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Company issues water call

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer
BUHL — After recently answering an order that could curtail nearly 1,300 water users' rights, groundwater pumpers faced another obstacle on Monday after a prominent fish producer issued a water call.
Buhl-based Clear Springs Foods, Inc. made the call on delivery for water rights for two of

its spring-fed trout farms. The company's president and chief executive, Larry Cope, attributed Clear Springs' action to a 30 percent decline in historic water deliveries at the two farms due to groundwater pumping, changes in irrigation practices and the ongoing drought. Clear Springs' Snake River Farm has a 1965 water

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Droher issued an order in response to a call for water delivery levied by seven Magic Valley canal companies and irrigation districts on groundwater pumpers.
- **The latest:** Clear Springs Foods, Inc., petitioned the department for delivery of water rights for two of its four trout farms.
- **What's next:** Droher is expected to answer water calls made by Billingsley Creek Ranch and Blue Lakes Trout Co. in the near future.

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Army Pfc. Lyndia R. England arrives to testify in her court martial at Fort Hood, Texas, on Monday.

Groups launch ad war over filibusters

By Richard Simon Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The fight over federal judicial nominees shifts this week from Capitol Hill to America's living rooms, with interest groups escalating an ad war in an effort to swing senators' thumbs.

Progress for America, a conservative advocacy group, on Monday launched an ad targeting five Republican and five Democratic senators who are considered pivotal to whether the Senate changes its rules to prevent filibusters over some of President Bush's conservative nominees to the federal bench.

People for the American Way, a liberal group, is responding with an ad scheduled to begin running Tuesday in the same states portraying the filibuster — a parliamentary tactic in which senators talk as long as they want to prevent a vote — as an effective check against one party having too much power.

The group earlier this year sponsored an ad featuring perhaps the most famous, albeit fictional, filibuster — the one led by Jimmy Stewart in the movie "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

The blitz comes as prospects have grown that the Senate's GOP majority will try to bar use of the filibuster to block judicial nominees — a rule change that has been dubbed by some the "nuclear option" because of the political rancor it would cause.

Senate Republican leaders say Democrats have abused the filibuster to unfairly deny votes on 10 of Bush's nominees to federal appellate courts. Democrats respond that they have allowed votes on most of Bush's judicial nominees, blocking only those they regard as extremists.

Among the blocked nominees is William Myers III, a Boise attorney and current solicitor general for the Department of the Interior. His appointment to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco has been held up for almost two years. He has been criticized for his defense of clients in the mining and ranching industries.

It takes 60 votes to overcome a filibuster, under the rule change. Bush's judicial nominees would need just 51 votes to win confirmation.

The issue has gained importance because of the possibility that the U.S. Supreme Court seats soon might become vacant.

The Progress for America ad in an Alaska, Arkansas, Maine, Nebraska, North Dakota and Rhode Island.

HUBBLE TO HERRETT



Chris Anderson stands by the 24-inch telescope at the College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center for Arts and Science. It is the largest research-grade telescope in Idaho and one of the largest handicapped-accessible telescopes in the world.

Astronomer loves to teach

By Jill Michaels Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Astronomer Chris Anderson holds a variety of claims to fame. He reshuffles the list often, depending on the angle his sense of humor takes each day.

Case in point: "I've lived in all the 'I' states," he says. More serious in his eyes were the six years he spent on the ground team for the Hubble space telescope, based out of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

Anderson's stint there began

MAGIC VALLEY PEOPLE



a slice from local life

in 1988, two years after the Challenger space shuttle accident. Fifteen years later he still loves talking about NASA's eye in the sky — in his own unique (read "warped") way.

"We were Hubble's social secretary," he says.

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About Chris Anderson

Date of Birth: Nov. 22, 1962, in Milwaukee
Education: Bachelor's degree in physics, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana (1984). Master's degree in astrophysics, Iowa State University (1986)
Current Position: Faulkner Planetarium production specialist and centennial observatory manager, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho
Hobbies: Astronomy, caving, high-pointing, educating, film photography, talking, traveling, writing.

England pleads guilty in abuse case

The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — The photos were some of the most gruesome images to come out of the Abu Ghraib scandal: Pfc. Lyndia England was seen grinning, giving a thumbs-up, even pointing at a naked prisoner's genitals as a cigarette dangled from her lips.

On Monday, a soft-spoken England was in a military courtroom pleading guilty to mistreating inmates at the prison — the smile and cigarette replaced by tightly pinched lips; the balustrade painting replaced by arms held close to her side.

Wearing her dress green Army uniform, the 22-year-old Army reservist, from West Virginia, told the judge that she initially resisted taking part in the abuse at the Baghdad prison, but ultimately caved in to pressure from her comrades.

"I had a choice, but I chose to do what my friends wanted me to," she said, entering her plea a day before the start of her trial.

The charges carry up to 11 years in prison, but prosecutors and the defense reached an agreement that caps the sentence at a lesser penalty, the length of which was not released. A military jury will convene Tuesday to determine her punishment; she will get the lesser of the jury's sentence or the term agreed on in the plea bargain.

If she had been convicted as charged, she could have gotten 16 1/2 years behind bars.

The plea bargain settles one of the most prominent cases to come out of the Abu Ghraib scandal, which damaged the United States' reputation and sparked outrage against the United States around the globe.

England became a central figure in the scandal as photos emerged last year showing her and others sexually humiliating Iraqi prisoners.

One of the photos showed her holding a hooded, naked prisoner on a leash. Another showed her smiling and giving a thumbs-up next to a man whose arms were stacked in a pyramid. A third depicted England pointing at a prisoner's genitals as she smiled.

England said she replied, "No, no way" at first when a fellow soldier asked her to pose for that photo, she could have said "No," she said. "I knew it was wrong."

Experts say saving needs to be a priority for young adults

Jeffrey Berman, 24, shops at a Whole Foods Market, in Los Angeles on April 21. Berman tries to save money by going to the market instead of going out to eat and is in better financial shape than many of his peers.



The Associated Press

CHICAGO — At 24, Jeffrey Berman is in better financial shape than many of his peers. He has no student loans, thanks to his parents, and about \$1,200 in credit card debt, which he plans to pay off with his income tax refund. He also just started contributing \$85 a month to his 401(k) — an amount he considers paltry, but better than nothing.

Still, Berman knows he should be saving more money. And in a time when more companies are cutting pensions and Social Security remains a question mark, financial

experts would agree — especially as young people's debt from student loans and credit cards continues to skyrocket.

The twenty-something generation, more than any other generation, is going to be left to fend for itself," says Bill Suter, the St. Louis-based vice president of retirement and savings plans for the MetLife insurance company.

A recent survey of MetLife clients and employees found that 40 percent of workers ages 21 to 30 had not begun to save for retirement — and many young adults have little clue how to even begin doing so.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and mild. Isolated showers are possible by late in the day. Highs in the middle 60s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a few showers. Lows in the middle 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and mild. Showers will develop late. Highs in the middle 60s. Tonight: Periods of clouds and a few showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy, drizzle and occasional showers. Highs in the middle 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.

Have dry set of clothes handy as clouds and showers will be common over the next several days. Plan may change as snow at night, especially above 6000 feet.

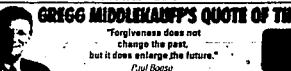
BOISE

Increasing clouds and cooling temperatures are expected over the next several days. Showers will become likely. Roads will become wet with standing water a possibility.

NORTHERN UTAH

Periods of clouds, showers and thunderstorms are expected over the next several days.

Yesterday's State Average: 61 at Lowell; Low: 25 at Stanley. Forecast: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with a few showers.



GRIGG MIDDLEMAN'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like Adelaide, Auckland, Buenos Aires, etc.

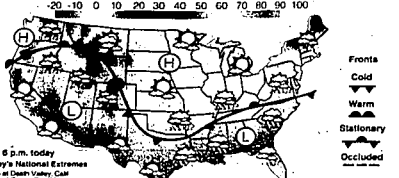
CANADIAN FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like Adelaide, Auckland, Buenos Aires, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Astronomer

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In other words, Anderson was tasked for the telescope's science planning and scheduling system. When scientists' proposals passed the cut and were accepted for scope time, they were broken down into a series of requirements. The scheduling unit's goal was to fit as many of those requirements as possible into every week, working around the constraints imposed by the earth, sun and moon as they intermittently blocked the observing target.

"When the good data came down, everyone started jumping up and down. I realized I just saw history being made. I got to be a part of that."

"He'll get kids excited about science. That gives him a glint in his eye."

So Anderson began applying for jobs in the planetarium field. He discovered an opening in Des Moines, Iowa. The science facility there boasted a new type of planetarium projector called Digistar, a technol-

ogy that allows for a fly-ing 3-D star show. Anderson decided to take a huge pay cut and move to Iowa.

A year and a half later, the Herrett Center in Twin Falls accepted Anderson's horizon. Anderson's "biggest" claim to fame is Jim Woods, the Herrett Center's director, says Anderson's enthusiasm is contagious.

"With astronomy providing his means of living, Anderson has made case exploration his first hobby. He was the founder and original chairman of the local speology club. Ironically he says, the best limestone grotto locations are not far from his old home in Baltimore. Idaho's lava tubes provide a different sort of caving experience."

Gannett Peak, located in the Wind River Range, is the most remote of the continental U.S. high points. Anderson says he hopes to scale it this summer, an adventure in itself.

"It's a two- or three-day hike just to get to it. It's an absolute gem. It's not well-known, but it's like a combination of Yosemite and Glacier national parks."

He can't resist adding yet another wilderness to his running circuit.

Advertisement for The Times-News spring fishing guide, including phone number 735-3350 and website magicvalley.com.

Water

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"Clear Springs Foods has been involved in negotiations for over four years with the state and other stakeholders attempting to craft a water management plan that would provide water for all water right holders," Cope said in a press release last year.

"A delivery water call made in 2003 by Bungeon Inc., for its water right dated 1962 had the potential to curtail 1,300 wells in Water District 130 opened not only by irrigators but also dairies and municipalities. Water District 130 lies in the Thousand Springs area including Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Blaine and other towns and areas of Cassia County. Late on Monday, a spokesman for Water Resources could not yet be reached to comment on the impact of Clear Springs' call.

Saving

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"It's impossible. No one teaches you what you're supposed to do," says Berman, who graduated from Syracuse University two years ago and now lives in Los Angeles where he works as an assistant to an entertainment studio executive.

Through high school, the student loan balance for Berman was low, says Catherine Williams, the Chicago-based vice president of financial literacy at Money Management International, a consumer credit counseling service. That caused many young people to have high expectations about their own financial futures — until reality hit.

One example of the financial pinch: Student loan balances for the average college graduate were \$18,900 in 2002, more than double the amount a decade earlier, even when adjusted for inflation, according to researchers at a non-partisan public policy group.

CORRECTION

Jerome resident misidentified. Roy-PreScott is the former Jerome county commissioner whose land might be used for a proposed coal-fired power plant. His name was misspelled in Sunday's newspaper. The Times-News regrets the error.

The water call comes just days after groundwater pumps in districts 130 and 150 — near American Falls — submitted a mitigation plan to provide 27,700 acre-feet of replacement water to surface users this irrigation season.

"It seems kind of late that they would make the call," Tomlinaga said. "We've got folks that are ready to farm. The Tomlinaga instructed most groundwater users to plan for a 20 percent reduction this year. Pumpers have been waiting for the director's order on outstanding water calls to decide whether they might be able to plant on the land Tomlinaga advised them to set aside. However, time is running out, Tomlinaga said.

"When you've had six years of drought, everybody's hurting," Tomlinaga said. "We're just trying to get by."

Dreher is expected to issue orders on water calls made by Billingsley Creek Ranch and Blue Lakes Trout Co. in the near future.

Clear Springs has suffered production decreases at both farms due to reduced spring flows, said Randy MacMillan, research and environment director for the company. The trout producer has determined losses for each farm. At the Snake River Farm, MacMillan estimates the company loses 30,000 pounds in fish production per each cubic foot per second of water loss. At the Crystal Springs facility, Clear Springs figures a loss of 20,000 pounds per cubic foot per second of water loss.

Cope called for a long-term management program that stabilizes the aquifer and provides for some long-term improvements. "A healthy aquifer is not only essential for the future of Clear Springs Foods but also for the economy of the Magic Valley and indeed the entire state," he said.

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debt will keep them from ever buying a home.

"If you're then what I know now, I would never have gotten myself into the debt that I am still struggling to climb out of," says Wilford, an aspiring author in Cape Neck, Maine, who works at an electronics store in Lowell and says he first credit card at age 16. He suggests that no one younger than 21 should have access to one. He and others say they also wish they had a chance to take classes that would teach them to better handle their finances at a young age — and how to think beyond short-term.

For Linda Dowd, a 24-year-old paralegal in St. Louis who plans to go to law school, it's hard to envision life beyond her immediate debts: "I don't sit around and think about when I'm 60."

She says it's more helpful to receive financial advice — namely from financial experts who've suggested piling a set amount of money into retirement accounts each month is much right now.

For Berman, the 24-year-old in Los Angeles, it took an honest review of his credit cards, which revealed that he was spending too much money eating out at restaurants.

"I remember that, I've recently started buying more groceries so he can cook for himself — not always an easy thing to do on his own."

"But if I don't start trying to save more now," he says, "when am I going to start?"

Psychiatrist says shooter tried to stop bad voices

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The man on trial in a series of shootings heard voices in his head that begged him for being a "wimp" who wouldn't stand up for himself, a psychiatrist testified Monday.

The voices would intrude for a day or even a week after Charles McCoy Jr. allegedly started dropping hand-drawn, multi-



Charles McCoy Jr.

plus off freeway overpasses and started shooting at cars, said Dr. Mark Mills, a psychiatrist who testified in legal aspects of mental illness.

McCoy's attorneys conceded he was behind 12 shootings that terrorized the Columbus area for months in 2003 and 2004, as well as about 200 acts of vandalism involving dropping lumber and bags of concrete off of overpasses.

However, the defense says McCoy did not know the acts were wrong because of untreated mental schizophrenia. He pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to aggravated murder and 23 other counts.

Knowing right from wrong was "close to being the farthest thing from his mind," said Mills, the defense's chief witness. "He was desperate to control his voices, those humiliating, humbling, hounding voices."

A prosecution psychiatrist concluded that McCoy did understand the shootings were wrong was scheduled to testify Tuesday.

Mills was convinced that his parents and police knew what he was doing because he believed he could read other people's thoughts and they could read his. He was tried to stop him, Mills said. "He would have thought, in his psychotic and disordered way, that was something that what he was doing was OK."

Prosecutors have said McCoy planned his actions and showed national thought by changing his shooting locations as publicity increased and fleeing when his parents gave police his guns.

Obesity increasing even among the more affluent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The more affluent they're thought to be, the more affluent are closing the gap. Obesity is growing fastest among Americans who make more than \$50,000 a year, researchers reported Monday.

"This is a very surprising finding," said Dr. Jennifer Robinson of the University of Iowa, whose study was presented at a meeting of the American Heart Association.

But it "underlines the whole complexity" of the obesity epidemic, she said.

For years doctors have known that the people most likely to be overweight have the lowest incomes. Fresh produce and other healthful fare can be expensive as well as less accessible than fast food and other high-fat options in low-income neighborhoods.

Just last week a report criticized the government nutrition program that feeds millions of low-income women and children for among other things, providing hardly any fresh produce and favoring high-calorie

Not just the poor

A recent study suggests that since the early 1970s obesity has increased in people of all income levels, particularly among the more affluent.

Obesity by income (in 2000 dollars)

INCOME	1971-74	2001-02
Less than \$25,000	22.8	32.5
\$25,000-\$39,999	16.1	21.6
\$40,000-\$60,000	14.5	20.3
More than \$60,000	9.7	23.0

SOURCE: University of Iowa research on National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys

juice over fruit.

But even as the nation's obesity rates have soared since the 1970s, disposable income has, too, and Robinson wondered what role the extra cash was having on waistlines.

She and graduate student Nidhi Maheshwari, who presented the findings, culled decades of data from the Na-

tional Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, one of the government's prime health databases, to compare obesity with family income.

In the early 1970s, 22.5 percent of people with incomes below \$25,000 were obese. By 2002, 32.5 percent of the poor were, they found.

Just 9.7 percent of people with incomes above \$60,000 were obese in the 1970s — a figure that jumped to 26.8 percent in 2002.

For purposes of comparison, all the income figures were adjusted to reflect year 2000 dollars.

Money for quality food aside, higher-income people are thought to be better educated and to have better access to health care, so such a link among them? In an interview, Robinson said no one yet knows. But she speculated that longer commutes, growing popularity of restaurants and possibly longer work hours since the 1970s are playing a role.

Some child molesters could face lifetime of GPS tracking

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Spurred by the killing of a 9-year-old girl, Gov. Jeb Bush on Monday signed a law imposing tougher penalties on child molesters and requiring many of those released from prison to wear electronic tracking devices for the rest of their lives.

The measure gives Florida one of the toughest child-sex laws in the nation.

The Jessica Lunsford Act was quickly drafted after Jessica's

death was discovered in March and was pushed through by lawmakers outraged that the man accused of killing her was a registered sex offender.

It passed both the Senate and House unanimously.

It establishes a mandatory sentence of 25 years to life behind bars for people convicted of certain sex crimes against children 11 and younger, with lifetime tracking by global positioning satellite after they

are freed.

Until the new law goes into effect Sept. 1, molesting a child under 12 is punishable in most cases by up to 30 years in prison.

Bush was joined by Jessica's father, Mark Lunsford, who wore a tie bearing pictures of his daughter and said he had been working so furiously on the legislation that he has not yet really grieved.

High court will hear recruiter case

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the 1950s and '60s, the free speech clashes between universities and the government often involved communism and Vietnam. Now it's gay rights.

The fight is between 31 law schools and the Pentagon.

The schools want to bar military recruiters to protest the "don't ask, don't tell" policy bar-

ring openly gay people from serving in the armed forces. The Pentagon says the schools must forfeit federal funding if they keep the recruiters out.

The Supreme Court said Monday it would settle the dispute in its next session, beginning in October.

Universities were hotbeds of dissent during the Vietnam War,

Jilted groom says he still would like to marry his runaway bride

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — The jilted groom whose bride-to-be ran away four days before their wedding still wants to marry Jennifer Wilbanks, saying, "Haven't we all made mistakes?"

"Just because we haven't walked down the aisle, just because we haven't stood in front of 500 people and said our 'I do's, my commitment before God to her was the day I bought that ring and put it on her finger and I'm not backing down from that," John Mason said Monday in an interview with Fox News' Hannity & Colmes show.

It was Mason's first public statement since he learned on the morning of his scheduled wedding day that his fiancée had gotten cold feet.

As her family and friends



John Mason

feared the worst, police say Wilbanks cut her hair and took a Greyhound bus to Las Vegas to back out of a lavish, 600-guest wedding that was planned for Saturday.

She then went on to Albuquerque, N.M., where she eventually called Mason and police from a pay phone at a 7-11, saying she had been kidnapped. She later said simply a case of cold feet.

Mason said he has given the 32-year-old Wilbanks her ring back — she had left it at the house, and said they still planned to marry.

But if Mason is ready to for-

give the jittery bride, authorities are still undecided.

The mayor said Monday she is looking into the possibility of suing Wilbanks for the estimated \$100,000 cost of searching for her.

"That option would have to be approved by the city council. The groom's father, Claude Mason, is a former mayor of Duluth and a local judge."

"We feel a bit betrayed and some are very hurt about it," Mayor Shirley Lester said.

She added that they want to hear from Wilbanks' family, to see if perhaps there was a good reason for the woman's disappearance. "I would love to hear from the family and know there might have been a problem and know we should work with this lady on some recourse other than legally."

House, Senate reach deal on licenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate negotiators on Monday accepted a House plan to make states verify that driver's license applicants are U.S. citizens or legal immigrants but softened House-proposed changes in asylum laws.

The immigration measures are part of a bill to pay for continuing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Still unresolved was how much more money to spend on border security. The legislation won't be final until the House and Senate vote on it. The House could take it up later this week but the Senate won't vote until after it reconvenes May 9.

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MORNING BREAK

Sagittarius: Get by on your charm and good looks

IF MAY 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: A lackadaisical attitude will eventually give way to a powerful urge for success in the year ahead. This spring and early summer sensitivity to outside influences could mean it is wise to take special care of your health. Late July or early August may bring just the opportunity you have been wishing for. Hobbies or extracurricular activities may make you more ambitious and by the fall you will be in the grip of a grand passion. It could be new love or a career move that tantalizes your interest in the year ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Acting independently could seem inconsiderate and irritate others. Count to three before you insist on having your own way. Accept sudden changes of schedule with good grace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your easy-going ways could be challenged if you perceive injustices or are subjected to a radical change of pace. Be patient and deal with minor emergencies with poise and sophistication.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Play the diplomat. New acquaintances could test your abilities, so act professionally even in the most unusual places. A big payoff could come from someone you admire

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your skills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Adopt a kitten, recycle plastic bags, plant a tree, or put birdseed out for your feathered friends. Somehow you need to act on humanitarian goals and do some good for Mother Earth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep outrageous views under your hat as stirring up controversy could create hard feelings. Your high-minded ideals are well meant, but the manner in

which you express them needs work.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be accurate to a fault when counting money and stay on your toes in social situations. The fewer pennies spent, the better. An economy of words will get you past personal hurdles, as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Overlook agitation among co-workers or friends and don't ruffle your feathers if things don't go as planned. The wisest bird concentrates on work and flies far away from debates.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Warm and friendly attitudes save the day. Push hard on career matters and put your

passions to work in money-making activities. Steer clear of controversial issues in public places.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go ahead—get by on your charm and good looks. You may have better judgment than you think you do. Air your views, but hold off on important decisions and agreements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People will admire your cool reserve and wry sense of humor. Generosity is a wonderful trait, but don't let cash slip through your fingers. Strive for accuracy with the small things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A little playfulness adds to your attractiveness, but don't push

your luck if others are busy or in a hurry. Act like a mature individual in serious situations and let your hair down later.

FISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Disputes or sudden emergen-

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Czech writer coined the word 'robot'

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RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS

Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

This day in history: On May 3, 1871, National Geographic premiered "All Things Considered."

Something resembling the Golden Rule first came from Confucius (551-479 B.C.). He said, "What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others."

Here are Egyptian queen Cleopatra's beauty secrets: Lead ore on her eyebrows and around her eyes; blue "Lapis lazuli" on her upper lips and green copper ore on her lower red ocher on her cheeks; and henna on her palms.

Despite all of this, much evidence says that Cleopatra wasn't very attractive. Pictures of her on coins make her look something like Robin Williams in drag, but she's said to have had a beguiling voice and a great personality.

In 1731, the first public library in America opened its doors, thanks to the work of Ben Franklin.

Albert Einstein was a physicist and mathematician teacher. He said, "Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school."

If you're an art teacher, you should know that St. Luke is the patron saint watching over you.

Edgar Allan Poe only received \$10 from the New York Mirror for "The Raven" when it was published in 1845. Allowing for inflation, this still only amounts to \$178 in today's money.

You may have heard this, but it bears repeating. Mark Twain not only was born on a year Halley's Comet flew past, he predicted accurately that he'd die the next time the comet passed by 76 years later.

English people have long loved that black cat are "lucky" — especially for brides.

How about this for an unlucky coincidence? The Secret Service was established by President Abraham Lincoln the morning before he was assassinated.

Chicle is the dried sap of the sapodilla tree.

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COMMUNITY

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A social gathering

Salmon Social Club marks 100 years

By Jami Whitte
Times-News writer

HOLLISTER — The Salmon Social Club's second bylaw states exactly its purpose: "...to promote sociability and the mutual improvement of its members." That's something members of the club say has kept them coming back for more.

Members, former members and guests met April 7 at a local restaurant to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary. There are currently 16 members, ranging in age from 34 to 100.

"We have two mother/daughters and a couple of ladies whose deceased mothers and aunts were in it," said Jeannine Barney, a member.

Every month, the women gather at someone's home and share things that happened during the previous month and have a roll call discussing the month's theme, such as a favorite movie.

This is the best group of

friends people could have," said Elaine Beeson, who joined in the 1930s.

While the club used to donate to various community projects, it is now more of a social gathering. But members still help each other in times of need. When a member is ill or a loved one passes away, the others help with housekeeping, laundry and dinners.

While Barney read from an article she'd written on the club's history, members quietly remarked, "I remember that such as at preparing school lunches for the Alendale School in the 1920s, or about a 1948 letter to Congress requesting more sugar for home canning."

While there have been changes, during meetings there's lots of talking and a little bit of business.

"Same as the way it started," Beeson said.

Members laughed over stories of the neighborhood ways they helped each other.

"One time, a member re-

called, "there was a field of beans that needed thrashing and the next morning there were five trucks out there and they wouldn't take money for it."

Sometimes, the workers would forget to tell their neighbors they were coming, sending the women into a flurry to kill, clean and cook a bunch of chickens to feed them.

Various members recalled moving to the Salmon Tract area and immediately feeling welcome; anytime they needed extra care, they knew the club would be there.

Scrapbooks with beautiful hand-written script have detailed the club's beginnings until now. A list of members, club gatherings, photographs, news clippings and hand-made programs and drawings decorate the pages, and a sense of nostalgia comes to mind.

"People don't visit as much as they used to," Beeson said. "We're a very close-knit club. Having lived out here for so



Courtesy of SEARANGE BARNEY
Above, Salmon Social Club members in April 1942: Velda Taylor, Pearl Campbell, Lillian Drown, Mildred Nelson, Geraldine Williams, Ole Butler, Esther O'Dell, Marine Nelson, Nina Handy, Kitty Bellville, Mildred Fuller, Edith Thelton, Ethel Martell, Joanna Davis and Lula Farrar.

JAMI WHITTE/For Times-News
Members of the Salmon Social Club met April 7 to celebrate 100 years.

many years, we have problems that town people don't have so we can relate to each other's needs and help each other out."

FUTURE GRADS

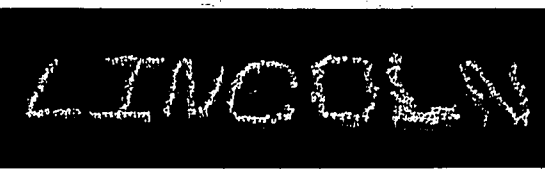


Photo courtesy of Lincoln Elementary School

Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls is encouraging their students to think ahead to high school graduation. So, the school provided each student with a white T-shirt with their year of graduation printed on the front as a constant reminder of the year they will receive their high school diploma, school officials report. On April 8, all of the students wore their T-shirts as a kick off to stress the importance of school. Banners over the doors also welcomed the graduating classes. Each student also helped by paying \$2 toward the cost of their T-shirt.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Caine Christian Overlin, son of Angela Darlene Schafnitz of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005.

Chloe Hazel Farbaugh, daughter of Sarah Louise Maranga of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 27, 2005.

Carmela Marie Estrada, daughter of Faith Marla Ramirez of Jerome, was born Thursday, April 21, 2005.

Benjamin Brody Montalvo, son of Rachel Eleonore and Matthew Zach Montalvo of Twin Falls, was born Friday, April 22, 2005.

Zachary Jameson McIntyre, son of Michelle Lee and Jeremy John McIntyre of Jerome, was born Wednesday, April 25, 2005.

Madilyn Renee Abramowski, daughter of Randi Lynn Whitesides and Justin Craig Abramowski of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 25, 2005.

Kira Jamie Hansen, daughter of Erin Yvette and Nolan Jay Jennifer Coronado-Mota, daughter of Maricela and

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whitte, The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to: 734-5528. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.

More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Jalme Gustavo Coronado of Wendell, was born Wednesday, April 27, 2005.

Shelby Ann Deagle, daughter of Melissa Jones and Shaun Ray Deagle of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday—April—27, 2005.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Kierra Jade Nalag, daughter of John and Renee Nalag of Buhl, was born Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

Alden James Miller Clark, son of Collin and Amanda Clark of Twin Falls, was born Friday, April 29, 2005.

Sean Matthew Dooley II, son of Sean Dooley and LaDonna Whisenhunt of Shoshone, was born Saturday, April 30, 2005.

Pilar Delya Hurtado, daughter of Luis and Malm Alberto Hurtado of Jerome, was born Wednesday, April 27, 2005.

Olyvia Leigh Anderson, daughter of Timothy and Christina Anderson of Wendell, was born Friday, April 29, 2005.

Red Fish Laké, hike/scavenger hunt, dance, skits, games, T-shirt painting and more. The cost is \$100, which includes transportation, food and lodging.

For more information, call Teresa Tverdy at 734-9590, Jennifer Zollinger at 324-7578 or Marie Bucam at 934-4417.

Minidoka Memorial honors volunteers

RUPERT — Volunteers were recognized by Minidoka Memorial Hospital Volunteers for their contributions to the organization.

Shirley Corbett was honored as the volunteer of the month for January. She has logged more than 600 hours of service. She works at the

information desk and assists in the volunteer office.

Mae Bubel, honored as February Volunteer of the month, is a past president, chair and officer and was selected volunteer of the year for 2004. She serves in the Extended Care Facility and has logged more than 10,000 hours of service at the hospital.

Genevieve May was selected volunteer of the month for March. She serves as a committee chair and assists at the information desk.

She has provided more than 11,600 hours of service to the hospital and was selected as volunteer of the year in 2003.

Shoshone team brings home state medals

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone High School Academic Decathlon team was awarded fourth place at the state meet March 11-12.

Senior Lindsey Henson was awarded a silver medal for second best overall score in the small school division, and a gold medal in interview and bronze in music, math and essay.

Zada Dains was nominated for the national Kristin Caperton Award, which will be announced at the national meet this month in Chicago.

Seniors Christina Geddes received gold in interview; Davis Engman, gold in Super Quiz, silver in art and bronze in interview; and Brock Aslie, bronze in speech.

Juniors Carl Dayton earned a gold in essay and silver in speech; Karla Davis, silver in speech and music; Zada Dains, gold in essay and bronze in social science; Michael Brum, gold in social science and bronze in math; Chelsea Guenechea, bronze in math; and Jessica Conklin, silver in Super Quiz.

Sophomore Rob Merrick took home a bronze in Super Quiz and freshman Ian Ingram a silver in Music.

Also competing were Anna Geddes, Jessica Connell and Grisdella Zavala.

Sign up for 4-H camp

KETCHUM — "It's a Jungle out There" is the theme for the 2005 Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding 4-H Camp, June 13-16 near Ketchum. Non-4-H members are also encouraged to attend.

Activities will include archery, leather craft memory books, campfires, carnival



The award-winning Shoshone High School Academic Decathlon team.

Photo courtesy of Shoshone High School

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DeMolo announces Mother's Day dinner

JEROME — The Snake River Chapter DeMolay third annual Mother's Day dinner and silent auction will be held Saturday at the Jerome Masonic Lodge on First Street. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10 for an adult. For children, the cost is 15 percent of the total adult tickets purchased.

Admission includes a ticket for the silent auction, a gourmet dinner and dessert bar and \$100 in DeMolay Dollars for the live auction.

All proceeds from the auction will help "Special Blessings," the chapter's service project to provide cribs, bassinets and/or blankets for people.

For tickets, call Greg at 324-7362 or call at 324-7198.

'Singing Janitor' raises money for Rupert pool

RUPERT — "The Singing Janitor" will present a benefit for the Rupert swimming pool at the Mother's Day Community Dinner at the High School auditorium, 292 W. 100 S., Rupert.

Donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information or to donate, call 436-0407.

Senior center holds Mother's Day dinner

BURLEY — The Golden Heritage Senior Center is having a Mother's Day Community Dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at 2421 Overland Ave.

The cost is \$8 per person or \$12 per couple. The meal includes a ham dinner, potatoes, vegetables, salad, roll, dessert and beverage.

For more information, call the center at 878-8646.

West Magie Club holds mom's day breakfast

SHOSHONE — The West Magie Lake Recreation Club, 960 W. Magie Lake Road No. 14, is having an adopt-a-highway program at 10 a.m. Saturday at the club area.

A Mother's Day Breakfast will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday at the club deck. A general membership meeting will begin at noon.

For more information, call 487-2288.

Nature discussed at Hagaman Fossil Beds

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will present "A Sense of Place," free at 2 p.m.

Saturday at the Visitor Center on State Street.

A representative from Red Willow Research Inc. of Twin Falls will discuss nature and how it can meet human needs. For more information, call 837-4793, ext. 5227.

M.V. Singles Square Dance meets tonight

JEROME — The Magie Valley Singles Square Dance Club is having a regional dance from 9 p.m. today at the American Legion Hall.

Dancers with names beginning in H through O should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Vera Young at 734-4647.

Bliss School registers for kindergarten

BLISS — The Bliss School Dis-

trict is having a kindergarten pre-registration from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the school, 601 E. U.S. Highway 30.

Children who will be age 5 by Sept. 1, can register. Students attending preschool do not have to register.

The school is also having a child find for children ages 3 through 21 who may have learning disabilities.

To schedule an appointment, call Penny Morrison at 352-4445.

Dietrich students go to work, present play

DIETRICH — Dietrich School ninth through 12th grade students are offering to work for people Friday for eight hours to raise money for classes and student activities.

Students must have parent or guardian permission. The mini-

mum wage is \$40.

The school drama department is performing, "Treachery at Cartilage Creek" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

To hire a student or for more information about the play, call the school at 544-2158.

Baked food sale benefits Relay for Life Saturday

WENDELL — Simerly's is holding a baked food sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 280 S. Idaho St.

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

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EDITORIAL

Cities should make water conservation mandatory

Magic Valley cities that are changing residential water usage deserve enormous credit. Nowhere else in the state — not even in Treasure Valley, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, or Blackfoot — are local governments passing ordinances to conserve with watering schedules.

But if local cities want residents to get the message, they may need to make water conservation a mandatory duty, not just an optional one.

As the summer of 2005 approaches, local cities are ramping up their water sprinkling regulations across southern Idaho. Twin Falls, Gooding and Shoshone are three city governments that are continuing residential water controls introduced last year.

Our view: Education and the threat of fines are the best way to make residential water users conserve.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

By educating homeowners about the merits of water conservation — albeit with the possibility of civil fines — the cities are nudging their residents into the 21st century. Water is a finite resource that is rapidly evaporating through drought and enormous growth throughout the West.

Compared to other states such as Arizona, Nevada and Utah, Idaho is a latecomer to the conservation game. But even if the state's drought policy improves, don't expect water schedule ordinances to be a thing of the past.

"From the city's standpoint I'd say the policy is here to stay," Courtney said. "We probably have overused water for years, and primarily in the irrigation of lawns."

Other Idaho communities need to follow that lead and make conservation programs mandatory. It's time we all recognized we need less water than we actually use.

Bill Frist should have taken the deal. Last week, the Senate Democratic leader, Harry Reid, made an offer to head off a nuclear confrontation by accepting nominations. Reid offered to allow votes on a few of the judges stuck in limbo if the Republicans would withdraw a few of the others.



DAVID BROOKS

But there was another part of the offer that hasn't been publicized. I've been reliably informed that Reid also vowed to prevent a filibuster on the next Supreme Court nominee. Reid said that if liberals tried to filibuster President Bush's pick he'd come up with five or six Democratic votes to help Republicans close off debate. In other words, barring a scandal or some other exceptional circumstance, Reid would enable Bush's nominee to get a vote and probably be confirmed. Reid couldn't put this offer in writing because it would outrage liberal voters. But Reid said he'd think about it, but so far he's let it drop — even though clearing the way for a Supreme Court pick is one of the GOP goals in this dispute.

Speculation about why Frist has let it drop goes in different directions. Perhaps he didn't know if the court trust Reid to make good on his promise. Perhaps he didn't think he could sell this agreement to his own base without publicizing this private part of the deal. Perhaps he wants to keep this conflict going to solidify his support among social conservatives for his presidential run. Perhaps he believes as a matter of principle the judicial filibuster must be destroyed.

At any rate, it's now more likely that Republicans will go



ahead and change the filibuster rules, and Democrats will begin their partial shutdown of the Senate.

But Frist should have grabbed Reid's offer. He should have done it, first, because while the air is thick with conflict predictions about who will happen if the nuclear trigger is pulled, nobody really knows. There is a very good chance that as the battle escalates, passions will surge, the tattered fabric of professionalism will dissolve, and public revulsion for both parties will explode.

If you are leading one of the greatest democratic institutions in history, it's your responsibility to lead it into this bloody unknown if a deal on the table will give you much of what you want. As one senator who supports changing the filibuster rules says, "Is this what you want on your job?"

Second, Frist should have grabbed this offer to ease it's time for senators to re-establish the principle that they, not the outside interest groups, run the Senate. Right now, most senators want to avoid a

meltdown. It's the outside interest groups that are goading them into the fight.

Of course the groups want a fight. The activists get up every morning hoping to change the judiciary, dreaming of total victory. Of course they're willing to sacrifice everything else for that cause. But senators are supposed to know that serving the interest groups is not the same as serving the people: It is serving a passionate but unrepresentative minority of the people. At some point, leaders are supposed to stand up to maximalists, even the ones they most agree with.

Finally, it's time to rediscover the art of the backroom deal. There are two ways the Senate can work. The Senate could be a legal battleship in which the two parties wage all-out struggles to rig the procedures so they get what they want. In this model, the Democrats would go on abusing the filibuster until the Republicans intervene through procedural changes.

Or the Senate could be the home of informal arrangements. In this model, leaders of the two parties would get to-

gether — yes, often in secret — and make reasonable bargains. They would rarely settle things on pure principle, but they'd hope for agreements in which each side achieved a portion of its goals. They wouldn't try to decide one and for all whether the filibuster was good or evil. They'd allow it, within reason. This backroom deal-making model went out of fashion after Watergate, but it is much better than what's come since.

The deal Reid was heading toward, and the deal that other senators like Sen. Nelson are still working toward, would give Democrats some say over confirmations. But it would give Republicans up or down votes on most nominees, including the big ones, for the Supreme Court.

Sometimes statesmanship isn't a noble combat. It's just a clever wink and a prudent nod. It's just possible that Bill Frist and his colleagues might leave something to learn from the spirit of Henry Clay.

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Family feels heartbreak after dog is shot

On the Morning of April 8, I was reading in *The Times-News* an article about "shooting rampage leaves two dead." A man carrying a normal-caliber shotgun shot and killed two people and left four wounded. His reason was he simply wanted to shoot people.

When folks someone make a decision to simply end life? I wonder how he started killing. Maybe he started killing neighborhood dogs and progressed to humans. I wonder if he did it just because he could. How can one person decide if a human or animal should live or die?

I'm sure Mike Telford's family has a lot of questions why, because the same day, a couple of hours later, I read in the *Times-News* that the neighbor simply decided to shoot and kill their family's pet dog. A very friendly, smart, orange-colored dog, a dog that always made time to greet me and 25 plus workers at the farm every day. The same people the dog greeted daily stood helplessly in horror, watching as this man shot at least three times, ending this dog's life within yards of us.

The next day I asked Mike if he was going to do anything about what happened. Mike's reply: "He's my neighbor. I farm next to him, we watch his children and live on the same church. There's nothing I can do to bring our dog back, he was my buddy. I just try to live my religion." Good for you, Mike. It's too bad your neigh-

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bor's views aren't the same. I know one thing, I will miss my daily greeting by a very friendly dog I loved very much. My heart goes out to Jared Telford when he comes home from his mission to find that his neighbor simply decided his dog would not greet him home at the end of the long drive.

I'm very glad I didn't know the likes of Lamont Norman or Telford's neighbor.

There are laws against the killing of animals. This dog was just standing doing nothing wrong when he lost his life, the same way his mother and father died, by the same neighbor.

So much for good neighbors and country living.

I know some of Mike's neighbor's family, and I hope they are as smart as his actions. I know I would be.

CONNIE HARKNESS
Heyburn

JACK GOODMAN
Buhl

LETTERS

always find something not to his satisfaction and make me do it over. I learned that if I crumpled up a piece of paper and threw it on the floor when I was through each night the manager would see it during the inspection tour, so I usually toss it to pick it up, and I could then be on my way.

Could it be Wal-Mart is employing the same tactic in dealing with our city? The city zoning department recently turned down a special-use permit for an in-house tire store at the proposed Wal-Mart location in Twin Falls. Surely Wal-Mart, with all its legal staff and local well-greased, knows the rules about the proposed location. Is it going to now say, "OK, no fire store," and expect to receive a rubber-stamp approval from a city grateful for its cooperation?

Credit is due the city staff for standing up to the giant and its local minions by saying no. Let us hope that city hall is not using the same tactic as I did in my youth to appease the community, while their minds are already made up to allow the juggernaut to roll into our town on its wheels of destruction.

JACK GOODMAN
Buhl

Observe closely how children learn to walk

Have you noticed how when you stand still for some time, you end up with a lower back ache? You might be a gripper. People who didn't inhibit certain baby reflexes are grippers

when they are adults. They often have backaches, sore knees and aching hips. It is important that all parents know about the baby reflexes and the consequences if their baby doesn't inhibit them when he or she is 6- to 8-month-old. Baby's reflexes still curl when he puts weight on his feet, he isn't ready to walk.

If he walks on his tip-toes, the parents should try to get the parents to monitor the baby. Gently brush the baby's foot when you cuttle him with his knees bent. All babies should walk with straight toes and feet straight ahead. It is the bright, very active baby who wants to do everything right now who is in danger.

You can notice people who are grippers. They walk with their feet turned out or in or their ankles roll in, they stand with tight knees, they have stiff shoulders and sway back. Many have a habit of clenching their hands or gripping their teeth and holding their breath. As they get older, their bodies tell them. All this constant tension and abuse causes pain.

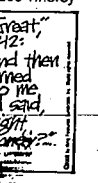
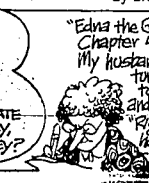
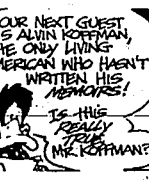
I wrote a book, "For a More Perfect Baby" through Freedom of Movement. It was copyrighted in 1972. I taught it at the College of Southern Idaho for several years. What I didn't teach was the consequences of not inhibiting the baby reflexes. Now I see the consequences in the grippers. All this must have been prevented. Do you want your baby to be a gripper?

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By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

You've got to give Bush points for bold honesty

MICHAEL KINSLEY

Question: Is the poll troubling?
The president? Polls? You know, if a president tries to govern based upon polls, you're kind of like a dog chasing your tail. I don't think you can make good, sound decisions based upon polls. And I don't think the American people want a president who relies upon polls and focus groups to make decisions for the American people.

President Bush's Thursday news conference
The comic high point of President Bush's prime-time news conference Thursday evening was this muddled discussion on how the American people don't want the president to do what polls say the American people want the president to do.

"This could be simple nonsense — an unfortunate combination of two rhetorical devices treasured by politicians of both parties, but best kept a few paragraphs apart. One is the insistence that you don't follow the polls. The other is substituting the phrase "the American people" for the word "I" in sentences like "The American people demand immediate passage of HR 5712, the Grotesque Subsidies to Widget Producers Act." Or the president could be struggling toward some kind of Burkean notion that he has been elected to lead people, not to follow and whim, and leadership matters only when it takes people where they don't want to go. Bush hinted at this after his re-election, saying that he had earned "political capital" that he intended to spend. And I'm giving him credit for this high-minded explanation, based on the rest of his performance Thursday.

There was a remarkable amount of honesty and near honesty. Bush's rebut to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist was superb. The people who oppose his judgeship nomi-

nees aren't prejudiced against religion, he said. They do it because they have a different "judicial philosophy." That is exactly the point. His characterization of the difference — his opponents "would like to see judges legislate from the bench" — is not quite right. Just a couple of weeks ago, his party tried desperately to force judges to "legislate from the bench" to prevent the removal of life support from Terri Schiavo. But a straightforward debate about judicial philosophy is indeed what we need.

Then it got even better. Starting with the cliché that in America you can "worsenl up any way you want," Bush plunged gratuitously into a declaration that "if you choose not to work, slip, you're equally as patriotic as somebody who does work." How long has it been, in this pre-9/11, post-9/11 nation, since a politician, let alone the president, has spoken out in defense of nonbelievers?

At last, Bush was honest and even courageous about Social Security. Social Security is about writing checks: Money goes in, money goes out. As Bush has discovered in the last few months, there are no shadows to hide in while you fiddle with it. The problem is fewer and fewer workers supporting more and more retirees, and there are only two possible solutions: Someone has to pay more in, and/or someone has to take less out.

On Thursday, Bush didn't exactly go from explicitly denying this (to explicitly admitting it, but he went from implicitly suggesting that his privatization scheme is a pain-free solution to implicitly endorsing a plan for serious benefits cuts. For a politician, that's an admirable difference. Even more to Bush's credit.

the plan he's backing is highly progressive. Benefits for low-income workers would keep rising with average wages, as now, but benefits for middle- and high-income people would be geared more toward merely keeping up with inflation. This allows Bush to say that no one's benefits would be cut, although some people would be getting up to 40 percent less than they are currently promised. But in the swamp of Social Security politics, that is really minimal protection from the alligators. So Democrats now face a choice: Are they going to be alligators on this one? Why Bush has taken this on remains a mystery. There is no short-term political advantage, and there are other real long-term problems that are more pressing. But he has done it, to his credit.

As this column has argued to the point of stupefaction, Bush's privatization ideas are a mathematical fraud. There is no way that allowing people to opt out of the check of the money they put into the system can produce a surplus to supplement their benefits or cushion the shock of the necessary cuts. But if privatization is truly voluntary, it can't do much harm. And if that's Bush's price for being out front on a real solution to the real problem, the Democrats should let him have it.

Unless they are complete morons — always a possibility — the Democrats could end up in the best of all worlds. They know in their hearts that Social Security has to change in some unpleasant way. Bush, for whatever reason, is willing to take this on, and to take most of the heat. And all he wants in return is the opportunity to try something that will alienate people from the Republican Party for generations.

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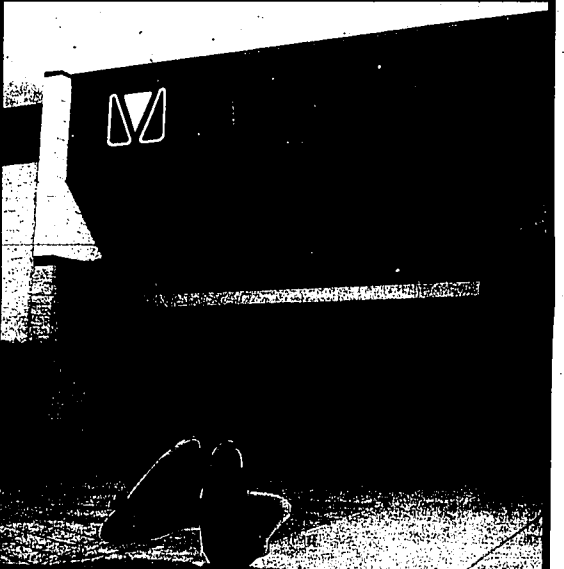
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LETTER

Roper can be rented out for contrary views

In response to Ms. Bravender (Times-News, April 28) concerning the use of the Roper Auditorium, no longer live in Twin Falls, but I grew up in southern Idaho and am a frequent visitor. During my years in Twin, I watched as the Roper Auditorium was used for purposes ranging from revivals to rock concerts. If the school district is going to allow it to be rented out (which they should), then they must allow it to be rented by any and all interested parties. A party wishing to rent it cannot be discriminated against just because someone doesn't agree with its agenda.

I see nothing wrong with allowing a group to rent it who might present views contrary to a popular denomination. It seems you are more concerned about what material might be presented than you are about the actual policies involved in renting the auditorium.

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NURSERY GRAND OPENING SAVINGS JUST IN TIME FOR PLANTING SEASON

Magic Valley residents are celebrating the opening of a brand new Retail Garden Center this weekend, with the Grand Opening of Manker's Boutique Nursery on Kimberly Road.

Grand Opening celebrations will include discounts off all items (some up to 50% off), free landscape and garden prizes (including a lawn maintenance spray and aeration program valued at up to \$200), prizes and giveaways on Saturday by Radio 95.7 KEZL, and much more!

Manker's Boutique Nursery specializes in plants grown specifically to thrive in Magic Valley conditions, and will be introducing new varieties regularly. The focus on customer service will extend to planned seminars on landscape design, plant care, pond construction, and much more. It will also serve as a one-stop location for quality materials and supplies.

Like many others in the Valley, we have been frustrated by the level of service and quality of product available locally, and have decided to fill the void," explains Bill Manker, owner of Manker's Affordable Landscape Services and Manker's Boutique Nursery.

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Manker's Boutique Nursery Grand Opening will be this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and can be reached for any questions and/or advice on 208-732-0486. The garden center location is 1310 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, 1/2 block east of Blue Lakes.

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MORNING BREAK

Antique quilt needs care for proper preservation

DEAR ABBY: There are 20 million quilts in the USA, and I bet you will hear from a lot of them about their answer you gave "Krista in Salt Lake City," who asked what she should do with an heirloom quilt.

You advised that the quilt should be taken to a dry cleaner to be packed for storage, and later it could be displayed in a shadow box frame as long as it isn't exposed to direct sunlight. Abby, that quilt should not be sent to a cleaner. It should not be stored in plastic, nor should it be hung for more than three months.

—NANCY L. SALINAS, CALIF.

DEAR NANCY L.: I had thought that a cleaner who specializes in wedding gowns would know how to preserve an antique quilt.

But not according to serious quilters! After Krista's letter was printed, the amount of mail I received from concerned quilters was astonishing. Read on:

FROM EASTHAMPTON, MASS.: Krista should not, under any circumstances, let that quilt be cleaned by a commercial dry cleaner.

Some 19th-century cottons are fragile and will disintegrate when touched by cleaning chemicals.

Krista should contact a local museum (the larger the better) with a textile collection for advice, or get in touch with her local quilt guild.

If she can find someone from the American Quilt Studies Group, even better.

The quilt should be properly documented, photographed, wrapped in acid-free tissue paper, and stored in a dark, dry place.

If she wants to display it, she should invest in a climate-controlled case, have it mounted in the case by someone who's familiar with antique textiles, and keep it out of sunlight.

FROM VISALIA, CALIF.: The quilt should be wrapped in a



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

cotton sheet with as few folds as possible. It should be removed from the sheet and refolded every few months so that the creases are not in the same place.

Ideally, it should be rolled so there are no folds, but most people don't have that kind of storage capability.

If she needs more help, there are quilt guilds in Salt Lake City, or a fabric store might be of help.

FROM MONTEREY, CALIF.: As a textile conservator at the Monterey History and Art Association, I could not refrain from writing.

No textile should ever be stored in plastic or even an ordinary box, which is acid. Plastic emits toxic chemicals that eventually damage the textile, and the acid box will also

damage fabrics.

The first thing Krista should do is wrap the quilt in a clean cotton sheet until she can get the proper storage materials. (We store our more than 5,000 pieces of antique clothing and textiles in acid-free boxes with acid-free tissue paper wrapping.)

Also, if the quilt is ever framed, that frame should be made of acid-free materials. (A good framer would be able to do this.)

You were correct about not exposing the textiles to direct sunlight, or for that matter, any strong light.

FROM SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENN.: Please tell that young, intelligent woman to contact a professional quilt restorer. A quilt of that age could very well be a state treasure if her brother could bear to part with it. Storage in a climate-controlled location would be of value. The American Quilters Society in Paducah, Ky., could be helpful in locating a qualified professional in her area; the Web site is www.american-quilter.com.

Read your horoscope

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Burley woman dies in car wreck

ELY, Nev. — A Burley woman was one of four people killed Sunday in a head-on collision on U.S. 93 about 95 miles north of Prater.

Phillip Tilson, 33, of Provo, Utah, was southbound when he allowed his car to drift across the centerline and strike an oncoming car driven by Oscar Guerrero, 36, of Azusa, Calif., the Nevada Highway Patrol said.

Tilson, and his passenger, Jenny Demmick, 22, of Spanish Fork, Utah, were killed in the early Sunday crash. Guerrero and his mother, Juana Godolo, 65, of Burley, also died.

Only Guerrero and his mother were wearing seat belts, the NHP said.

"Right now, it looks like alcohol might be a contributing factor in this crash," Trooper Rocky Gonzalez said.

"When you have a head-on involving cars that collide at 70 miles per hour plus, you really don't expect anyone to survive," Gonzalez said.

The 12:55 a.m. accident about 320 miles east of Reno remains under investigation.

Perrine Elementary celebrates 20 years

TWIN FALLS — Perrine Elementary School is celebrating its 20th birthday with a community party tonight.

The event includes food, a clown, magic, live wagon rides and a ceremony to honor teachers and others who have helped the school.

The party, which replaces the school's spring carnival, will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 452 Caswell Ave. W.

Pioneer of the Year nominations needed

TWIN FALLS — The Western Days Committee is seeking nominations for the 2005 Pioneer of the Year.

The committee defines "pioneer" as one of the first colonists or settlers in a new territory, someone who helped open a new line of research, technology or art, someone who took the lead or initiative, or participated in the development of a new area or project or helped prepare the way for such development.

Criteria for the award: Can be male or female and must be 69 years old or older. The applicant must have made a difference in the lives of others either personally, educationally or through a business, or have made a difference in the lives of others either personally, educationally or through a business, or have made a difference in the lives of others either personally, educationally or through a business.

Anyone is welcome to nominate an applicant by writing an essay or making a video. The words on why that applicant should win the Pioneer of the Year Award. Send the essay to Lion Hotel, Cannon Springs, 125 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83401. Deadline for applications is May 16.

For more information, call Bammer at 734-3000.

Board will oversee medical services fund

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners on Monday established a county Emergency Medical Services Provider Board to oversee expenditures from the county's emergency medical service fund.

The board will be responsible for the oversight of county emergency medical services within the county and will advise the county's ambulance district.

The board includes volunteer emergency medical service units in Twin Falls County. Committee members include Bill Coomber, county clerk.

Board members include Ellis Robertson of Kimberly, Terry Kramer of Castleford, Mark Grimes of Burley, Commissioner of Filer and ex officio board members Gilbert Schmidt of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Andrew Sear of Idaho Emergency Medical Services and Tim Peterson of the Hagerman Quick Response Units, which sometimes provides services in Twin Falls.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

The 4th of July may fizzle this year

By William Adams
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The coals and ash may become blais this July for the first time in years. Southern Idaho fireworks announced Monday they will no longer handle the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at the College of Southern Idaho.

"There just isn't enough financial support to raise the funds to put the display on," said radio personality Kara Cunha. Attorney Lynn Dunlap has led the fund-raising effort for the last four years.

Dunlap, Cunha and local businessman Randy Guiles are partners in Southern Idaho Fireworks, a nonprofit business.

Dunlap began four years ago contacting other attorneys and clients to help contribute. However, last year contributions

dropped off because there were bigger and bigger pushes for charitable contributions usually around May and June. People spent money on other charities rather than the fireworks display, he said.

Dunlap said, "I don't seriously think the people of Twin Falls know where the funding comes from."

The city gave \$5,000 each year for the fireworks, but Dunlap said some people have felt

that spending \$5,000 of taxpayer money to go up in smoke isn't the best use of the money.

The city donation of \$5,000 has been a great addition, said Cunha, but the cost of the fireworks display typically runs from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

"We're contracted with Western Display Fireworks for \$15,000, and that's just for the show," she said.

In addition to the cost of the show, incidentals add another

\$3,000 to \$7,000. Those costs do not include the use of the launching area or the portable toilets, each of which are provided by CSI.

"We hope that someone will step forward with the funds to make the event happen," Cunha said.

Times-News writer William Adams can be reached at 735-3234 or wadams@magicvalley.com.

Guitarist finds inspiration in Hill City

Camas County is the backdrop for music video

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

HILL CITY — Ned Evert, in a pricey pair of Diesel jeans borrowed for the occasion, wades through six inches of marsh water and plants his feet on a tiny island. In his hands is a Gibson resonator guitar with no frets. The setting sun flashes off the silver instrument and its glass fingerboard.

This is the backdrop for a music video that will begin airing in July in Europe, where Evert will be touring to promote his latest album, "Stole." If the video gains traction, it might eventually make its way onto American music channels.

On this evening, cameraman and co-director Kevin Hutchison has the job in place to make the most of the natural light. Evert will be backlit in this spot.

Over a boom box comes the sound of a song now so familiar to the small film crew: "Shine Like a Diamond on Me."

Co-director Joe Rice asks Hutchison, "Do you want to shoot the whole song or just the solo?"

"Just the solo," Hutchison replies.

After a few run-throughs, they play the song as double the speed.

Evert is ready. His fingers move as if he were playing at twice the normal tempo, but silently.

In the editing room the image will be slowed down. Evert will appear to be playing in slow motion while hitting the right notes at the right time.

Traces of snow highlight the mountains surrounding Hill City; the marsh water reflects the sky.

The former sheep-shipping station is 14 miles west of Fairfield, the nearest town. Wide-open spaces surround it.

The island scene is not the last to be shot tonight. Directors Hutchison and Rice work Evert into a Sunday in mid-April and then the next two days in Hill City for two days.

Nevertheless, Evert is game for whatever it takes to get the video right. He wears skis and to have it easy. While the directors and Rice's younger brother, Jordan,



Singer/guitarist Ned Evert plays his fretless guitar with a time-lapse camera attached to it while filming a music video in Hill City for his song "Shine Like a Diamond on Me."

AMY BALLARD/The Times-News

dan, pack up the camera crane and carefully load it into the back of a pickup. Evert jokes, "I've got the easy part. I just have to write, record and produce the song."

The musician Evert went to Boise High

School and played football — until the guitar bug got him.

"I was a terrible running back," he confesses.

"I lost my playbook on the second day of practice. I didn't dare to tell the coach, so I just had to act like I knew the play. It didn't work very well."

the same spot where he found the money every day for several days, and became frustrated when there was no more money to be found. Stearns said grants are often the same way.

"You may find the money once," he stated. "But that doesn't mean it will be there again."

He also said that the Gooding School District needs to focus on areas that need improving, including math.

"A school should be a drawing card for a community," he said.

Because of Floyd's plea, however, the board decided to revisit the issue. Floyd, Stearns and at least one board member will attend a conference May 18 concerning the sustainability of programs funded by 21st century Community Learning Center grants. The board will most likely wait until after the conference to issue a final decision.

At the meeting, Floyd also offered his resignation as administrator for the grant so she could concentrate on "being a math teacher."

Times-News correspondent Heather Pilkinton covers the Wendell and Gooding areas. She can be reached at hpilkinton1@sun.com.

Teacher pleads to keep program

By Heather Pilkinton
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Middle-school math teacher MaryAnne Floyd pleaded to keep the county after-school program unchanged.

Floyd pleaded with board members last week after the March 29 decision to eliminate the arts portion of the after-school program. She told the board she was afraid the change would cause attendance to drop. Floyd administers the federal grant that pays for the extended-day kindergarten.

The grant, part of the 21st century Community Learning Center program, is a key component of President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act. It pays for students and their families to continue to learn new skills and discover new abilities after the school day has ended.

"This isn't like when we were growing up and mom was able to stay home," Floyd said. She stated that 65 percent of Gooding students come from a single-parent home, or from a home where both parents work.

"This program" keeps them from wandering up and down the street," she said.

Floyd also presented a compilation of letters commending the after-school program.

Now, the two-hour program divided into three 40-minute blocks. One block focuses on math, the second on homework and the final block on enrichment activities such as art and music.

The students rotate through the three blocks.

The program is available to all grade levels, and has had up to 500 students enrolled.

The school district originally received a federal grant of \$978,000.

For every three years, the grant was assumed by the state. The state awarded the district \$300,000 a year for the first three years, with the amount reduced to 80 percent of the original amount in year four and 50 percent of the amount in year five.

The grant is at the end of its second year.

Part of the reason for the board's decision was the inability to keep paying for the program when the grant ends, Superintendent Bob Stearns said. He used the story of his son to illustrate his point.

"One day, my son found a \$20 bill. He put \$5 away, and used the other \$15."

Jerome school levy goes to voters today

By Karlin Kowalski
Times-News writer

JEROME — Voters in the Jerome School District will decide today if they would like to inject \$650,000 into the school district's budget.

Polls are open from noon to 9 p.m. today for a one-year supplemental levy that district officials say will help pay the cost of running the district.

Superintendent Jim Cobble said the district has not identified specific programs that would be at risk if the levy is not approved. Instead, he said the levy would support the district's day-to-day programs that are cut back as far as they can be.

"We think we have minimal programs to meet the needs of students," Cobble said. "Basic state support doesn't provide for minimal education for students."

If a levy is not approved, Cobble said "the district will cut budgets for textbooks, supplies, equipment and staff."

Where to vote:

Polls are open from noon to 9 p.m. today. Voters can go to any location.

Horizon Elementary
934 10th Ave. East
Chris Gilson's house
3012 South 2400 East

Jeffrey Elementary
600 N. Filmore St.
Central Elementary
311 N. Lincoln St.

Jerome Middle School
116 2nd Ave. W.
Jerome High School
104 N. Tiger Drive

A supplemental levy can be approved by a simple majority. The district sent out about 6,500 brochures last week to help drum up support.

For a taxpayer with land assessed at \$15,000 in taxable value and an \$85,000 house, the levy would cost \$59, said Mike Gilson—the district's business manager. For \$100,000 in

taxable value, the levy would cost \$109. For \$200,000 in taxable value, the levy would cost \$219.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

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MAGIC VALLEY

Utah governor snubs federal 'No Child' law requirements

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov. Jon Huntsman signed a measure Monday defying the federal No Child Left Behind Act despite a warning from Education Secretary Margaret Spellings that it could cost \$76 million in federal aid.

"This bill sets primary for education outcomes on administrators and educators," Huntsman said in a statement to the Associated Press. "We look forward to working with Secretary Spellings in continuing our efforts to improve education solutions that benefit all Utah school children."

The bill represents the strongest stand against the federal law among the states considering anti-No Child Left Behind legislation this year.

The legislation, passed during a special session of the Legislature last month, gives Utah's education standards priority over federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. It is education officials ignore provisions of federal law that conflict with the state's program.

Huntsman signed the bill late Monday afternoon at an elementary school inside the legislative district of Rep. Margaret Dayron, R-Provo, who has been leading the fight against what she calls the unfunded mandate. If President Bush's signature education law.

Huntsman's education deputy, Tim Bridgwater, said he doubted Utah's stance would cost it any money.

"It empowers decision makers in the state education system, where there is conflict with federal law, to choose to follow the state objectives first," Bridgwater said Monday.

Only schools serving low-income populations — about a third of Utah's — will have to wrestle over state and federal standards. They can satisfy both standards — "it's really splitting hairs," Bridgwater said.

Utah plans to only benchmark No Child requirements, like reporting schools' annual yearly progress toward a goal of having all students excel in reading and math for their grade level, and informing parents when schools fail to measure up.

Write-in deadline approaches for school board candidates

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — For south central Idaho residents wishing to get more involved in local education, today is the deadline to declare write-in candidacy for school board seats.

The deadline is 5 p.m. to submit paperwork to school board clerks.

If no write-in candidate opposes a single candidate for one seat, the school board can declare no contest and the single candidate will automatically join the board. If there are no candidates, school boards can appoint new members in July.

For more information about school boundaries and eligibility requirements, contact school districts.

Here are the regular candidates so far:

- Zone 2: Dale Thomas (Incumbent)
- Zone 3: Kathleen Golcochea (incumbent), Jay Thurber
- Zone 4: Mark Henslee (incumbent)
- Zone 5: Doyle Hope (incumbent)
- Zone 6: Hagerman
- Zone 7: Herry G. DeWolfe
- Zone 8: Mark Henslee (incumbent), Renee Olson
- Zone 9: Bliss
- Zone 10: Tom Faulkner (incumbent)
- Zone 11: Joe Leonard
- Zone 12: Glenns Ferry
- Zone 13: Wayne Pressnell (incumbent), Geri Brennan
- Zone 14: Jack Strum (incumbent)
- Zone 15: Jaymie Self (incumbent)
- Zone 16: Minidoka County
- Zone 17: Doyle Price (incumbent)
- Zone 18: Greer Copeland (incumbent)
- Zone 19: Cassia County
- Zone 20: Duane Larsen, Mika Matthews
- Zone 21: Shoshone
- Zone 22: Pat Hamilton (incumbent)
- Zone 23: Tracy Sorenson (incumbent)
- Zone 24: Richfield
- Zone 25: Sandra L. Calkins

- Zone 26: Dietrich
- Zone 27: No candidates
- Zone 28: Blaine County
- Zone 29: Julie Dahlgren (incumbent)
- Zone 30: Camas County
- Zone 31: Mickey Dalin (incumbent)
- Zone 32: Keith Lemons (incumbent)
- Zone 33: Three Creek
- Zone 34: No candidates.

DEATH NOTICES

Catherine Deagon
 HAILLEY — Catherine Deagon, 83, died Saturday, April 30, 2005, at the Blaine Manor in Hailley.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340. A private family service is planned under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailley, Idaho.

Robert 'Bob' Tupper
 HAILLEY — Robert "Bob" Tupper, 85, a longtime resident of Hagerman, Idaho, died Monday, April 2, 2005, at his residence.

Arrangements will be made by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Bert D. Staheli
 BURLEY — Bert D. Staheli, a 101-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, May 2, 2005, at the home of his son in Burley.

Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Verner L. Macky
 EAGLE — Verner L. Macky, 88, of Eagle, died Friday April 29, 2005, at a local care center.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2005, at Cloverdale Funeral Home. A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the

Cloverdale Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

Juana Gaxiola
 BURLEY — Juana Gaxiola, a 65-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, near Ely, Nev.

Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Oscar Guerrero
 BURLEY — Oscar Guerrero, a 36-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, near Ely, Nev.

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- Zone 17: Hansen
- Zone 18: No candidates
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- Zone 23: Jerome
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- Zone 26: Liesl Parker
- Zone 27: Valley
- Zone 28: Mark Kehtz
- Zone 29: Mark Okelberry
- Zone 30: Gooding
- Zone 31: No candidates

Lawrence Stumpf
 TWIN FALLS — Lawrence Stumpf, 82, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at his home in Twin Falls.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at the Howe-Robertson — Funeral

Robert "Tex" Owens of Twin Falls, grandfather, died Saturday at 2 p.m. today at the Filer Cemetery (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Paula "Jean" Brannon of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary, 1000 Burley, to follow at Sunset Memorial Park, view-

ing from 4 to 6 p.m. today and one hour before the service Wednesday at White Mortuary.

Parley James "Jim" Mechan of Carey, gathering of family and friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the home of Lois and Boyd Stocking, 20533 N. Main, Carey.

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James Lyle Simpson

SHOSHONE — James Lyle Simpson, 85, of Shoshone, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Jim was born Oct. 2, 1919, in Pocatello to the son of Dana and Vera Simpson.

He was raised in Pocatello and Glenns Ferry. He joined the service in 1940 and was discharged in 1945. In 1949 he

joined the Air Force until his retirement in 1969. He married Jewell (Ellen) Morgan Denstow in September of 1969.

They were later divorced in 1990. He had lived in Shoshone since 1983 until ill health forced him into a nursing home in 2004. Jim was a member of the DAV and VFW. He is survived by a daughter, Ruthella; a son, Steven; seven

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial be given to Dorothy Doyle, in care of VFW Education Fund in Glenns Ferry, Idaho. At Jim's request no services are planned.

Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Ruth Ryan

Ruth married Emmett Ryan on Oct. 12, 1937. After their marriage they resided in California until moving to Wendell in 1996.

He preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include a son, Tom Ryan of Wendell; daughters, Gayle Sullivan of Hailley, Idaho, and Jane Chad of Colleyville, Texas; 13

grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2005, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wendell with Father Carlos Perez as celebrant. Interment will be in Wendell Cemetery.

Recitation of the rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4th, at the church.

Aaron N. Cohen

BURLEY — Aaron Nathan Cohen, a 44-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at his home after a courageous 19-year battle with brain cancer.

He was born Feb. 16, 1961, in Beaufort, S.C., the son of Albert Irvin and Joyce Edna Rskin Cohen.

He received his education in California, graduating from Pleasant Valley High School in Chico, in 1979. He continued his education at Butte Community College where he received a degree in respiratory therapy.

Aaron married Elise Cameron Berglund on June 5, 1999, in Burley. He will always be remembered for his kindness and gentle ways while working as a Respiratory Therapist at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. He loved helping the patients and serving their needs.

Aaron was a gentle giant who took great pride in being a compassionate husband

and father and most importantly a true friend. He enjoyed fishing, and was an outstanding chef. He was also fascinated with and enjoyed collecting sculptures and plates of dragons.

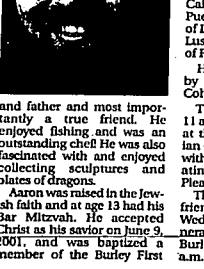
Aaron was raised in the Jewish faith and at age 13 had his Bar Mitzvah. He accepted Christ as his savior on June 9, 2001, and was baptized a member of the Burley First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elise Cohen of Burley; one daughter, Natalie of Burley; his stepdaughter, Nicole Berglund of Burley; his parents, Joyce and Richard Lusk of Burley; and his siblings, Mark Cohen of Chico, Calif.; Terrie Wilkinson of Roseville, Calif.; Douglas Lusk of La Puente, Calif.; Therese Lewis of Los Angeles, Calif.; Timothy Lusk of Boise, and Joseph Lusk of Forest Ranch, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Irvin Cohen.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with Pastor David Long officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.



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Lawmakers visit local troops in Iraq

Politicians say soldiers doing great work

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Three Idaho lawmakers kept their promises to the 116th Brigade Combat Team by visiting local troops last weekend at their forward operating base in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Sen. Larry Craig and Reps. Mike Simpson and Butch Otter on Monday shared their experiences with Idaho media organizations via conference call from Baghdad. The trip was not disclosed until Monday for security reasons.

The lawmakers said the people of Idaho can be very proud of their sons and daughters and issued the following statement: "Throughout our time in Iraq, we were impressed, but not surprised, by the determination and achievements of our Idaho soldiers. These fine young people are using their civilian skills not only to provide the security of our nation but to busily tackle the task of training the Iraqi people and their leaders on how to build a free society from the ground up."

Craig said what makes the 116th so unique is that it's made up of "electricians and



From left, Idaho Reps. Mike Simpson and Butch Otter and Sen. Larry Craig visit local soldiers with the 116th Brigade Combat Team at their forward operating base in Kirkuk, Iraq.

doctors and lawyers and police officers."

Simpson said one experience more than any other served to remind the delegation that "this is not war games. This is real war." Before their C-130 military transport plane left for Kuwait City — elected officials can't spend the night in Baghdad — soldiers brought aboard some precious cargo.

"We went back on the C-130 with three soldiers who had sacrificed their lives the day before in some of the roadside

bombings," Simpson said. The lawmakers said they were deeply moved by the sight.

"It was humbling and tearful and brought in the reality of what we were experiencing at the top level," Craig said.

The dead soldiers were from Idaho.

Craig said the soldiers treasure the support they've received from home.

"They really feel like they are being supported — that the arms of our state are wrapped

around them and when they come home, they will be respected for what they have been asked to do on behalf of their state and behalf of our nation," Craig said.

The lawmakers planned to visit wounded soldiers at Landstuhl military hospital in Germany before returning to the states.

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Reception will honor mother award winner

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho will host a public reception for Carol Conover of Twin Falls, Idaho's 2005 Mother of the Year award winner from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Rick Allen Community Room. Conover will give a short presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Conover was chosen in March by the American Mothers Association to represent Idaho in the national contest in Houston.

State and national winners are selected on the strength of

their personal involvement in their communities and their service to other mothers and families.

During the year she represents Idaho, Conover plans to focus on improving the parenting skills of young single mothers, to work with community agencies that can help provide parenting services, and to help protect children and families from pornography.

Refreshments will be provided.

Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information, call Susan Carter at 404-2089.

Architect attends blessing of site among future works

CLARKSTON, Wash. (AP) — Architect Maya Lin attended a Nez Perce blessing ceremony at the new site of the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture in Washington, D.C., plans to focus on around what she calls "The Skybow" here, a natural amphitheater in the park — an island on the Snake River 6 miles west of Clarkston on U.S. Highway 12.

The piece is one of five by Lin, commissioned in Washington state by the Vancouver-based Confluence Project to mark the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery. Two Oregon sites are, also being considered.

"Where is God's country?" asked Lin, who has made several plans for planning trips to the region. "God's country is here, in places like this. It's pretty special."

Gulls chattered over the shaggy water as Nez Perce spiritual leaders performed their ceremony near the point where Lewis and Clark passed into what is now Washington state in October 1805.

Nez Perce drummers sang blessing songs, Indian women stood on the south side of the skybow and men stood on the north side. Songbirds and waterfowl piped up during the pauses.

"I haven't formed what this site will be," she added. "I actually didn't want to have too many ideas before the blessing ceremony."

With a downriver wind whipling her black hair, Lin raised her arms as she took in the view from the skybow at the island's highest point. She called it a "connection of sky and basalt."

The site is one of many "multidisciplinary spaces, drawing a story over real time," said Lin, who wore black jeans and air-off-white cotton jacket for the occasion.

The seven works are dispersed across 450 miles — mostly where one river flows into another — and are expected to cost \$22 million. So far, about \$13.5 million has been raised.

"I see it as one river, one lifeblood of a system," Lin said Saturday at a gathering of about 120 people.

"It's unusual to have more than one person in control, but it worked out great," Hutchison reflects. "I've always been an advocate of small crews. We had a maximum of four crew members at any given time during the shoot. You don't need a ton of money and a huge crew to make a nice product."

Or to have fun doing it.

After a weekend of Rice's spaghetti for almost every meal, shifting gears in a green 1965 MGB and wardrobe changes too many to count, Evert reflects.

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Levy

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assessed value worth of property, the levy would be \$105 per year.

Gibson said the levy would amount to 4.5 percent of the district's maintenance and operations budget.

The district has a levy for the same amount on its tax rolls this year and it had the same amount the year before.

The district has had supplemental levies for varying amounts since 1999, Gibson said.

"The supplemental levy is very important to our continued operation," Gibson said.

The district also is working

on having an election in October for a larger bond issue.

The district's facilities improvement committee has discussed raising \$25.9 million to upgrade or replace aging buildings, but it has yet to finalize the amount.

Cobble said he hopes there is an option for voters.

"This is not the bond levy," Cobble said. "This is a supplemental levy to allow us to continue our operational programs."

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Video

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you, kid. Or else you just keep torturing people with your awfulness."

Lin got better. Now he's touring the world and won first place in the 2003 North American Rock Guitar Competition.

His style continually evolves, and he hesitates to put a name to it.

"It becomes a reflection of my subconscious," he says. "The songs that come to me already are written now."

A fretless guitar with glass fingerboard is his instrument of choice.

"I've always looked for innovations on the guitar," Evert says.

"One night I took a pair of pliers to a guitar that I had, and surprisingly, made something play out of it I performed with at the next night."

The absence of frets gives the guitarist a seemingly infinite range of notes.

While fretless guitars have their roots in medieval stringed instruments, the glass fingerboard was Evert's idea.

About Ned Evert

Guitarist Ned Evert of Boise will begin a European tour in July in support of his latest album, "Stole." For more on Evert and the songs that are the subject of his latest music video, visit www.NedEvert.com.

The song

"Stole" is a Diamond on Me" is from Evert's second solo album, "Stole," which was released in July 2004.

The song was inspired by a chance encounter in Dublin in 2002 when Evert was on his first UK tour. "I met a girl after the show who was trying to get the headline act on the phone with a friend of hers in the hospital. Before I could help her she disappeared into the crowd," Evert remembers.

"She had left me her cell phone number. The next day I tried phoning her, but I ran out of Euro coins for the pay phone after about 30 seconds and we were cut off. I had to leave for Paris that morning, so I never had time to follow up with her."

The setting of the four-minute song is Ireland, where Amanda's "Dublin smile" gives a traveler "needles and pins when I met her."

The shoot

Hill City is co-director Rice's hometown. He's a technical services manager at Wirestone, a Boise-based company that uses technology to enhance the marketing of companies like Motorola and Hewlett-Packard. Evert is Wirestone's audio specialist.

Rice suggested the site to Evert and Hutchison because of its proximity to Boise and its natural beauty. "I knew there wouldn't be many people there to get in the way," he says.

Hutchison, who does freelance camera work for Wirestone from time to time, was thrilled with the video idea. "Many of the projects I've done and I have worked on are for a client that has specific guidelines," he says.

"For Ned's video we came up with the concept, visualized it and produced it the way we

wanted. Ned had good input, but he was basically open."

Hutchison and Rice wear many hats on this shoot. While Hutchison is the primary cameraman, shooting with Sony's new 1080i HDV camera, both men assemble and disassemble equipment, move lights, drive trucks and perform other mundane tasks in addition to directing.

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Hospital

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to voters, commissioners said.

"No matter who the voters are, it will go to a vote," Mikessell said. "We have the ability to do it without a vote, but that would be foolish on our part."

Magic Valley Regional pushed the law that was approved in 1998. Kent Taylor, the hospital's attorney, helped draft the bill. The Idaho Hospital Association supported the legislation because it believed it could benefit all Idaho's county hospitals, said Steve Millard, president of the association. To date, the law has never been used, Millard said.

Taylor said hospitals were searching for more flexibility.

"At the time, there were constitutional prohibitions on public utilities having joint ventures," he said.

Giving county commissioners the right to turn hospitals into a company that would allow those hospitals to pursue those joint ventures.

Today, that right is part of the Idaho Constitution. In 1998, voters approved an amendment giving public hospitals the right to enter into joint ventures and partnerships and to be members of limited liability corporations.

"It was a very progressive recognition of public policy and of the recognition of public hospitals," Taylor said. "It recognized public hospitals have to have some flexibility for-profit and not-for-profit hospitals."

"It allowed them to take on partners and attract capital, talent and expertise."

Magic Valley Regional is now a partner in seven limited liability

corporations, including Snake River Gastroenterology Labs, Magic Health Partners, Magic Health Care Providers, and the Magic Valley Sleep Institute.

The merger proposal

A committee that includes Keo, Hospital Board members Cindy Collins, Jeff Harris and Lee Odenwald, and physicians Kurt Sepp and Brian Fortuin is now developing a merger proposal to present to county commissioners and the Hospital Board. County commissioners have agreed to hold off on entertaining any other interested health care networks until after they give the current merger proposal serious consideration.

Chicago-based attorney Larry Singer is providing his legal expertise in the development of the proposal.

The committee is expected to have a proposal ready in late July — the same month the county contract with Stroudwater Capital, a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based health care consulting firm, will end.

Commissioners hired the consulting firm in January to help them research governance options, help with community outreach and to assist with negotiations.

"We're waiting for some documents so we can proceed with a formal analysis of the current needs of the hospital," consultant Joe Lupica said.

The county is paying the consulting firm \$270,000 — \$145,000 a month — on the six-month

contract. And though that sounds like an awful lot of money, it's pocket change compared with the \$1 million-plus quotes they received in proposals from other health care consultants four years ago.

"We thought we got an awful good deal," King said, satisfied about signing with Stroudwater Capital.

Will they extend the contract when it expires in July?

"I'll tell you that in July," Mikessell said. "I'm not speculating. I have no clue how long this process will take, but we'll follow it to the end, no matter what the end will be."

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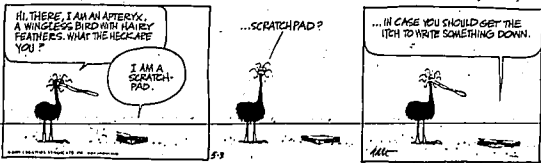
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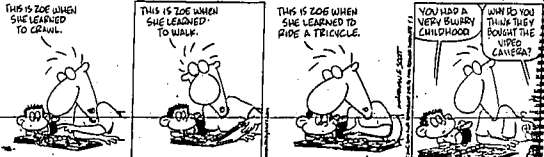
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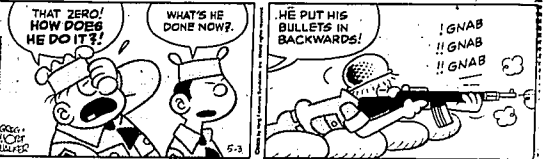
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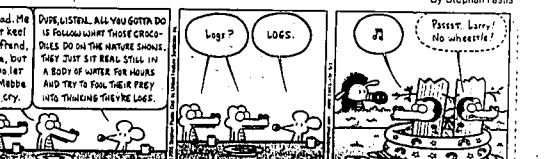
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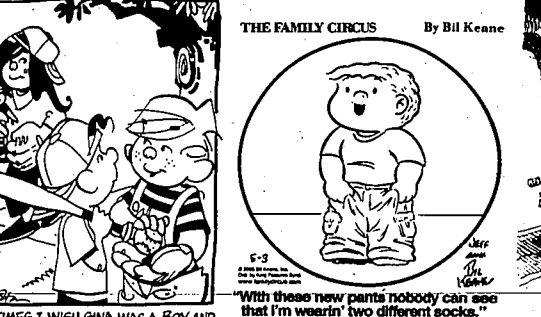
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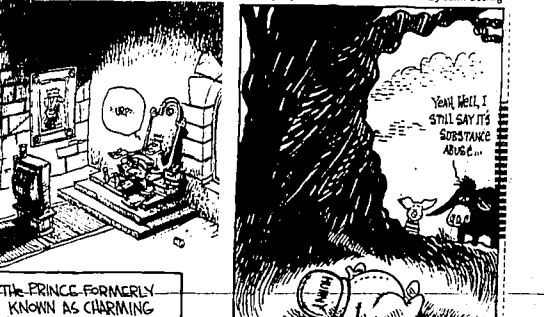
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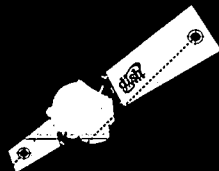


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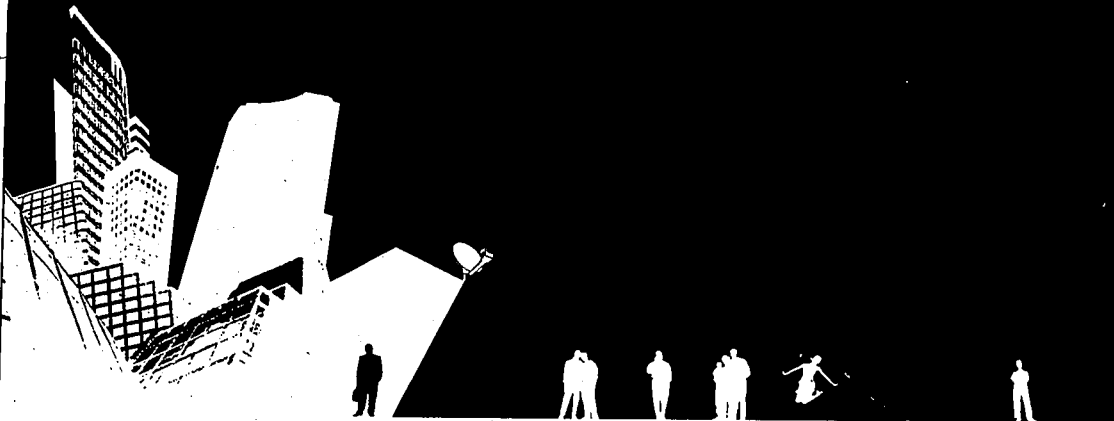


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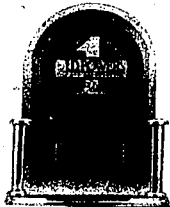
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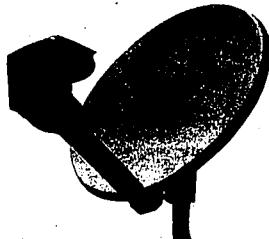
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Tanker helps firefighters in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A fire near Homer reared the 5,000-acre mark Monday, but fire managers finally got the use of a retardant-dropping aircraft tanker that had been tending to three new blazes in the Interior.

The airborne tanker had dropped three loads of the chemical retardant by late Monday afternoon, including along the Anchorage River, about two miles east of the northwestern side of the fire, said Kris Erikson,

a spokeswoman for the state Division of Forestry. The fire was estimated at 4,600 acres by evening.

A small recreational cabin was burned Sunday afternoon, but no one was hurt, Erikson said.

The blaze was sending up plumes of smoke Monday that were visible from the community of Nikolewsk several miles west of the river, but there was no immediate threat to residents, according to Erikson.

"It's very deceptive when you're looking at a column," she said. "It looks closer than it is."

Erikson said the fire was far less active along its southern edge. That's where the fire originated last week, sparked by a downed power line a couple miles from a residential subdivision northeast of Homer.

A grass fire was reported Monday about two miles west of the Homer. Crews quickly attacked it, Erikson said.

In Interior Alaska, calmer winds and clouding skies were a welcome boost for crews stationed at several smaller fires, including two fires near Delta Junction 100 miles south of Fairbanks and another near Nenana. Dry tall grasses provided much of the fuel for those fires, said Marsha Henderson, a state forestry division spokeswoman.

"It's such a flashy fuel," she said. "Just a little bit of wind makes a big difference."

Group unveils bronze statue to honor wildland firefighters

BOISE (AP) — A bronze sculpture memorializing Idaho's wildland firefighters was unveiled Monday at the Boise Airport.

Vicki Minor, executive director of the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, said several other statues are set to be installed at airports and other high-profile

locations around the country. Boise got the first statue in the foundation's project because it is one of the busiest areas for wildfire activity, she said.

The National Wildfire Suppression Association raised \$30,000 to install the Boise statue, which was designed by Vermont sculptor Larry Nowlan.

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Todd Yates surveys his flooded farmland, Monday, west of Brigham City, Utah.

Rancher says cattle drowned in flooding

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah (AP) — Gov. Jon Huntsman on Monday expressed concern for the loss of cattle and crops after 5,000 acres of agricultural land was flooded when water was purposely released from the Cutler Reservoir.

"We're very sorry about what has happened," Huntsman said during a tour of flood damage in northern Utah.

"We're going to do our very best to get an assessment of that land and see if we can't restore in some way the lost crop and property damage."

calves. "You can't tell where the land is and where the river is."

Sheriff's officers said they warned homeowners beneath the dam but said they were not able to contact every farmer.

The water was released from the reservoir Saturday by Utah Power & Light after the level in the reservoir reached the stage where releases were mandated.

Yates received permission from a Box Elder County commissioner to breach a dikeway to help the water drain off.

He said about 15 head of cattle remained stranded Monday on an island that formed in a field, and it may take days for the water to recede before they can be led to safety.

But farmer Todd Yates continued to express his anger Monday because he said he wasn't informed of the release, and didn't have time to move livestock.

Yates said 19 head of his cattle died after the fields were flooded.

"They were jumping into the river and drowning in front of us," he said of the cattle, many of them just recently born

"There's no way to get them out yet," he said.

The Riverside area still has standing water, and every home in Fielding has water problems, especially new homes, Box Elder County Commissioner Scott Hansen said.

Norton won't cut flow of Colorado River water

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The federal government will not cut releases of Colorado River water this year from drought-depleted Lake Powell, Interior Secretary Gale Norton announced Monday.

In letters to governors and water officials in the seven Colorado River basin states, Norton said melting snow is projected to be slightly above average for the rest of the year and more water is stored in

reservoirs now than had been projected last year.

"We have concluded that an adjustment to the releases amount from Lake Powell during the next five months is not warranted," she said.

Norton said she wants the states to conduct another review next April to see if adjustments should be made to water flowing through the Glen Canyon Dam in Page, Ariz.

The Sensible Environmentalist

(NAPS)—DEAR DR. MOORE: We hear a lot about tropical forests, but what can you tell me about the state of our own forests here in North America?

making paper or crafting furniture, there will be little incentive to keep land forested. It could just as easily be cleared for development or to grow something else.

This is a win for both the environment and the economy. The U.S. has the most forested land in the world, but it is being lost at a rate of 100,000 acres a year. Over the past decade our forests have expanded by nearly 10 million acres, according to satellite tracking and two successive reports from the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (State of the World's Forests, 1997 and 2001).

There are two main reasons for this. One is that advances in agriculture have enabled us to grow about five times as much food on each acre of farmland. As a result, we've been able to feed a growing population without converting any more forests into farms.

Another reason, surprisingly enough, is that North Americans use a lot of wood. We've been led to believe that this is bad, that each time we buy a piece of wood we cause a little more forest to be lost. On the contrary, every purchase of wood sends a signal into the marketplace to plant more trees and grow more valuable products. If we don't continue to use wood for building houses,

Trees are the most abundant of the world's renewable resources and will continue to grow over much of the earth's surface indefinitely. I believe that a sensible environmentalist would weigh the facts and choose both to grow more trees and use more wood.

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environmental movement for more than 30 years. A co-founder and former president of Greenpeace, he holds a PhD in ecology and a BSc in forest biology. Questions can be sent to Patrick@SensibleEnvironmentalist.com.

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Court won't hear field burning case

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court declined Monday to hear a case on agricultural field burning in Idaho, a decision that clean air advocates say means that smoke will continue the end of years of litigation over the torching of fields of Kentucky bluegrass.

But clean air advocates vowed to press on.

"We are only just beginning our fight," said Paul Gorn of Pullman, Wash., a leader of Safe Air For Everyone, which brought the appeal to the Supreme Court.

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Canadian Bob Hunter, co-founder of Greenpeace, holds a copy of his book "On The Ship" at a news conference in Toronto, in this Sept. 18, 2001 file photo.

Greenpeace co-founder dies at 63

TORONTO — Bob Hunter, a Canadian journalist who co-founded the environmental group Greenpeace, died Monday after a battle with prostate cancer, the organization said. He was 63.

Hunter, a columnist for the Vancouver Sun in the 1960s and most recently an ecology broadcaster for C a n a d i a n media, first came to prominence in 1971 with the launch of Greenpeace and its protests against nuclear testing. He brought public attention to the hunting of whales and seals, as well as the dumping of toxic waste into the ocean.

"The thick-bearded Hunter was once named one of Time magazine's top eco-heroes of the 20th century."

"Bob was a creative force in shaping Greenpeace," said Bruce Cox, executive director of Greenpeace Canada. "His passion and his commitment translated into powerful communications, and his unorthodox approach to communications helped define Greenpeace."

Taiwan's president urges China to talk to him

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian on Monday offered peace talks with Beijing, apparently seeking to regain the high ground from a political rival who is on a headline-grabbing visit to China.

Chen's implicit in the Marshall Islands was a message to Chinese leaders that they should be kept in the loop, the president, not to Lien Chan, the man he has twice defeated at the polls.

S. Korea, Japan play down missile test by N. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea and other Asian governments on Monday played down the significance of North Korea's latest missile test, saying it involved a short-range weapon unable to reach as far as Japan and with no link to the communist North's nuclear program.

North Korea apparently test-fired a missile into the Sea of Japan on Sunday, raising new concerns about its nuclear intentions, just days after a U.S. intelligence official said the secretive state had the ability to arm a missile with a nuclear warhead.

Kuwait lawmakers null voting rights for women

KUWAIT CITY — A push to allow women to participate in Kuwait's local elections stalled Monday when Islamist and conservative lawmakers abstained en masse from a key vote in parliament, leaving the measure undefeated but short of the number of votes needed for passage.

After less than an hour of debate, 29 of the 60 lawmakers present voted for the proposal. Two legislators voted no, while 29 abstained. Thirty-three yes or no votes were required for a valid vote, so the speaker said a new vote would be necessary.

No date was set, although the matter was expected to be taken up again in Tuesday's parliamentary session. — compiled from wire reports

Italy at odds with U.S. report

Officials reach different conclusions about reason for death of Italian agent

ROME — Italy is challenging a U.S. report that cleared American soldiers of wrongdoing in the shooting of an Italian agent in Baghdad, a case that has sorely tested one of Washington's staunchest allies in Iraq. The Italian investigation of the death of Nicola Calipari found there were coordination problems among officials in Iraq and problems with the rules of engagement for checkpoints, Italy's foreign ministry

said on its Web site ahead of the report's release Monday. Before the report was made public, Deputy Premier Gianfranco Fini and Cabinet Undersecretary Gianni Letta received U.S. Ambassador Mel Sembler to hand over the report, a statement from the premier's office said. The report also was shown to Italy's top officials, the statement said. Speaking at a ceremony Monday to honor U.S. troops who

died in the liberation of Italy during World War II, Pierfrancesco Casini, speaker of Italy's lower house of parliament, said the government's conclusions were made "in the name of truth, clarity and reciprocity."

"Only in this way will we really fully honor martyrs of liberty," he said.

U.S. Ambassador Mel Sembler, who also spoke at the ceremony, said ties between the two countries would remain strong despite the split.

Calipari was killed March 4, soon after he had secured the release of Italian journalist Glu-

liana Sgrenea from Iraqi militants who had held her hostage for a month. U.S. soldiers fired on the Italian's vehicle as it approached an American checkpoint near Baghdad's airport. Sgrenea and another Italian agent were wounded.

The U.S. investigation said the incident might have been prevented by better coordination between the Italian government and U.S. forces in Iraq. It also said that the vehicle failed to slow down as it approached the checkpoint and that the soldiers who fired acted according to the rules of engagement.

Iraqis seek political deal in the 11th hour

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's incoming prime minister struggled to find a Sunni Arab to head a coalition government in time to join Iraq's first democratically elected government when it takes office Tuesday. A torrent of bloodshed — at least 140 killed in five days — followed the approval of a Cabinet that mostly shut out members of the disaffected Sunni minority.

Disputes persisted over the Defense Ministry on Monday after Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari filled five of the seven Cabinet seats left undecided last week, said al-Jaafari aide Laila Kubba. The defense portfolio — a charge of some 70,000 soldiers and national guardsmen — is destined for a Sunni, part of an attempt to balance the cabinet with demands of Iraq's many religious and ethnic factions.

The U.S. military meanwhile, was searching for two missing U.S. Marine jets. The status of the two F/A-18 Hornet aircraft and their crew was not immediately known, the military said in a statement. Contact was lost with the aircraft at 10:10 p.m. Monday, the statement said. There were no initial indications of hostile fire in the area at the time.

At least 23 Iraqis were killed Monday, including eight soldiers, a civilian, a suicide attacker who blew up a truck at a checkpoint south of the capital, and six civilians caught in a car bombing that set fire to a Baghdad apartment building. A British soldier also was killed by a roadside bomb in the southern city of Amarah.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan issued a statement strongly condemning the "cruel and heartless" violence. Iraqis' anger aimed at undermining Iraq's newly formed government.

The skyrocketing attacks are blamed on an insurgency believed largely made up of members of Iraq's Sunni minority, who dominated for decades under Saddam Hussein but were sidelined in the peaceful positions in a partial new Cabinet announced Thursday.

Al-Jaafari had promised to form a government that would win over Sunni moderates and reduce Sunni support for the insurgency, offering them six ministerial posts and a deputy prime minister. But Sunni moderates insisted they are given at least seven ministerial portfolios.

On Sunday, Kurdish factions agreed to support the new ministries to meet the Sunnis' demand, said Azad Jundullah, spokesman for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of two main Kurdish parties.

Salih al-Mutlag, head of the National Dialogue Council, a coalition of 50 Sunni factions, identified the Sunni deputy prime minister as Abid Mutlag al-Juburi, a former major general in Saddam's army.

But the Kurds want to have all positions finalized before the new Cabinet is sworn in Tuesday. Kubba said. But the head of the cabinet, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's caretaker government and the new Cabinet will likely go ahead even if there are still vacancies, the aide said.

of us, for whom things were more difficult."

She said Angela Goebbels did not say anything about her husband's numerous affairs.

The Goebbels' children, Flegel said, were favorites with their mother but not close with them and allowed them to use his bathtub.

Asked why she had remained silent about her experiences, Flegel said they were simply too controversial. "It was because after 1945 people were not wanting fingers at each other and not to create that so and so was infected (Nazi)," she said.

Flegel evaded the question of whether she regretted her time in the Third Reich. "Everyone has their own opinion," she said.

TOWARD LAW AND ORDER



People look at Israeli settlers lying inside their sleeping bags on Monday in a main square in downtown Jerusalem to protest against Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's disengagement plan. Under the plan the Israeli government will evacuate all Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip and some in the West Bank next summer.

Palestinians demolish illegal homes of security officials

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A Palestinian bulldozer on Monday demolished the seaside homes of three senior officers who built illegally on public land in Gaza, the start of what the Palestinian government promises will be a relentless campaign against corruption.

Palestinians, fed up with years of corruption by security officials, hailed the move as an important sign that no one is

above the law. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas was elected, in part, on a pledge to reform the government and security services, where top officials routinely misused their power for personal gain.

In recent weeks, he has forced top security leaders into retirement, dismissed judges, streamlined and restructured the security services, which grew increasingly corrupt during the chaos that accompanied 4 1/2

years of fighting with Israel. "The Palestinian Authority policy is clear. No one is above the law, and we will work until we put an end to the lawlessness in the Palestinian areas," said Jawid Abu Khousa, spokesman for Palestinian Interior Minister Nasser Yusef.

"To carry out Abbas' mission, one bulldozer guarded by seven jeeps and 30 Palestinian soldiers entered the Sudan area on the coast of northern Gaza on Monday morning to crush the three

homes, which were being built by a major, a lieutenant colonel and a colonel on public land they illegally seized. The operation encountered no resistance. Construction on the two-story concrete houses, which had a clear view of the Mediterranean 300 feet away, was almost finished. One house was surrounded by a small flower garden. After the demolition crews left, some sheep and two donkeys fed on the remains of the garden.



U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan speaks during a conference to review the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty on Monday at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Annan urges concessions regarding nuclear arms

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Amid rising nuclear tensions, more than 180 nations convened Monday to review the nonproliferation treaty, hearing calls from many sides for concessions by Iran and North Korea, America, Russia and others to move toward a world free of the nuclear threat.

The U.N. chief urged non-nuclear states like Iran to renounce potential bomb technology, in exchange for international guarantees of nuclear fuel.

He also challenged Washington and Moscow to slash their nuclear arsenals irreversibly to just hundreds of warheads.

The U.S. representative rejected such criticism. Stephen G. Bradman, an assistant secretary of state, made clear the United States would seek, instead, to focus the conference on Iran and its nuclear-fuel program, and on North Korea.

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Interview she gave to U.S. interrogators was declassified by the CIA four years ago, according to the Guardian.

In a separate interview with the German tabloid BZ, Flegel said she wanted her story to be known. "I don't want to take my secret with me into death," she was quoted as saying.

Asked by the Guardian what she thought of Joseph Goebbels, Flegel replied: "I didn't like him. Nobody liked him. There were always people who hung around him, of course, relatives and so on, but they were only there because they wanted to help their careers. There were also lots of women there who were young and pretty. They used to hang round his ministry. They had an easier time of it than the rest

Berlin bunker nurse describes weak, shaking Hitler in final days

The Associated Press

LONDON — Adolf Hitler was a shaking, graying, weakened man who "sank into himself" in the final days before his suicide on April 30, 1945, according to the first published account of his nurse, who worked in his bunker as Allied forces closed in Berlin.

Erna Flegel, now 93 and living in a nursing home in northern Germany, told Britain's Guardian newspaper in an interview published Monday that Hitler "had a lot of gray hair and gave the impression of a man at least 15 to 20 years older," toward the end of his life.

"In the last few days, Hitler sank into himself," Flegel said. "He shook a great deal, walking

was difficult for him, his right side was still very much weakened as a result of the 'attempts on his life (in July 1944)."

With defeat imminent, Hitler, 56, shot himself. His mistress Eva Braun — whom he married shortly before his death — committed suicide by taking cyanide in his underground bunker in Berlin.

Flegel dismissed Braun. "She didn't have any importance. Nobody expected much of her," she said. "She wasn't really his wife."

By contrast, Flegel described Magda Goebbels, wife of Hitler's propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels, as "a brilliant woman, on a far higher level than most people."

The Goebbels also killed themselves and poisoned their

six children in the bunker after Hitler's death.

Flegel said she tried to persuade Mrs. Goebbels not to take the lives of her children as Russian troops got closer.

But Goebbels replied: "I belong to my husband. And the children belong to me," Flegel recalled.

"You have to understand that we were living outside normal reality," Flegel said.

The Guardian said Flegel had never given a public account before of her job as Hitler's nurse and her time in the Berlin bunker. But as the 60th anniversary of end of World War II approached this weekend, she was speaking out for the first time.

Flegel's existence became known after the transcript of an

Coming Wednesday

Area golfers make the rounds at 93 Golf Ranch.

SPORTS

The Times-News

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Section D

MORNING LINE
SPORTSQUOTE

You did? What for?

NBA Hall of Famer Bill Sharman, after he was informed that the Washington Capitals drafted him out of the University of Southern California.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: In what offensive category is The Speaker the MLB all-time leader with 792? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BASEBALL Jerome at Burley, 4:30 p.m. Kimberly at Filer, DH, 4 p.m. Malad at Wendell, 4 p.m. SOFTBALL Jerome at Minico, 4:30 p.m. Wood River at Marsh Valley, 4 p.m. Kimberly at Filer, DH, 4 p.m. American Falls at Buhl, DH, 4:30 p.m. GOLF Lighthouse Christian, Jerome, Glenns Ferry, Magic Valley Christian, Higerman, Gooding, Oakley, Valley, Richfield at Wendell, Ranch 93, 1 p.m. Kimberly, Declo, Buhl, Filer, Wood River at Community School (Girls), Big Wood, 10 a.m. Wood River (Boys) at Valley Club, 10 a.m. TENNIS Gooding at Community School, 3:30 p.m. Twin Falls at Burley, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Minidoka physicals offered today

PHYSICIAN-AUGUST physicals for Minidoka County Schools will be available from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, for girls and Wednesday, May 11, for boys at Mini-Cassia Occupational Health, 1218 9th St., Suite N.

Physical forms available at Minidoka County schools only. Forms will not be available at Occupational Health.

The cost is \$10 or appropriate signature on a Community Service Coupon.

CSI will host girls basketball camps

TWIN FALLS - CSI will host its Youth Camps for girls in grades 1-3 and 4-6. The camps will be held at the CSI Center with morning and afternoon sessions. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and a ball.

Camps will be staffed by Randy Rogers, the CSI women's head coach, and Jessica Mesna, former CSI and University of Wyoming player, and will include area high school coaches and CSI players.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Doubles.

Mavericks run roughshod

Dallas shows heart in 103-100 victory over Rockets

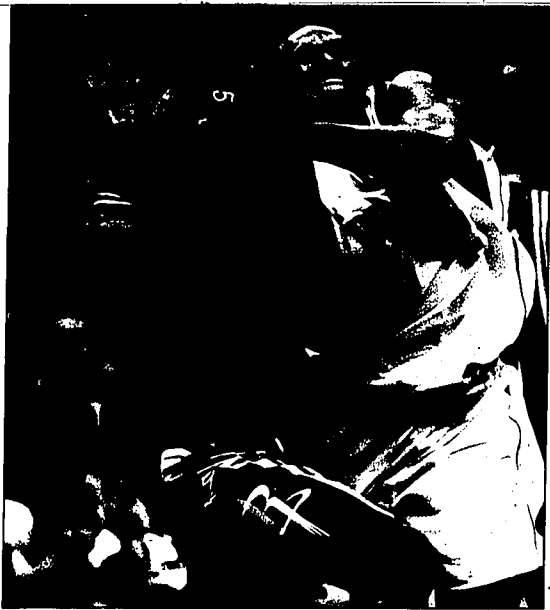
By Jamie Arn
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — Minutes away from finally leading their drafted playoff series, the Dallas Mavericks proved they deserved it.

Keeping alive rebounds, diving for loose balls and making clutch shot after clutch shot, Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks held off a late charge by Houston and pulled out a 103-100 victory Monday night, putting them ahead of the Rockets they trailed 0-2 after their last game in Dallas.

After overcoming fourth-quarter deficits of eight and six points to win the last two games, the Mavs led by 11 just seconds into the final period of Game 5. But Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming rattled the Rockets, combining for their last 13 points and getting them within two with 7.4 seconds left.

Jason Terry scrambled to grab an inbounds pass, was fouled and made one of two foul shots to tie the game. McGrady and Yao Ming rattled the Rockets, combining for their last 13 points and getting them within two with 7.4 seconds left. Jason Terry scrambled to grab an inbounds pass, was fouled and made one of two foul shots to tie the game.



Houston Rockets center Dikembe Mutombo, left, and Dallas Mavericks guard Jerry Stackhouse battle for ball in the third quarter during Game 5 of the opening round of the NBA Playoffs in Dallas.

entire case and Yao offered to pay half the fine. Yao scored 15 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, making 6-of-7 shots and getting to the foul line on the one he missed.

McGrady scored 25 points, his lowest this series, but added nine rebounds, six assists, three steals, and two blocks. Mike James added 16 in a reserve role.

The Rockets never led in the second half and their biggest lead was just one point. But a spurt of eight straight points that ended with a 3-pointer by Jon Barry with 3:22 left kept this one interesting until the final buzzer.

Cavs new owner addresses turbulent start

By Tom Withers
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — He's been called mediocre, a maverick, even morose. No professional sports team owner this side of New York Yankees boss George Steinbrenner has gotten as much attention in the past two months.

There is a belief among some people that "basketball" is the most complicated business invented since Adam Smith developed capitalism. Gilbert said in an e-mail interview with The Associated Press.

and has been the downfall of a lot of teams. On March 1, he was new to the league, taking over the resurrected Cleveland Cavaliers, franchise poised to make its first playoff appearance in seven years led by 20-year-old superstar LeBron James.

Two months later, the Cavs have unraveled. And Gilbert is being blamed for the disarray. James and his teammates missed the playoffs, done in by a stunning collapse that saw them go 11-16 after March 1. The club is searching for a new coach and GM while drafting to plan for next month's draft and free agency this summer.



New Cleveland Cavaliers majority owner Dan Gilbert listens at a news conference, March 1 in Cleveland.

Wizards discover defense in win over Bulls



Washington's Kirk Hinrich, right, holds the ball behind the back of Chicago's Kirk Hinrich during the second quarter of Game 4 Monday.

WASHINGTON — A blocked 3-point attempt on the first possession, an intercepted pass on the second and a steal on the third.

Who said Washington doesn't have defense? The Wizards wouldn't let the Bulls anywhere near the rim in the opening minutes Monday night, rattling the opponents early and often in a 106-99 victory that ended their first-round playoff series at two games apiece.

and postseason inexperience. Kirk Hinrich and Jannero Pargo scored 18 points each to lead the Bulls, whose backups made the game somewhat interesting with a 13-0 fourth quarter run that cut the lead to 13 — then a 4-0 run that narrowed the lead to eight with 1:07 remaining.

get a field goal until Hinrich drove for a layup with more than five minutes elapsed. The score was 29-15 after one quarter and 61-37 at halftime.

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SPORTS

Uhrig lifts Wolverines to victory

The Times-News

HAILEY — Big players make big plays. Monday night in a Haley, Wood River or Morgan, Uhrig proved that big is just a state of mind. The 5-foot-7 double baseman drove a two-out double to center field to place...

nic psychological boost for our pickers, having both come out and pitched well. McCoy Worthington and Cory Warburton both finished 2-for-4...

The Wood River Journal's Earl LaFolie contributed to this report.

Late Saturday

Coates, Webb strong in District V rodeo. GOODING — Deco's Bob Webb continued his strong calf roping performances last Friday and Saturday during the District V high school rodeo in Gooding. The leader for all-around cowboy took first in the event both nights, and teamed up with King Hill's Ted Walker to take first in team roping Saturday.

All-around cowgirl leader Cathy Mae Coates of Gooding picked up a number of finishes in the middle of the pack, while fellow Seniors cowgirl Malerie Brown swept the goat tying event.

District V rodeo heads to Shoshone Friday and Saturday. Rodeo and Saturday's results. 1 Cash Lane, Jerome, Idaho.

Uhrig finished 3-for-4 in the top of the seventh. "This was the biggest game of the season so far and it's the biggest lift of my life," Uhrig said. "Winning this game gives us huge momentum going into strong innings before entering the game with more confidence for when we play them later."

Finland wins at hockey worlds. INNSBRUCK, Austria — Ville Peltonen and Kimmo Timonen scored 3:25 apart in the second period to lift undefeated Finland to a 4-1 victory over winless Slovakia at the start of the world championships on Monday.

Finland (2-0) is atop Group C and will face rival Sweden on Wednesday in a game that will be a rematch of the 2004 world championships in an opening-round game, played in Denmark last Monday.

Innsbruck. In a Group A matchup in Vienna, Viktor Kozlov of the New Jersey Devils netted a goal with 2:08 left in the second period to force overtime in a 3-3 tie with Slovakia. Slovakia (1-0-1) took a 3-2 lead on Lubomir Visnovsky's power-play goal at 12:27.

Belarus faced Austria in the last game of the tournament.

The United States, which routed Slovenia 7-0 on Sunday, will return to the ice Tuesday against Latvia.

The two North American favorites will face off in a key game Thursday that will go a long way in determining positioning for the second round.

Blue Jays down O's

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Toronto's Reed Johnson slides into third base on a steal ahead of the tag by Baltimore Orioles third baseman Melvin Mora in the second inning Monday.

BALTIMORE — Gregg Zaun snapped the tie with a two-run single in the 12th inning and Toronto ended Baltimore's eight-game winning streak. The Blue Jays, who held Baltimore without a hit over the final six innings, have won six of seven. They had lost six straight to the Orioles, including three in Toronto from April 22-24 that got Baltimore started on its eight-game run.

Tigers 8, Red Sox 3. DETROIT — Carlos Pena broke the tie with a two-run homer in the sixth inning and added a solo shot in the eighth to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox 8-3 on Monday night for their sixth victory in eight games.

Yankees 6, Devil Rays 2. ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mike Mussina pitched seven solid innings and Gary Sheffield went 3-for-4 with an RBI to help New York rebound from a miserable homestand and exact Tampa Bay's losing streak to a season-high eight games.

Musina (2-2) allowed five hits, including Alex Sanchez's two-run homer in the 12th. Career victory, Scott Kazmir (0-3) took the loss.

National League Cardinals 10, Reds 9. CINCINNATI — Jim Edmonds hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning off closer

Danny Graves, and John Mabry added a two-run shot, rallying the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-9 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Astros 11, Pirates 4. HOUSTON — Andy Pettitte pitched effectively into the eighth inning and Craig Biggio homered and drove in four runs for Houston.

Pettite (2-2) allowed three runs — two earned — and four hits in 7-3 innings. He struck out five, walked two and retired 12 of his first 13 batters.

Finland wins at hockey worlds

By Stephanie Nasstrom The Associated Press



Finland goalie Niklas Backstrom watches the puck during Monday's match against Ukraine at the World Hockey Championships in Innsbruck, Austria.

Finland defenseman Jere Lehtinen scored a 1-0-1 lead midway through the first period, and former Atlanta forward Tomi Kallo had two assists.

Finland outshot Ukraine 54-21. Ukraine was whistled for 18 penalty minutes, and clearly annoyed Finland with a rough edge to the game.

Ukraine's respect for their hockey style, said Florida's Olli Jokinen, playing in his eighth world championship. "It was lucky that nobody got hurt. This was not a hockey game — it was a slashing competition. It's always the same thing when we play them. I'm glad this is over."

Sweden will be a better shooting team. He was so bothered by his output in games that he's appearing back in the parking garage afterwards, keeping the coach from driving off for 10 minutes while appealing for another chance.

Interview

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At the top of Gilbert's off-season to-do list: find a GM and coach. Gilbert dismissed Paul Silas on March 21 with 18 games left in the season, and released GM Jim Paxson on April 21 — one day after the season.

Gilbert said the searches were progressing nicely. "We would prefer to have our new GM and even coach in place prior to the playoffs ending, but we are not going to let a few weeks of waiting be the deal," he said.

"There are a lot of moving parts here and it is still too early to know the exact time frame." Last week, Gilbert had preliminary discussions with Phil Jackson about the possibility of the Zen Master coming to Cleveland. To do that, Gilbert may have to outbid the New York Knicks and Los Angeles Lakers for Jackson, who has coached the Bulls and coached the Lakers to a total of 116 NBA championships.

Former Minnesota coach Flip Saunders and current Seattle

coach Nate McMillan are among the other names being floated as possible coaching candidates. The GM search appears to be wide open.

Gilbert would like to see the GM to have a major role in deciding whether All-Star center Zydrunas Ilgauskas re-signs with the Cavs or leaves as a free agent. Ilgauskas, who missed much of the last month with a dislocated finger and has overcome chronic foot injuries the past few years, set the odds of his return to Cleveland at "50-50."

"It will depend on what kind of team the GM wants to build around LeBron and how does Z fit in or not fit in to that design. Clearly, he's got the length and the contract his agent will demand, along with Z's health, but he can play a role," Gilbert said.

Gilbert's actions in his brief tenure have led to some comparisons to Dallas owner Mark Cuban, with whom he shares a similar entrepreneurial background and willingness to roll up his sleeves.

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havent found a suitable masking agent or better yet, quit juicing altogether to fill out a lineup card. And Selig knows that as well as anyone. That's what makes this unilateral rush to judgment troubling. It's not the right thing to do, but the reason Selig decided to take the leap now is because Congress threatened to push major league baseball if he didn't.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

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*San Diego St. at Fullerton St.
ESPN2, 6 p.m.
Basketball
*Pacers at Celtics, NBA TV, 5:30 p.m.
*7Eers at Pistons, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
*Kings at Sonics, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
Soccer
*UEFA Champions League playoffs, semifinal, Chelsea at Liverpool, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.

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TWIN FALLS — Idaho Rodos will be holding a dodgeball tournament on May 7 at the Idaho Rodos located at 241 Main Ave in Twin Falls.

Security, drug testing increased for Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — After a crackdown on horse racing has a "very serious" drug problem, officials have increased security and added more testing for performance-enhancing substances.

BSU golf sits in eighth at wac tournament

CHICANDR, Louisiana — The Boise State men's golf team shot a 28-over par 316 in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament on Monday at Squire Creek Golf Course and site in eighth place with 15 strokes behind leading Nevada.

QB Jason White passed over by Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Former Heisman Trophy winner Jason White wasn't offered a contract by the Kansas City Chiefs following a three-day rookie camp.

Supreme Court seeks ruling on girls sports

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court told a lower federal court to reconsider whether Michigan high schools discriminated against female athletes by scheduling their sports during the winter months during nontraditional times of the year.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Ameristar Casinos declares a split

JACKPOT, Nev. — Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. — whose Jackpot casinos are major Magic Valley employers — on Monday announced a 2-for-1 split of its common stock. One additional share of Ameristar's common stock will be distributed June 20 for each share held by stockholders at the close of business on June 6. As a result of the split, the number of outstanding shares of common stock will increase to about \$5.6 million, and the number of authorized shares will grow to 120 million.

"We believe the stock split will increase the liquidity of our shares and make them attractive to a broader range of investors," said Craig H. Nilsen, chairman and chief executive. "The board's decision to declare a stock split also recognizes our strong financial performance and the growth opportunities that are pursuing."

Qwest drops out of bidding war for MCI

NEW YORK — Qwest dropped out of the bidding war for MCI Inc. on Monday after MCI agreed to another new deal with Verizon, rejecting a higher-priced bid from Qwest for the fourth time.

A spokesman for Qwest Communications International Inc. said the decision to retract was "final."

The announcement came hours after MCI announced an improved \$8.5 billion deal with Verizon that still pays shareholders \$1.3 billion more than what Qwest had offered.

MCI's struggling long-distance phone company formerly known as WorldCom, declined to discuss Qwest's announcement. Verizon, one of the nation's two biggest local and wireless phone companies, also declined comment.

In Magic Valley, Qwest is the dominant provider of local-phone service.

Equity firms expect retailer to grow

DALLAS — The private-equity firms that paid top dollar for Neiman Marcus Group Inc., an upscale luxury clothing retailer that consumers' appetite for \$400 shoes and \$1,000 status handbags won't subside any soon.

Analysts say they expect Neiman's new owners to speed up adding new stores and may even open foreign outlets. Neiman Marcus Group Inc. announced Monday it has agreed to sell its chain of luxury department stores to Texas Pacific Group and Warburg Pincus for about \$3.1 billion in cash.

Neiman shares fell \$5.36, or 5.5 percent, to close at \$92.96 on the New York Stock Exchange Monday.

The shares had gained more than one-third since mid-March, when the company announced it was considering putting itself up for sale, but the sale price of \$100 per share was below estimates that Neiman could fetch \$115 per share.

Manufacturing growth slows down

WASHINGTON — Growth at the nation's manufacturers slowed in April for the fifth consecutive month, reflecting a cooling economy that may be ending inflation worries.

The Institute for Supply Management said Monday that its index measuring manufacturing activity registered \$3.3 in April, down from March's 55.2 reading.

The manufacturing sector's performance was weaker than the 55.0 analysts had expected and it left the index at its lowest level since July 2003, but it means the sector expanded for the 23rd consecutive month. A reading of 50 or above in the index means the manufacturing sector is expanding, while a figure below 50 represents a contraction.

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wal-Mart begs to differ. The city has received two separate appeals seeking to clear the way for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to build a supercenter in the North Haven Business Park. Last month, Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart submitted applications for three special-use permits to operate the business 24 hours per day, to operate a drive-through pharmacy and to operate a tire and auto facility.

But after a staff review, Twin Falls' planning and zoning office in a letter said it was unable to process the special-use permit applications, due to restrictions both in North Haven's planned-unit development agreement and in city code. In response to that letter, both the Billiar family — who owns the North Haven property — and Wal-Mart filed written appeals with the city last week.

In the letter, planning and zoning assistant Renee Carraway said the store's planned tire and lube shop doesn't meet the terms of the PUD, which the city approved in January. Automotive and truck service and/or repair shops are permitted in the park, but tire shops are not, according to the agreement.

Another issue in the plans involves the proposed store's outside storage area at the rear of the property. The city said the storage area violates both the PUD and city code, which says business parks may not have any "outside storage of any product, material or vehicles used in the loading, unloading, or transportation of manufactured goods."

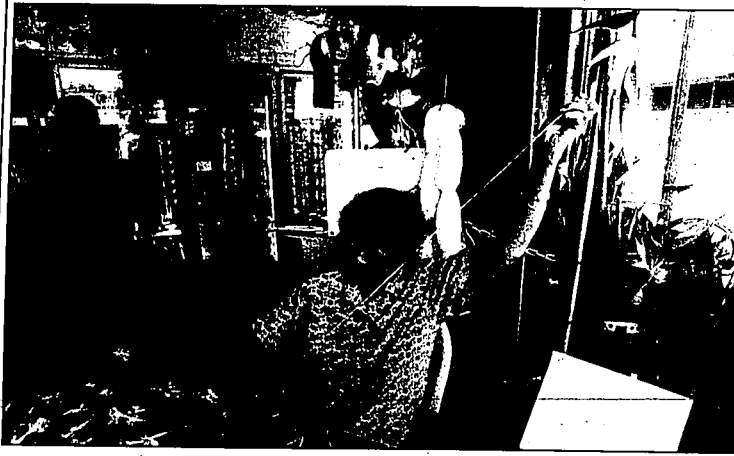
The third issue deals with Wal-Mart's planned signage. According to North Haven's PUD, "building signage shall be limited to wall-mounted signs or monument-type signs with a maximum height of 10 feet measured above the adjacent curb, with a maximum size of 100 square feet per building."

The Billiar family interprets that passage within the PUD differently than the city does, said Twin Falls attorney Gary Slette, who is representing the family.

"It was always the parties' intention that the referenced paragraph allowed wall signs as provided in the ordinance and monument signs not exceeding 100 square feet per building," Slette wrote in the appeal he submitted to the city on the Billiar's behalf last week. "If the signs were back-loaded to Pole-

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IN DEMAND



A lei maker works in Jenny's Lei and Flower Store in the Chinatown section of Honolulu on April 25. With Mother's Day and graduation days approaching, the busy season for lei makers across the Hawaiian Islands is just getting started.

Events bring lei interest to seasonal high in Hawaii

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The three women at Lila's Lei and Flower Shoppe sat around a small table covered with loose flowers in shades of pink, orange and pale green, thoughtfully studying the vibrant blossoms on their tables.

delicate orange ohia ali flowers with a long wire neckle.

But as Mother's Day and graduation season approach, the women will have less time to work on the more intricate designs, she said.

The busiest time of year for lei makers across the Hawaiian Islands is just getting started. In the coming weeks, tens of thousands of the traditional flower garlands will be placed around the necks of honorees, accompanied by a kiss and embrace.

Birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and funerals, as well as airport greetings and tour companies create a steady year-round demand for the colorful flower garlands, but as May approaches, lei makers speed up production and charge higher prices.

Boise Cascade plans IPO worth up to \$416 million

WASHINGTON — Boise Cascade Holdings LLC, the paper and forest products company which has a corrugated container plant in Burley, plans to sell 16 million shares at \$24 to \$26 each in its initial public offering, according to a regulatory filing Monday.

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Managers of the offering received an option to sell up to an additional 2.4 million shares to meet demand, the filing said.

Boise Cascade's A common stock has been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BCC," the filing said.

of about \$80 million, or 17 cents per share, relating to prior years' tax-udil settlements. This company's earnings of 49 cents per share in last year's second quarter, which included a tax benefit of 5 cents per share.

According to the latest filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Boise company will be converted to a corporation named Boise Cascade Co. before the IPO.

Cosmetics company Avon posts high profit

NEW YORK — Avon Products Inc., the world's largest direct-seller of cosmetics, said Monday that first-quarter earnings increased 16 percent from last year, and the company raised its full-year profit outlook.

Molson Coors says loss wider than reported

NEW YORK — Molson Coors Brewing Co. — which has eleven breweries and research operations in Magic Valley and buys barley from local growers — said its loss for the first quarter was wider than originally reported last week, according to a document filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday.

Thursday posted its first financial results since the merger of Molson Inc. and Adolph Coors Co. said it quarterly loss — including one-time items — was \$8.4 million, instead of the \$5.1 million loss initially reported.

Students should lock in low loan rates while they last

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve Board has been ratcheting up short-term interest rates lately, but thanks to the federal regulations, government-guaranteed student loans remain in a low-rate time warp.

MONEY MANAGEMENT Albert R. Crenshaw

many student-loan rates make their annual interest-rate adjustment, and if recent rates on Treasury bills are a guide, rates will jump about 2

percentage points.

Rates on Stafford loans, the most common student loans, are ones that adjust annually could rise to around 4.6 percent from the current 2.77 percent for students still in school, in the inter-school "prepay" period, or with loans in deferment.

But many borrowers still have a chance to lock in a rate very close to the one in effect today and keep it there for the life of their debt. They can do this by "consolidating" their Stafford or other guaranteed student loans.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

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Lei

Continued from D4 tuberosc crop. She said increased demand is not the main reason she's raising prices this year by about a half cent a blossom. Rainy weather in November and December, followed by strong winds in January ruined about 12 acres of Yamada's orchard, an about 40,000 flowers. Rising fuel costs add to her financial stress. "This time it's a crunch. I cannot even treat my workers 225 hundred dollars extra for working so hard," Yamada said. Still, the cost of most leis won't climb dramatically. The pikake lei, with its heady, addictive fragrance, will prove the exception. The price of the white pikake which is sold for about \$25 near the end of April, will just about double in May. Justali and other leis in Honolulu. The price of a Christmas, a favorite lei made of 500 tightly packed orchid lips, will rise from about \$22 to \$25 in June. The price of a Christmas, a favorite lei made of 500 tightly packed orchid lips, will rise from about \$22 to \$25 in June.

to show affection for mom or a guy? Monday referred all "EVEN if the price goes up, they will still come and get it," Sribsongh said. About 1 million flowers grown in Hawaii in 2003 were strung into leis, according to the latest statistics from Hawaii's Department of Agriculture. Waxy, white tuberosc accounted for more than \$1.48 million, or 40 percent of sales recorded by the state in 2003. Nurseries and hothouses throughout the islands grow most of the state's lei flowers, including carnation, orchid, pikake and plumeria. Locals tend to purchase the Christmas or fragrant flowers such as pikake, ginger and pukaenikeli, lei sellers said. "Our companies and hotels often drop visitors with the less expensive plumeria or orchid leis, whose purple and white flowers are mostly imported from the state to 2003. Demand for leis in California, Oregon and Washington has risen dramatically in the past two or three years, especially during graduation season, according to Bill Wise of Waiali Farms on Oahu.

Wal-Mart

Continued from D4 Line Road (with the building facing away from Pole Line), it was always contemplated that there would be external wall signage to mark its identity with an interior street monument sign. "The notion that the PUD agreement should now be interpreted to allow only a single sign for a sign for one user on a 30-acre parcel is inconsistent with the PUD agreement."

On Monday she said the matter is a case of two parties looking at the same situation in different ways. "I'm not saying it's one or the other — a monument sign or a wall-mounted one. Slette said.

The second written appeal came from Boise attorney JoAnn C. Butler on behalf of Wal-Mart.

"I believe the Twin Falls City and the PUD agreement allow the flexibility of Wal-Mart's tire and lube facility (and) outside storage facilities, as well as signs proposed by the applicant," Butler's letter said. The city is reviewing both appeals, Carraway said, and the appeals likely will be on the agenda of commissioning and public hearing May 31. The city also has received a petition from a group of individuals who oppose to Wal-Mart's proposed Twin Falls store, Carraway said. The group, made up of people from the area near Hartman's, will be getting more petitions like this one, Carraway said.

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