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Remembering victory

Bush joins in Red Square celebration of WWII triumph

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Leaders of the victors and the vanquished united Monday to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany, with Russian President Vladimir Putin hosting President Bush and dozens of others in a Red Square celebration replete with goose-stepping soldiers, a hammer-and-sickle flag and other symbols of the Soviet era.

Putin bowed low before all veterans of the Great Patriotic War," he said, using Russia's name for World War II, which killed an estimated 27 million Soviets during nearly four years of bitter fighting after the Nazi invasion of 1941.

Anti-strict security that closed the heart of Moscow to ordinary citizens, Putin watched the parade from a podium in front of Lenin's tomb flanked by Bush, French President Jacques Chirac and Ger-

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President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin laugh during a military parade marking the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany, in Moscow's Red Square on Monday.

Highway districts battle over tax funds

By Loraine Caveron
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Two highway districts are battling for their share of more than \$300,000 in tax revenue that would be generated from a proposed Cassia County wind farm.

Two weeks ago, Albion Highway District made its argument to the Cassia County Commission for a change in boundaries so it would get a larger piece of the pie.

On Monday, Raft River Highway District made its plea to the commission.

If the Cotterel Mountain wind farm becomes a reality, Cassia County would receive about \$2.5 million in property tax revenue annually from Windland Inc.

Albion Highway District would receive \$6,020 annually out of that amount. Raft River Highway District would receive \$31,999, said Jim Kempton at the last Cassia County commissioner meeting. Kempton is a former Idaho legislator who now serves in a governor-appointed position as one of two council members from Idaho on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

Raft River Highway District commissioners said the split is fair because Raft River maintains 267 miles of improved roads compared with Albion districts' 40 miles of improved roads.

The Cotterel project is located in the Raft River district, said Olenic Warr, chairman of the Raft River Highway Commission. However, on April 25 the Albion commissioners argued that increased traffic from the wind farm would come from the Albion side of the district, not the Raft River side and would therefore create more maintenance issues.

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ALL WET

Rainy, cool weather prolongs irrigation season

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As Denny Lumsden walked through her living room on Monday, she spotted a big shadow descending on her Twin Falls home.

The round flying object that landed in Lumsden's back yard was no spaceship, but rather her neighbor's trampoline. Strong winds picked up the trampoline, lifted it over a 6-foot fence and set it down — right side up — in Lumsden's yard.

"It's terrible weather," she said. Gusts of 49 mph blew out of the west through the Magic Valley on Monday, said Dave Decker with the National Weather Service. Between midnight and 5 p.m., the Twin Falls area was pelted with 37 inches of precipitation and accumulated over .5 inches in 48 hours.

And, just how is this wet weather impacting the water outlook for the Magic Valley?

"We're at a much better spot than we were a month ago," said Mike Beus, a Snake River water manager with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley. "Demand has been slow to develop."

Canal companies and irrigators don't need as much water as in warmer, drier spring seasons. Therefore, some canal companies have been able to hold off on requesting water deliveries from storage.

"Reservoir storage has improved — we were already using storage at this time last year," Beus said.

In general, water users are in a better position today than at this point last year because cooler temperatures have kept snowpacks from melting as quickly, said Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Snowpack is pretty ripe right now," Abramovich said.

"The precipitation we've had this past month is helping out quite a bit. We'll be able to use this water later in the season."

Both Beus and Vince Alberdi, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., worry about this season turning into one similar to 1993. During that summer, temperatures didn't rise much above 85 degrees and damp, rainy weather made it difficult for farmers to get into the fields.

"That's the summer that never hap-



Issac Goodrich of Filer, a corporal in the Marine Corps who is stationed in San Diego, didn't let Monday's thunderstorm keep him from training along Locust Street in Twin Falls. Storms are expected to continue throughout the week.

pened," Alberdi said. While water has long been on the minds of farmers around the valley, now another element is coming to the forefront this season. "The fields are getting soggy," Alberdi said. "This is getting serious. We need sun."

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NewsTracker

■ **Last we know:** Albion Highway District commissioners requested a district boundary change at the April 25 meeting of the Cassia County Commission. Albion commissioners said that if the Windland Inc. wind farm on Cotterel Mountain becomes a reality, Albion highway district would receive a much smaller share of tax revenue generated by that project. The district would need a larger portion because of an increase in traffic to maintain roads, commissioners said.

■ **The latest:** Raft River Highway District commissioners told the Cassia County Commission on Monday that a boundary change is not warranted because Raft River Highway District cares for six times more miles of road than Albion Highway District.

■ **What's next:** Cassia County commissioners said they will continue to discuss the issue.

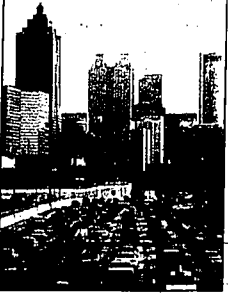
Traffic jams just keep spreading

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sitting in traffic, an annoying part of life in many big cities, is becoming a major headache in places not usually lumped in with New York, Washington and Los Angeles.

Take Omaha, Neb. Each year, motorists in one of the country's most wide-open states spend the equivalent of nearly a full day in highway gridlock, according to the annual Urban Mobility Report released Monday by the Texas Transportation Institute.

Omaha is among a growing list of metropolitan areas where drivers are delayed at least 20 hours a year. There are 51 such places now, compared to just five in 1982. Among some of the newer entries: Colorado Springs, Colo.; Virginia Beach, Va.; Charleston, S.C.; New Haven, Conn.; Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; Salt Lake City; and



Traffic backs up on the downtown connector in Atlanta in this photo from 1998.

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Manslaughter charges filed in fatal Idaho crash

Police: Pickup going 100 mph struck car

The Associated Press

BOISE — A Boise man was charged Monday with vehicular manslaughter and a college football player may also face charges in what police describe as a 100-mph highway showdown that ended with the deaths of a young couple and their 5-week-old baby.

Tony and Stephanie Perfect of Boise, both 23, and their daughter Zoe were killed instantly Saturday night when their car was struck by one of two vehicles police say were racing on Idaho state highway 55.

The family was en route to a church camp in Horseshoe Bend, about 30 miles north of town.

At Lutzinka, 45, whose truck struck the victims' car, was charged with three counts of vehicular manslaughter and hooked into Ada County jail on \$1 million bond. Ada County Sheriff Gary Rancey said alcohol was a factor in the crash and Lutzinka may also be charged with drunken driving. With a drunken-driving enhancement to the manslaughter charges, he

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy, windy at times and cool with showers likely. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.
Tonight: More clouds and showers expected. Lows in the middle to upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and brisk with lingering showers. Highs in the middle 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Gray sky, gusty winds and showers. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.
Tonight: More clouds and showers expected. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Clouds, brisk winds and isolated showers. It will be chilly. Highs in the middle 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Cloudy, cold and wet weather will continue through Thursday. Snow may fall in the mountain. Winds will be brisk.

BOISE

Abundant clouds and occasional showers are expected through Wednesday. Winds will be brisk. Temperatures will be chilly.

NORTHERN IDAHO

Cloudy and showers will be common through Thursday. Winds will be gusty, especially near the mountains.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CORRECTIONS

School board considered online payment program. An article in Monday's newspaper contained incorrect information about an agenda item.

Advertisement for 'The Times-News' featuring a photo of a man and text about advertising rates.

Stray dog saves abandoned baby Traffic

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A stray dog saved the life of a newborn baby after finding the abandoned infant in a forest and apparently carrying it across a busy road and through some barbed wire to her litter of puppies, witnesses said.

Nairobi, Stephen Thoya told the independent Daily Nation newspaper. The dog apparently found the baby Friday in the plastic bag in which the infant had been abandoned, said Aggrey Mwangi, owner of the shed where the animal was guarding his puppies. The 7-pound, 4-ounce infant was taken to the hospital for treatment on Saturday.

to treatment, she is stable... She is on antibiotics," Kenya National Hospital spokeswoman Hanna Gakuo told The Associated Press from the hospital, where health workers called the infant Agony.

Continued from A1 Cincinnati. "That's where the growth is," said Tim Lomax, one of the report's co-authors. The median number of about 10.5 years behind the big cities.

consultant, saw many major traffic problems these days are out in the suburbs and along the edges of metropolitan regions.

WWII

Continued from A1 man Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. On the Kremlin wall, the word "victory" was emblazoned in several languages, including those of the war's losers.

medals rode by in green trucks. Soldiers in modern and World War II-era uniforms — infantrymen with red fedoras and machine gunners with black padded helmets — marched in tight formation, the slip of their boots echoing across the cobblestones. Jet-streamed smoke in the Russian flag's white, blue and red colors above the square after Putin's speech.

in Germany and Italy. "Today we pay tribute to the courage of all Europeans who countered Nazism," Putin said. However, he added, "the most cruel and decisive events unfolded on the territory of the Soviet Union." Listing battles such as Stalingrad, Kursk and the siege of Leningrad — where he was born in 1952 — Putin said that "the Red Army put a victorious end to the war with the liberation of Europe and the battle for Berlin."

This result is clogged highways, and the king of that road nightmare is Los Angeles, where motorists are delayed an average of 93 hours a year, San Francisco was next with 42 hours, followed by Washington (69 hours), Atlanta (67 hours) and Houston (63 hours).

The report was released Monday, the same day the Senate resumed debate on a bill that would spend \$284 billion on highways over the next six years. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials estimated it would take as much as \$400 billion in federal spending over the next six years to solve traffic problems, based on a 2002 study.

District

Continued from A1 Raft River Commissioner Jim Paskett said county records show that Albion receives \$5,800 per mile for county road maintenance and Raft River receives \$1,911 per mile. A 25-mile stretch of road, which was Highway 30, but was turned over to the county by the Idaho Transportation Department, is included in Raft River's jurisdiction.

condition," Warr said. Cassia County Commissioner Crane asked if consolidating all highway districts in Cassia County would be a solution. "We don't want to consolidate if it would benefit all," Crane said. Consolidation would be a problem, Paskett said. "Our highway district has control over our funds and they can't put it where they want," he said.

would continue to discuss the issue. "Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at (208) 438-8446 or lcavener@pmt.org.

Washington-area commuter belt's Walbrook spent more than an hour Monday traveling eight miles through the Maryland suburbs, Walbrook, a pharmaceutical salesman from Glen Dale, Md., said. The reason was an accident, an all-too-frequent rush-hour occurrence on the roads around the nation's capital.

change congestion are loss of jobs and more commitments to expand capacity," Lomax said. But congestion can also be reduced by managing traffic better. The report said such techniques as coordinating traffic signals, smoothing traffic flow on major roads and creating lanes to reroute commuters to accidents reduced delay by 336 million hours in 2003.

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Name misspelled

Trish Lawley's owner of Aardvark Legal Support Service. Her name was misspelled in a story in Monday's newspaper.

Crash

family's vehicle was partly blocked by another truck as the Perfect's Subaru turned onto the highway. They were hit broadside by Lazinka's Chevy, which was traveling at an estimated 100 mph.

Last season, Hall was a part-timer on the Broncos' roster. He was a backup player for the Broncos. He set a school record with 116 return yards on two interceptions in last season's 58-21 win against the University of Nevada, Reno.

NATION

Reid offers support for nominee

Democrat's gesture latest in filibuster fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid on Monday offered the Democrats' support for one of the two finalists in the nomination, former Senate lawyer Thomas Griffith, as a goodwill gesture in the confrontation over banning judicial filibusters.

"Let's take a step away from the precipice," Reid said. "Let's try cooperation, rather than confrontation, which seems to be the hallmark of what we've been doing here lately."

The offer came as President Bush and Senate Republicans renewed their pressure on Democrats to stop blocking some of his judicial nominees, four years to the day that the White House unveiled its first judicial picks.

Griffith replaced a third, Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada, who withdrew his nomination for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia after Democrats filibustered his nomination for two years.

Griffith was the Senate's general counsel during President Clinton's impeachment and became Brigham Young University's general counsel in 2003.

Two girls found stabbed to death

ZION, Ill. (AP) — Two second-grade girls who disappeared while riding bikes together were found dead Monday, each stabbed multiple times and left to die on a bicycle path in a park, authorities said.



Police chief Doug Malcolm, center, holds a photo of 9-year-old Krystal Tobias as he talks with reporters after a news conference Monday in Zion, Ill.

A resident walking through a wooded nature area in the park discovered the bodies of 8-year-old Laura Hobbs and 9-year-old Krystal Tobias at about 6 a.m.

The parents of one of the girls had reported her missing about 8:50 p.m. Sunday, about two hours after she was expected home. Police Chief Doug Malcolm said. The parents of the other girl talked shortly afterward, and authorities with respect to the girls' deaths.

Malcolm said no weapons were found and there was no evidence of sexual assault. A girls' bicycle was found nearby.

"This is a heinous crime. It was a crime not only against those kids but against all of us," the police chief said.

The killings stunned this town about 45 miles north of Chicago, prompting police and school officials to escort children directly onto buses at the end of the school day.

Dozens of anxious parents waited until their children emerged from the front doors of the school, then put their arms around their kids or clutched their hands as they walked to their cars.

Constance Collins, superintendent of the Zion Elementary School District, said the girls were in the same second-grade class at Beulah Park Elementary School.

"They were best friends," said Laura Unrein, who lives near the park. "When one left, the other left. They were always together."

School was in session Monday, and social workers and a crisis intervention team were called in to help the students.

Jeanette Ortiz said she is worried because her 11-year-old son plays and rides his bike in the same park. She came to the school to pick him up.

"I'm going to have to tell him that he needs to be careful no matter where he goes," she said.

Government will reimburse hospitals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health care providers can charge the government for emergency care provided to illegal aliens beginning Tuesday.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued final guidance Monday that sets up a system for reimbursement. Lawmakers set aside \$1 billion over four years for the program, created by Medicare legislation passed in 2003.

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U.S. bases in Europe will decrease by half

WASHINGTON (AP) — The planned withdrawal of tens of thousands of U.S. troops from Europe would reduce by nearly one-half the number of bases maintained by the Army in Europe, a senior Defense Department official said Monday.

Ray DuBois, the acting undersecretary of the Army, told a Pentagon news conference that savings gained from abandoning those bases will be reinvested in new facilities for soldiers at U.S. bases.

DuBois said the Army has calculated exactly which brigades and other units are to move back to the United States. "By quarter by fiscal year," and has proposed to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld which U.S. bases they would be moving to. DuBois declined to disclose more details, saying Rumsfeld was "still chewing over" some of the recommendations.

DuBois said Rumsfeld would publicly announce his full set of recommendations on closing and realigning U.S. bases on Friday. The recommendations will be submitted to an independent commission that will hold hearings, starting with Rumsfeld's testimony next Monday.

The commission has until Sept. 8 to submit its final report to President Bush.

This is the first base closing and realignment commission since 1995.

Researchers find differing brain response in gay men

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gay men's brains respond differently from those of heterosexual men when exposed to a sexual stimulus, researchers have found.

The homosexual men's brains responded more like those of women when the men sniffed a chemical from the male hormone testosterone.

"It is one more piece of evidence ... that is showing that sexual orientation is not all learned," said Sandra Witelson, an expert on brain anatomy and sexual orientation at the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada.

Witelson, who was not part of the research team, said the findings clearly show a biological involvement—in sexual orientation.

The study, published in Tuesday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, was done by researchers at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

They exposed heterosexual men and women and homosexual men to chemicals derived from male and female sex hormones. These chemicals are thought to be pheromones—molecules known to trigger responses such as defense and sex in many animals.

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NATION/WORLD

U.S. forces launch offensive, kill 100 near Iraq-Syria border

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Hundreds of American troops backed by helicopter gunships and warplanes swept into remote desert villages near the Syrian border Monday, hunting for followers of Iraq's most wanted terrorist and reportedly killing as many as 100 militants since the weekend operation began.

The U.S. military said some foreign fighters were believed to have been captured in the first 48 hours of the assault, which began late Saturday in the border town of Qaim, about 200 miles west of Baghdad. At least three Marines were killed in the region, it said.

U.S. officials described the area as a known smuggling route and a haven for foreign fighters involved in Iraq's insurgency. The assault was the biggest U.S. offensive since the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah fell last fall.

Meanwhile, militants claimed in an Internet posting to have captured a Japanese man after ambushing an international British security company's convoy in western Iraq. A spokesman for the company confirmed the employee was missing.

It wasn't clear whether Sunday's attack was related to the U.S. operation, which was about 80 miles away.

The offensive was being conducted by Regimental Combat Team 2, a joint force of about 1,000 Marines, sailors and soldiers commanded by the 2nd Marine Division, and expected to last several days in an area along the Euphrates River in the al-Jazira Desert, said Capt. Jeffrey Pool, a Marine spokesman.

A senior military official in Washington said the offensive was targeting followers of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of Al-Qaida in Iraq, who are believed operating in the remote region.

"This is an area which we believe has been pretty heavy with foreign insurgents from many different areas — Syria, Saudi Arabia, Palestine," said Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Iraq.

Acting on information from a captured al-Zarqawi associate, U.S. forces moved into Qaim overnight Saturday, killing six insurgents and detaining 54 suspects, the military said in a statement. Local residents are providing a "wealth of information" about the insurgency and foreign fighters in their area, Pool said.

On Sunday, troops moved into villages in and around Obeldi, a town about 185 miles west of Baghdad, and started to push north across the Eu-

phrates, according to The Chicago Tribune, which has a reporter embedded with the combat team.

"Our analysis is that there's a foreign fighter flow from Syria," Col. Stephen Davis, commander of Regimental Combat Team 2, told the Tribune. "The trademark of these folks is to be where we're not. We haven't got north of the river for a while."

The newspaper quoted some Marines as saying residents of one riverside town turned off all their lights at night, apparently to warn neighboring villages of the approaching U.S. forces.

Frightened residents covered in their homes Monday as bombs exploded and warplanes roared overhead.

"It's truly horrific, there are snipers everywhere, rockets, no food, no electricity," said Abu Omar al-Ani, a father of three reached by telephone in Qaim.

"Today five rockets fell in front of my house... we are mentally exhausted."

The push comes amid a surge of militant attacks that have killed more than 310 people since April 28, when the new Iraqi government was announced.

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Two Marines die in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Insurgents trying to escape U.S. Marines took refuge in a cave and killed two Americans during a five-hour battle in eastern Afghanistan that left an estimated 23 rebels dead, the U.S. military said Monday.

The clash, which also involved American attack planes, was the latest in a string of battles that the military says has inflicted heavy losses on militants who have intensified attacks since winter snows melted.

A U.S. statement said Sunday's battle began when a Marine unit checked on a tip about insurgents operating in Laghman, an opium-producing area 60 miles east of the capital, Kabul.

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A night to remember

After graduation, friends gather at senior parties

By Jami Whitred
Times-News writer

From all over the valley, parents team up to make sure graduating seniors have one last night to remember. Senior parties are traditionally held right after the graduation ceremony and filled with games, prizes and food. The parties planned for classes of 2005 are no exception. Typically party planners are parents of graduating seniors and divide themselves into committees for fund-raising, donations for prizes and food and other categories. One of the first steps is to agree on a theme. While some schools don't have one, many

organizers find it helpful for decorating and deciding on entertainment. Twin Falls High School's theme is 2005 Best of the Best. "The idea is to capitalize all of the success the school has had in academics, clubs and sports," said Susan Reitsma, a chairman for the party planning committee. Planning for Twin Falls High School's party began in November by organizing paperwork. The parties will include sumo wrestling outfits, a bump run, bingo, jousting, rock wall and a popular hypnosis act. Since the parties are for young people, Reitsma said her main goal is to get them really excited about coming. "We really emphasize the

Bruin theme and the colors. It's the last time they can say they're Bruins," Reitsma said. "We're looking for unique things that haven't been done before." They're not the only ones. Buhl High School seniors will be bussed to NazzKart in Twin Falls for their party, where students will have access to the driving cars, food, a rock wall and game room. "This is the second year we've done it at NazzKart," said Kristine Welch, a party planner. "Before we've done things at the high school, gone bowling or to movies and then bring them back to the school and give them their gifts." Some schools obtain grants to fund the parties, but they all depend on donations for prizes

and food. Some schools try to get a small gift for every student and larger gifts for the seniors to win. Car stereos, microwaves, televisions, money and even cars will be up for grabs at the parties. Planners say they are extremely grateful for donations. Buhl High School used donations to make sure every student has a grab bag to take home and for the rental of NazzKart. Kimberly High School also used donations to pay for the use of the Boys and Girls Club and entertainment. With just over 80 seniors to entertain, the Kimberly committee has lined up a slide show of student pictures, from baby



Buhl students and parents get ready to drive karts at NazzKart in Twin Falls last year as part of their senior graduation party. The class of 2005 will again don hair nets before putting on helmets and driving this year to celebrate their graduation.

to graduation, as well as karaoke and videotaping students who have been hypnotized. "The hypnotist told me we can only videotape the kids after they've been hypnotized because he doesn't want to hypnotize anyone and leave them that way for 30 years," said Lynette Sievers, a senior parent, laughing.

PIONEER BUTTON CLUB OFFICERS

The Pioneer Button Club elected new officers for 2005-2006 at its March 25 meeting at the Kimberly Public Library. They are, from left, front row: Vice President Alpha Mahler and Treasurer Pam Lowder; back row: President Jayne Lee, Secretary Marilyn Attebury and Historian Dianne Cox. In addition to the officer elections, the club discussed early preparations for the Idaho State Button Society Convention and Show, which will host in June 2006, and the club's contributions to this year's convention and Show, June 9-11 in Pocatello.



Photo courtesy of MARILYN ATTEBURY

PREPARING FOR THE PROM



TRICIA TIGAN for The Times-News

Robyn Watson, Margie Lopez, Jule Crane and Maria Hoggan get on gowns for the upcoming 'Prime of Life Prom' Cassia Regional Medical Center's American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team is sponsoring the event which will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Burley High School Practices Gym. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door and can be purchased by calling Hoggan at 677-6561 or Lopez at 677-6514.

Church offers history 'Walk of Ages'

JEROME — The Jerome United Methodist Men invite families to attend "Walk of Ages," a walk through Magic Valley history from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday beginning at 500 S. 214 W. in Jerome, 1 mile north and 2.1 miles west of Jerome Golf Course Corner.

Displays will show the history of the land, progression of farming practices, wildlife of the area, and a map and story of the ages told by geology. The 2 and one-half mile walk will also include a view of the Snake River Canyon and where a new bridge will cross.

A hay ride will be provided if needed. Donations will support the Jerome Ministerial Association Food Pantry. For more information, call Scott McClure at 324-2022 or at 734-3015 or Gary Hompland at 324-3311.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Eden Elizabeth Devries, daughter of Michelle and Scott Devries of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 2, 2005.
Haylie Susanna Angell, daughter of Amy Dabke and Mark Hank Angell of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, May 3, 2005.
Gabriel William Berkley, son of Teresa Nicole and Travis William Berkley of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 4, 2005.
Fector Gonzalez-Medina Jr., son of Elizabeth and Hector Gonzalez of Gooding, was born Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

Cassia Regional Medical Center
Sawyer Neil Justesen, son of Nestor and Ginger Justesen of Oakley, was born Monday, May 2, 2005.
Jordan Lee Knutson, daughter of Joshua and Codi Knutson of Oakley, was born Wednesday, March 30, 2005.
St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center
Mariana Castillo-Rivera, daughter of Alicia Rivera and Nestor Castillo-Rivera, was born Tuesday, April 12, 2005.
Brian Daniel Madrigal, son

of Maria and Fernando Madrigal of Hatley, was born Tuesday, April 12, 2005.
Gracie Elynn Shiver, daughter of Jeannette and Jeffrey Shiver of Hatley, was born Tuesday, April 12, 2005.
John Telluride Tumolo, son of Pilar and Jeffrey Tumolo of Ketchum, was born Thursday, April 14, 2005.
Emily Tellez - Regalado, daughter of Leticia Regalado Tellez and David Tellez Romero of Bellevue, was born Friday, April 15, 2005.
Harley Leore Pallen, son of Tracy and Timothy Pallen of Hatley, was born Sunday, April 17, 2005.

Megan Leah Bryan, daughter of Robin and James Bryan Jr. of Gooding, Monday, April 18, 2005.
Megan Hope Taber, daughter of Amie and Darren Taber of Shoshone, was born Monday, April 18, 2005.
William Hook Fowler, son of Anna and William Fowler of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, May 19, 2005.
Payton James Cole, son of Robert and Cheryl Cole of Hatley, was born Friday, April 22, 2005.
Jose Manuel Martinez Jr., son of Miriam and Jose Martinez Jr. of Ketchum, was born Friday, April 22, 2005.
Chase Jayden Rushton, son

of Kelley and Kyle Rushton of Hatley, was born Friday, April 22, 2005.
Hristan James McLean, son of Emilee Smith and Michael McLean of Bellevue, was born Saturday, April 23, 2005.
Brody Leonard Simcoe, son of Randy and Bryan Simcoe of Hatley, was born Saturday, April 23, 2005.
Nathan Durand, son of Megan and Daniel Durand of Fairfield, was born Tuesday, April 26, 2005.
Macle Escalera-Duron, daughter of Luisa Duron and Leonardo Escalera of Hatley, was born Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jami Whitred The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for SUNDAY's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

STORK REPORT

Student raises money for 'Statesmen' school
TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth Caval, a 17-year-old junior at Twin Falls High School, has been selected to attend the 2005 Junior Statesmen Summer School at the University in New Haven, Conn. She is raising money to help support her room, books and other expenses. To make a donation, send a check to Admissions Director, The Junior Statesmen Summer School, 400 S. El Camino Road, suite 300, San Mateo, CA 94402. Checks can be made payable to Junior Statesmen Foundation and include a note that Caval is the intended beneficiary. The school will be held from June 26 to July 21. Students take college-level courses in American government and speech and participate in night debates of controversial public policy issues in a congressional workshop. Caval was selected for her academic record and potential for leadership. Among her achievements and activities: She is a co-cap-

tain on the debate team, Girls State delegate and member of Business Professionals of America, Magic Valley Student Leadership and Law Club; was elected senior class president and managing editor for Bruin News; accepted into National Honor Society and attended bronze and silver Congressional medals. She also volunteers at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, was nominated for Junior/Volunteer of the Year and helps coach eighth-grade girls volleyball at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Hatley. For more information, call Caval at 734-8437.
Nursery offers container gardening course
TWIN FALLS — The public is invited to attend a seminar on Container Vegetative Gardening at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. The cost is \$20. Participants will be able to keep their own planted vegetable container. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 733-2717.
DAR meeting includes quilting program
TWIN FALLS — The Daughters of the American Revolution

will meet at noon Saturday for a potluck salad luncheon at Maurine Williams' home in Twin Falls. The meeting will include a program on modern quilts, a report on the state conference and installation of new officers. Prospective members are invited. For more information, call 655-4100.
Oakley arts council holds auditions for show
OAKLEY — Oakley Valley Arts Council is holding auditions for its summer production of "Crazy for You" from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to noon on the Howell Opera House in Oakley. For more information, call the co-directors Brian Anderson and Conny Elisson at 862-9270 or 677-2283. Performance dates are July 20-23, 25-26 and 28-30. "Crazy for You" is a new Gershwin musical comedy, where everybody sings and dances and where anything on his mind is used to make music. Directors are looking for actors ranging in ages from 15 years and older, particularly those versed in tap dancing and singing. Visit our web site www.oakleyvalleyarts.com for complete character listing.

All auditions are opened to the general public. Those who auditions should prepare a musical number and be ready to read.
Bridle Brats 4-H Club Horse show set
RUPERT — Bridle Brats 4-H Club shaggy horse show will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Mindoka County Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road, Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road, Fairgrounds. The cost is \$2 per class with classes in showmanship, barrel racing and more. Classes are divided into age groups. Proceeds go to the Donna McGuire Horse Sportsmanship Memorial Award, which is given annually to a boy and girl who displays outstanding sportsmanship during the Mindoka County Fair and Rodeo. Proceeds will also be used for the Horsin' Around Camp held each January. For more information, call Boo at 436-0732 or 431-1732.
Mindoka students are invited to free bowling
BURLEY — The Rupert Kiwanis Club presents free bowling day for all Mindoka County students in kindergarten through eighth grade from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Snake River Bowl,

725 Mindoka Ave. All bowling, shoes and a small drink are free for students. For more information, call 679-2555.
Yard sale benefits pool construction
RUPERT — An indoor yard sale to benefit the Rupert Swimming Pool will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert Civic Center, 624 F St. All proceeds will go to help build the new swimming pool. Anyone with items to donate can bring them by City Hill by Friday. For more information, call Mayor Audrey Neierwith at 436-3500 or Mary Anderson at 434-2400.
Lions fishing derby takes place this weekend
DECLO — The Dedo Lions will hold its annual fishing derby at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Declo boat docks. First prize is \$1,000. For more information, call Dave at 431-2299.
Vendors sought for T.F. downtown market
TWIN FALLS — Historic Downtown Twin Falls is interested in hosting a First Friday's

Market. The market would be located on Main Street in downtown Twin Falls on the first Friday of each month through October. Vendors interested in participating can call Kathy Hanson at 733-4914 for more information.
Desert Sun Dancers holds pie social Friday
SHOSHONE — The Desert Sun Dancers pie social will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street. The club will furnish ice cream. Visitors should bring a pie.
Former bank employees meet for lunch Saturday
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Bank and Trust employees will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. Reservations are required by Thursday by calling Dee at 734-4695.
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EDITORIAL

Larger states deserve most anti-terror funding

First we struck at Kabul and Tora Bora, then came the fall of Baghdad and Tikrit. Now the United States has taken its war on terror to a different level, with a strategic plan to fortify the battle against terrorism in Wendell and Gooding.

held drills elsewhere. Now those soldiers are patrolling the streets of Kirkuk against insurgents.

So we're glad the town of Gooding decided to fully jump on the anti-terror bandwagon — even if it is on the government's dime.

No one should blame these agencies for applying for grants that can help modernize equipment.

Rural law enforcement agencies struggle to keep up with newer forms of technology that are crucial in fighting crime.

If money is available from the feds, why not go after it? But there's something disingenuous about taxpayer money

going into anti-terrorist programs, for cities with fewer than 3,500 people.

The latest Homeland Security data show that on a per-capita basis, Wyoming sits atop the nation by earning about \$28 per person in homeland security spending (last year it was \$42 per person).

But California, the most populous state in the nation, gets about \$8.05 per person. Idaho will receive about \$12.92 per person in 2005.

Those disparities existed due to post-Sept. 11 guarantees that each state would receive at least three-quarters of a percentage point of money from the biggest homeland security grant programs.

Last summer, the 9/11 Commission recommended less pork-barrel plotting of terrorism dollars.

Congress and President Bush are now aiming to drop that 0.75 percent guarantee to around 0.25 percent.

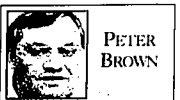
We shouldn't ignore the ability of terrorists to strike at the heart of America — including small counties in Idaho. But the feds are wise to make sure anti-terrorist spending is spent mostly on more vulnerable parts of the nation.

Lasting gratitude for Allied victors

Go out of your way to find someone 75 or older, whether you know him or not, and thank him for making the world a better, safer place.

Sunday was the 60th anniversary of World War II's end in Europe. Those who fought the war, whether abroad or at home, deserve not just our thanks but our understanding of their sacrifices that made the period since the American (half) Century.

It is almost impossible to overstate the enormity of our parents' and grandparents' achievement in stopping Adolf Hitler from forever changing our planet.



PETER BROWN

Baby boomers who lived through the Cold War and members of the younger generations who now see Islamic terrorism as the primary threat to their existence may wrongly look back at the pre-atomic-bomb era as a safer time.

Yet the relative security and prosperity of the post-World War II generations enjoyed as their birthright occurred because the United States, Britain and, to the Soviet Union — with some help from Canada and Australia — freed Europe from Hitler's grasp.

In the early 1940s, the continent was firmly in his control. Who knows what might have happened had he been able to remain in power?

Time and technology have eliminated the protection our two great oceans had provided the United States from Hitler. And World War II turned out differently, that protection would have been erased sooner.

Who can imagine what Nazi Germany, perhaps in time with its own atomic bomb, would have done?

Despite the insecurity of the Cold War years, the Soviet Union's communist economics and political suppression were obviously unable to dominate the world. That's why it eventually collapsed of its own



weight. Even with today's fear of 9-11-type incidents, no one should worry about our nation's ability to remain free and prosperous.

Hitler's German — economically efficient and militarily mighty and menacing — could have been another story.

For those who are not history buffs, it is probably hard to imagine how unprepared we were for World War II.

Had Hitler not declared war on the United States right after Pearl Harbor, there would have been significant opposition at home to Franklin D. Roosevelt doing so.

In the first two years of the war, Allied victory was far from certain, both in Europe and Japan. And had the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, not succeeded, a stalemate might well have developed.

The Nazis all along believed they could force a negotiated peace that left them in power in Germany and at least partly

in control of Europe. Had sheer luck not handed the United States a huge military victory at Midway Island in the Pacific six months after Pearl Harbor, the Japanese might have been able to threaten our West Coast, and perhaps force Roosevelt to renounce his commitment to eliminate Hitler first.

FDR deserves credit for leading us through those dark days. But it was millions of soldiers abroad and

many millions more people at home churning out airplanes and tanks — all of whom had just weathered the Great Depression — who made the difference.

Even the usual cynics recognize the enormity of the challenge faced by G.I. Joe and Rosie the Riveter.

Hollywood is instinctively pacifist to its core, yet "Saving Private Ryan," "Band of Brothers," "Winds of War" and "War and Romance" helped dub World War II the "Good

War." And it was certainly that. We can debate the merits of Vietnam and Korea or the wisdom of Iraq.

But no one with a brain can argue the necessity of the United States taking a stand in World War II and making sure the job was done right.

The alternative was tolerating evil, and living under its constant threat.

The Germans believed they were the master race and saw a multiethnic and multiracial society like ours as the embodiment of all that was wrong on the planet.

Thankfully, Americans responded en masse in a way that may seem terribly naive these days.

My father, who volunteered to serve even though he was in his mid-30s and well past draft age, was emblematic of this generation.

Too many of us today take for granted what they did. Most, like my father, are long gone.

So this week, thank those among us who are left from what was truly our Greatest Generation.

It is the least we can do.

Peter A. Brown is an editorial page columnist for the Orlando Sentinel. Readers may write to him at pabrown@orlandosentinel.com.

Our view: The federal government should be more judicious in how it spends Homeland Security dollars in smaller states.

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

That's right, the Hub City and downtown Gooding are the newest hotspots on the national security map. Gooding County was recently named as one of several counties nationwide to receive Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program grants from the Department of Homeland Security.

The county's share was an impressive \$72,584 to be divided by local towns.

Which begs the question — is the heart of Idaho's dairy country really one of the hot pockets of terrorism? Probably not. And the federal government will probably change that soon.

Gooding County law enforcement agencies were able to apply for a share of the anti-terror loot, so long as the funds are specifically put into stopping anti-terror activities. Wendell Police Department wants to plug into a criminal database that is shared with other law enforcement agencies.

Gooding would like to try to use Mobile Data Terminals, or MDTs, which are laptops mounted into police cars. The officer then has instant access to vehicle information, criminal records and instant field reports.

Gooding as you may recall, was the town that local residents of the Idaho National Guard wanted to use for urban warfare drills back in 2004. But some city residents complained that the drills might scare away Saturday traffic. So the Guard

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Ripping car ribbons was a shame

I have only one question that only God himself could answer: "Why do people do selfish, meaningless things to others?" I am outraged at the lack of morals some people have in the Magic Valley. My niece, Paigeyn, was recently diagnosed with a rare disease called Tay-Sachs. This is a devastating, fatal disease that attacks the brain. My sister, (Paigeyn's mom) had car magnets made that say "Pray For Paigeyn." My sister and several other cars have been stripped of these precious ribbons because someone decided to do their bad deed for the day by cutting them up and, in one case, burning it! Why? What did she do to you? Whoever is doing this, I would love to ask: If your child or loved one had a fatal disease, would they appreciate this type of disgusting behavior? This little girl has brought so much love and joy in all these people lives who own a ribbon. All you have to do is ask for a ribbon. They are a symbol of our love for her, not for you to cut up or burn! These ribbons give my family and friends hope that miracles through prayer can come true, so please stop. VALERIE WARREN Jerome

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OPINION

LETTERS

Sempra's history shows strong pursuit for water

The Times-News Opinion page published a letter from Ralph Friedman of Jerome on May 5 expressing a legitimate concern over potential groundwater pumping by a coal-fired power plant proposed in Jerome County.

Over the past few years, there have been many articles in The Times-News and other publications, as well as testimony at public meetings of local government agencies throughout the Magic Valley, regarding our bankrupt aquifer and the long-term implications of this escalating issue.

Currently, wells are drying up in the Magic Valley and we are discussing ways to deal with this problem, including confined animal feeding operation moratoriums and groundwater recharging to help revitalize the Snake River Plain Aquifer. I think most people in this area are aware we have a serious and growing problem with our groundwater.

On Feb. 21, 2005, the Reno Gazette-Journal published an article reporting that "Sempra Energy officials said they have rounded up options on 25,000 acre-feet of water, a crucial step toward building the proposed \$2 billion plant in northern Washoe County."

Thursday's Times-News reported that "with orders on water calls looming on the horizon, farmers, dairymen and city officials alike brace for possible curtailments." Obviously, Sempra would be buying up senior water rights to ensure a steady supply, and it has the money to do it.

I'm not a groundwater expert by any measure, but 25,000 acre-feet sounds like a lot of water to me, and I question that we can afford to pump this amount of our precious resource to provide

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electricity to southern California. I think it's very likely that everyone in the Magic Valley will ultimately be adversely affected by this potentially disastrous use of our water. People will argue about jobs and economic stimulation; however, jobs won't recharge the aquifer.

If Jerome County officials approve the proposed power plant, is the county prepared to fund mitigation of the negative effects of this potentially grave mistake, or is it going to allow a water disaster to occur and then beg the state and federal government to help fix the problem? What happens to other groundwater pumpers? What about domestic wells in Jerome County going to pay for all the re-drilling that will result because of an aquifer shrink-

ing for reasons other than drought?

I think these are issues that need to be addressed and carefully considered before selling ourselves out to big business.

JOHN SHINE
Jerome

Article unfairly tagged trucks as polluters

We were quite offended as we read Mr. Adams' article on the signal system on Blue Lakes on May 4. I don't know what his purpose was in so blatantly bashing the trucking industry, especially since he is so misinformed about smoke spewing from under the semi-trailer. I would like him to take pictures of smoke coming from under a tractor or trailer. We have checked, not

only on Blue Lakes, but all over town and have yet to see one where the exhaust is not vented out of the top pipes. It is possible that he saw one or two.

In the past, tractors did have what was known as "weed burners" with exhaust underneath, but they are obsolete and, in this heavily regulated industry, would be closely monitored and fined for excess smoke.

Maybe the fumes are being pulled in through his heating system from cars and pickups, as we have all experienced.

We wonder if Mr. Adams realizes that everything he eats, drinks — yes, even the water which has to be treated to be

safe, the clothes he wears, his house and furniture are transported by truck — even the gas he used driving down Blue Lakes. Even his livelihood depends on trucks bringing in paper, ink, etc.

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Andrus supports nominee

BOISE (AP) — Democrat Ceclil Andrus, former Idaho governor and former Interior secretary, is supporting Boise attorney William Myers for a federal appellate judgeship, one of 10 such nominations currently before the U.S. Senate.

Myers is a former Interior Department official who once worked for mining and cattle

interest. His name was one of four submitted to the Bush administration by Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig in 2003 to replace Judge Tom Nelson, also of Idaho, on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Nelson has since moved to senior status on the appellate court.

This past March, the Senate Judiciary Committee, on a 10-

party-line vote, sent Myers' nomination to the full Senate for approval. The confirmation awaits a vote on the Senate floor.

Most recently in Congress, Craig appealed to fellow senators on April 20, pleading for his colleagues not to make Myers' nomination a partisan issue.

"Democrat Governor of

Idaho, Cecil Andrus, Secretary of the Interior for President Carter, said Bill Myers is a man of great personal integrity, judicial temperament and legal experience," as well as he has "the ability to act fairly on matters of law that will come before him on the court."

Craig said on the Senate floor, adding that former Wyoming Gov. Mike Sullivan, also a De-

mocrat, made a similar recommendation. Nevertheless, the nomination has been contentious. Liberals have criticized Myers' opposition to environmental protections when he was Interior Department solicitor from 2001-2003, and particularly his work as a private lawyer and lobbyist for cattle and mining interests.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Woman reports attack in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — A woman said she was attacked and raped early Friday morning in her car in the area of the 200 block between Jackson and Harrison streets, according to police reports.

She ran to a home in the vicinity of Harrison and Heyburn and reported the rape. Police sent her to the hospital for evidence collection.

The suspect is described as a white male in his early 20s wearing bluejean shorts and a white T-shirt under a checkered, button-down shirt. Detectives are following up on several leads, but have made no arrests.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect is asked to contact the Crime Analysis of the Twin Falls Police Department, 735-7295.

Fund-raisers help youth organization

TWIN FALLS — There's a little more money in the coffers to help young people, thanks to the success of a couple of fundraisers.

Last month's "An Evening at the Oasis" dinner and auction raised \$72,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley according to a news release from the organization.

The event was held in conjunction with the 20th Annual Oasis Two-Person Best Ball Golf Tournament which gave out nearly \$37,000 in prizes, the largest cash payout in the Magic Valley, the news release said.

The golf tournament was played on three of the area's top courses — Clear Lakes Country Club in Buhl, Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls and the Jerome Country Club. The competition included 246 teams and winners received \$5,000 plus full payback of entry fees, the news release said.

CSU degrees and certificates rise

TWIN FALLS — A total of 530 students have signed up to participate in commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Friday at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium. The number of graduates in 2004 and 2005 is 426 and 425.

This year's CSI graduates, including those who won't be donning caps and gowns, have applied for 911 degrees and technical certificates. That number, too, is up from 851 degrees and certificates in 2004 and 1,011 in 2003. The total of degrees and certificates in 2004 and 2005 is 445 and 366. A number of students earn more than one degree or certificate at each graduation.

This year's keynote speaker will be Mike Rush, administrator of Idaho's Division of Professional-Technical Education. He has held faculty positions in teacher education at the University of Idaho, Virginia Tech and Penn State University. He has a master's degree from the University of Idaho and a doctorate from Virginia Tech.

CSU's new Theta Kappa students are urging those who attend the graduation to bring a non-perishable food item or a children's book to deposit in the collection bins that are in circulation, a nationwide effort aimed at helping to feed young bodies and minds.

The increasing number of graduates at CSI this year will result in crowded conditions in the gym, so early arrival is encouraged to ensure seating.

Road closure reported in Jerome

JEROME — The Jerome Highway District has closed two miles from the Cottonwood to the 200 West Road for about two months for road construction.

Residents will be able to get to their homes and property. The approximate cost is about \$566,000. The funding is from the Jerome Highway District road and bridge budget.

For more information on the project, call the Jerome Highway District, 324-4601.

— compiled from staff reports

Curbside recycling may come to T.F.

City Council will consider proposal to increase sanitation charges

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Before long, city residents who put their garbage out once a week could find themselves separating out their newspapers, cans and cardboard for recycling.

The City Council voted unanimously Monday in favor of hearing to increase monthly sanitation charges by \$1.05 to pay for a new recycling service.

Currently the city charges residents \$4.65 a month to have PSI Environmental Systems pick up

garbage. If the City Council goes ahead with PSI's proposal to require some 11,171 households to recycle, PSI will be getting \$5.70 per month from each customer. If the City Council approves the program, beginning Oct. 1 residents will see two trash containers delivered from PSI: a 95-gallon container for regular trash and a 15-gallon container for recycled products.

"It's in the right thing to do category," Councilman Dennis Maughan said.

Across the nation, the recycling industry is bigger than the waste management industry, he said.

If local folks are reluctant to recycle, before it's all over they just might find their own children will be nagging them to comply, Maughan said.

PSI is offering to give back to the city half of the revenue from the sale of recycled products.

In addition, City Manager Tom Courtney said if the amount of trash winding up in the landfill of the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District is measurably reduced, then residents will eventually see a corresponding savings.

Councilman Chris Halkington raised questions about charging

for recycling whether it takes place or not.

"Don't get me wrong, I've been a tree hugger since 1970 when I started recycling. I'm all in favor of it," Halkington said. But, "Frankly, I think some people are going to look at this as an unfair tax."

Les Heitz of PSI said the plan wouldn't work if everyone doesn't get a recycling bin and is charged for it. That's because the company won't be able to project how much to charge and how much to invest in equipment if the number of people getting service isn't predictable, he said.

Councilman Shawn Barrigar said he considers \$1.05 a bargain if it means he has a place to get rid of his newspapers.

The city hasn't explored other avenues for curbside recycling, staffers said. But according to Terry Schultz, who is the director of the waste district, the price is competitive.

The date to raise the sanitation fees has not been set.

Times-News writer Julie Pence can be reached at 735-3241 or by e-mail at jpence@emagicvalley.com.

FOR THE LOVE OF CANINES



Lisa Buddecke takes her early morning run Monday with her two dogs, Savannah, left, and Lacey near the Snake River Canyon. Buddecke is the co-chairwoman of Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace and also rescues stray dogs, like Savannah, in her free time.

Woman opens her heart and home to stray dogs

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Not long after moving to the area, she spotted a stray dog in her Twin Falls neighborhood.

By the time Lisa Buddecke returned home from an errand, the dog was waiting for her in the middle of the road.

"I just can't leave an abandoned animal," Buddecke says. That was 10 years and 26 dogs ago.

Sitting across from two large tulip plantings in her home on a Monday morning, Buddecke, 44, looks remarkably com-



a slice from local life

posed for a woman who has just finished her daily walk with dogs Savannah and Lacey — both rescued from the area.

"I finally said, 'I just can't leave these animals out there,'" she recalls.

So, Buddecke started bringing the dogs — and a few cats as well — home to keep them safe

while she tries to locate the animals' owners or find a new spot for them.

Buddecke says she's thankful her husband, Dave, is understanding. He's also her animal-rescuing hobby.

"Obviously we thought it was a little odd," Dave Buddecke says, laughing. "But I'm a dog lover, too."

Buddecke's daughters, Kelly Ann, 11, and Sara, 8, name the rescued animals — varying from "hooker to rockles" as a way to keep track of dogs the family has helped.

"It makes the girls feel good," Buddecke says.

While rescuing stray animals has turned into a family affair, Buddecke can claim credit for getting the Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project started in the community. The group supports businesses that already have a drug-free workplace and encourages those that don't to adopt a drug-free policy.

Buddecke coordinated a similar effort after her marketing job in Orange County, Calif. When the family moved to Idaho, she noticed the absence of such a program in the Magic Valley.

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Hospital merger committee makes progress

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hospital officials have been out in the community answering questions about a possible merger between the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Boise-based, nonprofit St. Luke's Regional

Medical Center.

Meanwhile, members of a committee are busy working on a proposal to present to Hospital Board members and Twin Falls County commissioners.

Merger supporters say there are a number of benefits to being part of a statewide health care system that would also include St. Luke's facilities in

Meridian and Ketchum and its Mountain States Tumor Institute, which operates out of several locations, including Magic Valley Regional.

"You're taking pieces and parts of facilities and putting them into an Idaho-based system," said John Kee, chief executive officer at Magic Valley Regional.

Bringing those pieces together

would result in "a collective strength that would be better than the individual parts." Kee told the Hospital Board on Monday.

Key said common questions from the community include whether such a system would serve all patients regardless of ability to pay.

"We are clearly committed to Please see MERGER, Page B3

T.F. board hears about reading program, budgets

By Karln Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School Board heard up-close first hand, which is being used at four Twin Falls elementary schools to help pay for training and new textbooks.

Flachbart, who used to work on a state reading initiative, said the grant is part of No Child Left Behind and helps pay for research-based programs, such as the Open Court Reading program.

She said it helps that teachers don't have to make up their own methods and can instead concentrate on how children

are learning.

"There's one way to teach reading and it has to be comprehensive," Flachbart said.

She also emphasized that she works for the state and doesn't get any money from textbook publishers. She praised Twin Falls' choice.

"You spent a lot of money and it was a good thing," Flachbart said.

The grant, which requires schools to use programs such as Open Court Reading, has been a source of disagreement among some staff and parents.

The board accepted a resignation on Monday from a first-grade teacher at Perrine Elementary, who cited disagreement with the district's plans to implement the Reading First grant. At its April 11 meeting, the board accepted a resignation and two early retirements from teachers citing disagreement with the program.

A pair of Twin Falls School District parents also are criticizing the way the district implemented its Reading First grant. Deanna Carter, vice president of Sawtooth Elementary School's parent teacher organization said the district has required Sawtooth teachers to give a test that the original grant, written in February 2003, said they would not have to give.

District and state officials say Twin Falls did not violate its grant by doing more testing than it required.

District officials plan to implement the reading program regardless of the outcome of the May 17 supplemental levy election. Several schools in the district already have the elementary reading program in different grades. The \$1.2-million levy will only affect the pace at which the program will be rolled out.

In other business:

Harrison Title I plan: The board approved Harrison Elementary's schoolwide Title I plan, which allows for extra help in reading in math for students who need it.

Preliminary budget: Fiscal Affairs Director Robert Seaman presented a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year. The \$24.95 million budget consists of a \$1.2 million supplemental levy and would require the district to use about \$313,000 of its carry-over money.

The budget is set for a public hearing on 7:35 p.m. June 13 in the district's office.

Online payments: The board approved a one-year pilot of an online payment program that will allow Twin Falls High School students to pay for fees, tickets and other items through the school's Web site.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said he hopes it will give students options of fewer lines to stand in during registration.

Retired judge dies

By William Adams Times-News writer

BUHL — Judge John William Hart, 84, of Buhl, passed away Monday morning at his home near Hagerman. In addition to his wife, Cheryl, of nearly nine years, and three sons, Jim, Vance and Rick, Hart left behind a multitude of friends and acquaintances.

Cheryl Hart said of their time together, "It was the most wonderful time of my life."

He (Judge Hart) was just a very kind individual. He was very methodical and thought things out before he spoke. He was a very honorable man.

— Linda Wright, 5th Judicial District trial court administrator

Although her husband retired from the 5th District bench in January 2001, he still spent at least three days each month on the bench primarily in Elmore and Ada counties because of his sitting senior judge status. In addition, he and Cheryl were actively involved with their mediation practice. He mediated civil cases as well as criminal cases in southern Idaho while she attended to administrative details and mediated family cases.

Cheryl Hart said he was happy when he was finally able to move to his dream home near Hagerman, where they enjoyed working in the yard together. Because they both liked oriental motifs, they tried hard to make their yard into a peaceful oriental sanctuary, she said, but right now the yard looks like the rainforest they were in not too long ago.

They had recently returned from a two-week cruise with him returning home ill. They thought it was food poisoning, but still are not sure.

She is planning a memorial, a celebration of his life, to be held in the next two weeks. One obstacle, she said, is finding a place big enough to hold all his friends.

She said they had talked and he didn't like funerals, he wanted people to remember happier times.

Hart had friends everywhere. She said she couldn't take him anywhere because he would run into someone he knew. She recalled the time they went to Washington, D.C. He looked up and said, "There's Lynn Winmill," and went over to talk to the judge.

Linda Wright, 5th Judicial District court administrator, said, "He (Judge Hart) was just a very methodical and thought things out before he spoke. He was a very honorable man. He was loved."

Cheryl Hart echoed Wright's sentiments. She said, "It was a wonderful man. Everyone loved him. Even some he sent to jail loved him."

Right now, she is in shock. "I just keep expecting him to walk through the door," she said. Arrangements are being handled by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Sen. Crapo ends treatment for cancer

BOISE (AP) — After completing three months of radiation treatments for a recurrence of prostate cancer, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo says he has grown stronger and his prognosis is good.

The 53-year-old Republican from Idaho Falls says his experience has led him to work to win federal compensation for Idaho "downwinders," people who be-

lieve their cancer is linked to fallout from aboveground nuclear bomb testing in southern Nevada during the Cold War.

But he says the birth of six children in his immediate family who have battled cancer, does not believe the cancer which requires the removal of his prostate gland in 2000 was related to fallout in Idaho during the

1950s and '60s.

"In the case of prostate cancer, they (scientists) have indicated that the connection was not very strong," Crapo told the Spokesman-Review newspaper. "My main concern has been with the treatment, and I'm not sure that's the best one, as opposed to try to figure out what the cause was."

Spokane mayor will take leave of absence

Newspaper alleges he offered city jobs to men he met online

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Embattled Mayor James West said Monday he will take a leave of absence to defend himself against a newspaper's allegations of abuse of office and child molestation decades ago.

The newspaper last week would have his post "for a few weeks." The Spokesman-Review posted a new Web page story alleging the mayor offered city jobs to two young men he met through a gay Internet chatroom — and that one of them briefly accepted a city appointment.

The newspaper last week launched a series of articles

about West after hiring a computer forensics expert who posed as an 18-year-old male high school student in Internet chats with West on Gay.com. West offered the "teen" a City Hall internship, tickets to professional sporting events and other gifts, the newspaper reported earlier.

Ryan M. Oelrich, an openly gay 24-year-old, said he accepted West's offers and the city's Human Resources Director, City officials on Monday were organizing an independent investigation into the possible use of city computers, a tablet computer used by West was seized, city spokeswoman Marlene Folsaid said. City Attorney Mike Council's said earlier the computer's contents had been "frozen."

West "hounded me for months, telling me I was cute and asking me out on dates," Oelrich said he refused the mayor's advances, the newspaper reported.

The newspaper said another man, who is 25, told reporters he was offered a job as the city's human resources director. City officials on Monday were organizing an independent investigation into the possible use of city computers, a tablet computer used by West was seized, city spokeswoman Marlene Folsaid said. City Attorney Mike Council's said earlier the computer's contents had been "frozen."

DEATH NOTICES

Iida Virginia James

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A funeral for Virginia will be held at 9 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2005, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the funeral home. A full obituary and photo will appear at a later date.

Dean Bell

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Michael A. Thompson

FILER — Michael A. Thompson, 67, of Filer, died Sunday, May 8, 2005, at his home of natural causes.

Friends may call from 2 until 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2005, at Serenity Funeral Chapel.

Twin Falls. A reception and meal will be held at noon Friday, May 13, 2005, at the Seventh Day Adventist School Cafeteria on Grandview Drive, followed by a celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Rock Creek Community Church/Seventh Day Adventist Church on Grandview Drive. Pastor Dale Metzger will officiate. Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Chapel in Jerome.

Judge John William Hart

BUHL — Judge John William Hart, 63, of Buhl, died May 9, 2005, at his home in Buhl.

A full obituary will follow at a later date. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Kimberly Dorothy Jean Nye

KIMBERLY — Kimberly Dorothy Jean Nye, 60, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Sunday, May 8, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Stanley 'Sam' Miller

WEINDELL — Stanley "Sam" Miller, age 81, of Wendell, died Sunday, May 8, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Demary Funeral Chapel.

Charolatta L. Klimes

WEINDELL — Charolatta L. Klimes, 74, of Wendell, died Sunday, May 8, 2005, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be made by the Howe-Robertson Funeral

SERVICES

Rodney B. Speckman of Gooding, Mass. of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church; interment at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary's Funeral Chapel).

Joyce B. Jay Throckmorton formerly of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jose "Joe" Andre of Wendell, Mass. of Christian burial at 11 a.m. today at the Holy Family Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; burial will follow at West End Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Douglas Porter Larson of Twin Falls and formerly of Smithfield, Utah, funeral at noon today at 600 E. 120 S., Smithfield. Viewing will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. today at 600 E. 120 S., Smithfield (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

John Cecil Howell of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth

Ave.; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Hugh Jack Culbertson of Jerome and formerly of Murtaugh, visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. and service at 2 p.m. today at the Jerome Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial at Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St., Burley and from 1 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

June E. Nero Graves of Gooding, visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Funeral Chapel in Gooding. A burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, 805 Main in Gooding with burial to follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Johnnie Mae Loomis of Boise and formerly of Ketchikan, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Whitney United Methodist Church, 3315 Oxford Road in Boise. Family and friends may meet from 3 to 9 p.m. today at Bow-

man Funeral in Garden City.

Jullie Dawn "J" D'Poulton of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial at Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St., Burley and from 1 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Henry L. Olchech of Jerome, memorial service at 4 p.m. Wednesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Mary N. Null of Boise and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St., Burley.

Lazarus T. "Archie" Archuleta of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, Mass. of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Meridian (Bowman Funeral, Garden City).

OBITUARIES

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Ashley Nicole Pesek

DAYTON, Utah — Ashley Nicole Pesek, 23, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2005, at her home in Dayton.

Ashley was born May 25, 1980, in Prosser, Wash. Surviving Ashley is her father, Fred S. Pesek, in Buhl, Idaho; her mother, Connie Brasler Pesek of Hansen, Idaho; her sister, Kathie Danielle Pesek, 18, in Egan, Minn.; two grandmothers, Joyce Brasler of Hansen, Idaho, and Jackie Pesek of Grand Forks, N.D.; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and

friends in North Dakota, Utah and Idaho.

A funeral for Ashley will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2005, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Burial will be taking place at the Rock Creek Cemetery in Hansen, Idaho. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at the funeral home. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Claribel Kleinkopf

and they were married on June 24, 1934, in Twin Falls.

She was a devoted housewife, working along side her husband as he farmed in the Murtaugh area. She loved all aspects of farm life including raising a large garden to help sustain her family. Together they raised two children on the farm teaching them the value of hard work. Claribel enjoyed cooking and working with ceramics. She was a member of the H and M Club, of which she served as president for one year. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

She moved to Boise 11 years ago following the death of her husband in 1959. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley A. and Bryce Peterson of

Boise; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Betty Kleinkopf of Twin Falls; her grandchildren, Stephanie L. Nye and her husband, Steve, of Boise; Debbie Starnes and her husband, Paul, of Sacramento, Calif.; Dianne Jossis and her husband, Phil, of Boise; Susan Robinson and her husband, Rick, of Portland, Ore.; Debbie Bull and her husband, Dave, of Boise and Launa Burrell and her husband, Steve, of Conroe, Texas; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, one great-great-grandchild in grade in September; and also by one sister, Kathryn Syverson of Twin Falls.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Justin; an infant daughter, Beverly; and her parents, Jeff and Velma Sturgeon.

Helen E. Hahn

NAMPA — Helen E. Hahn, 93, of Nampa, formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, May 6, 2005, in a Nampa Care Center of natural causes.

A private family service will be held in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Home.

1911, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Stuart H. Taylor and Hazel B. Fuller Taylor. Helen grew up and attended school in Twin Falls. She was married on Jan. 3, 1944, to Louis M. Hahn, in San Francisco, Calif. Helen was an administrative clerk for the U.S. Geological Survey.

She was preceded in death by her children, Louis M. Hahn; and sisters, Alice Haynes and Ruth Sicely.



Idaho, and Louis T. Hahn of Wapakoneta, Texas; grandchildren, John L. Beck of Homedale, Idaho, Nathan T. Hahn and Kelsie E. Hahn both of Wapakoneta, Texas. Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Louis M. Hahn; and sisters, Alice Haynes and Ruth Sicely.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Police say dismembered body was sex offender

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — The Summit County Sheriff's Office on Monday identified severed human remains found last month near the Wyoming state line as those of a 50-year-old convicted sex offender.

Chief Deputy Dave Booth said investigators believe John Mayo, of Salt Lake City, had been missing since mid-May or the first part of June.

The department launched a search after a Union Pacific railroad employee found the first body part April 18 on a frontage road while checking truck near Interstate 80. Deputies searching the area over the next five days produced human torso, two hands, a foot and several bones — but still no head.

Booth said the body was identified after the state crime lab rehydrated Mayo's hands so they could take fingerprints, and verified by medical records checked against a skeleton reassembled from the parts deputies could recover.

Booth said investigators are following up on several leads, but still don't have a motive in the death.

Mayo was convicted of second-degree felony forcible sex abuse in 1991 and listed in the state sex offender registry.

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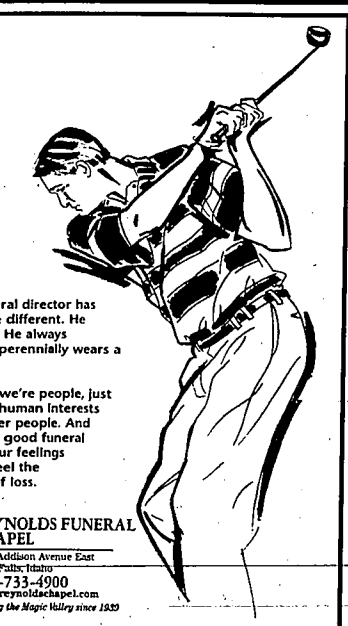
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Cassia students win third place at competition

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

Two Cassia Regional Technical Center students won third place at the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills competition in Boise. James Jones and Megan McCoy were among the 20 top students statewide to win the right to compete in the hands-on competition Friday by bringing in top scores on their written exam.

Only eight students from each school were allowed to take the written part of the state exam, said Scott Street, automotive instructor at the school. "It is an extremely hard test," Street said.

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loured the school a Ford Taurus so the students could become familiar with the vehicle.

"They have been spending about an hour a day on it," Street said.

"The hands-on competition" Friday pitted two-student teams in a race against the clock to diagnose and repair identically "bugged" 2005 Ford Taurus cars.

McCoy and Jones both plan to pursue a career in the automotive repair field.

Jones plans to attend Universal Technical Institute in Arizona, and McCoy wants to complete the College of Southern Idaho's automotive repair program.

Although employment oppor-

unities are limited in some professions, there is an estimated shortage of 32,000 trained service and repair technicians. The Department of Labor predicts the need for new technicians will increase as much as 20 percent by the year 2012.

The growing demand for intelligent, highly skilled technicians is created in part by the need to develop environmentally clean, fuel and efficient automobiles. As technology in today's automotive continues to grow, automotive repair technicians must be able to understand a complex combination of computer technology, engineering and mathematics to be effective.

"Most of the functions of

today's cars are computer controlled, leading not only to much higher price tags, but also for technicians with computer skills and excellent diagnostic abilities," said Dave Carlson, spokesman for AAA Idaho.

Starting salaries for certified, entry-level technicians are approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year, according to John Nielson, Director of AAA's Approved Auto Repair program. Master mechanics in some areas can earn between \$70,000 and \$100,000 annually.

Laurie Welch is a reporter with the South Idaho Press. She can be reached at 677-8767 or by e-mail at lvelch@southididopress.com.

Applicants sought for animal shelter commission

TWIN FALLS — The city is taking applications for a position on the Animal Shelter Advisory Commission.

For more information or an application, call City Hall, 735-7224, or view the requirements at www.id.gov and select the Citizen Participation link.

Friday is the deadline to apply.

Magic Valley in brief

ret Center for Arts and Science. If sites are clear for locating the group will move to the Herrett's Centennial Observatory immediately following the talk to look through the 23-inch telescope.

Admission to the talk is \$2 per person. Anyone who attends one of Friday's Faulkner Planetarium shows will be admitted free.

For more information, contact the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at 732-6655 or at www.hcsc.edu.

— compiled from staff reports

Planet X marks the spot on Friday

TWIN FALLS — "The Search for Planet X" will be the topic of the monthly Astronomy Talk at 8:35 p.m. Friday in the Rick Allen Community Room at the Her-

Commissioners will hold public forum on hospital

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners want to hear what their constituents have to say about the future of health care in the Magic Valley.

Commissioners will hold a public forum to discuss health care and the local hospital from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday inside Twin Falls City Council chambers at 405 Third Ave. E.

"We just want to hear what their concerns are about the hospital," Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said. "We're just there

to listen to what they have to say." County commissioners and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center officials are exploring the future governance of the county-owned hospital. A committee is putting together a proposal for a possible merger with the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

For almost 90 years, Magic Valley Regional has thrived as a county-owned hospital. But hospitals are facing increasing challenges in the world of health care, and physicians and hospital and county officials be-

lieve it might be time for a change. Joining a health care network would provide the resources the hospital needs to continue to offer state-of-the-art health care to people in the Magic Valley, proponents of a change say.

Magic Valley Regional officials would like to see the hospital merge with St. Luke's to create a statewide health system that would also include St. Luke's facilities in Boise, Meridian and Ketchum and St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, which operates out of several locations, including

Magic Valley Regional.

The committee is expected to present a finished proposal to commissioners and Hospital Board members next July. Commissioners plan to give the proposal serious consideration before entertaining offers from other health care networks. If commissioners agree a change in governance is necessary, they said they will take the question to voters.

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Merger

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not just retain, but to grow services in the local community," Kee said.

A merger with St. Luke's would most likely result in a new hospital that would cost between \$30 million and \$100 million, Hospital Board Chairman Dr. Robert Lobb said. St. Luke's is more interested in building a new facility than in remodeling an old one.

"They don't want to do a brick building that's been around for half a century," Lobb said.

Just when would make decisions for Magic Valley Regional should it join St. Luke's to create a statewide health-care-delivery system?

"Magic Valley would continue to have a local board much

like yourselves," Kee said.

However, Kee was quick to point out there would still be a system board that would be making many of the decisions, but eventually there would be local people on that board. Lobb said it would be important to have system board members "who can think systemwide," meaning people who would make good decisions for all the facilities in the statewide system.

The proposal committee is expected to present a finished proposal to commissioners and Hospital Board members in late July. Commissioners plan to give the proposal serious consideration before entertaining offers from other health care networks. If com-

missioners agree a change in governance is necessary, they said they will take the question to voters.

The Hospital Board approved hiring an independent firm to study the fairness of the proposal transaction and to render a "fairness opinion." Board members agreed to hire the well-known national firm and that it should be paid by Magic Valley Regional only and not St. Luke's to avoid conflict of interest. The board also agreed that county commissioners should put their stamp of approval on the firm.

In other action Monday, the board learned Janis Draney had resigned as the vice president of patient care due to health problems. Nursing Director Anne

Proposal committee

A committee is now working on a proposal for a possible merger between the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Boise-based St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. Members of the proposal committee are Hospital Board members Cindy Collins, Jeff Harris and Leo Odawald, physicians Kurt Seppi, Brian Fortuin, John Gray, Robert Lobb and Mark McKain and the hospital's Chief Executive Officer John Kee.

Erickson is serving as the interim vice president of patient care.

Dogs

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"There is a lot of drug use in the workplace," Buddecke said.

Today Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace has roughly 100 participating businesses and represents 8,000 employees in the region, she said. Buddecke is especially proud of how the organization has found ways to make employees feel good about working in a drug-free environment — a positive step similarly noted by Brent Evans with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Evans has worked with Buddecke for seven years. While Evans' job revolves around health and the workplace, he agrees that Buddecke donates her time.

"Lisa is just a delight," he said. "You can tell she cares about the community."

A few years ago, Evans was chairman to take on the role of chairman of the Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Community Project but found himself too wrapped up with work to meet all of the obligations the role required.

"She stepped back in even though she was busy," Evans said. "That's just the kind of person she is."

Evans and Buddecke currently co-chair the organization.

Besides her volunteer efforts, Buddecke works from home as a marketing consultant. The job gives her the

flexibility to accommodate her daughters' ever-important soccer games and piano lessons.

Dave Buddecke describes his wife as a modest woman who doesn't seek the spotlight.

"She's a fantastic mom on top of it," he said. "And, she keeps me in line, too."

Buddecke says she enjoys living and raising her children in the Magic Valley, where she can actually see how her efforts make a difference.

"We do what we can," she says.

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MORNING BREAK

Mothballs can pose a health hazard

DEAR ABBY: I had to write after reading the letter about "Granny Clair" who reeks of mothballs. My mother's home was also filled with mothballs. All her clothing smelled like mothballs, too. About 15 years ago, she experienced bad vertigo and nausea. One doctor told her it was her inner ear. Another told her it was her eyes.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Three years ago, we visited her in winter while the house was all closed up. One morning I awoke with so much dizziness and nausea I could hardly lift my head. When I returned to California, I mentioned it to my doctor, who told me I had been poisoned by the mothballs. Later, my mother had to move to a convalescent home. After six months of living there, her vertigo disappeared.

Please let people who use mothballs know they should be careful how they use them. We're lucky neither of us died from it.

—DARLENE

IN MISSION VIEJO, CALIF. DEAR DARLENE: Thank you for the warning. I'm sure more than a few people will be surprised to learn that mothballs can be toxic to humans. (I was.) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm very concerned about that 75-year-old grandmother whose house is permeated with the smell of mothballs. The main component of mothballs is naphthalene, an aromatic hydrocarbon which can cause all sorts of neurological problems, as well as hemolytic anemia, kidney and liver damage and cataracts. Remember, this is a poison that is meant to kill insects, and humans and other mammals are not immune to its effects.

Other aromatic hydrocarbons include benzene, gasoline, xylene, styrene, toluene and ethylene, which are known to cause neurological damage.

I would not take Granny Clair to an ear, nose and throat specialist. I'd take her immediately to her internist and explain the situation so that the proper blood tests can be administered.

—WORRIED ABOUT GRANNY'S HEALTH IN IRVINE, CALIF.

DEAR WORRIED: Good grief! I will contact the woman's relative immediately and make sure that it's done.

DEAR ABBY: I'm deeply worried about the elderly woman who smells of mothballs. There are warnings on the container about their toxicity and the danger of too much exposure to the vapors, which she is receiving if her clothes aren't aired out thoroughly before they are worn. She may be unaware of the danger, and feel that "if a little is good, a lot is better," which is common in older people who are unaware of the downside of pesticides.

Maybe one of her trusted relatives can work with her to limit the mothball use to one closed trunk, and help her air out her house and clothing. If there is a moth problem, there are other less toxic ways to get rid of the pests.

Thanks for helping to educate a lot of people today. Pesticides, including such common "harmless" ones as mothballs, must be treated with respect.

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Picture on toast nets \$15,400 bid on eBay, but buyer refuses to pay

STILLWATER, N.J. (AP) — A man who auctioned off a slice of toast crusted with his drawing of the runaway bride feels burned because the winning bidder has refused to pay for the item.

Ferry Lonzeo, 48, of Stillwater, used a piece of toasted Wonder Bread as the canvas for his rudimentary portrait of Georgia bride-to-be Jennifer Wilbanks, and posted it at the online auction site eBay on a whim.

The auction debuted with a bid of \$11 on May 1, but that amount grew quickly after the item drew national attention. And when the auction ended Sunday, Lonzeo said a California man had submitted the winning bid of \$15,400.

Lonzeo — who has said he planned to donate money from the auction to charity — was prepared to hand over the toast on national television Monday, only to learn that the buyer had a change of heart.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You know quite well that the law of human nature is that people are attracted by the pleasant and avoid the distasteful. Spin a few threads into gold under these beneficial stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A rare day of cosmic harmony can inspire romantic desires or just put a pleasant facade on ordinary things. Your taste and judgment are at a high point for purchasing things of beauty.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It could happen to you. Lovers might find that fantasies can come true. Perfect harmony is possible whether you want long-lasting business deals, financial strength, or a sweet romance.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The pendulum has swung your way, so make a start on an important project or pop the

question. If it is true blue commitment you are seeking, now is the time to act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Smile at your enemies and confound them. There is ample opportunity to set the record straight and achieve a truce. Even better, you can earn respect and admiration by being forgiving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Big kindhearted gestures will be taken at face value under these planetary conditions. Utilize your current charisma to climb into the hoes' good graces or pursue an affair of the heart.

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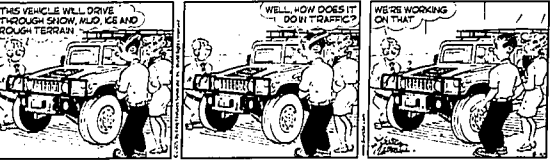
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Hi and Lois By Chance Browne



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100 Announcements
 200 Employment

500 Real Estate for Sale
 600 Real Estate Rentals

900 Recreation
 1000 Transportation

101 Lost and Found
 FOUND Border Collie
 FOUND camera near Immanuel Lutheran church
 FOUND German Shepherd
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 FOUND Lab, chocolate
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 FOUND male, near CSI
 FOUND male Chocobri
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 FOUND CAT \$500 REWARD!

101 Lost and Found
 FOUND small box of tools
 FOUND Audio Vax camera
 LOST Cat, neutered
 LOST Chalmers tractor
 LOST Chalmers tractor
 LOST Cocker Spaniel
 LOST German Shepherd
 LOST K-2 Attacker
 LOST Miniature Pinscher

106 Special Notices
BIRTHDAY PHOTOS
 Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos?
 We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to throw away.
 These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

200 Employment
Do-It-Yourself Ideas
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 The windmill has 12 wood-splanning blades and a 2-inch, 1/2" blade hub turns on a ball bearing attached to a shaft.
 The windmill is made of wood and is painted white. The completed windmill stands 7 feet tall at the tip of the uppermost blade and measures about 20 inches wide at the base.

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114 Miscellaneous Services
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
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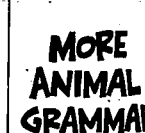
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822 Wanted To Buy

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“With newspaper deadlines getting earlier and earlier, maybe it's time for us to embrace a sport that can send in results the day before the event.”

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— Peter Schmuck of the Baltimore Sun on why professional wrestling should get more ink

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What was Roger Maris' age when he hit home run No. 61 in 1961?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School

BASEBALL

Region Four-Five-Six Tournament
Highland at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.
Great Basin Conference West Tournament
Wood River at Minico, 4 p.m.
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament
Kimberly at Buhl, loser-out, 5 p.m.

GOLF

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament at Clear Lake CC
Region Four-Five-Six Tournament, Twin Falls Muni, 11:30 a.m.
Great Basin Conference Tournament, Rupert Country Club, 10 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Region Four-Five-Six Tournament at Bruin softball complex, Twin Falls
Skyline vs. Twin Falls, 3 p.m.
Highland vs. Idaho Falls, 3 p.m.
Round 1 winners, 5 p.m.
Round 1 losers, 5 p.m.
Great Basin Conference West Tournament at Big Valley Park softball complex, Rupert
Wood River vs. Minico, noon
Burley vs. Jerome, noon
Rounds 2-3 to follow
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament
Kimberly vs. Filer, at Buhl, 3 p.m.
winner vs. Buhl, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Gooding at Declo (Burley courts), 3:30 p.m.
Region Four-Five-Six Tournament at Highland (Pocatello), time TBA
TRACK AND FIELDS
Class 1A/2A District Meet, ISDB, 2 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Mindokka

physicals offered

RUPERT — Athletic physicals for Mindokka County schools online forms will be available from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 for girls and Wednesday, May 11 for boys at Mindokka Occupational Health, 1218 9th St., Suite No. 13, Rupert.
Physical forms available at Mindokka County schools online forms will not be available at Occupational Health.
The cost is \$10 or appropriate signature on a Community Service Coupon.
Those being screened must bring physical form completely filled with parent signature and name of family physician. Boy Scout physical forms will not be allowed.

Rupert CC hosts men's twilight golf

RUPERT — Men's twilight golf at the Rupert Country Club begins Wednesday, May 11. The entry fee is \$40 and players can request their own team members.
To sign up, stop by the pro shop or call 436-9168.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

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Golden Eagles baseball looks to the future

By Kevin Calbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They were young, inexperienced and ultimately mediocre.
Last week's Region 18 tournament magnified all shortcomings for the Colgate of Southeastern Idaho, as the Golden Eagles finished with a disappointing 1-2 record in Henderson, Nev., and a 29-27 overall mark.

"I think it's the same as every year because you have some kids that really surprise you and then some kids that you thought you were going to get more out of," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "Then you've got your kids that do ex-

actly what you thought they were going to. But for us, I think we had a few more that we thought were going to help us a little more than they actually did."

But all is not lost for CSI, which should combine a solid core of freshmen with a recruiting class that will look to fill some of the glaring holes from this season's team.

"Gosh, you have a guy like Troy Grundy being a freshman and Todd Privat being a freshman and Jeff Vickers being a freshman and you're already excited for next year," Walker said.

The sophomores we had coming back this year, they were great kids and they were going to be role-type players, but they weren't going to be superstars in our conference. We have about five guys coming back who, we think, can be superstars in our conference."

Topping that list is Grundy, who finished the season with an 8-4 record and a 1.62 ERA. Walker said he's confident his ace will return to the team despite being courted by the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers selected Grundy in the first round out of high school and likely won't shy in using another selection on the role-type all-region selection in this year's draft. After that, the decision is up to

Grundy.

"Troy has a ton of options," Walker said. "If he wants to go on to a four-year school he has to come back here first to graduate."

"If the Dodgers make a big push for him and something ends up happening where he signs with them, that's awesome for him. That's great. But I don't think it's going to. I don't think he's really looking for that. But then if someone throws a bunch of money at you, it's easy to change decisions."

Grundy and Privat could form the best 1-2 punch on the mound in the Pacific West Athletic Conference, but they'll need help. That was evident with the lack of depth on the

staff this season, as well as a huge hole at the No. 4 starter position. With the graduation of No. 3 Andrew Shaw, rounding out the rotation will be a point of emphasis.

"We need a pitching staff," Walker said. "You need four solid starters and a minimum of two guys you know can come in out of the pen."

Help could be on the way in the form of Twin Falls' Nick Carr, who's currently wrapping up his brilliant career with the Bruins.

"Nick's a tremendously talented kid," Walker said. "Nick Carr, kids don't have that amount of talent that are running around too often. He's got a lot to learn. But just from a talent perspective, he's got a lot to learn."

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Pistons pounce on Pacers in 96-81 blowout

By Larry Lage
Associated Press writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Detroit and Indiana were able to last play basketball for the first time this season at The Palace.

It was good to see the focus on basketball," said Ben Wallace, the NBA Defensive Player of the Year who also came through on offense Monday night in a 96-81 victory in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. "We sort of left the past in the past and that's a good thing for both teams, and the league."

Naturally, Wallace played a big role defensively with 15 rebounds and four steals. But he scored 14 of his 21 points in the first half to help Detroit build a lead it maintained easily.

"The Pacers' two previous road games against the Pistons were marred by the infamous melee — which started on the court, spilled into the stands and went back on the court — and a phone threat of a bomb in Indiana's locker room, delaying the second game at The Palace by almost 90 minutes."

Detroit's Richard Hamilton had 28 points, while Chauncey Billups and Rasheed Wallace each scored 11.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night.

Just like both teams predicted, they were able to play without unusual distractions. Indiana's Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal, suspended for 30 and 15 games, respectively, for their roles in the brawl, were booted louder than the rest of their teammates during pregame introductions and sometimes when they had the ball.

"That seemed to be the only carry-over from the regular-season matchups in suburban Detroit."

After winning at Boston in Game 7, the Pacers were left with only one day of rest before facing Detroit, which was off six days after eliminating Philadelphia in Game 5.

"We do not have any excuses," Jackson said. "They wanted to come out and make a statement, and they made it."

Indiana scored the first basket, then fell behind and couldn't do much about it.

O'Neal had a great start, then cooled down, finishing with 22



Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace (3) blocks a shot by Indiana Pacers forward Stephen Jackson (1) during the first quarter of the Eastern Conference semifinal game at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Mich., Monday. Looking on is Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace.

points. Jackson didn't score until early in the second quarter and finished with 15 points. Both players signed autographs for fans before the game.

The Pacers' Ron Artest, suspended for the rest of the season for his part in the brawl, is expected to practice with his teammates when they return to Indianapolis. Reggie Miller, who plans to retire after the

season, scored just six points — nearly 10 below his playoff average — and struggled to stay with Hamilton. Jamaal Tinsley added 13 points for the Pacers.

When the Pistons fired Rick Carlisle two years ago and hired Larry Brown, Ben Wallace was encouraged to be a threat on offense instead of just a rebounder and defender like he was under Carlisle. Wallace was

essentially told to give up the ball when he had it on offense during the two seasons with Carlisle.

"I didn't think it was fair to my teammates to come down and not look to shoot the ball," Wallace said. "It allowed teams to pretty much play five against four. Coach Brown encouraged me to get involved and to make plays for myself and my team's mates."

Soriano brings order to Rangers, though not at leadoff spot

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alfonso Soriano's mind-set stays the same: He's a leadoff hitter, even though he's no longer at the top of the lineup for the Texas Rangers.

In fact, Soriano is in the middle of the order, and producing like a slugger.
"In a perfect world, we know where Soriano would like to hit," manager Buck Showalter said. "We talked about the team needs him to hit where he's hitting. It's a better fit for us right now. ... Soriano is going to be the same type of hitter wherever you put him."

And he's hitting, all right. He had five home runs in a three-game stretch last week and entering Monday night's game against Detroit, he had 13 RBIs in his last five games.

Since moving Soriano to fifth in the order April 29, Showalter has had several talks with the All-Star second baseman about getting used to being lower in

the lineup. They met again Friday before the start of the current homestand.

Soriano responded with his best series this season, going 7-for-10 with consecutive two-homer games and eight RBIs in the three games against Cleveland. He even walked twice Sunday, half his total in his 22 games in the homestand.

"I'm not happy batting fifth. I like batting leadoff off," Soriano said. "But you know what, it's more important for me to be in the lineup."

Both of Soriano's homers Saturday night came leading off innings, the first his third home run in three at-bats after a pair of two-run homers Friday. That was five homers in three games, including a homer in Wednesday's series finale at Oakland.

He has 10 homers, one behind major league leader Alex Rodriguez, the former AL MVP for whom he was traded from the New York Yankees before last season.
A-Rod was the last Texas player with consecutive multibomber



Texas Rangers infielder Alfonso Soriano (32) bumps elbows with Hank Blalock (9) and points toward the cheering fans after hitting a solo home run during the eighth inning off Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Joel Pinheiro earlier this season.

the next night.
In his first nine games in the No. 5 spot, Soriano was 13-for-

35 (.371) with six homers and 16 of his 23 RBIs. His average was

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SPORTS

MLB sees power outage

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In the first year of toughened steroid testing, home runs are down in the major leagues for the first time since 2002.

Florida Marlins pitcher Todd Jones doesn't think it's a coincidence. He's convinced there's a connection.

"Unfortunately I do. I hate it, but there has been a correction made in the system, and the numbers are going to suffer for a couple of years," he said Monday. "I hate to admit it because I didn't want to. I'm as disappointed as any fan would be that it's going to end up showing to be the truth. But it's good to be good for the game to get back to an even playing field. I just didn't realize how deep it was."

An average of 137 home runs were hit in the first five weeks of the season Sunday, down 8.6 percent from the 2.16 average in the first five weeks of last season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. It's the lowest level for the first five weeks since 2002's 1.93 average and below the 2.14 average of the last decade.

"I think five weeks is too short a statistical sample to draw any conclusions," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer. "There are a myriad of factors that could influence that, including the cold and wet spring training we had in Florida, the weather in the first few weeks of the season."

But Los Angeles Angels bench

coach Joe Maddon, who has been in professional baseball since 1975, thinks testing "could be tied to it somehow."

"I don't know exactly to what extent, but you see people maybe not as big as they had been in the past or don't look as strong as maybe they had been in the past," he said. "Some balls are hit pretty well, but they're not carrying like maybe they had in the past couple of years. So, just being a thinking person, and you know what's been going on, you have to tie them together a little bit."

Runs per game are down 5 percent, from 3.72 to 3.23, and his declined 3.1 percent, from 18.37 per game to 17.80. The major league batting average dropped from .265 to .261.

There have been exceptions. Pitchers on the Cincinnati Reds gave up a major league-high 49 homers in their first 30 games. They are on pace to break the team record of 236 they set last year, which was three short of the NL record.

Several players and managers cited the absence of San Francisco's Barry Bonds.

"I think if Barry were playing, you'd probably have that nine percent," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Washington Nationals outfielder Jose Guillen judges by his own experience.

"At this time last year, I had fewer home runs than I have right now," said Guillen, who connected for No. 8 Sunday. "I had two or three at this time last year."

A ROUGH AND TUMBLE BUSINESS



Tyler Wines wrestles a steer at the District V high school rodeo in Shoshone Saturday night. Wines was one of seven competitors in the steer wrestling event.

Yankees finally win three in a row, down M's 4-3

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Johnson pitched eight gritty innings, Tony Womack hit a go-ahead single off Jeff Nelson (0-1) and the New York Yankees beat the Seattle Mariners 4-3 Monday for their first three-game winning streak of the season.

Tino Martinez homered in his third consecutive game for the Yankees (14-19), who were coming off consecutive shutouts of Oakland.

Johnson (3-2) gave up seven hits and two walks, striking out seven in the 24th win. WASHINGTON TRUERS worked a perfect ninth for his fourth save in six chances, giving the Yankees three wins in a row for the first time since their historic collapse in last year's AL championship series, when they took a 3-0 lead against Boston only to lose the next four.

Oroles 3, Twins 0

BALTIMORE — Daniel Cabrera outpitched Carlos Silva, Miguel Tejada homered and drove in two runs, and Baltimore ended Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

Cabrera (2-2) allowed three hits and a career-high 11 strikeouts and walked two in eight innings. He permitted only two runners past first base and had at least one strikeout in every inning but the fourth.

B.J. Ryan worked a perfect ninth to complete the three-hit and earn his eighth save in eight chances.

Devil Rays 4, White Sox 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Chris Singleton had two hits and drove in two runs to help the Devil Rays end the White Sox's eight-game winning streak.

Lance Carter (1-0) pitched three scoreless innings in relief of Hideo Nomo, who left because of cramps in his left hand.

The only game Soriano missed was April 19, when Showalter held him out because of a bruised left knee. When he found out he wasn't playing, Soriano kicked over a garbage can and then a rolling laundry cart in the clubhouse.

Texas gave Soriano a \$7.5 million contract in January to avoid salary arbitration, for which he'll be eligible again next winter. The Rangers have said they



New York Yankees pitcher Randy Johnson delivers a pitch during the Yankees' 4-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners, Monday at Yankee Stadium in New York. Johnson allowed three runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out seven in the win.

Blue Jays 6, Royals 1

TORONTO — Josh Towers won his third straight start by pitching eight strong innings, and the Blue Jays ended a four-game losing streak.

Russ Adams hit a two-run triple for the Blue Jays, swept in three of their previous four home series.

Towers (4-1), Toronto's fifth starter, allowed one run and seven hits, struck out five and walked one. He has allowed two runs in his last 22 2-3 innings, dropping his ERA to 3.12, and has given up two runs or fewer in five of seven starts.

Red Sox 13, Athletics 5

BOSTON — Trot Nixon drove in four runs, and Kevin Millar hit his first homer of the season to power the Red Sox.

Oakland's fielding may have been worse than its pitching. Nine of Boston's runs were unearned — all five in the fourth inning and four in a seven-run seventh.

Tigers 2, Rangers 0

ARLINGTON, Texas — Nate Robertson pitched eight strong innings and Craig Monroe hit an RBI triple with two outs in the ninth to give the Tigers the victory.

The Tigers got their only runs off AL save leader Francisco Cordero (0-1), who took over

after Chris Young threw eight innings.

National League

Rockies 7, Braves 6

DENVER — Todd Helton hit a pair of run-scoring doubles, and relievers Jose Acevedo, Brian Fuentes and Chin-lung Tsai combined for 2-3 scoreless innings, with Tsai pitching the ninth for his third save.

Brad Hawpe had a two-run single in the fourth of Tim Lincecum (3-2) to give Colorado a 7-6 lead.

Astros 2, Marlins 1

MIAMI — Roger Clemens allowed four hits in seven shutout innings to win for the first time since April 8, and Houston broke an 11-game road losing streak.

Orlando Palmeiro, who entered with one RBI, drove in both runs with a sacrifice single and sacrifice fly.

Houston has scored 11 runs in seven starts by Clemens (2-1). The Astros, 2-14 on the road, had lost 16-0 Sunday at Atlanta, their sixth consecutive defeat overall.

Phillies 4, Brewers 2

MILWAUKEE — Chase Utley homered, twice, and Jason Michaels and Bobby Abreu also went deep.

Randy Wolf (2-4) allowed two runs and five hits in seven in-

nings, snapping his three-game losing streak and winning on the road for the first time since July 17 at Shea Stadium.

Padres 6, Reds 5

CINCINNATI — Ryan Klesko homered to start another ninth-inning comeback against Cincinnati's beleaguered bullpen, and Dave Roberts had a run-scoring single in the 13th off Matt Belisle (1-3) after Xavier Nady doubled.

Danny Graves blew a big ninth-inning lead for the second time in eight days. Robert Fick's bases-loaded double prompted a four-run rally that tied it at 5.

Chris Hammond (4-0) allowed one hit in the 12th, and Trevor Hoffman closed it out for his ninth save.

Cardinals 4, Dodgers 2

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols drove in four runs with two homers off Odalis Perez (4-3) giving him four long balls against the left-hander in only 12 at-bats.

Mark Mulder (5-1) tied his career best with 12 strikeouts, allowing one run and three hits over seven innings to win his fifth straight start.

In the opener of a four-game series between division leaders, Al Reyes got the last out for his third save.

New bowl sees changes

By Alan Schmatke
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Last week's recommendation for \$1 million in annual guarantees from Orange County was the second bit of good news in a week for the Orange Sports Bowl and the game organizer already is planning a jump in college football's pecking order.

Florida Citrus Sports said it can use the county's backstop to pull in more financial support and at least double the game's payout starting in 2006. The deal is in the new contract. FCSports Executive Director Tom Mickle said.

Certainly in a new neighborhood.

Since moving to Orlando in 2001, the Champs Sports Bowl (formerly the Tangerine Bowl) has paid the NCAA a minimum \$750,000 per team, but Mickle estimated a likely 2006 payout of \$1.5 million.

That would vault the bowl out of lower tier into the category with the Sun (31.5 million payout last year), Alabama (\$1.55 million) and Gator (\$1.6 million) bowls.

The Tourist Development Council on Friday recom-

mended unanimously that Orange County guarantee 18,000 in local ticket sales at \$60 for four years of bowls, starting in 2006. The recommendation will be placed into future Orange County budget proposals, which must be approved by the Orange County Commission.

If total ticket sales are less than \$4,000, the county makes up the shortfall. Mickle said the bowl sold 39,500 tickets for the 2004 game.

Orange County has done this twice before. It gave \$1 million in pledges in 1982 for the Florida Citrus Bowl. It also pledged \$1 million for Orlando's 1996 World Cup bid. FCSports didn't need the money either time, and it doesn't plan on needing it this time.

Last week's decision by ESPN to move the bowl date until after the NFL season, automatically gives the game more stature, Mickle said.

The post-Christmas date makes more teams available for selection. And FCSports leaders have said since 2002 that a pre- or weekend or even a game, so that will minimize the county's exposure.

That was tough to deal with, but you thought it would go into a game and you feel like your gun was half loaded and all your guys were going to have to live for you to have a successful game or weekend or even a game."

Incoming freshmen Jeff Mudge of Everett, Wash., Mitch Hanes of Spokane, Wash., and Alex Hancock of Pocatello High School will be called upon to add pop to the CSI lineup.

And Christian Walker himself, who is coming off his first season as the head man on the Eagles bench.

"The lack of responsibility was definitely more than I thought it was going to be, meaning all the stuff outside of baseball that takes up more time than you thought it would," Walker said. "... But as far as the games went, I had a lot more fun being a head coach."

Future

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ent standpoint, he's got talent coming out of his ears."

CSI has signed hurlers Jordan Latham from Centennial High School in Boise, Tristen Bailey from Hawaii, James Wallace from San Francisco area and Zach Privett — Todd's older brother — from Kearns, Utah.

Walker has also inked shortstop John Hagen from the Seattle area. Hagen is expected to play second base next season and form a centerpiece defense up the middle.

Longside shortstop Jordan Longside, Second-team all-region selections from Fugurud (outside) and Vichard (infield) are also back to bolster an Eagles offense that was anemic late in the season after the dismissal of Vichard's catcher and sudden departure of outfielder Jared Archart.

"You have the loss of two of our better, if not our best play-

Soriano

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up to .301, over 300 for the first time since the opening week of the season, and 12 of his last 16 hits were for extra bases.

"What you saw the last couple of weeks was a guy who there's never been one bit or concern from the players about Sor. He's just a fat-out great player," shortstop Michael Young said. "We described the fact that when we traded Alex, we got a great player in return. He's getting a chance to show it right now."

Soriano hit .280 with 28

homers and 91 RBIs last season, when he was the All-Star Game MVP before missing the final 16 games with a strained left hamstring. The injury bothered him throughout the offseason, so there was no running or strenuous workouts until just before he arrived in Arizona for spring training.

Needing extra time to get in shape, Soriano missed the first few spring games and then went 17 at-bats in his first game. Playing almost every day after that, he found his stride and has missed just one game during the regular season.

"Now I'm more comfortable," Soriano said. "My leg, it's all about my leg, the only problem I have. I'm running hard, my legs good. So my mind's good."

The only game Soriano missed was April 19, when Showalter held him out because of a bruised left knee. When he found out he wasn't playing, Soriano kicked over a garbage can and then a rolling laundry cart in the clubhouse.

Texas gave Soriano a \$7.5 million contract in January to avoid salary arbitration, for which he'll be eligible again next winter. The Rangers have said they

have not tried to deal Soriano, and no inquiries from other teams were serious enough to intrigue them.

The Rangers like him right where he is: playing second base and batting fifth.

"He is a more comfortable here in Texas," Showalter said. "We said coming in that we think the potential is here for him to have a big year. He's off to a good start. ... He's capable of doing a lot of things offensively at a position that that normally doesn't happen. That's why guys like him can impact the game so much."

Postseason

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Falls tennis team looks for another trip to state.

The rain-delayed start of the Great Basin Conference West Tournament will begin at noon at the Big Valley Park softball complex in Rupert. Host Minico, Burley, Jerome, and Wood River will all vie over three rounds for a shot at Wednesday's championship game.

SCIF softball will also be in action in Buhl, as Filer will take on Kimberly in a 3 p.m. bout with the winner to face Buhl for the conference championship at 5:30 p.m. If either Filer or Kim-

berly pulls off an upset of Buhl, a second championship game will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Rounding out Tuesday's action is Day 1 of the Class 1A and 2A District IV track and field meets in Gooding. The defending Class 1A state champion Raft River Trojans boys will look to continue their winning ways, as will Wendell's Jaymie Goodbody, who will take an area track for the second time. ... Action in preparation of their multiple state title defense in Boise. Action at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind track complex begins at 2 p.m.

BRIEFLY IN-MONEY

Irwin Realty relocates in Buhl

BUHL — When Irwin Realty's Buhl office got its start about 26 months ago with agent Judy Hoffmann, a lot of room wasn't needed. However, with the addition of agents Tracy Woolfman, John Roberts and Todd Fackels and secretary Diana Scott, the group began to feel cramped.

"We've done well," Hoffmann said. "With success and growth the company decided to move the group to a new location. The office moved a block from 212 1/2 S. Broadway to 130 S. Broadway and has twice the room."

Irwin Realty owns the entire building where businesses Tom Cross and Country Furniture are also located.

Since moving to its new office the real estate business has done some remodeling and plans to bring in and upgrading the electrical system to accommodate high-speed Internet access and other needs. "The inside of the building may get a new look — but that may be down the road," Hoffmann said.

The Irwin Realty office in Buhl can be reached at 543-4510.

Truck driving school schedules open house

HEROME — B & T Truck Driving School is inviting the public to its job fair and open house in the company's new location, 70 W. Frontage Road N. in Jerome.

The event is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and the business hopes to attract both people wanting Class A driver licenses who are looking for driving jobs, and people interested in becoming licensed commercial drivers. A representative from Werner Enterprises will attend the job fair, and a variety of local and long-haul companies have been invited.

B & T Truck Driving School can be reached at 737-4649.

D.L. Evans Bank breaks ground May 18

TWIN FALLS — D.L. Evans Bank plans a ground breaking for its newest Twin Falls office, corner of Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The ceremony is set for 10 a.m. May 18, and the public is invited.

The new Blue Lakes location will be a full-service bank offering consumer, small business, commercial, agricultural, home equity and real estate mortgage loans. The bank will also offer checking and savings accounts for personal and business customers, individual retirement accounts, certificates of deposit, medical and health savings accounts and an array of investment products. The bank also offers online banking; customers can review their account activity in real time, transfer funds, make payments and use several other services via the Internet.

Mini-Cassia-based D.L. Evans Bank currently has 13 branches and two real estate lending offices and will open a new branch in Nampa in June.

Harley-Davidson gives bonus to U.S. troops

TWIN FALLS — Harley-Davidson announced an offer to extend its product warranty coverage for military personnel deployed in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Cliffon Chester, owner of Snake Harley-Davidson in Twin Falls, said Harley-Davidson has long been a supporter of veterans' issues and has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the World War II Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

"If their motorcycle is under warranty, Harley-Davidson will provide an extension equal to the number of days they were deployed. Since these brave young men and women have been unable to ride during the deployment, we think it's only fair to extend their factory warranty," Chester said.

— compiled from staff reports

Glanbia plans Gooding expansion

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Demand for cheese is strong, and that means growth for a major cheese manufacturer.

Glanbia Foods Inc. has embarked on a \$13 million expansion at its Gooding cheese plant, as well as a \$280,000 expansion to its Twin Falls cheese facility.

High milk and cheese prices have primed the dairy and cheese industries for expansion, said Jeff Williams, Glanbia's president and chief executive.

Idaho's milk production is projected to grow 5 to 6 percent this year compared with 2004, when Idaho produced just over 9 billion pounds of milk, according to the Idaho Dairyfarmers Association. Most Idaho milk is made into cheese.

Williams gives partial credit to increased desire for these products by both American and international consumers.

"A lot of it's driven by consumer demand," he said. "People are looking for good sources of protein."

The company's Gooding facility — which produces processed cheese sold on the

market in barrels — will gain two new cheese-producing units, an extended cheese belt system, new barrel-forming cheese towers, an extended cooler section, more bay space and new raw milk storage silos, Williams said Monday. That accounts for the bulk of the \$13 million.

Glanbia's Twin Falls facility — which produces block cheese sold in supermarkets — will gain a \$280,000 filtration system that will increase that plant's production by 100,000 pounds of cheese per week. That project is under way.

The Gooding plant now

processes 7.1 million pounds of milk daily, which translates to about 700,000 pounds of cheese. The plant expansion will allow the company to produce about 20 percent more cheese, bringing the plant up to about 900,000 pounds of cheese produced each day.

That means Glanbia will need to purchase milk from 1,500 more cows for its Twin Falls plant production, as well as 20,000 more cows for its Gooding plant, Williams said.

Where are all these cows coming from? Williams said there's room for expansion in the dairy industry, despite

Gooding County's current moratorium on expansions of confined animal feeding operations. The Mini-Cassia area, as well as parts of Lincoln, Jerome and Twin Falls counties, are prime locations for new dairies and dairy expansion, he said.

"You could hide 100,000 cows in Mini-Cassia," Williams said. Magic Valley's environmentalists are not making a case, however, has been a point of controversy for years.

Glanbia's Gooding cheese plant will start this month and is slated to be completed by late summer.

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THE NEXT TEQUILA?

Mezcal producers try to worm their way into hearts of drinkers

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Luigi Romanelli reached over rows of brown bottles filled with mezcal liquor, each with a dead worm inside, and proudly topped a bundle of sleek metal bottles.

"1011 Platinum — Premium Mezcal," the silver bottles' labels said. They looked like cars of high-end luxury, but they were a strong drink of bandits, cowboys and worm-munching wannabes.

"It is what we're aiming for, something you would see on the shelves of a New York discotheque," Romanelli said. "We want to make mezcal the next tequila."

In Mexico's mezcal country, distillers are out to change the drink's image as a hard-to-swallow shot for macho men. They've launched new rules to ensure quality, rolled out such new flavors as cappuccino and coconut cream and are trying to break into U.S. nightclubs and discount stores.

A few zealous producers even briefly tried to ban the trademark worm as part of the new production rules, which took effect Feb. 10.

"We're trying to change our image," said Ruben Flores Sautago, production manager at the Geneva Mezcal bottling plant. "I don't people talk at mezcal as if it's a dirty word."

Mezcal producers say they are inspired by the success of tequila, which is actually a type of mezcal and used to have the same image problem.

In the 1990s, tequila producers adopted their own



Teodora Bautista Romero drops worms into bottles of Monte Alban mezcal at the Beneva Mezcal bottling plant in Santiago Matatlan, Mexico, on Feb. 10. The Mexican government imposed new rules on mezcal producers in February as part of an effort to improve the liquor's image and increase foreign sales.

production rules and began an aggressive marketing campaign led by Tequila Cuervo, maker of Jose Cuervo. U.S. imports of bottled tequila soared from \$17.6 million in 1996 to \$222.6 million in 2004.

Mezcal sales to the United States rose 81 percent in the same period, to \$1.8 million, but the biggest increases have been in Asia and Europe, said Romanelli, export manager for Agro-industrial Products of Oaxaca, which produces the Tehuana and Donaji brands.

The company's sales have doubled in the past five years, helped by booming markets in Italy, Japan and Taiwan, Romanelli said. BenevaDa, a competitor, is building a bottling plant to keep up with demand.

In the United States, the liquor has gained a foothold in some high-end restaurants because of new interest in cuisine from

Oaxaca, said Mark Abbott, sous chef at Mezcal restaurant in Phoenix.

"In the past five to six years, a number of celebrity chefs have come up who do that kind of food, so mezcal is being introduced to a little more refined crowd," he said. "It's not just people sitting around a campfire passing around a bottle."

Aged mezcals are increasingly getting good reviews in magazines dedicated to fine spirits, said Jeff Sanchez, co-owner of Los Sombrosos restaurant in Scottsdale. Fans of Scotch whisky seem to especially like mezcals characterized, he said, as both tequila and mezcal come from agave, a tough desert plant with sword-shaped leaves. Tequila is made from blue agave, while mezcal comes from spiny agave and other varieties.

By law, tequila can come only from Mexico's Jalisco state and a

few surrounding areas. Mezcal can come from Oaxaca, Guerrero, San Luis Potosi, Durango and Zacatecas states, along with seven towns in Tamaulipas.

Tequila production has become industrialized and uses ovens or pressure-cookers to prepare the agave. But making mezcal is still low-tech.

At the Chagoya mezcal factory in Tlacolula, as at other distilleries, the process begins with a fire built in a pit. Agave hearts, which are known as "piques" because of their shape, are piled on top.

The pile is covered with plastic sheets and logs, then steam-cooked for four days. When they come out, the agave pieces are soft and sweet, with a flavor like a yam. They are crushed in a millstone, usually drawn by a mule.

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Seat holder files suit to block NYSE merger

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A seat holder on the New York Stock Exchange filed suit Monday to block the merger between the NYSE and all-electronic stock market Archipelago Holdings Inc., claiming a breach of fiduciary responsibility.

William Higgins, who heads a long-standing group seeking

changes at the NYSE, is the lead plaintiff in the suit. The lawsuit also names NYSE Chief Executive John Thain, the entire NYSE board and Goldman Sachs Group Inc., which advised both the NYSE and Archipelago in merger talks, claiming a conflict of interest, according to the suit.

Jay Eisenhofer, Higgins' attorney and a partner at the law

firm Grant & Eisenhofer, said he would likely file for an injunction against the deal once a final merger date is announced.

However, he said his client was not ultimately interested in blocking the merger — just getting a better deal.

"I think everybody agrees that converting the exchange to a for-profit entity is a good idea, and I think everybody agrees

that merging with Archipelago is probably a good idea," Eisenhofer said. "It's the terms that my client thinks are objectionable."

The NYSE issued a statement Monday afternoon blasting Higgins' lawsuit. "The New York Stock exchange has reviewed Mr. William Higgins' complaint

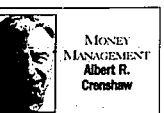
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Better start beating the drums if you want a Roth account

WASHINGTON — Jan. 1 may seem a long way off, but employers and employees looking for ways to get the most out of their retirement benefits should start thinking about it.

That's the date on which "Roth 401(k)" plans become legal, allowing companies to begin offering workers the option of funding a 401(k) account with after-tax dollars, in addition to or instead of their traditional 401(k). Funding a Roth would mean higher taxes now, but no taxes, and no required withdrawals, later on in retirement on the money that's set aside that way.

So far, about a third of employers are planning to offer



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these accounts, or are at least leaning toward them, according to a survey by Hewitt Associates, a benefits consulting firm based in Lincolnshire, Ill. But experts also say that many have not yet focused on the decision.

"It's a little bit early on, and employers have not spent a lot of time thinking ... though how appealing it may be to employ-

ees," said Lori Lucas of Hewitt. It may go higher if there is a kind of grass-roots (demand) from employees."

For employers, the new option entails several administrative headaches — including such matters as keeping two separate 401(k) accounts for participating employees and getting payrolls adjusted to include and exclude the proper amounts on tax forms.

However, some experts think companies will find the accounts very appealing for at least certain types of workers.

Roth-type savings are named after the late senator William V. Roth Jr., a Delaware Republican who in 1997 pushed through

the first individual retirement account of this sort, and they have long been controversial. In a traditional pretax k-plan, since the contributions have not been taxed, both the contributions and the earnings in the account are taxed upon withdrawal. But with a Roth, contributions are made from income that has already been taxed, so the withdrawals are not taxed, nor are the earnings from those contributions.

In theory, Roth IRAs could be used by the wealthy as estate-planning devices — something proponents of the estate tax regarded as unwise public policy. For that and other reasons, current law bars individuals with

incomes over certain limits from contributing to a Roth IRA or from converting a traditional IRA to a Roth. Roth 401(k)s offer what one analyst called "a unique way to make limits because anyone with any amount of current income will be able to sock away money in this plan."

In 2006, 401(k) participants, either pretax or Roth, will be able to contribute as much as \$10,000 or \$20,000 if they are 50 or older and eligible for the \$5,000 "catch-up" contribution that will be allowed.

Congress will push 401(k)s maybe, but in an era of increased

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Merger

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found that it is completely without merit. We are proceeding with the merger as proposed...

favorable to NYSE stock holders. Under the proposed merger agreement, seat holders will receive 70 percent of the stock in the NYSE company...

should receive 90 percent of the company. The suit also claims Goldman Sachs "alleged and abetted" the NYSE's breach of duty by advising both sides of the deal...

Archipelago's initial public stock offering last year, owns 15.6 percent of Archipelago and holds a total of 29 seats on the exchange.

Mezcal

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The pulp goes into a vat to ferment for three days. It's bottled in a still to separate and purify the mezcal liquor. After a second distillation, the mezcal goes into oak barrels to age for at least a month.

marketing stunt. Now they're so popular that each worm costs 20 to 30 cents. During the week of the event, Da Ja has to send security guards into the agave fields at night to stop enterprising poachers...

Roth

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life expectancies, vanishing traditional pensions and uncertain Social Security, allowing workers to stash away a chunk of their savings and let it grow untaxed. Into very old money can be put...

after taxes are paid, whereas the whole \$100,000 would be available from a Roth. But regardless of the policy issues, the advent of Roth 401(k)s will add yet another complex choice for many workers...

also said that tax-free withdrawals will not be allowed until five years after the first distribution, "so even if you like Texas better, you might put a little on the Roth side just to get the five-year clock started in order to be able to put more into the Roth account."

to take the upfront benefit. But will that continue? The large federal budget deficits and the growing public benefit programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, need to be cut or paid for, with the latter suggesting a likely tax increase.

Glanbia

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The project will be the plant's second expansion in 18 months and will be completed by the end of the company's new \$13 million wastewater pre-treatment plant is made fully operational in November.

plant uses before it's sent to the wastewater plant, he said. "We reclaim a lot of water," he said.

Further, with no taxes, what you see is what you get from a Roth 401(k). A \$100,000 balance in a pretax account provides only \$70,000 or \$80,000 in spendable cash

in fact, she said, "we are hearing from individuals who are not sure which way taxes will work out, but we are diversifying in the event taxes may be higher." Along those lines, Weddell

is also sure that tax rates will be higher or lower in retirement, Weddell said. So the choice is "a bet on whether your marginal tax rate will be higher or lower" in retirement, Weddell said.

There are also twists and turns that need to be ironed out. But will that continue? The large federal budget deficits and the growing public benefit programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, need to be cut or paid for, with the latter suggesting a likely tax increase.

The company is now operating at a profit, contested because of health concerns but upheld by Gooding County commissioners — that allows Glanbia to irrigate its crops near Coeur d'Alene. "Future expansions at our Gooding plant were all designed into the processing capabilities of this wastewater treatment plant," he said.

"This just adds to the overall good picture," he said. "Everything is hooked to everything else...we're pretty good shape right now."

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