah ties. He's Mormon and a Brigham Young University graduate. That's not even mentioning his direct bloodline to Brigham Young, the revered LDS Church leader and architect of the state of Utah.

Michael Young says he is well aware of the perception that practicing Mormons face a bias from secular-minded staff and students.

"The signal from my office is clear: there is no anti-Mormon bias on this campus, nor is there a pro-Mormon bias," Young said.

He spent much of the past decade as a champion of religious tolerance and freedom on a global and national scale. Young said the things that bring people together are much more important than "silly and counterproductive" ones used to foster divisiveness.

"We are a state institution. We are not for any religion or against any religion," Young said.

"The signal from my office is clear: there is no anti-Mormon bias on this campus, nor is there a pro-Mormon bias."

—Michael Young, University of Utah president

Young says his No. 1 priority is strengthening the university's core mission: teaching and research. He said he was especially excited about the service and degree of that research and the businesses that have spun from it.

His plan is to enhance the school's research programs by getting the necessary resources to the leading professors, including buildings, laboratories and technical and administrative support.

His health sciences and fine arts departments are "world-class" and on par with those at the University of Michigan and the University of Texas, Young says, and the School of Business and philosophy department also are strong.

# Denver will decide future of circus visits

DENVER (AP) — Fifteen-year-old Heather Herman, who wears leather and eats meat, is an unlikely animal rights activist. Yet largely due to her, Denver voters will decide this week whether to allow the circus to come to town.

Herman contends the animals aren't meant to travel the country en route in train cars, padding for audiences on cue. Her push to petition for a law ensuring abuse-free circuses rather than just passing out leaflets took some supporters by surprise.

"I guess you get jaded when

you get older," said Ashley Soard, formerly of Rocky Mountain Animal Defense and now with Denver for Cruelty-Free Circuses.

"Her enthusiasm was contagious."

Herman, a high school sophomore, said she attended circuses as a child but recently became concerned about the treatment of animals.

She created a group, Youth Opposed to Animal Acts, started a petition and collected enough signatures to put the question on Tuesday's ballot.

The Ringling Bros. and

Bailey Circus has been performing in Denver since 1919, and the city's Barnum neighborhood is named after circus founder P.T. Barnum, who bought the area in 1882 as a winter respite for his show.

The circus has found itself the repeated target of lawsuits and criticism from animal rights groups.

The circus' parent company, Feld Entertainment, maintains Herman's initiative would strip the heart of its shows, and that notions of mistreatment of animals are misguided.

The committee sent out

# Green Party campaigns in northern Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Green Party presidential candidate David Cobb said he isn't a spoiler.

That was the message Cobb repeatedly gave Sunday as he spoke to a crowd of about 25 people at a public park.

"He is trying to gather the 10,000 signatures necessary to qualify for Idaho's ballot. Cobb says liberals should not to vote for Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry just to nullify their desire to oust President Bush.

"I believe the only way to change this country is to have the courage and vision to vote for what you want," Cobb said. "Many Democrats blame former Green Party candidate Ralph Nader for taking enough votes from Democrat Al Gore to help President Bush win the 2000 election. Nader is running

hard to build the growing Green Party.

In 1986, just 10 states had official Green Party organizations, and just 40 Green Party members had been elected to public office.

Today, 41 states have Green Party groups and more than 200 Green Party candidates have been elected, he said. Some of those at the Coeur d'Alene gathering were Green Party members, including Jim Green.

"There is that anybody-but-Bush and the people who hold the misguided belief that we spoiled Al Gore's run for office," Green said about the reaction he gets when talking to people about Cobb.

But Green said he stands firmly behind the values that Cobb does: democracy, protecting the environment, social justice and peace.

# Oregon officer faces lewd conduct charge

BOISE (AP) — The Payette County Prosecutor's Office has charged an Ontario, Ore. police officer with one count of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor in Idaho.

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Bobbi Richard said Monday that

Daniel Raymond Dillon, 30, had sex with the girl in Fruitland from 2001 through 2003. She was 7 years old when it began, Richard said.

Fruitland Police Chief Rick Skelly said Oregon State Police were the first to receive a call

about the crime, and when Dillon was taken in for questioning, he admitted to the charges.

Dillon has served on the Ontario police force for more than five years. The department declined comment on Monday.

# Help

Continued from C1. more difficult and time consuming.

Another problem is the lack of an investigative staff, meaning that public defenders have to perform their own investigations, Whipple said.

"Law enforcement is cooperative, but they're not our investigators," Whipple said.

Commissioner Clay Handy proposed that, since the relocation of the county auditor's office, space is available at the courthouse to set up a permanent public defender's office in the building.

"I would love that, but I don't know if it would work," Whipple said.

While having office space in the courthouse would be more efficient, the feasibility would depend on the details of the arrangement, Whipple said. One of those details would be the potential salary for a full-time public defender dedicated to Cassia County cases.

"If the salary was comparable to that of the head prosecutor, I'm interested," Whipple said.

But Whipple added that it's

difficult to compare the two positions. Many clients hire private defense attorneys, and public defenders do not provide legal counsel to the county, he said. On the other hand, the prosecutor's office has law enforcement to perform its investigative work.

Dave Haley currently handles all of Cassia County's felony cases requiring a public defender.

"I don't know how that would help us so much," Haley said, adding the proposal would be more efficient but that he would still need to maintain his current office.

Haley estimates that he and the other public defenders are handling two or three times the number of cases dictated by American Bar Association and American Civil Liberties Union standards for attorneys.

Not everyone agrees with those numbers, though.

"There is presently a dispute between the prosecutor and our office as to the number of cases we handle," Haley said.

But Haley said his record-keeping is accurate.

"Conforming with ABA

guidelines, it's not appropriate to take on more cases than we have now," he said.

Crabtree agreed but suggested the problem affects prosecutors and courts staff as well.

"On a given day, we have three-courtrooms going," Crabtree said.

"From my perspective, everybody's stretched out on both sides pretty tight."

Bollar said the courts are working to reduce the number of cases that go to trial and to offer the option of community service or work programs to alleviate overcrowding in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.

"I'm real glad we have the Mini-Cassia work program as an option," Bollar said.

Commissioners are expected to consider bolstering the public defender's staff before submitting the county's annual budget later this week.

Times-News writer Chip

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# Plan

Continued from C1.

One of the primary recommendations is continuation of the Red Zone program — a way of assessing fire risk to individual homes. It is administered with the use of fire alarms and basically identifies risk factors and gives ratings of homes.

While the program has been introduced to area firefighters, it has been pushed to the back burner in light of other projects. A training refresher course would need to be identified to reintroduce it, East End Fire Chief Larry Pool said.

Part of the idea behind mutual aid is building a relationship between federal

agencies and departments. The committee feels there is as much benefit in that as anything else," McGehee said.

County Disaster Services Director George Falkner explained that in the summer time fire personnel can easily hook onto people's wheel lines for additional water use, but in the winter it's a problem because farmers don't want to turn their pumps up high. The use of cisterns, ponds and the like would be more beneficial during that time.

The committee sent out public surveys to 240 residents around the county July 20. Responses received from the surveys are arriving and will be incorporated into the plan before the final document is given to county commissioners for their approval.

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IDAHO/WEST

# U.S. will allow longer visitations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexicans who have passed security checks will be allowed to visit the United States for up to 30 days instead of the current three-day limit, government officials said Monday.

The change, long sought by Mexican and U.S. border staff politicians, is a gesture that could help President Bush win support in the election battleground states of Arizona and New Mexico.

The 30-day limit will be available to Mexicans who hold so-called laser visas, which require background checks and other security measures, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, confirmed Monday.

The Homeland Security Department declined comment.

It was not immediately clear when the change would take effect. There will be no change to a separate rule that restricts Mexicans to traveling no more than 25 miles from the border.

Asa Hutchinson, the Homeland Security Undersecretary who oversees border and transportation security, planned a briefing Tuesday on immigration issues.

Politicians and businesses from states along the border with Mexico have pushed for longer stays for Mexicans as post-Sept. 11 security has tightened. The tougher enforcement has hurt border economies, officials say.

"We've also argued the United States discriminates against its southern neighbor because Mexicans are allowed to enter the country for up to six months on little more than proof of citizenship and can travel throughout the United States."

"Mexicans visiting with laser visas invest in our real estate, travel and support local industry," Cornyn said.

# Motel owner withdraws liquor petition

NAMPA (AP) — A move to allow Sunday liquor sales in Canyon County has been withdrawn.

The effort was led by Linda Thomas, the owner of local motel and convenience store in Parma.

Thomas says she withdrew her petition late last month after gathering only 800 of the required 11,000 signatures to put the issue on the November ballot.

New Idaho law allows local governments to decide whether Sunday liquor sales would be allowed either through an election or by a vote of the county commission.

Canyon County commissioners have said they would rather have voters decide rather than make a decision themselves.

Thomas says she doesn't know whether she'll try again.

# Salt Lake files murder charges against Hacking

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A first-degree murder charge was filed Monday against Mark Hacking, who allegedly caused the injuries that he shot his wife in the head and threw the body in a trash bin.

Lori Hacking's body has not been found despite numerous searches of a local landfill.

The charge against the husband carries a sentencing range of five years to life in prison.

A probable cause statement released Monday states that Mark Hacking told his brother after the killing that early on the morning of July 19, Hacking walked into the couple's bedroom and fired a single shot in his wife's head



Mark Hacking

with a .22-caliber rifle.

He then wrapped her body in garbage bags and put the body in a trash bin about 2 a.m. that day. He disposed of the gun in another bin and after cutting off the pillow top of the mattress, he put that pillow top in a third bin.

Hacking was also charged with three counts of obstructing justice, with each carrying a sentence of one to 15 years in prison.

Salt Lake County District Attorney David Yocum had the option of filing a count of aggravated murder against Hacking but the absence of Lori Hacking's body would have made it difficult to prove aggravating circumstances to warrant the death penalty.

Yocum also did not file a homicide charge to account for Lori Hacking's possible unborn baby.

The woman had told friends just before her disappearance that she was five weeks pregnant, relying on the results of a home pregnancy test. Police have not confirmed she was pregnant and can't do so without a body. She apparently did not visit a doctor.

Police have said they are confident in their case against the husband even without a body.

Mark Hacking, 28, reported his 27-year-old wife missing July 19. He said she had gone jogging at a downtown park and never showed up for work. But police later uncovered a series of lies by the husband, and said his wife likely never went jogging that morning.

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# Monument honors Utah Purple Hearts

HILL AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — A monument honoring all known Utah recipients of the Purple Heart has been dedicated at chapel of the Air Force Museum at Hill Air Force Base.

The structure is "a symbol of our gratitude and thanks to those who have shed their precious blood in the defense of our great nation," Tom Rodgers, head of the Utah Department of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, said at Saturday's dedication.

The red-granite monument is 53 inches high, 52 inches wide and 8 inches thick. It weighs 2.5 tons and cost almost \$10,000. It is now known how many Utah residents have been awarded the Purple Heart.

The monument is the effort of the national Military Order of the Purple Heart, which is trying to provide memorials in each state that can supply a fitting site.

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# COMMUNITY

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## Dinner honors World War II veterans

By Amy Ballard  
Times-News correspondent

**FAIRFIELD** — War stories were served up along with a meal at an appreciation dinner for World War II veterans at the Elmer Miller Legion Hall.

"I was with Patton in Germany at the end of the war," recalled Berle Riese of Fairfield over the roast beef dinner. He served in the 20th Armored Division from 1943 to 1945. "I was right in the middle of the Rhine River when World War II ended. We drank so much champagne we were drunk for two weeks."

Riese is sergeant at arms and 30-year member of the local chapter of the American Legion. His wife, Leona, has served as treasurer of the Legion Auxiliary for 10 years.

Like many Legionnaires, Riese is also a member of the Forty & Eight, which sponsored the event.

Founded in 1920, the honor

society is "the fun part of the American Legion," said speaker Ron Stockham of Fairfield. The name comes from the founders' experiences in France during World War II where small boxcars were used to transport 40 men or eight horses to the fighting front. Although the quarters were cramped, the men remembered to laugh at themselves. "Even the horses laughed," Forty & Eight lore says.

"I rode in one of those boxcars," Riese said. "I think every wheel was flat."

"It's nice to get reacquainted with folks we haven't seen in a long time," said Carl Anderson of Twin Falls in a brief speech of thanks to the hosts.

A recurring theme in the speeches was the dwindling number of World War II veterans.

"It's getting so there aren't many left," said Ilena Renfrow, a Legion Auxiliary member of

35 years.

As for participation in the Legion by veterans of more recent wars, Renfrow added, "It was always hard to get them involved. In things because of the reception they got when they came home. But now they're coming into their own a bit more and they are getting involved."

And there's a lot to get involved in. Not only does the American Legion provide benefits and advocacy for veterans, but it actively raises funds for causes, such as a nurses training program, which provides \$250 per semester to eligible nursing students.

At the close of the ceremony, Donna Behunin of Twin Falls read the names of 106 departed veterans. As she read, Auxiliary President Arlee Hupler, an Auxiliary member of 40 years, placed a poppy for each in a military helmet. The poppies were made by residents at the veterans' hospital in Boise.



Area World War II veterans were honored recently at a dinner in the Legion Hall in Fairfield. Legion members say they hope to make the dinner an annual event.

### OREGON TRAIL HONORS



Left, Oregon Trail Elementary in Twin Falls announced the 50 in a Minute Trophy winners in the second semester in the third grade; from left, first row: Riley Bywater, Kail Archibald, Lesliamar Partida, DeMar Lott and Sam Ross; second row: Erica Reeves, Haley Hutchinson, Stephanie Sanchez and Emma Stephens. Not pictured is Chance Vincent. Right, Oregon Trail Elementary 50 in a Minute Beyond Einstein Achievers in the second semester in the third grade are, from left; first row: Riley Bywater, Kail Archibald, Lesliamar Partida and Haley Hutchinson; second row: Emma Stephens and Sam Ross. Not pictured is Chance Vincent.

### TEACHER FAREWELL



Suzanne C. Pack's first-grade class at Kimberly Elementary School in Twin Falls threw her a surprise retirement party. Pack retired after teaching for 25 years.



Oregon Trail Elementary in Twin Falls announced 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for the second semester for first grade. They are, from left, first row: Chase Garten, Braden Luper, Lacy Harrington, Zoe Helms, Bradley Fells, Dillon Adams, Jacob Ray, Maddison Orr, Shelby Jensen, Michael Barnard, Ben Colman and McKenzia Gumb; second row: Alexis Sapeln, Chance Grandall, Jose Orozco, Rodrigo Martinez, Emily Ledezma, Whitney Whillean, Zachary Hatheway, Beau Sheen, Luce Urias, Arlyn Ounas and William Haugen; third row: Eddie Gomat, Bailey Blake, Casey Bradshaw, Nathaniel Baker, Angelia Mathison, Brooke Ali, Daniel Bunch, Teague Sweasy, Kaston Nielson, Marisasa Craig and Spencer Stephens; fourth row: Meghan Jones, Lacey Dowd, Katie Keller, Alex Sharp, Brittany Hymas, Rodolfo Rangol, Katie Bernard, Chantelle Brady, Jennie Nottle, Juan Vazquez and Ezekiel Melendez.

Oregon Trail Elementary School in Twin Falls announced its 50 in a Minute Ribbon winners for the second semester in the afternoon kindergarten. They are, from left, first row: Santana Flores, Isaac Torero and Luis Acosta; second row: Bella Mejia, Austin Thompson and Austin Taylor.



### STORK REPORT

#### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Dulsha Lynn Sherman, daughter of Jennifer Lynn Shoup of Shoshone, was born Monday, Aug. 2, 2004. Janet Alexa Murillo, daughter of Patricia and Jesus Angel Murillo of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004.

#### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Ashlynn Gayle Reynolds, daughter of Richard and Mandy Reynolds of Rupert, was born Saturday, July 31, 2004.

#### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Luis Alberto Zavala-Vargas, son of Maria Vargas and Eberto

To announce a birth send a copy of the birth certificate to: **Jami Whited**, The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. **Deadline:** noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. **More Information:** Call Jami at 735-3278

Bravo of Ketchum, was born Thursday, July 29, 2004.

Laura Xitlaly Molina-Gomez, daughter of Laura Molina-Chavez and Juan Molina Mendoza of Halley, was born Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.

Tegan Francis White, son of Sandra and Mark White of Halley, was born Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### M.V. La Leche League learns about nutrition

**TWIN FALLS** — The La Leche League of Magic Valley will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in the KNAV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The topic will be "Nutrition and Weaning." Interested women, pregnant women, mothers and babies are welcome.

For more information, call Judy at 733-9639 or Rosie at 736-1731.

#### Annual Jarbidge Days festivities start Friday

**JARBIDGE, Nev.** — The annual Jarbidge Days festivities will begin Friday with live entertainment, a large yard sale and craft booths.

The activities continue Saturday plus horse and wagon rides, vintage car rally and parade at

noon. Haft River Electric Super Safety Demo at 1 p.m. and Dutch oven cooking demonstration at 2 p.m.

The celebration will end with cowboy church at 10 a.m. Sunday with Pastor Bo Lowe.

The event is sponsored by the Jarbidge Community Association and the proceeds go to the maintenance of the Jarbidge Community Hall.

For lodging reservation or information, call Sue Heil at (775) 488-2325 or Dot Creech at (775) 488-2311.

#### Church watches kids, gives mom a break

**TWIN FALLS** — The First United Methodist Church, 350 Shoshone Ave. E., will watch children for free from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday to give parents a break.

The church will provide activities and snacks.

For more information, call 733-5872.

#### Women voters league views judicial video

**TWIN FALLS** — The League of Women Voters will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at Perkins Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd.

A 30-minute video will present the importance and ramifications of judicial independence. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Child care will be available.

The league calls itself a non-partisan organization that works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Membership is open to everyone age 18 or older.

For more information, visit [www.voteintwinfalls.org](http://www.voteintwinfalls.org) or call 734-8888.

#### Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club lists winners

**GOODING** — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its July 30 winners:

First: Max Thompson and Riley Burron; second: Jeanne McCombs and Beverly Reed; and third, Al and Frances Anglen.

Refreshments were served. The club invites bridge players to play at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. For a partner, call 834-8371.

#### Dilettantes hosts picnic in the park

**TWIN FALLS** — The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will host a picnic from 6-9 p.m. Thursday by the band shell at the Twin Falls City Park on Shoshone Street.

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Participants

should bring a blanket or chair, table service and a dish to share.

Guests with the last names starting with A-L should bring a side dish or salad and those with last names starting with M-Z should bring cookies or dessert.

#### Meteor shower begins tonight, view at dunes

**BRUNEAU** — The annual Perseid Meteor Shower will start tonight and end Saturday. According to BrunEAU Sand Dunes Observatory personnel, after midnight on Wednesday will be the best time to view and there should be about 60 falling stars per hour.

The observatory will have deep-sky viewing Friday night and will stay open until sunrise if viewers are interested. The night will begin with an astronomy program in the

multimedia theater. Doors will open at 8:45 p.m. with the program starting at 9 p.m. Seating is limited to 60, so a second program will be offered at 9:45 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults; children under age 6 are free. There is a \$4 vehicle entrance fee.

For more information, call (208) 366-7919.

#### Filer High School conducts registration

**FILER** — Filer High School will conduct registration from Friday in the school cafeteria, 3915 N. 2300 E.

Seniors will register from 7:30-9 a.m.; Juniors from 9:10-9 a.m.; sophomores from 10:30 a.m. to noon; and freshman from 1-3 p.m.

School starts Aug. 23. For more information, call 326-5944.



MORNING BREAK

Marriage didn't put stop to jealous fears

DEAR ABBY: "Innocent and Faithful in L.A." told you that she has been in a long-distance relationship with her boyfriend. Although she has been completely devoted to him for two years, he continues to accuse her of seeing other men because he has a "gut feeling" about it. She said he reads her e-mails, and she suspects he has hacked into her computer. She asked if there was "any hope" for their relationship.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

ously look into his behavior. I'll bet she'd discover he's doing exactly what he's accusing her of.

JANIE IN WASHINGTON I found out that I wasn't the first. He had been arrested six times for abuse.

DEAR ABBY: "Innocent" should run as far from that guy as she can. I once had a boyfriend who claimed that I treated everyone - including my pets - better than I treated him. He tried to tell me not to talk to my friends or my children's father. I drew the line when he told me I had to let his abusive cousin come to my apartment to visit.

things and get out, he hit me. It only happened once, because I stood up to him. I filed charges and he went to jail. That's when I found out that I wasn't the first. He had been arrested six times for abuse.

STANDING TALL IN DAYTON, OHIO DEAR STANDING TALL: You are lucky that you drew the line where you did. Some people are so insecure they cannot function unless they feel completely in control, regardless of how destructive that control may be to the object of their obsession. Once an emotional-and-verbal abuser becomes physical, it can escalate to homicide.

You advised her to keep the relationship long-distance or end it. Oh, how I wish someone had given me that advice before I married my husband.

I felt that if we were married, he would finally be secure and not accuse me of seeing other men. After our wedding, it got worse. It got so bad I would cross the street to avoid speaking to a former classmate. I couldn't even go into the grocery store without him.

After 25 years of marriage, and his wanting at least two affairs, he finally left me for

another woman.

SYMPATHETIC IN HARRISONBURG, VA. DEAR SYMPATHETIC: It may take counseling to help you recover from 25 years in emotional prison, but I'm glad to know that you're finally free. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Any time someone constantly accuses you of something (infidelity, lying, etc.) it is time to look into what that person may be doing. When we are constantly placed in the position of having to defend ourselves, we often don't take time to look into what the accuser may be doing. If "Innocent" were able to seri-

Englishman founded the Smithsonian Institution

This day in history: Nobody quite knows why James Smithson felt a kinship to the United States, since he had never even visited the American continent. Yet, when he died in 1829, he stipulated that his fortune go to the United States of America, to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.

The largest gladiator event recorded in ancient Rome was a victory celebration in A.D. 90. Featuring 3,000 combatants, the body count at the end of the day numbered 2,000 people and 250 animals.

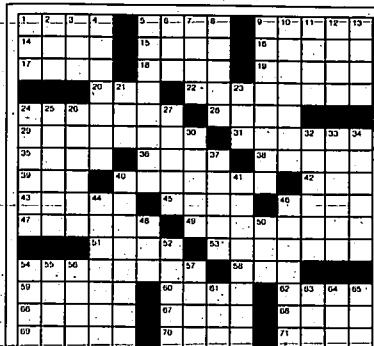
Reader Victor Georgiou notes that "pygmy" was a unit of measurement from ancient Greece based on the distance from elbow to knuckles. When explorers in Africa met tribes of short people, they named the tribes after that ancient measurement.

The term "B.O." for body odor was coined by an advertising

MAN IN 1919 to sell Odo-Ro-No, an early deodorant. The product may be gone, but the ad campaign lingers in the air.

Thomas Jefferson started a tradition of opening up the White House on inaugural day so the public could meet the new president. For 80 years, presidents-elect followed his example until 1885 when Grover Cleveland put an end to it.

In 1829, President Andrew Jackson had to take refuge in a hotel when 20,000 high-spirited citizens came to celebrate his inaugural. His aides finally lured the mob out of the presidential palace with wastebins filled with whiskey and orange juice.



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'Biography' considers Manson's lady friends

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West led a top diamond and switched to a trump to East's ace, aiming to prevent South from scoring any diamond ruffs. Back came the spade two. How would you have played the contract?

See what happens if you cross to a top heart to finesse in clubs. West wins with the club king and returns another heart, knocking out the last entry to dummy while the club suit is blocked. If you try a diamond to the jack next, West will be able to win and lead another trump, leaving you with just eight tricks.

Although East might have held the club king, Omar saw that there was no need to finesse in clubs. Instead he led the club queen from his hand (better than playing ace then queen of clubs, in case there was a ruff coming to the defense). West won with the club king and played another club, but the contract could not be beaten. Declarer simply drew the last trump, unblocked the remaining club honor from his hand, and crossed to dummy with a heart to discard a diamond loser on the club 10.

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**NORTH** 08-10-A  
♠ 9 8 7  
♥ A K 8 4  
♦ 6 2  
♣ 10 9 8 4

**WEST** 10-5 3  
♥ Q J 9  
♦ A K Q 10  
♣ K 7 5

**EAST** A 2  
♥ 10 7 6 3  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ 6 3 2

**SOUTH** K Q J 6 4  
♥ 5 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ A Q J

Vulnerable: Neither  
Dealer: West

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 2♦  
2♠ 3♦ 3♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond King

**BID WITH THE ACES** 08-10-B  
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