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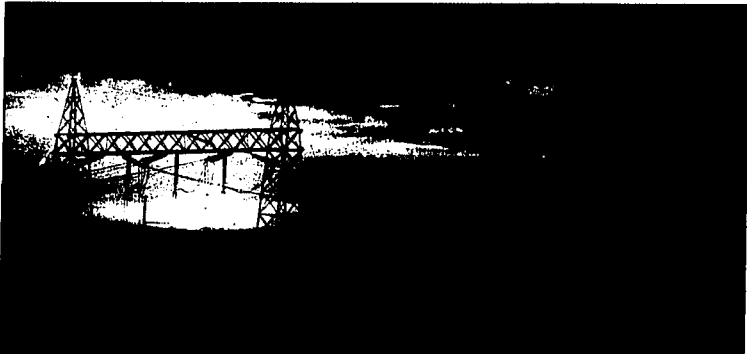
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Semprea seeks first permit



The sun rises behind a power substation south of Shoshone recently. Sempra Generation selected its Jerome County site partly based on its proximity to the substation.

Firm's formal quest for power plant starts Monday

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

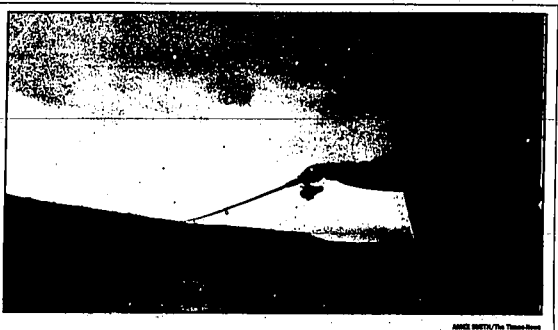
JEROME — It's a small step, but, like any first, it's an important one. Like parents eagerly waiting for their child's first step, residents will be watching every move representatives of a proposed coal-fired power plant make Monday evening as they request their initial permit in what could be a two-year permitting process.

Want to attend the hearing? See page A2

Will they miss-step and fall or will they take a confident stride? In April, Sempra Generation — a subsidiary of San Diego-based Sempra Energy — announced its plan to locate a 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant northeast of the city of Jerome. The announcement has divided the community between those who see enormous economic benefit and those who envision tremendous environmental damage.

While this first permit — to construct a temporary weather station — may be minor compared to future requests, the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Sempra's permit is still expected to be well attended as it marks the initial public comment opportunity for residents. Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown believes the commission could vote on Sempra's permit at the Monday

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Bob Henry reels in a fish at the Salmon Reservoir on a recent weekend. Mercury levels in the fish are one of the key emissions concerns related to Sempra's proposed coal-fired power plant.

THE QUESTION OF MERCURY

Critics of coal-fired plants warn of emissions

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

JEROME — When talk of a new coal-fired plant surfaces these days in Idaho and elsewhere, the topic of mercury is never far behind.

Power plants that burn coal to generate electricity also emit mercury into the atmosphere. The pollutant can cause neurological damage in humans — pregnant women and young children are particularly vulnerable.

When Sempra Generation announced its intent last month to construct a 600-megawatt facility in Jerome County, residents and state officials alike began taking a look at the monitoring and regulation of mercury already in place

both at both the federal and state level. Mercury presents its own challenges in monitoring. In the air, the substance isn't considered especially harmful to humans. In the water, it turns toxic by taking the form of methylmercury.

Mercury in the air

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new mercury rule calls for a reduction in mercury emissions from power plants across the country. The rule requires each state to cut its existing mercury emissions.

For states like Idaho that do not have existing mercury emission levels, the rule poses some problems, said Dave Bryn with the Region 10 division of EPA. The state cannot ask for

new emission credits under the rule. Instead, the state's only option is to participate in the federal cap and trade program.

"A state like Ohio that has dozens of coal-fired plants has the flexibility to meet their standards in a number of ways," Bryn said.

Idaho, however, only has two options: participate in the federal cap and trade program or keep its existing cap of zero mercury emissions.

The decision on whether Idaho should keep its zero cap or opt into the federal program will most likely rest with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Bryn said.

If the state joins the federal program, the responsibility of securing mercury emission

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Canyon plan draws mixed reviews

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The last time real estate developer Neilsen & Co. proposed a retail development and a hotel/convention center in Twin Falls near the Snake River Canyon rim, public debate raged for months on the pros and cons.

Those plans were put on hold after Neilsen decided that — among other reasons, including financing issues — Twin Falls economy wasn't quite ready to support an upscale hotel.

Now Neilsen is proposing the next phase of its Canyon Park retail and entertainment development

just west of the Buzz Langdon Visitors' Center. The development would feature more than 160,000 square feet of retail space in an open-air configuration and a 15-story upscale chain hotel with meeting facilities, according to promotional materials released last week by the company.

"The area's growth and maturity has presented the prime opportunity to further develop Canyon Park," Neilsen said in a statement.

The development will be required to go through the public hearing process before construction can begin, and so far no formal plans have been submitted to the city.

Reaction by Magic Valley residents on Saturday to the latest plans for the rim area was mixed.

Some see the canyon rim as an ideal place for an upscale retail and lodging development, as it could draw in tourism dollars and provide visitors enjoying the Perrine Bridge a spectacular entry to Twin Falls. Others feel the canyon's scenery is spectacular enough without high-rise retailers and a towering hotel clouding the view.

Justin and Jennifer Jimenez of Butley fall into the latter camp. The couple said, gesturing to their 13-month-old daughter Kendall, strolled "Twin Falls" canyon rim trail Saturday afternoon near the existing Canyon Park stores on the east side of Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

"These right there ruin the view of the canyon," Justin said, gesturing to the line of stores that include Sportsman's Warehouse and Old Navy. "If you look across the canyon from the north, this is all you see. They should work on the other parts of town that look kind of junky."

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

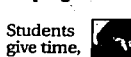
Mosquito heaven?



A wet spring may lead to a severe West Nile virus season.

Monday

Helping hands



Students give time, care to shelter animals.

Tuesday

Cooking in, eating out

You'd be surprised what you can cook up in your backyard.

Wednesday

Roaring bear

The Bear River in eastern Idaho grows popular with kayakers.

Thursday

Summer's here

Enjoy the first of south-central Idaho's summer festivals.

Friday

Go camping

A look at Magic Valley summer church camps.

Saturday

They're bored

How to keep your kids' minds active this summer.

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Mostly sunny and mild with a breeze at times. Highs in the middle 70s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Lows in the upper 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, breezy and mild. Highs near 70.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Mostly sunny, breezy and pleasant. High 78.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies, mild temperatures. Low 49.
Monday: Mostly sunny skies and drizzle w/ a.s. High 70/43.
Tuesday: Sunny, dry and mild. High 70/43.
Wednesday: Another pleasant day. High 72/45.
Thursday: Abundant sunshine, mild temperatures. High 74/47.

Yesterday's Weather
City: 65-84
Boise: 65-84
Buhl: 65-84
Coeur d'Alene: 61-83
Idaho Falls: 61-83
Jerome: 61-83
Lowell: 61-83
Malta: 61-83
Pocatello: 61-83
Rupert: 61-83
Shoshone: 61-83
Twin Falls: 61-83
Walla Walla: 61-83

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Mid with periods of sunshine. Highs in the middle 70s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Lows in the middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny; breezy and mild. Highs near 70.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Mostly cloudy skies and a few showers are expected today. Breezy and dry conditions are expected from late Monday into Tuesday. Temperatures will be cooler but still pleasant.

BOISE
Partly to mostly cloudy skies and breezy winds are expected through Tuesday. Showers will be pleasant. Sunshine returns in full force by Tuesday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Partly to mostly sunny skies and pleasant temperatures will continue over the next few days.

Weather's Main Event: 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
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Temperature: 78
Precipitation: 0.00
Humidity: 42%
Barometric Pressure: 30.15
Sunrise and Sunset: 6:08 AM, 8:01 PM

MOON PHASES
Today: Waxing Crescent
Tomorrow: First Quarter
Monday: Waxing Crescent
Tuesday: First Quarter
Wednesday: Waxing Crescent
Thursday: First Quarter

REGIONAL FORECAST
City: Today Tomorrow
Boise: 78-90 78-90
Buhl: 78-90 78-90
Coeur d'Alene: 78-90 78-90
Idaho Falls: 78-90 78-90
Jerome: 78-90 78-90
Lowell: 78-90 78-90
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Pocatello: 78-90 78-90
Rupert: 78-90 78-90
Shoshone: 78-90 78-90
Twin Falls: 78-90 78-90
Walla Walla: 78-90 78-90

NATIONAL FORECAST
City: Today Tomorrow
Atlanta: 78-90 78-90
Boston: 78-90 78-90
Chicago: 78-90 78-90
Dallas: 78-90 78-90
Denver: 78-90 78-90
Detroit: 78-90 78-90
Houston: 78-90 78-90
Los Angeles: 78-90 78-90
Miami: 78-90 78-90
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New York: 78-90 78-90
Philadelphia: 78-90 78-90
Portland: 78-90 78-90
San Francisco: 78-90 78-90
Seattle: 78-90 78-90
Tampa: 78-90 78-90
Washington: 78-90 78-90

CANADIAN FORECAST
City: Today Tomorrow
Calgary: 78-90 78-90
Edmonton: 78-90 78-90
Ottawa: 78-90 78-90
Toronto: 78-90 78-90
Vancouver: 78-90 78-90

Pollen Count
Tree: 10
Grass: 10
Weed: 10

U.V. INDEX
Low: 1
Moderate: 2
High: 3
Very High: 4
Extreme: 5

WORLD FORECAST
City: Today Tomorrow
London: 78-90 78-90
Paris: 78-90 78-90
Tokyo: 78-90 78-90
Sydney: 78-90 78-90

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Fronts: Cold, Warm
Stationary, Occluded

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Motor vehicles
Ozone: Ozone serves as an irritant to the respiratory system.
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Water rights: The Idaho Department of Water Resources will have to approve a water right transfer for the rights Sempra has transferred to the company.

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Sempra
the planned coal-fired power plant
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IDAHO

Reward offered as search continues for Idaho children

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A \$70,000 reward reportedly has been offered for information in the search for two children missing from a home where three people were found beaten to death.

Investigators on Saturday collected the last remnants of evidence from the blood-spattered house where three bound bodies were found last week. The evidence will be sent to an FBI laboratory in Quantico, Va., said Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson.

Detectives from the sheriff's office, Idaho State Police and FBI were working on multiple leads and theories but still had few clues and no suspects, Capt. Ben Wollinger told KREM-TV in Spokane on Saturday.

Wollinger said investigators found evidence in every room of the house while a walk through Saturday, KREM reported.

The search continued for Dylan James Greene, 9, and his sister, Shasta Kay Greene, 8, who were last seen May 15 at the rural home eight miles east of Coeur d'Alene where the bodies of their mother, brother and mother's boyfriend were found.

Authorities have received pledges of more than \$70,000 for a reward fund and will work through the Secret Witness program in Spokane, Wash., according to KREM-TV. Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt. Christie Wood on Saturday could not confirm the reward, but said more than 630 calls have been made to special tip lines established by the sheriff's department.

"We expect that to increase," she said of the calls, noting the Fox TV series "America's Most Wanted" scheduled a segment on the Greene children to air Saturday.

An analyst assigned by the FBI will help prioritize tips that detectives receive.



Search teams hunt for Shasta Greene, 8, and her brother Dylan Greene, 9, Thursday east of Coeur d'Alene. The missing siblings' mother and 13-year-old brother were among three people found dead Monday.

Investigators also released home video taken of Shasta Greene before she disappeared in which the girl is displaying a school science project on the solar system.

Near the children's school, Fernan Elementary, hundreds of red and blue ribbons were tied to a playground fence and trees lining a nearby street. A sign read, "Dylan & Shasta we hope you come home safely."

The children's aunt, Brandy Hoagland, remained hopeful that the two would be found. "They were born and raised out there, they know that property like the back of their hand and if they were in trouble they would have ran to somebody and contacted them by now," said Hoagland told KREM.

Volunteers finished searching the 400 acres of heavy brush and forest near the Wolf Lodge district home to complete their searches. Divers used their hands to feel the bottoms of nearby ponds and streams.

"They're confident there's nothing more here," Wollinger said Friday. "Ground crews are 100 percent certain the children

are not here."

An Amber Alert was issued for the two children Tuesday, the day after the beaten and bound bodies of Brenda Kay Greene, 40, Slade Vincent Greene, 13, and Mark Edward McKenzie, 37, were discovered in the white cinderblock home.

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Mercury

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credits falls on a company proposing to construct a new plant, Bray said.

"They will have to figure out on their side of the fence how they will control their emissions to meet the credits they purchase," Bray said.

The EPA requires coal-fired plant owners to report their emissions annually, Bray said. The regulation of those plants, however, falls to state agencies such as the DEQ.

Officials with the DEQ are still evaluating the new mercury rule, said Michael DuBois, an air quality analyst for the department.

"It's unclear what the future is on that," he said. The DEQ's basic air quality rules deal solely with inhalation risk, however larger power plants like Sempra's proposed 600-megawatt facility trigger more extensive evaluations, he said.

Mercury in the water

Last summer, the DEQ accepted public comment on its plan to monitor mercury levels in fish as a less expensive way of measuring mercury in water. The state's proposal was based off of EPA's recommendations and now awaits EPA approval.

Air emissions from coal-fired plants and mining operations that drift and deposit pollutants into waters are considered to be among the greatest sources of mercury pollution. However, industries and municipalities also discharge pollutants into Idaho's rivers and lakes.

If the EPA approves the mercury-monitoring program for Idaho, that would ensure greater regulatory means for the state, said Michael McIntyre, the DEQ's program manager for surface water. After the program is in place, officials could pursue the companies that discharge mercury into waters.

This summer, the DEQ will collect samples from the Salmon Falls Reservoir and Jordan Creek, McIntyre said. The results will be available in late summer or early fall, he said. Fish exceed the limit for mercury if they contain mercury at levels of 0.3 milligrams per one kilogram or more.

"Anything below that is OK," McIntyre said. Mercury levels typically are shown to be higher in fish that consume other fish — such as bass, McIntyre said. Fish like trout that primarily prey on insects exhibit lower levels of mercury.

About mercury

How mercury emissions from power plants threaten humans:

- Concentrations of mercury in the air tend to be low and pose little concern.
- When mercury enters the water, it becomes a more soluble form of mercury, called methylmercury.
- Fish consume the methylmercury through their gills, allowing the chemical to accumulate in fish tissue.
- The danger to humans comes in eating contaminated fish.
- Commercial fish generally have lower levels of methylmercury than do noncommercial fish.
- Fish that feed off of other fish — such as bass — accumulate greater concentrations of methylmercury, thus posing a greater risk to humans.
- Exposure to high levels of mercury has been associated with serious neurological and developmental effects in humans.
- These effects can include: subtle losses in sensory or cognitive ability, tremors, inability to walk, convulsions and death.
- Developing fetuses and young children are especially susceptible to the effects of

methylmercury. Source: Environmental Protection Agency

Mercury advisories for Magic Valley water bodies

- **C.J. Strike Reservoir** — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare advises young children, nursing or pregnant women to consume weekly no more than one meal of fish caught from this reservoir. However, there is no restriction on fish consumption for the general public.
- **Salmon Falls Reservoir** — Young children and nursing or pregnant women should limit fish consumption to no more than one meal per month from any species — except Rainbow trout — caught from this reservoir. Rainbow trout are safe to eat. The general public should limit consumption to no more than two meals a week of bass or walleye.
- **Note** — Health and Welfare considers four ounces of uncooked fish a meal for children under the age of 7. For everyone else, a meal constitutes eight ounces of uncooked fish.

Source: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

The DEQ, however, does not issue the fish advisories. That responsibility falls to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which has issued advisories for two Magic Valley water bodies.

Sempra's mercury monitoring

Residents of a local opposition group are requesting the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission require Sempra to monitor existing mercury levels at its planned site northeast of Jerome as part of its permit to construct a temporary weather station there.

"We are committed to protecting the health of children and families from the dangerous pollutants pumped into the air by coal-fired power plants," said Lauren McLean of the Idaho Conservation League in a press statement. "Idaho currently has no coal-fired power plants polluting our air; we will work hard with Magic Valley citizens to make sure they don't suffer pollution for someone else's power."

Sempra officials have said they will do whatever is required to comply with the federal government's new mercury rule. At a Rotary Club meeting last week in Jerome,

Marty Swartz, Sempra's director of project development, offered his company's take on mercury. Swartz pointed out that only 3 percent of the world's mercury emissions originate within the United States. Roughly one-third of this country's mercury emissions are generated at power plants.

"Mercury is really a global issue," Swartz said. The type of coal that Sempra intends to use contains approximately 0.1 parts per million of mercury, Swartz said. He estimates that the company's emission control system will remove 70 percent of that mercury. Sempra will meet, or possibly do better than, federal regulations on air quality, he said.

"We're going to address this publicly, any health concerns that you have," Swartz said.

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Nine die in house blaze

CLEVELAND (AP) — A fire broke out during a children's sleepover at a Cleveland house early Saturday, killing seven kids and two adults, the fire department said.

Eleven people were in the house in the eastern part of the city when the blaze started around 3 a.m., said Assistant Fire Chief Tim O'Toole.

The victims were aged 4 to 34 and O'Toole said at least one of the children was at the house for a sleepover.

Firefighters said the mother of six of the dead children lived in the house, but it was unclear how the others were related. The fate of the mother was also unclear.

One of the house's occupants was being treated at a hospital Saturday, but the extent of the injuries was not known, O'Toole said. Another survivor didn't require hospital treatment.

Neighbors told a Cleveland television station they tried to help put out the fire but the flames were too strong.

An investigation into the fire centered on the first floor, which sustained heavy fire damage, O'Toole said.

The second floor, where all the bodies were found, was also heavily damaged by smoke and soot.

"It obviously had a large volume of fire; it's certainly severely fire damaged," he said.

Much of the house's white wooden frame was charred but black and the roof over the front porch was partially collapsed.

Every visible window had been shattered.

As daylight broke, dozens of neighbors, family and friends gathered near the scene, hugging and crying as they viewed the damage. Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell came by to offer condolences.

Richard Carter told WKYC-TV he lost his daughter and several grandchildren in the blaze.

"I just want somebody to pray for me and my family," he said through tears.



Neighbors sit across the street from a house fire where nine people died in Cleveland on Saturday.

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Tests show powder not anthrax

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — White powder in a threatening letter to Gov. Bill Richardson was not anthrax, according to tests a day after the substance forced the state Capitol to evacuate.

"Anthrax is not involved; no live anthrax spores are involved," said Peter Olson, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety, said Sunday.

The letter was opened Friday afternoon by the director of mail operations for the governor's office. Authorities evacuated the office and other parts of the building as a precaution.

Tests ruled out anthrax, but further tests were planned over the weekend to try to identify the powder. The FBI and the U.S. Postal Service were investigating the source. "It's most likely a hoax, but we're taking every necessary precaution," Richardson said.

Anthrax hoaxes have persisted since the still-unresolved mailings of anthrax-tainted letters in October 2001 that killed five people and sickened others.

In the past week, hospital emergency rooms were locked down in Iowa and New York after people reported contact with white powder in the mail. Officials said there was no indication anyone was involved in those cases.

Last September, an envelope intended for Richardson was rigged to ignite when opened. The letter, which wasn't opened, was similar to ones received by 19 other governors about the same time.

"You've got to know that it's the territory for a governor, a public official," Richardson said.

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NATION

Bush tells grads service is 'American idea'

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — President Bush's commencement speech at Calvin College Saturday was as much about politics as it was about inspiring the graduates of this Christian college to commit themselves to community service.

"This isn't a Democratic idea. This isn't a Republican idea. This is an American idea," Bush told the students in a bipartisan message about community service that stood in contrast with protests surrounding his visit.

"As your generation takes its place in the world, all of you must make this decision: Will you be a spectator or a citizen?" Bush asked about 900 seniors graduating from this liberal arts college.

The students cheered him warmly before he spoke, but Bush's visit was not welcomed by all. Several dozen people protested outside the event, wearing buttons that said: "God is not a Republican or Democrat."

A third of the college's faculty members signed a letter protesting his visit. The letter, published Saturday in a half-page ad in the Grand Rapids Press, said: "As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers and to initiate war only as a last resort. We believe your administration has launched an unjust and unjustified war in Iraq."

Another letter of protest from students, faculty and alumni appeared in a full-page ad in the paper on Friday.

"In our view, the policies and actions of your administration, both domestically and internationally over the past four years, violate many deeply held principles of Calvin College," that ad in the Grand Rapids newspaper said. Calvin College administrators say they were thrilled when the White House asked if Bush could speak at the commencement — his third trip this year to Michigan, which he narrowly lost to Democrat John Kerry in last year's election.

President Bush joins in the singing of a hymn before addressing the 2005 graduates of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Saturday.



Four die after plane crashes on beach

NEW YORK (AP) — Four people were killed Saturday when a single-engine plane crashed on the beach in Coney Island, hitting the sand as stunned sunbathers looked on, officials said.

The four victims, all on board the Cessna 172S, were dead at the scene following the 1:30 p.m. crash at the popular Brooklyn beach. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Holly Baker said.

There were no reports of any injuries on the ground. Eyewitnesses said the plane was circling above Coney Island when its engine suddenly stalled, and the aircraft quickly plunged into the beach.

The pilot tried desperately to right the four-year-old plane after it went into a tailspin, said Herbert Lecler, 51, who was fishing on the beach.

"He couldn't, and he bounced on that beach," Lecler said.

Joshua McCabe, a registered nurse visiting from San Diego, was eating inside Nathan's Famous hot dog restaurant when he heard the crash.

McCabe and another witness rushed to the scene, where they found the pilot already dead and a female passenger barely alive.

Within seconds, he said, "she wasn't breathing and then she lost her pulse."

Dick Zigun, a longtime Coney Island resident who was at the crash site, said it looked like the plane had come down nose-first.

Several sunbathers were on the beach at the time, although the crowd was sparse, he said.

"The wings are broken off, and the cockpit glass was smashed up," Zigun said. "It didn't look like anyone could survive that."

Police and fire officials moved quickly to close off the beach after the crash. Dozens of people were gathered along the boardwalk staring out at the wreckage.

The crash occurred within sight of the Wonder Wheel attraction at the world-renowned beach, home to the Cyclone rollercoaster and the Astroland amusement park.

The plane hit the beach near KeySpan Park, a minor league baseball stadium.

Coney Island hosts tens of thousands of New Yorkers during the summer months, and its more famous visitors in the past included Charles Lindbergh and Sigmund Freud.

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WORLD

Taliban still fighting, but U.S. says the opposition is waning

WASHINGTON (AP) — American commanders say the Taliban is a viable resistance force in Afghanistan even though most of the Islamic radicals fall, but the U.S. military's fight to undermine their influence and bring stability is showing signs of progress.

The assessment follows a stretch in which U.S. troops in Afghanistan have been killed at a higher rate than those in Iraq, where there are about eight times as many American soldiers and where the situation is widely perceived as more dangerous.



Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks to the media in Kabul, Afghanistan, after returning from a trip to Europe in this May 14 file photo.

Afghanistan's president, Hamid Karzai, plans to meet President Bush at the White House on Monday. It will be his first Washington visit since his inauguration in December as Afghanistan's first democratically elected president.

Combat in Afghanistan has intensified in recent weeks, as expected, after a winter lull. U.S. commanders, however, say they think their plan for improving security — including the expansion of Afghan army, border patrol and police forces — is on track.

Brig. Gen. Greg Champion, a deputy commander of the Combined Joint Task Force 76, said in a telephone interview Friday from his headquarters at Bagram airfield that the recent increase in insurgent violence was due mainly to a more aggressive approach by American and Afghan forces.

U.S. troops have not taken a posture of waiting for the Taliban to begin their usual spring offensive, he said. Instead, U.S. and Afghan forces have been going on their own offensive.

Insurgent attacks continue, however.

Suspected Taliban militants gunned down six Afghan employees of a U.S.-funded anti-drug project in southern Afghanistan on Thursday. Also, an Italian aid worker was kidnapped this past week in Kabul, the capital, adding to the fears of relief groups that are vital to the reconstruction effort.

The U.S. has about 16,700 troops in Afghanistan, with 22 allied nations contributing an additional 1,600. NATO operates a security force of about 6,000 international troops.

As a proportion of their total numbers, U.S. troops in Afghanistan recently have been dying at a slightly higher rate than in Iraq, where there are about 135,000 troops.

Since early March, 27 American military personnel have died in Afghanistan, according to Pentagon figures, or about 1.6 per 1,000; the latest death came from a bombing Saturday, with a purported Taliban spokesman claiming responsibility.

During the same time period in Iraq, at least 124 have died, a rate of about 0.9 per 1,000.

Karzai has said he will press Bush for a "strategic partnership" with the U.S., encompassing long-term political, economic and military assistance.

He also is expected to request that Afghanistan be designated as a detention center for terrorism suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and at military jails in Afghanistan be turned over to Afghan authorities.

Bush has not set a timetable for completing the military mis-

sion in Afghanistan, and U.S. commanders say they have no reliable data on the number of Taliban fighters still in the resistance.

Champion said the militants are comprised of more than just smaller elements like the Hizb Islami Gulbuddin, or HIG, an Islamic extremist group founded by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, an Afghan who ran terrorist training camps in the 1990s.

The HIG operates mainly in eastern Afghanistan along and across the Pakistani border.

Also fighting U.S. and Afghan government forces are smaller numbers of what Champion called "al-Qaida" followers, predominantly Afghans. Champion said there are few non-Afghan fighters.

The U.S. strategy has been to develop an Afghan army, border patrol and police force that can handle the insurgents, while encouraging the central government to expand its authority outside of Kabul as the international community plays a bigger role developing the economy.

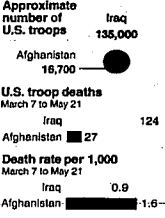
In an indication of the military's optimistic view, Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of all U.S. forces in the Middle East and Central Asia, said last week that an Army battalion of several hundred soldiers that was to deploy to Afghanistan this summer has been called off. Instead the unit will be in call in the United States in case of an emergency.

"We're pretty confident that we're moving in a good direction there," Abizaid said.

The movement is not quick, however. During a visit to Afghanistan in April, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld

Dangerous mission

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SOURCE: Department of Defense, AP

was told by the top commander there at the time, Lt. Gen. David Barno, that the capabilities of the Afghan police ranged from "pretty good to extraordinarily bad." Barno also said that in some parts of the country the Taliban are still able to intimidate villagers enough to gain their tacit support.

George Joulwan, a retired four-star Army general and former NATO commander in Europe, said Friday that ultimate success will be determined by economic and political rebuilding, hunting down Osama bin Laden and other terrorist leaders on the Afghan-Pakistan border, and stamping out narco-trafficking in Afghanistan.

"You can't just look at the defeat of the Taliban," Joulwan said.

Belgian film wins top honor

CANNES, France (AP) — The Belgian film "The Child," about a young petty crook suddenly faced with the responsibilities of fatherhood, won top honors Saturday at the Cannes Film Festival.

It was the second time a movie by sibling filmmakers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne won the prestigious Palme d'Or.

Their teen drama "Rosetta" took the main Cannes prize six years ago.

The award was presented by Hilary Swank and Morgan Freeman, who won Academy Awards in February for Clint Eastwood's boxing saga "Million Dollar Baby."

Receiving the second-place grand prize was U.S. director Jim Jarmusch's "Broken Flowers," a drab drama starring Bill Murray as an aging Don Juan in pursuit of the son he never knew he had.

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TOUGH TRANSITION

NAACP searches for new leader

BALTIMORE (AP) — Within two days of reports that Mexican President Vicente Fox made racially charged comments about black American workers, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and National Urban League President Marc H. Morial had all issued public condemnations.

The NAACP meanwhile, was a step behind.



Kwame Mfume, left, president and chief executive officer of the NAACP, shown with Julian Bond, NAACP chairman of the board, speaks after announcing his resignation in this Nov. 30, 2004, file photo, at the NAACP headquarters in Baltimore.

"The pioneering civil rights group responded Thursday — by which point Jackson had already met with the Mexican president and won promises of greater cooperation on labor rights for migrants. The NAACP invited Fox to its annual meeting a day later.

To some, the past week illustrates the problem with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today.

"There have been so many times when the organization wasn't there," said Ronald Walters, a political scientist at the University of Maryland. The NAACP needs a "far more vigorous profile."

Perennial worries about the effectiveness of the 96-year-old NAACP have been heightened recently by the ongoing search for a president to replace Kwame Mfume, who resigned last year and has since been accused of giving preferential office treatment to an employee he was dating, creating a toxic work atmosphere.

Add in financial worries and an IRS query into its nonprofit status after group leaders made strong pro-Democratic statements last year, and concern for the NAACP's future runs deep.

"A new person would have to come in with a strong enough vision to force the African-American agenda" into the national spotlight, Walters said.

Founded by an interracial group in 1909, the NAACP bills itself as the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, claiming 500,000 members and 1,700 branches in the United States and abroad.

Undeniably, it played a vital role in the racial struggles of the 20th century but "in the modern era, you have to define civil rights as everything from the plague of HIV/AIDS all the way

to the abominably high incarceration rate of African males," said Earl Ofari Hutchinson, a black commentator based in Los Angeles. "If they're not doing that, it's irrelevant to the times."

Julian Bond, chairman of the board, says the NAACP is addressing those issues and more. The organization's 140 staff members, most based in the Baltimore headquarters and seven regional offices, and thousands of volunteers nationwide guide programs on incarceration and health disparities, education and labor concerns, among others, he said.

Even critics acknowledge that, in many cities, NAACP leaders remain stalwart voices denouncing local cases of racial injustice.

But, says Bond, "we can do better promoting what we do."

Critics, however, say the NAACP's problems are more profound than weak public relations.

Some say that the group's national stature is declining, and that the size and nature of its board of directors is both unwieldy and sometimes out of touch with mainstream black

America. They note there are 64 board members, many of whom have held leadership positions for decades.

And the board's median age is about 62, while the median age of black Americans is 30, according to the 2000 Census. That means most board members can remember the civil rights era of the 1950s and early '60s, but the majority of black Americans can't.

"The board is too large sometimes to move expeditiously on important policy issues that impact race," said Lorenzo Morris, who chairs the political science department at Howard University.

The case of the Mexican president is just the latest example. Even 14 years ago, when Clarence Thomas was being considered for the Supreme Court, board members differed so sharply over his appointment that they couldn't come to agreement, Morris said.

Bond acknowledged there has been discussion of downsizing the board. But, he said, his configuration now allows the NAACP to be "profoundly democratic — small 'D' democratic" and gives local members more say.

Letourneau marries her former student

SEATTLE (AP) — Mary Kay Letourneau, whose notorious seduction of 12-year-old boy led to more than seven years in prison, has married the former student she was convicted of raping.

Letourneau, 43, and Vill Fudlrau, 22, exchanged vows they had written themselves during a tightly guarded ceremony Friday night, said Janet Annino, co-executive producer of the TV show "Entertainment Tonight."

The couple have been in the spotlight since Letourneau was imprisoned in 1997. But when she was released last August, the couple — who have two daughters together — reunited.

The ceremony was at the Columbia Winery in Woodinville, about 20 miles northeast of Seattle, Annino said.

"Mary Kay was whisked out of the hotel to this venue under intense security," she said. "She arrived here with a sheet over her head. She had to lie down in the car coming in to avoid the paparazzi."

Letourneau and Fudlrau gave a series of interviews to "Entertainment Tonight" and its sister TV show, "The Insider," which had exclusive rights to the nuptials. Show officials said they did not pay for the wedding.

Letourneau's teenage daughter, Mary Claire, from her earlier marriage, was maid of honor. The couple's two daughters, Audrey, 8, and Alexis Georgia, 7, were flower girls.

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Washington election challenge puts electoral system on trial

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — In a nondescript courtroom in this small farming town, America's electoral system is about to stand trial.

The battle over Washington's contested governor's election touches on many of the questions that divide this country between rural and urban, Republican and Democrat, red and blue — and echoes frustrations of the past two presidential elections.

Republican Dino Rossi is challenging Gov. Christine Gregoire's victory in the closest statewide election in national history, alleging widespread problems including illegal votes cast by felons and dead people.

The challenge goes to trial Monday, when Gregoire was sworn in. Rossi won the first count and a machine recount, but the Democratic stronghold of Seattle pushed Gregoire to a 129-vote win in a final, hand recount of 2.9 million ballots.

In rural Washington, the complaint is pretty simple: They're tired of Seattle choosing their political leaders.

"Seattle is the tail that wags the dog in the state," complained Republican King County Councilmember Steve Hammond, whose working-class, suburban district is a 90-minute drive from downtown Seattle. "There is a disenfranchised feeling out there."

Add to those regional tensions the continuous parade of errors from the King County elections division — officials acknowledged firing 94 uncounted ballots in boxes as recently as last month — and you get a Republican brew of suspicion and resentment that resembles how Democrats felt after President Bush won the 2000 and 2004 elections.

"For me there is a distinct parallel, I felt we should have had a revote in Florida," said Josef Kunzler, a John Kerry supporter who voted for Rossi and describes himself as an ardent "Dinoocrat."

The 23-year-old blogger hopes Washington can hold a new election that will stiffen the spines of voters nationwide, both Democrats and Republicans.

"If we do get a revote, they



Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire takes part in an event with Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., in this May 2 file photo in Seattle.

"can have hope," he said. "We can challenge this kind of garbage going on, we can crack down on voter fraud ... Stand up and drive the line."

Gregoire, a three-term state attorney general, was the anointed successor to popular two-term Democrat Gary Locke.

But she struggled against Rossi — a moderate Republican, former state senator and self-made real estate millionaire who charmed voters with a savvy campaign.

Gregoire won only eight of Washington's 39 counties when all the votes were counted, recounted by machine, and recounted again by hand. She was losing until Seattle counted its last votes — the same thing that happened in 2000 when Sen. Maria Cantwell defeated Republican Clint Gorton.

The trial is focusing on problems involving human error in vote counting that are similar to allegations raised in Ohio last year and in Florida in 2000.

Politics on Trial

■ **Slim margin:** Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire pulled out a 129-vote victory over Republican Dino Rossi in a hand recount of 2.9 million ballots — the closest statewide election in national history.

■ **The trial:** Rossi is challenging the results in a trial beginning Monday, alleging widespread problems including illegal votes cast by felons and dead people.

■ **What's at stake:** Rossi wants a new election and hopes voters can choose a new governor in November. If he succeeds, experts say it would encourage more legal challenges in disputed races across the country.

Dillard's aims to sell more house brands

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Dillard's Inc. plans to increase profits by selling more house brands and emphasizing the value of its apparel, the department store chain's president said Saturday at its annual meeting.


Dillard's, which has 329 stores in 29 states, mainly in the South and West, is viewed by some analysts as a logical acquisition target, but company president Alex Dillard would

not address that possibility. "I can't comment on market rumors," he said. Instead, Dillard cited the company slogan — "Turning price wars into fashion wars." He said "more than just price" was involved when it came to selling apparel, and the company was stressing that its customers get good value even if some items appeared more expensive.

Marshal Cohen, senior in-

dustry analyst at NPD Group Inc., a market research company in Port Washington, N.Y., said Dillard's was a particularly attractive target for acquisition. "They've got a tremendous amount of local presence ... and loyalty," Cohen said in an interview ahead of the meeting.

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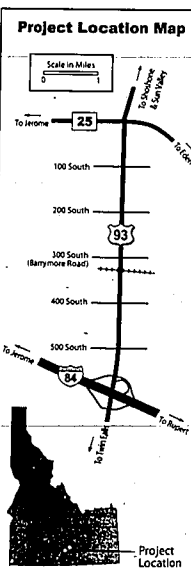
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3. Present the purpose and need for the project
4. Show the preferred alternative concept that will be studied further in the EA
5. Gather public comments

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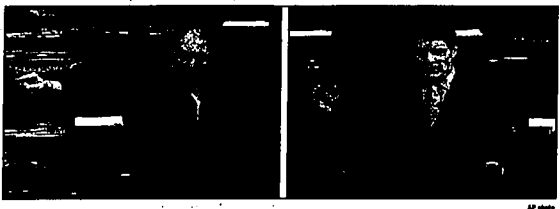


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Confrontation or compromise?

Filibuster fight forces some tough decisions

By David Espo
Associated Press correspondent



Senate Minority Leader Sen. Harry Reid, D-New., left, and Senate Majority Leader Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., seen in these images from video, speak from the floor of the Senate in Washington on Wednesday, as the Senate began debating the nomination of Priscilla Owens to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Analysis

Republicans resolved to push harder for yes-or-no votes on Owen and several other of Bush's stalled nominees.

Senate Judiciary Committee. Republicans resolved to push harder for yes-or-no votes on Owen and several other of Bush's stalled nominees.

Under pressure from conservative senators and organizations alike, Specter publicly pledged he would not impose a filibuster on abortion rights for judges and would give Bush's nominees quick hearings and push for their confirmation.

He also promised to fight Democrats in the House and to support Justice John Roberts and other nominees.

Frist, a presidential hopeful for 2008, then urged his attention to Democrats, who refused to allow "vetoes" by the court judges during Bush's first term.

The president has nominated seven of them.

The GOP's weapon of choice, in Senate-speak, is the "nuclear option," a bid to change filibuster procedures that have been in the chamber's rules for decades.

The Republicans objective is to make it so a minority of the Sen-

ate no longer can block final votes on nominees to an appeals court or to Supreme Court.

It takes 60 votes among the 100 senators to stop a filibuster. But a mere majority can make the change that Republican leaders are seeking.

"I always would rather dance than fight," Reid said on the day he won election as party leader. "But I know how to fight."

In talks with Frist, Reid offered to clear the way for confirmation of some but not all of the nominees blocked previously—without a guarantee on future Supreme Court appointments—as long as Republicans pledged not to ban judicial filibusters.

That fell short of Frist's insistence on a yes or no vote on each nominee.

Whatever their views on Owen, California Supreme Court Justice Justice Justice Brown or the other stalled nominees, a self-appointed group of senators is at work trying to compromise where the two party leaders could not.

Some lawmakers, such as Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., and John Warner, R-Va., are long-time lawmakers who talk of the Senate's unique place in the American system of checks and balances.

"Just look at this institution as really the last bastion of protecting the rights of the minority," Warner said recently.

Another compromise-mind-

ed lawmaker, Arizona Sen. John McCain, stood up at a recent private meeting of fellow Republicans to urge a good-faith agreement with Reid and the Democrats.

"Good faith is something we ought to talk about a little more in this chamber," concurs Specter, who was involved in early discussions.

Among others participating in the compromise talks are Democratic Sens. Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Kent Conrad of North Dakota, both of whom are seeking re-election next year in states that Bush won handily in 2004. So, too, is Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado, who won his seat last year after pledging not to participate in judicial filibusters.

The magic number for averting a showdown is 12, six senators from each party.

If Democrats pledge not to block votes on future judicial nominees, that means the contested appointments would move ahead to a final vote. The votes of six Republicans are enough to make sure that current filibuster risks remain unchanged.

Frist and Reid monitor the discussions carefully.

There are a few times a year in the House and a few more in the Senate where those of us who are involved don't know what the outcome will be," says Sen. John Sununu, R-N.H. "At these moments, everyone's vote matters a great deal."

Health officials revise Medicare handbook

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials are revising the draft of a Medicare handbook to give a more clear explanation of new rules on benefits, particularly on prescription drugs, before it is sent to millions of elderly Americans.

The handbook goes out in the fall to all Medicare beneficiaries in New York City and the spokesman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "We sent out an early draft to a wide range of policy experts outside the agency, ranging from insurers to liberal advocacy groups."

of the new benefits — which some health policy experts initially warned were complicated enough to cause confusion.

The handbook will be revised to make a more clear distinction between Medicare programs administered through private health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations and the more traditional fee-for-service Medicare programs used by millions of people, Karr said. "Some complained that we were mixing the details of the two programs too closely," Karr said. "We will also be providing more details about payments and coverage on prescription drugs."

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'Elvis' sightings helped keep bird's existence secret

By Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder News Service

BAYOU VIEW, Ark. — Scientists kept the biggest secret in biology for 14 months while they worked on plans to protect the ivory-billed woodpecker.

In February 2004, Gene Sparling, an amateur but experienced birder, made the first known sighting of an ivory-billed woodpecker in 60 years, but he and more than two dozen scientists, conservationists, politicians, researchers and even three girls aged 11 to 14 managed to keep the secret until April 2005.

They loved the Nature Conservancy to buy up some nearby land and get options on more, the federal government to make sure the woodpecker protection plans, and scientists to keep studying—and notch six more confirmed sightings of the bird.

It was crucial to keeping the bird and its habitat from being overrun and to allow scientists to make sure of what they saw, said Scott Simon, Arkansas director of the Nature Conservancy.

The researchers even kept their own colleagues—and in some cases their own families—in the dark. So they had to find a way to refer to what they were doing without letting others in on their secret.

Enter Elvis Presley and the much-spoiled rumors that he's still alive.

Whenever scientists spotted an ivory-billed woodpecker here they'd refer in e-mails and phone calls to seeing Elvis to try to keep the word from flooding this swamp with sightseers before they were ready, said Jon Andre, regional chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System, one of the handful of federal officials in on the secret.

Andre, looking at what they saw, said Scott Simon, Arkansas director of the Nature Conservancy.

as tracking Priscilla, Elvis' wife. The messages were "we just found Elvis," Andrew said.

Colleagues who heard these messages but weren't in on the secret "thought we were joking around," said Sam Hamilton, regional chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Scientists kept spotting Elvis: seven times officially, 15 times less-confirmed. And yet, the ivory-billed woodpecker remained extinct to the rest of the world.

For fourteen months, it was Simon's job to keep a lid on. People raised suspicions, but no one squealed until National Public Radio got wind, he said.

Simon said the radio network was let in on the search and agreed to keep quiet for a while until just before the April announcement, which was timed with a peer-review study in the top-of-the-line peer-reviewed research journal Science.

Tim Burkhardt, a videographer for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, who would travel from his Montana home to Arkansas regularly to join in the search, had to keep his brother-in-law, who lived 15 miles from the search zone, in the dark for more than a year.

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NATION/WORLD

Translators die by the dozens in most dangerous civilian job

By Jim Krane
Associated Press writer

It's one of the most dangerous civilian jobs in one of the world's most dangerous countries: translating Arabic for the U.S. military in Iraq.

One by one, little noticed in the daily mayhem, dozens of interpreters have been killed — mostly Iraqis but 12 Americans, too. They account for 40 percent of the 300-plus death claims filed by private contractors with the U.S. Labor Department.

Riding in bomb-blasted Humvees, tagging along on foot patrols in Fallujah or dashing into buildings behind Marines, translators are dying on the job, but also facing danger at home: hunted by insurgents who call them pro-American collaborators.

"If the insurgents catch us, they will cut off our heads because the imams say we are spies," said Mustafa Fahmi, 24, an Iraqi interpreter with Titan Corp., the biggest employer of linguists in Iraq. "I've been threatened like fifteen times, but I won't quit. A neighbor saw me driving and said, 'I am going to kill you.'"

That fate befell Luqman Mohammed Kudi Hussein, a Titan linguist and Iraqi Kurd captured by insurgents in October. A video of the 41-year-old's beheading was posted on the Internet.

Another Titan employee, Sudanese interpreter Nouredin Zakaria, was luckier. He appeared as a hostage on an Oct. 30 broadcast by Al-Arabiyah television, saying he had been captured in Ramadi. His kidnappers later released him.

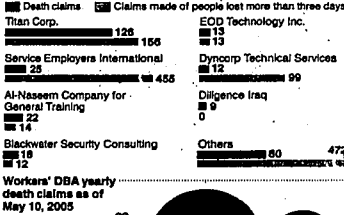
In a more recent attack in Baghdad in late March, two carloads of insurgents gunned down five Iraqi women traveling home in a car from their jobs on a U.S. base. All were killed, the Iraqi police reported, and at least one of them was a translator.

The efficiency with which insurgents hunted down Titan contractors worries the U.S. military. As militants killed

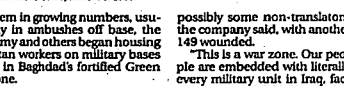
One of Iraq's most dangerous jobs

Fifty percent of the 305 private contractors killed in Iraq who had U.S. government death claims died on their behalf, worked for the Titan Corp., the largest employer of linguists.

Workers' Defense Base Act (DBA) claims as of May 10, 2005



Workers' DBA yearly death claims as of May 10, 2005



them in growing numbers, usually in ambushes off base, the Army and others began housing Titan workers on military bases or in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone.

"There was a period when it seemed translators were being targeted on a daily basis," said First Sgt. Stephen Volney, a U.S. Army reservist who worked with Arab journalists in Baghdad. "There was virtually no way to protect these people."

Most Titan linguists now live on U.S. bases.

More than 4,000 translators work for San Diego, Calif.-based Titan, which supplies the U.S. military with Arabic- and Kurdish-speaking linguists. In April, Titan reported a 23 percent increase in revenues, or \$559 million, a company record. Titan said its contract with the U.S. Army is its biggest revenue source, worth up to \$657 million by the time it expires.

The human cost has been high. The U.S. Labor Department reports 126 death benefit claims for Titan workers in Iraq out of a total 305 for contractors as of mid-May. The Titan death toll includes 12 Americans, and

possibly some non-translators, the company said, with another 149 wounded.

"This is a war zone. Our people are embedded with literally every military unit in Iraq, facing the same life-threatening dangers as our U.S. combat forces," Titan spokesman Will Williams said. "We have lost more personnel than any other American contractor covered by (U.S. government) insurance because of our unique, critical and dangerous mission, and because of the intensity of the insurgents who seek to discourage Iraqis from serving their country."

Titan's toll — which includes both violent deaths and accidents — is far higher than any of the hundreds of civilian contracting firms in Iraq, including those with many more workers.

For example, Halliburton, the Houston-based contractor with 50,000 employees spread between Iraq and Kuwait, had had more than 60 employees and subcontractors killed in the war zone, more than 250 wounded and one worker unaccounted for, spokeswoman Jennifer Dellinger said.

Tabloid publishes new Saddam photos

Iraq's Sunni Arabs form nationwide alliance

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A British tabloid published more surreptitiously taken prison pictures of Saddam Hussein on Saturday, and Iraq's once-dominant Sunni Muslim minority sought to break out of its deepening isolation by forming an alliance of tribal, political and religious groups.

But the new Sunni group's first act, a demand the interior minister resign, threatened to fuel sectarian tensions following the recent killing of several Sunni clerics that they have blamed on Shiite-dominated security forces.

Ten clerics, both Sunni and Shiite, have been killed by gunmen in the past two weeks. Sunnis dominated Iraq under Saddam, but Shiites comprise the majority and hold the bulk of power in the new government.

Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, a Shiite, denied the government was involved in the killings and said he would not step down.

"No one has the right to call for the resignation of a minister; only parliament can do that. Those who didn't get one vote

have no right to ask," Jabr said, referring to the fact that many Sunnis stayed away from Jan. 30 elections either in protest or fear of attacks.

Eight members of an elite interior Ministry force known as the Wolf Brigade, which at least one Sunni leader has implicated in sectarian killings, died in a pre-dawn ambush on their 20-vehicle convoy in downtown Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad, police 1st Lt. Nader Adili said.

Another four police officers were killed by a roadside bomb in the predominantly Sunni city

of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, police Lt. Qasim Mohammed said.

Sectarian tension has been high throughout the country and Sunni extremists are believed to be driving Iraq's relentless insurgency, with more than 530 people killed since Iraq's Shiite-led government was announced April 28.

Such violence also has taken its toll on reconstruction efforts and insurgents targeting oil lines, electricity plants and other infrastructure projects have delayed U.S. plans to invest \$21 billion in resources for the country's reconstruction, a U.S. official said.

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WORLD

U.S. denies Sinn Fein's agent entry

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — U.S. Immigration officials have barred a senior American-based representative of Sinn Fein from traveling back to the United States after a trip to Ireland because she violated her visa restrictions, the Irish Republican Army-linked party said Saturday.

Rita O'Hare, who has been Sinn Fein's senior lobbyist and organizer in the United States since 1998, was denied a visa to accompany Sinn Fein deputy leader Martin McGuinness on his first visit to the U.S. since last week to New York and Washington.

Peter King, a Republican congressman from New York who is sympathetic to Sinn Fein, said U.S. officials were trying to "send a signal" to the group with the travel ban.

On Saturday, McGuinness and O'Hare met U.S. Ambassador to Ireland James Kenny to seek a reversal of the ban. U.S. Immigration officials say O'Hare is being punished because she violated the terms of a previous visa by traveling without authorization to Florida.

King said Saturday that the ban was the result of "Homeland Security and the FBI trying to send a signal."

King said he had spoken to President Bush's envoy to Northern Ireland, Mitchell Reiter, and came away with the understanding that O'Hare would be able to return to the U.S. if she reapplied for a visa.

"I believe this is a one-time event," King said. He said he believed the government had "made a mistake" with the decision.

Belfast-born O'Hare requires a special U.S. visa because she jumped bail in Northern Ireland more than 30 years ago while awaiting trial for attempted murder of British soldiers and remains subject to arrest if she returns to the British territory.

As part of her U.S. visa restrictions, she must notify the State Department of her specific travel plans.

Although based in Washington, O'Hare regularly travels to Ireland to see her family and party colleagues.

McGuinness, a reputed IRA commander — who also requires special visas because of his criminal record, accused U.S. authorities of inconsistency.

He noted that O'Hare's Florida trip was in January, but she received visas in March and April. He said U.S. authorities have been letting O'Hare travel "for almost seven years promoting the peace process, regularly meeting with U.S. politicians and Irish America."

The Irish Times newspaper reported Saturday that the State Department did not consider the refusal of O'Hare's trip a change in policy toward Sinn Fein officials.

They were once banned from visiting the United States but have been permitted since 1994, the year of the IRA's first lengthy cease-fire.

Bush has adopted a less friendly policy toward Sinn Fein than his predecessor, Bill Clinton, who was heavily involved in promoting the IRA cease-fires of 1994 and 1997 and Northern Ireland's 1998 peace accord.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, Bush politely declined to invite Sinn Fein to traditional White House festivities and instead met five Belfast sisters who have been highlighting the IRA's Jan. 30 killing of their brother.

Authorities search for missing Chilean soldiers

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) — Chilean soldiers on Saturday searched the Andes mountains for 29 comrades lost when a blizzard struck during a training march, but their commander admitted that they almost certainly will be found dead.

The number of bodies found after Wednesday's storm in-

creased to 16, the army said. The military took advantage of the first clear day since the blizzard started to deploy nearly 150 men in the largest ground and air search so far.

"Hope is the last thing we should lose," army chief Gen. Juan Emilio Cheyre said as he prepared to leave to the mountain leading the search patrols.

Meanwhile, 112 soldiers who survived the storm, including seven women, were flown by helicopter to Los Angeles, 400 miles south of the capital, Santiago, from the mountain shelter where they had sought refuge.

The soldiers drafted between 18 and 19 years old, had been on a training march in the








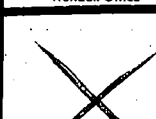

Andes Mountains on Wednesday when they were hit by the worst snowstorm in decades.

"We are all sad for those Chilean young men who died in the mountain," said President Ricardo Lagos, who flew to Los Angeles to follow the search operation.

Until midmorning Saturday, the official figures were 14 dead

and 31 missing. No details were given on how the two additional bodies were found. The army said there may be some changes in the figures, due to difficult communications in the mountains. The survivors were in good condition.


"They are all in fine condition, none has medical problems," Cheyre said.

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EDITORIAL

State should plan on more help for local school districts

School district voters in various parts of the state sent their message loud and clear. The same thing happened with voters in Burley, Buhl, Kimberly, Jerome and Richfield.

Surprisingly, those surpluses are now roaring back. Idaho had a surplus of \$26.5 million going into April. In that month, the state collected \$61.5 million above its estimate. So the surplus has now grown to \$88 million. Combined with the \$101.7 million carryover, Idaho could end the year with an impressive \$189 million surplus.

Our view: As Idaho's economy recovers, the state needs to alleviate local taxpayers' burden on supplemental levies.

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

Any change can happen between now and July 1, and the next fiscal year is likewise uncertain. But in addition to giving public employees a well-deserved raise (since their salaries have been stagnant over the past few years), it's also time for legislators to consider more education funding.

Last year, 56 school districts used supplemental levies to keep their district operating. The black money will join that total for 2005-06. That money, however, won't last forever. Property taxpayers can't maintain this tax shift for long. We shouldn't expect them to either, if state tax receipts continue to climb.

How should the state lighten property tax burdens? Idaho's income tax would be a rough political fight and the state just recently waged a new battle for corporate income tax breaks. Those breaks may fuel some Idahoans, but Idaho cannot afford to lose a Micron or an Albersons to another state.

Which leaves us with a revised sales tax structure. Two years ago, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force recommended a comprehensive review of Idaho's sales tax formula and the wide array of sales tax exemptions on services.

Would this debate slip into a messy showdown between lobbyists, special interests and legislators? Certainly, but as our economy continues to move toward service industries and away from manufacturing, it's a debate that may have to happen.

Funding for public schools may top the list of reasons for having the debate. Judging by recent results at the ballot box, Idaho taxpayers would probably agree.

The movie version of 'The Odd Couple' still turns up occasionally on older channels, as do segments of the television version. But as Tim Russert noted last week on NBC's 'Meet the Press,' new critical reports 'are surfacing with regularity.'

CARL LEUBSDORF

Onetime rivals George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton are so into their post-presidential palship that Clinton had Bush in stitches by suggesting his predecessor adopt him - and possibly wife Hillary - to augment their family's total of presidents.

Clinton has joined forces on various issues with Republican stalwarts Tom DeLay and Newt Gingrich. He's been backed by Republican consultant Rich Galen that she might put the former GOP House speaker and lobbyist in a bid for the White House.

Well, what would be wrong with that? Perhaps one way to ease today's energy hardship would be for more unlikely allies to join forces to solve national problems.

In the 1960s, President Lyndon Johnson and Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater were fierce rivals who fought each other on many major legislative battles. But Johnson and Goldwater negotiated the compromises that helped pass the 1964 Civil Rights Act, one of a series of landmark measures that a century of legal racial discrimination.

Two decades later, a Republican president and a Democratic vice president, Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Thomas P. 'Tip' O'Neill - were frequent antagonists who teamed up to resolve an earlier funding crisis in the Social Security system.

More recently, as the two Presidents of the 'Star Wars' movies have twisted around for the past three decades, but now in the fifth episode, director-creator George Lucas has bid for critical acclaim - even if it costs him commercial success.

But that's OK. Lucas, now in his seventh decade, is worth billions. What he needs now is absolute for past sins of political ineffectiveness. He's brought to the first 'Star Wars' in 1977. Its energy and optimism seemed like a sparkling tonic during a dreary time in the 1970s. Then in the 1980s, an obscure congressman from Georgia named Newt Gingrich insisted that 'Star Wars' had defueled Ronald Reagan's election to the White House.

To Gingrich and other Republicans, it all made sense. Dwight D. Eisenhower, so did the Soviet leaders in the Kremlin. Thus Americans - the Huck Finn-like character of Luke Skywalker being an honorary American - would lead the good-guy rebels to victory in real life, as well as in real life.

For the first time in a bid for the liberal-leaning mainstream media - which was all there was then - didn't want to hear,



Zell Miller and the unlearned and unacknowledged truth.

parades have become more ideological and election battles between them have narrowed, compromises have become more difficult.

Later, after Republicans captured Congress and failed to force Clinton to back down in a bitter 1993 budget battle, the GOP proved amenable when the president adopted adviser Dick Morris' advice to seek compromises.

That led to a 1996 bipartisan welfare reform bill and a 1997 budget pact that, helped by a surprise economy produced the first balanced budget in 30 years.

Clinton and Gingrich also his tenet of tackling the problem that still bedevils the White House and Congress today: the need to fix Social Security's long-term financial problems.

of course, about the greatness of the Clipper. But Lucas kept his seventh decade, and his political overtones in his films.

Yet, in the fourth installment of the series, 'Phantom Menace,' Lucas made some odd choices. In the movie, he introduced far Jar Jar Binks, a buffoonish character with a vaguely Rasta man look, walk and talk. And just above all the bad guys in 'Phantom' spoke with Asian or Middle-Eastern accents.

Even more politically incorrect, Lucas revealed that the Jedi Knights were not a meritocracy, open to all, but rather a race-based category. Would-be Jedi needed a certain blood type. 'This is racism,' snapped film critic Stuart Klavans, writing in The Nation magazine.

and that's not all. And so did the 2002 follow-on, but Lucas was stung by the criticism.

LETTERS

The Times-News

Bred Hurd ... Publisher Chris Stambach ... Editor The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Bred Hurd, Chris Stambach, Steve Cunn, Eleanor Burkhardt, Ramona Jones and David Cooper.

Seniors stung by higher fish and hunting fees

How dare you, Fish and Game! I just got a look at the new fee increases, and it is just awful. I understand that at times, there must be fee increases, but to hit Idaho seniors the hardest is inexcusable! The largest fee increase for seniors was from \$4.50 to \$11.75, that does not even take into account what you did to the seniors several years ago by offering free licenses to seniors and then deciding to charge them again.

state representative and tell them this is unfair and has to stop.

RYAN HORSLEY
Twin Falls
Editor's note: Ryan Horsley is the manager at Red's Trading Post.

Be wary of YMCA child release policy This letter is to inform management and other parents of the potential risks involved with the YMCA of Twin Falls child care policy. On two separate occasions, my child was released by the YMCA to an individual unknown to the staff. Identification was not checked, nor was his name even requested. I have, as I'm sure other parents have, filed out a form stating who can pick up my son and thought it was standard policy to check this each and every time. I am concerned it is not the regular pick-up person.

question from the staff.

The concern is that even though no harm came to my son from this particular incident, who's to say that the next incident wouldn't end in tragedy in today's society, especially when kids are taken for our children. One only has to read the paper and/or watch the news to see some of the terrible things that are happening to our children. I find this to be a complete outrage that a child-care facility responsible for a trust in the community, and so lax with this issue. Educating the staff and taking the extra time to verify an individual is authorized could mean saving the life of a child.

Wild fire must be prevented; we cannot afford the cost of fighting them, the loss of life and property, and the millions of trees that are incinerated. A healthy forest is the only answer; if it takes roads to achieve this goal, so be it. TERRY PLATTS Gooding (Editor's note: Terry Platts has lived and worked in the Sawtooth National Forest for more than 50 years.)

Roadless rule changes welcomed in Idaho

Your editorial on the Roadless Review plan was right on. This

is the first rule for national forest management that allows a positive meaningful input from the people who live in the areas best. The previous rule by the Clinton administration was poorly thought out, unclear, and probably would have been in litigation for decades. Of the 9.3 million acres that Clinton tried to turn into de facto wilderness in Idaho, much was designated motorized trail, some had maintained roads, other areas sorely need cutting and grazing. Although few of us like sheep, they are as much a part of the Idaho environment as the other critters. They were hunted from the cliffs ever planted from Wyoming. The

sheep do a service in fire suppression by lowering the potential for grass fires.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Comment on Monday night issue was insulting

I would like to give a reaction on the comment made by Alice Hansen who said that because the majority of the Cassia School District is Mormon, we should discontinue events on Monday nights for her groups family home evenings.

The first letter I wrote for you was out of emotion of anger. So I decided to follow the quote.

"The speech a person makes when angry will be the worst speech they will ever make."

I feel you are completely out of line because you commented on a situation out of anger and ignorance. Just because you have a religious belief does not mean that we all need to be affected by it. I cannot find in the Bible where it says we have more than one Sabbath day to observe. Also, if we cut our Mondays for athletic events, it would mean that athletes and their coaches would be gone more Saturdays from their families.

Also, if we cut our Mondays longer from school on Monday or ruin your entire Saturday you could spend with your family, unless that's too much time for you?

Church matters do not belong in school, and that is why I feel you are dead wrong in this matter. I am Catholic and we are the majority in the world, but I have had to attend school and coach on every Good Friday and Ash Wednesday unless it falls into spring break. I do not see a law that states that you have to make family time on a specific time period of a certain day of the week.

I will pray for your ignorance on this matter and that you will wake up and realize that your comments were very selfish and hurtful to other religions in this community.

EUGENE D. KRAMER
Burley

Spring rains lead to new life throughout region

Upon awakening Monday morning, a meadowlark sings his heart out in the rain. I turn sleepy eyes to the window and notice a fence-sitting robin and wonder why he doesn't find shelter. It's then that I notice

trees harboring small birds who fill about, chirp and generally make themselves merry — all in the rain. A Western tanager has donned his best clothes and does a wet courtship dance. The female of his dreams seems unimpressed until they fly off together with renewed friendship.

One of my favorites is a small yellow linch or warbler whose very demeanor speaks of bustling efficiency. She pokes about quickly in branches, then flits from place to place seeking breakfast; nothing like a wet morning to bring out bugs and plump up small seeds.

In a freshly plowed field, a mallard duck saunters about and jauntily pecks at unseen morsels. The ground in front of him moves unrealistically until I define his hen whose colors make her part of the backdrop. Not to be outdone, a cock pheasant flaps and crows his morning macho.

This sweet menagerie outside my window seems to know rain makes things grow, that it's something to bask in and appreciate wholeheartedly. I think of rain in my own life that comes and goes; sometimes causing pain and sorrow. With unspoken tenderness, the birds tell me I'm growing too.

DEANN GOODWIN
Heyburn

Hospital paid enough, so what's with service?

May 16: "Are we paying too much or not enough?"

We all have our complaints about doctors and hospitals, about the time spent waiting to see them and the cost of the visit or treatment. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center needs to take a long look at what's going on and listen to its staff.

Recently, I had an appointment for a CT scan at 5:30 p.m. I arrived at 5:10 p.m., to be on time, and the girl at the desk said that someone forgot to tell her of my appointment. She got me registered and said to take a seat and they would call me. At 5:35 p.m., I was taken to another waiting room and sat there until 6:30 p.m. The tech took me in and asked where my needle was to put in the

dye. The nurse had left and, for god to do this little job. He finished the injection and all the scan in four minutes. 6:34 p.m. I left the table at 6:50 p.m., one hour and 20 minutes after my appointment was scheduled — that took four minutes to do the scan.

The tech said it was a busy day, and he had requested another scan machine a long time ago without any success.

"Don't we pay enough for the hospital to have enough staff to take care of the demand and to buy the equipment needed to service us? It needs to look at its operation before operating."

ROY DIXON
Twin Falls

Show how lottery funds are spent on schools

I am a business owner in the Magic Valley area and a parent and grandparent to children in schools in the Magic Valley area. I am really perplexed why the taxpayers always seem to be the ones being asked to bail out shortages in our schools and roads. Also, schools seem to have to do all kinds of fund-raisers for computers and school playground equipment, etc. Why is that?

I also know for a fact that the middle schools and high schools no longer give children

class subject school books because books do not get turned back in and it causes a shortage of books. Children have to check out any books to bring home to study. Shouldn't every child have their own school books to bring home without having to check them out?

What happened to the lottery money that we as taxpayers voted to have in order that the schools and the highway department would have money for roads and for school needs?

I feel that it is past due time and that we as taxpayers should have the right to be shown where the lottery money has been going. As far as I can see, the lottery has been a great success. There should be plenty of money that could be used toward all of these needs as well as maybe even a taxpayers' refund.

I sure would feel more agreeable to pay out money for schools and roads if I knew that the lottery money has been used toward what we all voted on, and that there is a need for taxes to be raised to pay for schools or roads.

Even though we own our own businesses and homes, everyone's pocket is only so deep.

JOHN KREPS
Twin Falls

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WORLD

Group demands leader's release

KORASUV, Uzbekistan (AP) — Uzbeks in this border town demanded Saturday that authorities release a leader whose Islamic rebellion defied the authoritarian government of President Islam Karimov, a key American ally, as unrest smoldered in the former Soviet Republic.

Several hundred residents of Korasuv, a town of 20,000 on the border with Kyrgyzstan, held placards urging the government to free Bakhtiyor Rakhimov, a farmer-turned-rebel leader, and several of his associates who were rounded up when government troops reclaimed the town on Thursday.

"We will stay here until they free them," said the rebel leader's niece, Dilnoza Rakhimova.

Scores of police in riot gear stood guard but didn't try to disperse the protesters who had gathered for a second consecutive day.

International condemnation of the May 13 crackdown in the city of Andijan, where witnesses said hundreds were killed by government troops, could be staying the authorities' hand.

Rakhimov's followers claimed control of Korasuv last Saturday, inspired by riots about 20 miles away in Andijan, where most of protesters were complaining



Uzbek residents of Korasuv, a town of 20,000 on the border with Kyrgyzstan, hold posters Saturday reading "We are against terrorism," "We want justice," as they protested the arrest of their leader Bakhtiyor Rakhimov whose Islamic rebellion defied the government.

about economic conditions. On May 14, Korasuv residents burned government buildings, drove away authorities and quickly rebuilt the bridge linking the town to a thriving bazaar on the Kyrgyz side. The government had dismantled the bridge two years ago, cutting the Korasuv residents from their main source of income.

Rakhimov then announced a plan to build an Islamic state and vowed that his supporters would fight government troops with knives. The government troops

swept into Korasuv before dawn Thursday, arresting Rakhimov, his 14-year-old son and close associates. Dilnoza Rakhimova, 25, said that 15 people had been arrested and that Rakhimov, his son and several others remained in custody.

The crowd — mostly women, dressed in a rainbow of long dresses and headscarves — pressed around cars trying to pass on a dusty road leading to the rebuilt bridge and demanded they join the protest. At one point, the protesters broke the window of a car driving by.

Uzbek refugees ask for political asylum


KARSA DARIYA, Kyrgyzstan. Hundreds of Uzbek refugees appealed for asylum in Kyrgyzstan, saying they fear for their lives if they return to their country, where police rounded up witnesses to a bloody crackdown on dissent in defiance of international calls for a U.N. investigation.

On Friday, the refugees, who


are living in tents in this border town, wrote a collective letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, begging for protection and urging international pressure on Uzbek President Islam Karimov to improve his human rights record.

But their first hope is Kyrgyzstan, which they are counting on to resist strong pressure from its

bigger neighbor to hand them over. "We are asking the people of Kyrgyzstan to give us political asylum," said Shamsuddin Atamirov, 29, one of the 23 businessmen whose trial on charges of religious extremism touched off the May 13 uprising in the eastern Uzbek city of Andijan.



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"We owe quite a bit to the dairy industry," said Tom Clifton, a 23 year veteran agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor. "If it wasn't for the efforts of the local dairy farmers, we wouldn't have got a bond issue passed that built our ag facility here at the high school."

Clifton was referring to Jerome High School's 11,000-square-foot ag building that was built in the late 1990s and will be home to nearly 660 agricultural/FFA students next school year.

But it wasn't just the dairy farmer's campaigning and votes that helped make build Jerome's ag building. "The bond amount just barely covered the construction costs. There was nothing left over for equipment to furnish the new building," Clifton said.

That's when local dairy farmers again stepped up to the plate and dug deep into their pockets. The dairymen and women, along with some local businesses, donated enough money so the school was able to buy all of the necessary equipment for the building.


Now, Clifton, along with fellow instructor Kari Humphrey, caters to high school students from all over the Magic Valley who want an opportunity to learn important life skills through the agricultural education.

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SAEs include activities such as starting a business or working for an established company. Classroom learning and SAEs are further reinforced through curriculum-enhancing programs within the community.

The result has been a collaborative working educational program that has brought together students, teachers and agribusiness that has



Amie Hernandez brought home the state championship. This year, sophomore Hernandez, is planning to defend her state title.

Along with the dairy animal judging, each year the Jerome FFA chapter team up with the United Dairymen of Idaho to provide nutrition and delicious dairy treats during the annual eighth-grade orientation day at the high school. FFA members are on hand to pass out milk and other dairy foods to younger classmates during their indoctrination in to the world of high school.

FFA members also regularly get together with United Dairymen of Idaho to provide healthy dairy snacks at local county fairs.


Clifton said that FFA is not just about learning how to show animals or strictly about crop production.

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"With the help of the dairy industry, the FFA program helps expose the kids to the dairy industry and it helps these same kids become productive and successful adults — no matter what career field they might choose," Clifton said. "We are all very indebted to the dairy farmers, and we know and appreciate all of the good things they have done for us."

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Here in the Magic Valley, FFA students are gearing up for the annual dairy judging contest. Clifton said that the career event helps instill in the FFA members how to handle and appreciate the dairy animal. Beyond that students also learn other skills such as dairy nutrition, business practices, and communication.

The competition begins with FFA members learning and demonstrating how to evaluate dairy heifers by identifying the cow's good and not so good traits. The students do this by learning about body scoring, a method that teaches the students how to observe the heifer's body condition. After the students evaluate the cows, they must orally justify their findings. The FFA member's method of evaluation and reporting are scored by a panel of judges. Last year, Jerome High School Freshman and FFA member

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Paula Turner

Paula Turner, a former teacher for Dallas Independent School District, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2005, in Dallas, Texas. The daughter of the late Richard and Sally Turner, Paula graduated from TTFS in 1976. Surviving family includes

Ann Turner of Dallas, Texas, and Bruce and Barbara Turner and their sons, Zachary and Nicholas Turner of Idaho Falls, Idaho. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1302 W. Kiest Blvd., Dallas, in lieu of floral tributes.

contributions may be made in Paula's name to John H. Reagan PK-6 Elementary School Library, 201 N. Adams Ave., Dallas, TX 75208. Arrangements are under the direction of Forest Lawn Funeral Home at Turtle Creek, 3264 Fairmont St., Dallas, TX 75201 (214-953-0363).

Samuel N. 'S N' Smith

MALTA — Samuel N. "S N" Smith, a 77-year-old resident of Malta, died Friday, May 20, 2005, at his home. He was born Jan. 19, 1928, in Malta, Idaho, the son of Samuel Napoleon and Vernice Rose Osterhout Smith. He received his education at Raft River. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army in the field artillery. He married Beulah Kild on April 2, 1948, in Burley. Their marriage was solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple on Feb. 16, 1973.



He was a member of the LDS Church and served in the scouting program and was a home teacher. He also served two missions, one at the Desert Industries, the other in Montana and Wyoming. He worked for more than 25 years as a line foreman for Raft River Electric. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, building fishing ponds, clock making, Cub Scouts and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Beulah of Malta; his children, Norman Kent (Linda) Smith of Malta, Tomas K. (Carrie) Smith of Wendell, Samuel Kim (Debra) Smith of Malta, Danny Lee (Rhonda) Smith of Carlin, Nev., Tamara Lynn (Scott) Winn of Paul, Kurt "D" (Terra) Smith of Heyburn and Cindy Lee (Steve) Durfee of Declo; his siblings, Nellie Drage of Pragerman, Beth Gunnell of Hesterman and Osmer William "Bob" Smith of Malta; 30 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the Malta First and Second Street Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Max J. Jones officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, Friends of the Church of 8 until 8 p.m. on Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an brother, Albert "Jake" Smith; and four sisters, Rose Calliker, Emma Smith, Johann Kill and Helen Bortz.

OBITUARIES

Verla M. Nelson



JEROME — Verla M. Nelson, 86, a Jerome resident, passed away May 20, 2005, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, Idaho. Verla was born Dec. 20, 1918, in Gooding, Idaho, the daughter of Joe and Bessie Leeper. She was raised and educated in Gooding where she graduated from Gooding High School. Verla married Leigh Nelson on Oct. 4, 1937, in Gooding. He preceded her in death in 2001. They had one daughter, Jeralinda Mae. Verla worked as a clerk at King's Variety Store in Gooding for several years. Her family moved to Jerome in 1959. Verla drove school bus in Jerome for many years and was loved by both students and their parents. Verla and Leigh were members of the Purple Sage Dance Club for several years. She was

of Idaho. Survivors include one daughter, Jet Mac (Art) Ross of Pocatello; two granddaughters, Brenda Mae Ross of Seattle, Wash., and Tamela Leigh (Gary) Bangs of Orlando, Fla.; and two great-grandsons, Taylor and Travis Bangs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leigh; three sisters, Grace Pauls, Olah Graves and Corlie Kysen; four brothers, "Abe" Leeper, "Dusty" Leeper, "Pill" Leeper and "Buck" Leeper. A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding with the Rev. Lee Baker officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. There will be a viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd, at the funeral chapel and also from 1 to 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday prior to the funeral service.

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Stella Eula (Eaton) Cox

KIMBERLY — Stella Eula (Eaton) Cox formerly of Kimberly, joined her Lord and beloved husband on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, following a long illness. A native of Twin Falls, she was born Nov. 22, 1918, the daughter of Alice and Roy Eaton. A graduate of Twin Falls High School, she married Ralph W. Cox Dec. 16, 1951, and moved to Kimberly where she resided until recently. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

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Martin Jauregui



DIETRICH — Martin Jauregui, 84, a resident of Dietrich, died Thursday, May 19, 2005, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center in Shoshone. Martin was born on March 20, 1921, in Shoshone, Idaho, the son of Jose Marie and Ignacia Julia Arriate Jauregui. He was raised and educated in Dietrich where he graduated from Dietrich and Spain in 1938. He belonged to St. Peter's Catholic Church, the Teamster Union in Ogden, Utah, the Soil Conservation Service Board, Dietrich School Board and the Dietrich Highway Board.

Martin married Charlotte Lartin on Dec. 21, 1945, in Twin Falls. Martin met Charlotte when she came to Dietrich to teach school. Martin farmed and established an excellent dairy herd. The only time he was away from Dietrich was a short venture to Ogden, Utah, and Spanish in 1939 and 1940 and to Spain in 1950. Both Martin and Charlotte died in 1989. Martin was very proud of his

wife, his children, grand and great-grandchildren, his Basque Heritage, his 60-year membership in the Dietrich Grange and the Dietrich Blue Devils. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Jauregui; one son, Robert Jauregui of Dietrich; two daughters, Carol (Don) Roberts of Melba and Janice (Bruce) Helsey of Shoshone; one brother, Ramon (Carolyn) Jauregui of Boise; and chil-

dren-in-love, Jerry and Maureen Heimerlenderger and a family of Dietrich; 13 grandchildren, Jack Jauregui, Jose Jauregui, Sandy Jauregui, Donald (Cindy) Roberts, Julia Roberts and fiancée, Art Combs, Kay (Sieve) Hyton, Angela (John) Gramps, Nancy (Ed) Elder, Linda (Collin) Behnapp, Vaughn (Angela) Kelly, Kelly (Tom) Chapman, Gary (Mandy) Helsey and Tommy Roberts; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Luis and John. A rosary service will be recited at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005, at Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Father Boniface Lautz as celebrant. Burial will be in the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone. A viewing for family and friends will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Nancy Simonds



Our dearest mother, Nancy (Nunziata) Marie Mastro Simonds was born April 9, 1918, in "Santeramo" in -Collie, Province of Reggio Emilia, Italy, passed away on Mother's Day, May 8, 2005, of congestive heart failure after living a life of dreams that she did in 1946.

She emigrated with her parents, Stella Favale and Julius Mastro, to America and Boise, Idaho, in 1920. Her father had previously been to Boise and had worked as a stone mason on such edifices as St. John's Cathedral and the Idaho State Capitol Building. Mom attended Central Grade School and graduated with highest honors from Boise High School in 1936. She married her only real love, Neil Simonds on Feb. 24, 1938, in Boise. Nancy was widowed in January of 1964 and raised her seven children, the eldest being 16, and the youngest 6 at the time of Dad's passing. Mom obtained her associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho in 1975 and earned her bachelor's degree in English from Idaho State University cum laude in 1984.

(Deborah) Simonds, Boise, Twin Falls, Alice Sternke, Boise, Gregg (Julie) Simonds, Park City, Utah, Laurie (Alan) Simonds, Twin Falls, Debra Blackwood, Twin Falls, and Stephanie (Brian) Olmstead, Twin Falls. Her granddaughters are Jess and Gregg Simonds, Maren and Taylor Scherman, Ranie Sternke, Seth, Kate, Nancy Jane and Grant Simonds, Emily and Shelley Olmstead, Callie, Monica and Anne Blackwood and Briana, Vanessa and Ella Olmstead. All of her grandchildren were very special to her. Nancy was preceded in death by parents, Stella and Julius Olmstead. All of her grandchildren were very special to her. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on May 28, 2005, at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 N. Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, with Bruce Brian Thom officiating. In lieu of flowers, contribu-

tions can be made in her memory to the People for Pets Humane Society, EO, Box 1163, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls. You may own a million dollars but you're the poorest in the land if you don't have your beloved Mom To clasp your lonely hand To cherish your smile is gone forever and her hand we cannot touch. Still we have many memories of our Mom we loved so much. This memory is our keepsake With which will never part. God has her in his keeping We have her in our hearts. So you who have a mother Cherish her with care. For you will never know the heartache Till she's no longer there.

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OBITUARIES

Jill Holland Fackrell



She was a thoughtful friend to all she knew. Jill is survived by her husband, Richard; her children, Sue (Jeff) Davis and Levi Fackrell; her grandchildren, Kelra, James and Jayden; and great-grandchild, Morrison; brothers, Jack Ross Jr. (Jalla) Holland, Lynn (Kathy) Holland and Russ (Sally) Holland; and many nieces and nephews.

BURLEY — Jill Holland Fackrell, a 67-year-old Las Vegas, Nev., resident, formerly of Burley, passed away May 19, 2005 in Las Vegas. Jill was born Feb. 11, 1938, in Twin Falls to Jack Ross Sr. and Caroline South Holland. She moved to Burley in 1950 with her family and graduated from Burley High School. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in the Palmyra New York Mission from 1963 to 1964. On Aug. 11, 1965, she married Richard Fackrell in the Idaho Falls temple. In 1984, they moved to Oxnard, Calif., and later to Las Vegas. Jill loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Kimi Hachiya Kawabata



She loved life and her family and will be missed greatly by all.

Kimi Hachiya Kawabata, 91, passed away peacefully with her two oldest sons by her side on May 19, 2005. She loved life and her family and will be missed greatly by all. Kimi was born May 26, 1913, in Rupert, Idaho, to Kanemasa Hachiya and Koshina Fukuda. She grew up in Twin Falls and Rupert, hoping to raise her two brothers and two sisters after her mother passed away in 1927. She married Francis Reiji Kawabata on March 23, 1940, in St. Anthony, Idaho. She, Francis and family moved to Salt Lake City in 1942 and were partners in the 'Good Laundry' on South State Street. Kimi worked at the 'Good Laundry' until it closed in 1962. She then went to work at ZCMI until she retired in 1977. In retirement, she and Francis enjoyed traveling, taking care of her pots and watching the grandchildren. She is survived by her sons, E Richard (Carolyn), David Lee (Judy) and Dennis Gene (Cynthia); grandchildren, Lesli

South Davis Community Hospice staff for their excellent care of Kimi.

A funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2005, at Desert Mortuary, 3600 E. 700 S., SLC, where friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening and again one hour prior to service on Thursday. Interment will be at Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, 1640 E. Lakeview Drive, Bountiful. Funeral directors are Desert Mortuary.

Raymond Richard Hayes



In 1987 they retired, moving to town in Jerome. Raymond enjoyed working on his tractors, his '58 Dodge and laughing and joking with everyone.

JEROME — Raymond Richard Hayes, 80, of Jerome, was called home by his heavenly father on May 19, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Jan. 28, 1925, the son of Harmon and Hettie Hayes in Battle Creek, Neb. His education was in Nebraska. He served our country in World War II as part of 104th Timberwolves Division, seeing action in Europe. Following his return home, he married the love of his life, Audrey McInturf, in Standford, Neb., on Aug. 19, 1946. Together they had two sons, Ricky and Randy. In 1948 they moved to Idaho where they spent their life together farming. In addition to farming, Raymond also drove long haul

He was preceded in death by his son, Randy, his parents and siblings. He is survived by his loving wife, Audrey; his son, Ricky; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Raymond was a faithful Christian who attended the First Baptist Church of Jerome. He will be missed by all that knew him throughout his life. A funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Jerome with the Rev. Rudy Bauder officiating. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2005, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Feds reject request to list pygmy rabbit

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Federal officials have turned down a request from conservationists to put North America's smallest rabbit under federal protection. Organizations, including the Oregon Natural Desert Association, had petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to declare the pygmy rabbit a threatened or endangered species in eight western states. The agency said their petition lacked enough biological information to warrant a study, but that they would continue to

monitor the rabbit. "We're clearly disappointed," said Bill Marlett, executive director of the Oregon Natural Desert Association. "We would never argue the point that more research is needed, but it seems like they're saying 'We don't know enough, so we can't do anything.'" The 1-pound pygmy is the only North American rabbit to make its own burrow. The rabbit depends on dense stands of sagebrush and deep, loose soils. Its population decline is

blamed primarily on the loss of habitat to farming, overgrazing and wildfires. Besides feeding on sagebrush, the rabbits use it for cover from coyotes, hawks and other predators. One population of the rabbit — the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit, which is found only in the sagebrush of central Eastern Washington — was placed on the federal endangered list in 2003 when it was found that fewer than 30 remained in the wild.

DEATH NOTICES

Helen Brehm
WEST SUN CITY, Ariz. — Helen Brehm, 85, of West Sun City, Ariz., and formerly of Jerome, died Wednesday, May 18, 2005, in Sun City West, Ariz. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 26, 2005, at the Jerome Cemetery with the Rev. Baldwin Camlin officiating. No viewing is planned.

Janis Marlene Yeaman Beat
KIMBERLY — Janis Marlene Yeaman Beat, 57, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Friday, May 20, 2005, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital - Extended Care from complications due to Multiple Sclerosis. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center. Burial will follow at Sun-

set Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel as well as one hour before the service on Wednesday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center.

Shirley V. Riddle
KIMBERLY — Shirley V. Riddle, 62, of Kimberly, died Thursday, May 19, 2005, at home of natural causes. A funeral for Shirley will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at the Wendell Cemetery with Pastor Larry Maxwell of the First Southern Baptist Church of Twin Falls. Friends and family may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

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 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
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 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Cook's choice
 Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza (middle school only)
 Wednesday: Corn dogs (middle school only)
 Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 Friday: No lunch

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Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.
 Monday: Breakfast pocket
 Tuesday: French toast sticks
 Wednesday: Churros
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: No breakfast
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Tacos or comidogs
 Wednesday: Chicken or spicy chicken
 Thursday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
 Friday: No lunch

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Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Bagels
 Tuesday: Pancakes on a stick
 Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
 Thursday: Biscuits
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served daily.
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich
 Wednesday: French dip
 Thursday: Deli sandwich

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 Monday: Barbecue pork
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 Wednesday: Pizza
 Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
 Friday: Corn dogs

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 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Cheesy buns
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Finger steaks
 Tuesday: Burritos
 Wednesday: Spaghetti
 Thursday: Chicken burgers
 Friday: Macaroni and cheese

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
 Monday: Spaghetti
 Tuesday: Chicken strips
 Wednesday: Hamburgers
 Thursday: No lunch
 Friday: No lunch

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Fettuccine
 Tuesday: Galaxy pizza
 Wednesday: Baked ham
 Thursday: Nachos
 Friday: Torpedoes

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

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 Wednesday: Ham and cheese
 Thursday: Nachos
 Friday: Pizza grillers

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 Monday: Corn dogs
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 Wednesday: Pizza
 Thursday: Chicken wrap
 Friday: No lunch

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Breakfast is served daily.
 Monday: Beef enchiladas
 Tuesday: Chicken burger
 Wednesday: Open menu

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 Monday: Beef bites
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 Wednesday: Sloppy joes
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 Friday: No breakfast
 Lunch menu
 Cook's choice all week
 Friday: No lunch

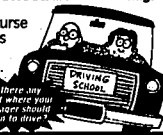
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Utah judge will return to bench after reports of domestic problems

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A state judge who agreed to get counseling was declared fit to return to the bench following a series of domestic disturbances at his home.

Third District Judge Stephen Henroid was cleared for duty May 10 by Presiding Judge Sandra Peuler after submitting a letter from a therapist, said Nancy Volmer, a spokeswoman for the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Peuler deputies most recently visited Henroid's home April 23 on a report of a possible overdose.

The victim, identified as a 58-year-old man in a heavily edited sheriff's report obtained by The Salt Lake Tribune, was taken to Good Hope Hospital in serious condition.

Volmer would confirm only that Henroid had been hospitalized in a cardiac ward.

An earlier account of a suicide threat was reported at Henroid's home Feb. 15 by a woman who said she lived there.

And on Jan. 15, a neighbor reported a domestic disturbance at the judge's home.

A second caller relayed an account from a woman at Henroid's address saying her boyfriend was going to kill himself.

Deputies confiscated three firearms.

The Sheriff's Office blacked out names and other information from official reports on the three calls, saying it was confidential under the state's records access law. The Tribune said it would take its fight for a full report to the courts.

"Each and every day, judges decide the personal and economic fates of many of us," said

the newspaper's attorney, Michael O'Brien. "It is hard to imagine documents more relevant to the public than those that indicate whether or not a judge is fit to competently make these decisions."

The Utah Judicial Conduct Commission, which refused to say if it was involved, must take a complaint on any judge before it can investigate, said executive director Colin Winchester.

A Utah Supreme Court ruling last year stripped the commission's ability to launch investigations without a complaint.

Utah's constitution allows the commission to recommend a judge for involuntary retirement if they have a disability that "seriously interferes" with their performance, or for conduct that brings their judicial office into disrepute.

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Redford plans cinemas for independent films

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Robert Redford's Sundance Group will launch Sundance Cinemas, a movie-theater chain for independent, documentary and foreign-language films and some studio projects.

The venture, backed by investors' funds of Los Angeles-based Oaktree Capital Management, is searching for theater locations.

Other programming calls for shorts, filmmaker interviews and public forums.

"Anything which helps new emerging voices in the cultural realm reach more people can only enrich the experience of artists, audiences and communities and this makes the effort worth it," Redford said.

Sundance Cinemas will be operated by the theater management team of Paul Richardson, who will take over as president and chief executive, and Vert Manzari as film and marketing vice president.

Richardson and Manzari have worked together since starting

an exhibition theater in 1975. That enterprise was merged with Landmark Theatres in 1982, growing into the largest art theater circuit in the country. Richardson and Manzari left Landmark in 2004.

Numbers and sites for new theaters were not released, but Manzari said Sundance Cinemas is looking nationally for locations.

"Drawing on our collective long-term relationships in the independent film and festival communities as well as those in the area of distribution, we feel Sundance Cinemas will be highly successful in crafting a new and different experience for audiences," Manzari said.

Redford founded the parent Sundance Group in 1988 to oversee his ownership interests in Sundance Village, Sundance Catalog and Sundance Channel, as well as his involvement in the not-for-profit Sundance Institute, Sundance Film Festival and North Fork Preservation Alliance.

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County hires attorney to pursue firms that hire illegal immigrants

CALDWELL (AP) — A Chicago attorney with a history of filing immigration claims based on federal anti-organized crime laws is coming to southwestern Idaho, where he's been asked by a local government to probe businesses suspected of knowingly hiring illegal aliens.

Members of the Canyon County Commission voted unanimously on Friday to sign an \$11,000 contract with Johnson & Bell for Howard Foster.

Foster will come to the region in June, he said in an interview with the Associated Press.

In 2000, Foster was the first lawyer to bring to trial an immigration case using the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as RICO.

In that case, a Connecticut cleaning company was accused of hiring lower-paid illegal aliens to help undercut prices of competitors represented by Foster.

Canyon County officials have maintained that illegal immigrants drain public funds with welfare, medical care and law enforcement costs.

By going after companies with Foster's help, they hope to become the first local govern-

ment in the United States to use RICO to sue companies over alleged immigration abuse to recoup the county's costs for things such as indigent medical care and jails.

"I'm going out there to talk to some people they've (commissioners) already identified as having worked for companies they believe are hiring illegal immigrants," said Foster in a phone interview. "I'll do my own factual investigation."

At Friday's meeting, commissioners including Robert Vasquez, who has spearheaded the campaign to target illegal immigrants in the Idaho county where nearly 19 percent of residents are Hispanic, said they have specific businesses they hope to target.

Neither the commissioners nor Foster would say which businesses are on the list. "I'm extremely pleased that I and my fellow commissioners could act in the best interest of the citizens of Canyon County," Vasquez said in a statement.

According to the Center for Immigration Studies, in "Commercial Cleaning Services v. Collin Service Systems," Foster represented a group of office cleaning companies that sued a

competitor for business they alleged to have lost as a result of hiring illegal aliens.

The suit has since been settled in the plaintiff's favor, the center said.

Foster also has three pending lawsuits — against Tyson Foods in Tennessee, against Mohawk Carpets in Georgia, and against Zirkle Fruit Co. in Yakima, Wash.

"I believe in reforming immigration, and enforcing immigration laws," said Foster, who said since that first immigration case, the telephone in his Chicago office has been ringing "off the hook" from potential clients.

Vasquez, who says illegal immigrants in Canyon County's jail cost \$900,000 annually, has made the issue his mantra.

He's even announced a possible run for the U.S. Congress seat being vacated by Rep. G.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho, in 2006, hoping to use the name recog-

nition garnered by his crusade against illegal immigration as a springboard to Washington D.C.

Vasquez once tried unsuccessfully to get Mexico to pay a \$2 million bill for costs related to rounding up illegal aliens in southern Idaho.

He also spearheaded the commission's request earlier this year to have Gov. Dirk Kempthorne declare Canyon County a disaster area — in anticipation of an "imminent invasion" of illegal immigrants.

Kempthorne turned down that request.

Then last month, Canyon County commissioners wrote Johnson & Bell, asking Foster to determine if filing a lawsuit against employers would be legally viable.

The county spent \$2,400 to get an opinion from the law firm on whether RICO could be used in Canyon County.

Some don't like tactics

of Vasquez.

Joel Bettancourt, who owns the Azteca Market in Caldwell, said the commissioners' move could put undue strain on some business owners by forcing them to intensify their

scrutiny of employees' records.

"They're trying to make businesses be the IRS, and we're not," Bettancourt said, adding that some agriculture-related industries could be hit especially hard.

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TWIN FALLS — A one-vehicle crash west of Burley claimed the lives of two Boise men Saturday evening.

Osman Osman, 29, of Boise, was driving eastbound on Interstate 84 about 13 miles west of Burley in a 1995 Chevrolet Blazer when the vehicle left the road, Idaho State Police said in a statement.

Osman overcorrected, and the vehicle rolled several times, the statement said.

Osman and a passenger, Abdikadir Farah, 36, of Boise, both were wearing seat belts and were pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident remained under investigation Saturday evening.

Magic Valley in brief

Valley House celebrates its 10th anniversary

TWIN FALLS — The Valley House Homeless Shelter will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an open house from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the shelter, 507 Addison Ave. W.

Barbecue hamburgers and all the trimmings will be catered by Cactus Potes.

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plane for Minneapolis.

First steps

The group spent Monday and Tuesday in classes with other patients and their therapists learning how to program and use the C-Leg. But Mark faced a bigger challenge than his fellow patients.

They, too, were above-knee amputees, but they still had a femur — the bone between the hip and the knee — allowing them to easily manipulate the knee of the C-Leg.

Mark doesn't have a femur, but instead an upper-leg prosthesis.

He returned to his hotel room feeling frustrated that he wasn't making as much progress as his classmates. But his therapists were encouraging.

"He walked back and forth and back and forth in the hotel room until he got it right," Jauch said.

By the second day, Mark was walking up and down stairs.

Meanwhile, Perkins and Fischer learned how to program the leg using special computer software. The leg is plugged into a laptop computer, and with the stroke of a computer



Mark Moore, of Twin Falls, talks about the fit of his new leg with his therapists in Plymouth, Minn.

key, Perkins and Fischer can customize the settings to fit Mark's gait pattern. They can set the speed of his knee flex and the speed at which he descends inclines. They can adjust the hydraulic pressure to set the speed at which his knees bend when he sits down. That's something Mark hasn't been able to do — bend both knees to sit down. Now, he can.

"When you're sitting down 300 times a day for the next 50 years, that's going to make a difference," said Dennis Gillette, the physical therapist who has worked with Mark since his amputation.

Mark has to charge the C-Leg's battery every couple of days, and if he goes on a long camping trip, there's a special attachment that can be plugged into a car cigarette lighter.

With the tap of his toe, Mark can put his C-Leg into the second mode, which can be programmed for just about any

kind of physical activity, even skating. To Janelle's surprise, Mark fessed up that he's already tried running — a successful eight steps in his living room.

"It felt fantastic," Mark said. "I've wanted to do that for 10 years."

Janelle suggested that perhaps he should slow it down a little, but she also knows her husband.

"He's just so motivated," she said. "He wants to do it all right now."

Garrett, who will turn 9 on June 3, likes the whole running idea.

"Now I can race him," Garrett said.

And Mark's looking forward to that first ball game of the season.

"Just to be able to play ball with him — that's going to be incredible."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 733-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Airport

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of Shoshone.

"Personally, I support it and that's the standard now. I've heard from more people that support than oppose it," said Rusty Parker, a Lincoln County commissioner.

There's bound to be some impacts to it — more people in the schools, housing, more crime, but eventually, it will start paying back.

Parker said the potential economic impact to Lincoln County is hard to judge until the final plans for the airport are complete.

For the handful of ranching families who would be displaced or potentially disturbed by the new facility, news of Site 9 being a finalist was not welcome.

Jay Billington said her land could fall under the flight path of incoming jets, depending on how the runways are laid out. She said the potential site is adjacent to a wilderness study area and within two miles of another. She said it's prone to fog on high winds and could mean tremendous changes to the way the Billingtons not only run their cattle business, but the way they live.

"It's our way of life," she said. "I don't want Halley out there."

"I don't think it will do us any good," said Loretta Leguineche. "If it's anything like the way

they build up north, it will be here a lot sooner" than seven years.

Baird said there is some opposition to moving the airport out of Blaine County, especially

as far south as Lincoln County.

"There is some concern that having the airport going under somebody else's control is a bad thing," he said. "They want the money and the benefits."

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"Perhaps if you fuss convincingly enough about it the case would be sent to Idaho."

"But the Sixth Amendment then requires that the jury be from the state — Idaho — and the district — Wyoming — in which the crime was committed."

"In other words, the jury would have to be drawn from the Idaho portion of Yellowstone which, according to the 2000 Census has a population of precisely zero."

"Assuming that you do not feel like consenting to trial in Cheyenne, you should go free."

Kalt believes the loophole should be sent to Idaho, the Constitution, but I doubt that's he's ever been to Fremont County.

Moose there outnumber people by about 100 to one, and they're eager to sit on a jury.

The jury, however, is usually reluctant to be sat upon.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Theresa Marie Dayley, 28; failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Christopher Kelly Jones, 24; failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed.

Karl A. Gregerson, 27; speeding, amended to littering, dismissed, \$125 fine; Magistrate Judge Cassia R. Robinson.

Maribel Juarez Gil, 46; inattentive driving, amended to public safety hazard, dismissed, \$52 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Tiffany Dawn Hodgson, 24; violation of a no contact order, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Augustin Palacios-Hernandez, 38; one count open container violation, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Marlene Perez, 29; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Matthew S. McCullough, 31; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felix Rodriguez Jimenez, 26; one count open container violation, dismissed; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Eduardo Diaz Sanchez, 23; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentences

John P. Grudzinski, 46; failure to renew registration, amended to littering, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine.

Airfan Mendoza, 19; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Teresa Mata, 41; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Gilberto Y. Salinas, 73; driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine.

Utah's flooded fields hatching mosquitoes

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Utah's rising rivers and flooded farmlands are spawning a boom in mosquito populations.

Spring rains, warming temperatures and melting snow are making the perfect recipe for mosquito hatching, experts say.

Weber County, for one, expects to see a doubling in mosquito populations by Memorial Day.

"We're going to have an extremely bad mosquito situation in about a week," Bruce Bennett, Weber County Mosquito Abatement District manager, said Friday.

The first to arrive will be a brood of mosquitoes known as Aedes, which are known to bite in the middle of the day as well as at night, but don't carry West Nile virus.

Culex mosquitoes do carry the virus and are expected to hatch a few weeks later, Bennett said.

Randall Sessions, director of the Box Elder Mosquito Abatement District, said field flooding in his county also is priming conditions for an outbreak of mosquitoes; he said will travel from wetlands to populated areas within 10 days.

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\$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.
Erica N. Hernandez, 19; cruelty to animals, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$38.50 court costs, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Samuel Luna Jr., 23; malicious injury to property, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$156 restitution, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Craig Hunter Glorfield, 48; one count unlawful entry, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended, one day in jail credited towards fines and costs; one count malicious injury to property, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Chris Davis, 45; petit theft, pleaded guilty, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 19 days suspended, 11 days credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Larry Dustin Rodriguez, 26; possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 23 days suspended, seven days credited, two days and costs; Magistrate Judge

Michael R. Crabtree.

Daniel Guerrero, 18; reckless driving, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Mara C. Gummow, 16; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony dismissals

Justin Daniel Kossman, 29; possession of a controlled substance, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Commercial truck driving sentences

Memic Nezir, 22; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Rodney N. Ritchison, 54; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$37 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Michael L. King, 48; weight exceeding highway load limit, pleaded guilty, \$108 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Deferred prosecutions

Daniel Guerrero, 18; reckless driving, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Larry Dustin Rodriguez, 26; possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 23 days suspended, seven days credited, two days and costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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SPORTS

Still on top

Kimberly boys win two relays; Filer boys take second place

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

BOISE — Fans of the Kimberly boys team may as well have turned back the clock to last year, or even two years ago.

Most of the faces have changed, but the results have remained the same as the Bulldogs 4x100 and 4x200-meter relay teams again produced victories in the Class 3A Idaho State Track and Field Championships at Bronco Stadium.

Filer finished second in the team standings with 62 points behind Payette's 88, while Kimberly led for fourth with 46. Dedeo finished on the top 10, finishing 11th with 29 points.

Twenty of Kimberly's points came from the relays. The Bulldogs have now won three consecutive 4x200 relay titles and two straight in the 4x100.

"It shows a lot of other teams that we're going to be a threat and that we're going to keep on competing every year," said Tyson Anderson, the lone returnee from last year's championship team.

The quartet of Jared Andreas, Cameron Allen, Adam Howard and Anderson was nearly flawless in the 4x200, using perfect execution on the relays and third handoffs to cruise to a time of 1:34.35 seconds, to set our second-place Sugar-Salem.

"I looked like our first hand-off was iffy, but after that everything was good," Anderson said.

Kimberly's second relay team of Dillon Anderson, Alex Serrano, Travis Wiersma and Casey Dabney also earned 10 important points with a first-place showing of 3:25.58.

"We're going all season has been switching around because of all the injuries," said Wiersma, who was substiting in for Cole Blitzenburg. "We really wanted to win this for Cole today."

Other top boys 3A finishers in the 4x100 relay were the 400 (second), Kimberly's Anderson in the 100 and 200 (fourth in both), and the Declo duo of Dedeo and Wiersma. In the 4x200, Drew Fletcher (sixth) in the 800.

The Declo girls tied for fourth with Benr Lake in the team standings with 44 points behind

the efforts of Junior Nicole Darrington. Priest River took the title with 87 points.

Darrington finished second in the 200 and third in the 400 but missed the championship after a quick start in the 100. She won with a time of 12.81, well ahead of Homedale's Jessica Sims (23.06).

"The race isn't very long so you just have to start out good and keep your lead," Darrington said. "It gave me a lot of confidence."

Darrington wasn't the only individual to take home a gold medal. Kaban Pereira won the 100 hurdles with a time of 0:32 for sixth-place Gooding, which finished with 40.5 points.

"I just kept dreaming about it last night," Pereira recalled. "That's all I could think about."

She later teamed up with Ashly Abramowski, Nichi Abramowski and Brittanee Thomas to win the 4x100 relay with a 5:18 mark. The victory avenged an earlier sixth-place finish in the 4x200, minus Pereira, in the 4x200.

"I'm totally OK with the 4x200 now," Ashly Abramowski said, laughing.

Buhl's April Jaynes took second in the 800 with a time of 2:23.12, behind Kate Eborn of Benr Lake. Jaynes led for the first 600 meters before Eborn took control.

"I was about to die there because I pushed so hard at the beginning," said Jaynes, who recorded a personal record in the race. "But she earned it."

Alicia Phillips, also of Buhl, placed fourth in the 800, while Brierley's Lindsay Helmkes took fourth in the 400 while Declo freshman Macey Jones cruised to a fourth-place finish in the 1,600.

Nelson also participated on Valley's second-place 4x400 relay team, joining Kristina Rames, Lisa Romer and Lindsay Wood.

Romer also took fourth in the 800 and fifth in the 1,600 while Wood claimed fourth in the 400 and Valley's fifth points and a fifth-place spot in the team scores. Nampa Christian won with 88 points. Wendell was seventh with 57 points, 36 of which were in the 400.

Wendell was the top area 2A boys team, finishing 16th with 12 points. Glenns Ferry was 14th, just behind the boys title with 133.

Excellent

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"You can't take away anything from the flouse guy. She competed really hard," said Jayne's father and coach Steve Goodwood, who has coached in multiple events, you have to give up certain things."

Her extra work by the way, which is always strive to be a full-time athlete scholarship at prestigious Stanford University.

"I've had a good career," Jayne Goodwood said. "I still have to be in front of me."

"There are so many people who want to be where I've been, so I feel very lucky to be where I am and only lost a handful of

naces in the two sprints. I can't be too disappointed."

She will be a legend in area track circles, as well as a role model for others trying to match her greatness.

"Jayne really inspires me," said Valley freshman Zandra Nelson, who always strives to be a full-time athlete. She always pushes me. It's just awesome to follow behind a great athlete."

Spartans take 4A state baseball title

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Three 4A baseball teams were in the final game this season, but only one raised the state championship trophy in exultation in the setting Idaho State Stadium. The team was the 2005 Minico Spartans.

Minico beat Post Falls 5-1 Saturday at Roy Peterson Field at Bishop Kelly High in Boise to claim its first state title since 1982.

"I'm excited for the whole team," Minico coach Ben Frank said. "It's been since 1982 since we won the last state championship. We're bringing it back to the school."

"It's phenomenal it's the greatest thing I've ever had before," Spartan junior Dale Sayles said. "I can't describe it. It's crazy. It's awesome. We worked so hard all year for this. Our dreams have come true."

Both Justin Bennett and Matt Tracy drew walks in the second inning for Minico. Bennett scored on a dropped fly ball in the outfield and Tracy came home on a Colton Douglas RBI single.

Jared Tracy controlled the Trojans through the early innings, holding them scoreless until the fifth inning.

Tracy only had to throw four pitches to get into a 1-2-3 fourth inning. Tracy struck out three batters and only gave up one walk. His counterpart Brandon Parker allowed six walks.

The first three Spartans to score got on base by way of the base on balls.

"It's going out with a bang," Jared Tracy said. "We set our minds to get this far. Our main goal was to win the state championship and we got it."

Minico added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh inning. Greg Christensen, Jared Tracy, Bennett and Matt Tracy.

each had hits in the seventh. Christensen scored on an overthrow as he slid into third base and Tracy scored on Bennett's infield single.

"I think we were pressing a little bit," Frank said. "You've got to give credit to their guy. He did a good job holding us down. We were trying to do a little to much and flinched out in the middle innings."

The Trojans (17-11) lost three players from their starting lineup during the state tournament and still took second place.

Minico 5, Post Falls 1
Tracy 3, Bennett 2
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Minico softball fights back for third

POST FALLS — Minico played 25 innings Saturday after Friday's rainouts, and gritted out two wins before falling 4-0 to Kuna in the Class 4A state softball tournament's third-place game.

Minico lost 2-1 to Kuna in an 8 a.m. game after bouncing back to defeat Post Falls 2-0 in Blackfoot 5-1. After three straight games, Minico faced Kuna again.

Blitz was a factor, but we had our opportunities," said coach Jackie Ransick. "Errors killed us."

Bishop Kelly later defeated Kuna 2-1 in the second championship game. In all, Kuna played five games Saturday thanks to the rain delay.

Third place is the best finish for Minico softball since at least 1999.

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"That was split with half (Saturday) and the first half (Friday night)." Ransick said. "That was a killer. But I'm very proud of how they came back."

4A softball
Trojans' results
Kuno 1, Blackfoot 0
Kuno 5, Leland 3
Bishop Kelly 0, Pocatello 0

Moscow 6, Jerome 5
Friday's results
Consolation bracket
Blackfoot 2, Leland 0
Pocatello 10, Jerome 7

Saturday's results
Championship bracket
Kuna 2, Minico 1
Bishop Kelly 3, Moscow 1
Bishop Kelly 6, Kuna 1, semifinal
Blackfoot 5, Moscow 4, loser-out
Minico 4, Pocatello 2, loser-out
Minico 5, Blackfoot 1, loser-out
Kuna 4, Minico 0, third place
Kuna 30, Bishop Kelly 5, first championship

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Pocatello 10, Jerome 7, night innings
Jerome 7, Pocatello 10
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Jerome 7, Pocatello 10

5A softball
Twin Falls eliminated
by Borah Lady Lions

BOZEMAN DALENE — Twin Falls fell 2-0 to Borah in the consolation bracket Saturday, ending the Bruins stay at the Class 5A state softball tournament.

"We were looking at the (score)book and saw 24 strikeouts, seven hits and three walks," said head coach Nick Bruener. "You're not going to win many games doing that."

"We had hit so well that we went away from what we did at district tournament."

The season ended the high school careers of starters Kam Gumbrel, Cassie Gonzalez, Justine Harmon and Justine Williams.

"They leave the program in good order," Baumer said. "They built a legacy. Justine and Hannah have done some good things for us."

Harmon will play at Snow College this fall to play softball in the West. Williams is headed to North Idaho College.

Twin Falls finished at 25-5.
Borah 2, Twin Falls 0
Jerome 5, Moscow 6
Jerome 5, Moscow 6
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Jerome 5, Moscow 6

Pizza

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retward guys on. And right before Jared got up to bat, coach Gerrish said, 'First guy goes to right gets a pizza.' And I had a pizza coupon in my bag that day so that's what I gave him at third base."

The Wildcats cruised behind Gerrish's stellar pitching.

The Eller-senior threw a complete-game two-hitter and struck out 10 Vikings batters.

"That's the best 3A pitcher in the state," Middleton head coach Pete Dias said. "And you can probably claim another division or two. We didn't do that because of him."



Filer third baseman Jared Denton slides into third base during the third inning of the Wildcats' 6-0 win over Middleton in the Class 3A state championship game Thursday in Ontario, Ore. Denton's hit scored two runners, giving Filer a 5-0 lead.

With confidence in Ryan as his backstop, Gerrish called the world in (Ryan). Gerrish said, "I mean, 0-2, I can throw it in the dirt and I know he'll block it. It makes me look a lot better because of him."

"I really can't describe how much it means, because I know the work that went into it," Knigge said. "I know how hard they worked and it's great to see something happen to good kids. They're good kids and they just love baseball. I mean, I'm like this — I just fill out the lineup and they play the game. No Middleman player got past first base after the second in-

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- F1 Monaco Grand Prix, SPEED, 8:30 a.m.
Bump Day for Indianapolis, 500, ABC, 11 a.m.

Football

- Berlin at Hamburg, Fox, 11 a.m.
NBA, regional coverage, ABC, 2 p.m.

Golf

- European PGA Tour, Irish Open, Fox, 10 p.m.
PGA Tour, the Colonial, final round, CBS, 3 p.m.

Baseball

- Texas A&M at Texas, ESPN, 11 a.m.
Braves at Red Sox, TBS, noon

Basketball

- NBA playoffs, Game 1, Spurs at Suns, ABC, 1:30 p.m.

Tennis

- French Open, early round, ESPN Classic, 3 a.m.

Track

- Adidas Classic, ESPN, 2 p.m.

GOLF

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Germany rallies to win World Tennis Cup

DUESSELDORF, Germany — Germany lost its opening match but rallied to beat Argentina 2-1 Saturday to win the World Tennis Cup.

Medina Garrigues tops Domachowska

STRASBOURG, France — Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain beat Poland's Marta Domachowska 6-3 Saturday to win the Strasbourg International.

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Germany rallies to win World Tennis Cup

DUESSELDORF, Germany — Germany lost its opening match but rallied to beat Argentina 2-1 Saturday to win the World Tennis Cup.

Medina Garrigues tops Domachowska

STRASBOURG, France — Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain beat Poland's Marta Domachowska 6-3 Saturday to win the Strasbourg International.

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SPORTS

Middleton defeats 3A softball crown Brewster scores first-round TKO

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer
BUHL — The Middleton Vikings are once again the 3A state softball champions...

3A softball
at Buhl High School
Bear Lake 9, St. Maries 8, eight innings, third-place
Middleton 5, Bear Lake 1, championship

Packham stepped up, and picked up another hit for Bear Lake. She went 3-1 on the weekend.

CHICAGO (AP) — WBO heavyweight champion Lamont Brewster made a comeback...



World Boxing Organization heavyweight champion Lamont Brewster walks away after knocking Andrew Golota down for the second time in the first round Saturday, in Chicago. Brewster scored a technical knockout in the round to retain his title.

The Vikings returned only two starters from last year's team but are now undefeated in their last two appearances at state. One of those returning players...

a batter. Bear Lake scored their only run in the seventh when senior Kaydi Hobbs hit a one-out double...

The Bears took a 9-8 lead into the bottom of the eighth after scoring two runs in the top half of the inning as Hobbs got on base...

Brewster knocked down Golota three times with thunders left hooks, the first coming 13 seconds into the bout. After Golota got up, Brewster continued to attack and knocked the challenger between the second and third ropes.

round that night. Ruiz also had a point deducted for hitting on the canvas in the fourth round.

Last year they were expected to win the title. Middleton coach Randy Lyons. "The last couple of weeks have been incredible. The girls seemed to have made up their mind that no matter what was going on around them they were just focused on this weekend. The girls showed class and had real team chemistry."

Middleton 5, Bear Lake 1
Middletown 5, Bear Lake 1
Division 5A and 6A
Division 5B and 6B

The Lumberjacks scored a lone run in the bottom of the eighth. Lumberjack senior Rachelle Soloms was 2-for-3 with a pair of home runs and four RBIs.

It was a quick end to the fight, an easily Golota's career. The 37-year-old Golota (38-6-31 KOs) said he would retire if he didn't win.

relationship. Both Briggs and Adamek each dealt plenty of punishment, but there were no knockdowns.

Cutthroats take 3A tennis championship

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer
BOISE — Idaho's hatchery system must be working, because trout runs are up.

Scoter finished third and basically found his game and hit his shots like he has all year," Scribner said.

The No. 1 boys duo of Wes Flanigan and Christian Calmross also took home the gold, defeating a Parma team that included defending doubles champion Nick Scudlitz in the semifinals before winning 6-3, 6-1 in the finals.

Most recently, Golota was coming off a controversial decision in a fight with Lennox Lewis. Golota was fighting in his fourth year of professional boxing in 1997.

Garcia (24-1, 23 KOs) knocked down Wells in the sixth, but Wells (18-2-2, 11 KOs) had his opponent on the canvas as the bell sounded at the end of the round.

Perry sets another record at Colonial

The Cutthroats scored 108 total points, easily taking the state's top place by 35 points. No. 1 boys singles player Tyler Martin picked up his second consecutive state title, defeating Brad Hopkins 6-2, 6-4.

They played well and kept the pressure on Hopkins. Head coach Marc Scribner said, "He looked for his opportunities and went for them when he got them."

While the Cutthroats' success has hardly been paralleled in Idaho's tennis ranks, Scribner isn't ready to claim a Cutthroats dynasty.

Par's good enough at Sybase Classic
NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — Christina Kim closed a 1-under 70 with 11 straight pars and held a one-stroke lead over three players after three rounds of the LPGA Sybase Classic.

The same trio was tied with Kim for the lead after 36 holes. The late-time Christina Kim had anything but a par was a 10-foot birdie on the par-4 8th. She had a three-putt bogey from 40 feet on the par-3 10th and a tap-in birdie on the par-4 5th.

Subway Series: Mets whip Yankees, 7-1

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Reyes drove in four runs and the New York Mets routed his former team, the Yankees, 7-1 Saturday in a Subway Series at Citi Field.

single in the eighth for the White Sox. The White Sox put together a four-run rally with two outs in the eighth when Corey Patterson connected on a home run.

and hit his first career homer for Cleveland. Sabathia's two-run shot off Elizardo Ramirez (0-2) put the Indians ahead to stay in the fourth inning on a home run by pitcher Steve Lincecum.

Wolbring surge to top at Bruno's Memorial

NEW YORK (AP) — A look at the matchups in the NBA conference finals.

Capsule previews of the NBA's conference finals

Eastern Conference: No. 2 MIAMI HEAT (69-23, 8-0) vs. No. 2 DETROIT PISTONS (64-28, 8-3).

Blue Jays 7, Nationals 0

TORONTO — Roy Halladay pitched seven scoreless innings and struck out a two-run homer for Toronto.

Marlins 4, Devil Rays 3

MIAMI — Pinch hitter Joe Dillon hit his first major league home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, and Florida overcame a three-run deficit to beat Tampa Bay.

Braves 7, Red Sox 5

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WESTERN CONFERENCE: No. 1 PHOENIX SUNS (62-20, 8-2) vs. No. 2 SAN ANTONIO SPURS (58-23, 8-3).

Rangers 18, Astros 3

ARLINGTON Texas — Mark Teixeira hit a three-run shot to highlight a club-record, four-home run second inning, and David DeJesus led two of the Rangers' team-high eight home runs.

Cardinals 6, Royals 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Larry Walker hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning for St. Louis.

National League

PITTSBURGH — Humberto Cordero pitched and the Pittsburgh Pirates routed the Colorado Rockies on Saturday night.

Key matchup 2: St. Louis vs. Phoenix

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Angels 3, Dodgers 1

LOS ANGELES — Chone Figgins drove in the go-ahead, three-run shot with two outs in the fifth, and the Angels won for the fifth time in six games.

Brewers 6, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Doug Davis threw a seven-inning, no-run game in four runs to wipe out Milwaukee's lead.

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White Sox 6, Cubs 3

CHICAGO — Paul Konerko broke up Carlos Zambrano's no-hit bid in the sixth, then delivered a go-ahead, two-run

Indians 5, Reds 3

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LEARNING TO LEAD

Local businesses take advantage of CSI's training programs

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — John Root started at Pacific Steel & Recycling's Twin Falls facility 17 years ago "in the scrap yards," operating a crane to collect scrap metal and making bales of aluminum cans.

Now he has worked up to assistant manager, and he credits leadership training as a big part of his success. Root, like many of the 16 employees at Pacific, has been encouraged by facility manager Russ Taylor to take part in leadership training seminars offered by the College of Southern Idaho.

"We all need to hone our skills," Taylor said.

As part of a corporation with recycling facilities throughout the West, Pacific tries to develop its management from within, Taylor said.

"We rarely, rarely hire (managers) outside the company," he said.

When Taylor interviews potential employees, he looks for innate leadership qualities that suggest the worker might eventually move up the corporate ladder. That's what Taylor did; like Root, he started in an entry-level job at Pacific.

"I'm not a college graduate. But after 30 years, I thought I'd do it."

— Russ Taylor, facility manager

CSI has leadership training opportunities available for owners and managers of small and large businesses alike, said Bryan Matsuoka, director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at CSI.

One program is known as the Supervisory Training Series, offered by the development center in partnership with Boise State University's Center for Professional Development. It's a 16-week, four-program seminar series that covers four levels of supervision through planning, role-playing and

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About these stories

These articles first appeared in the June edition of *Southern Idaho Business*, a business-to-business publication of the *Times-News*. We are reprinting them here to ensure all *Times-News* readers have a chance to benefit.

Southern Idaho Business is distributed monthly to business owners and managers throughout the Magic Valley.

self-assessment exercises. The program is all about learning to manage different types of people effectively, Matsuoka said.

Area businesses like Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. and Solo Cup have sent their employees through the program, and CSI employees will use it soon, Matsuoka said. The center also can develop personalized training programs for individual businesses that are conducted at the office, rather than at CSI.

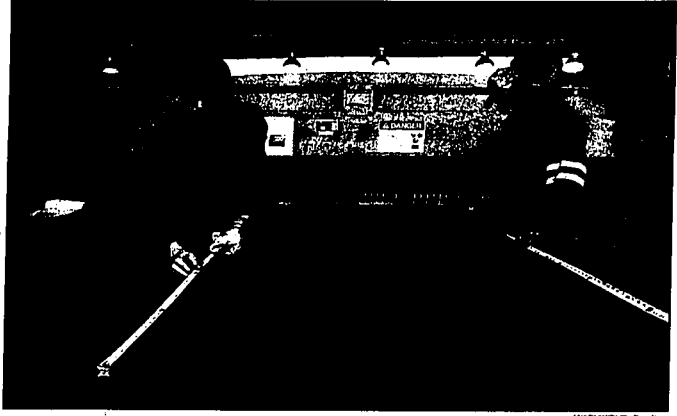
Colin Randolph, CSI's director of student financial aid, leads the training series. He said finding one's voice as a leader is the single most important aspect of all professional and leadership development workshops.

"We try to get people to look at themselves in the mirror and see themselves as leaders," Randolph said. "We try to get people to say, 'I can do it, and I choose to do it.'"

If one is a leader and is confident, others can choose to follow, and that proves one's respectability, Randolph said. That in turn leads to more leadership opportunities.

It's important for leaders "to be able to see themselves in relation to others and develop 'followership,'" he said.

Developing "followership" involves a great deal of motivational



Steve Price, left, and Felipe Rendon, both with Pacific Steel & Recycling's Twin Falls facility, prepare to cut sheet metal recently. Manager Russ Taylor encourages workers like Price and Rendon to move up to management positions with the Pacific corporation by taking leadership training seminars.

Leadership training opportunities at CSI

The Supervisory Training Series is open to business owners, managers, supervisors, business owners who want to build their leadership skills.

The 16-week, four-program series is in full swing, with seminars scheduled through June. All classes are offered by CSI in partnership with Boise State University and taught weekly from 6 to 9 p.m. on the CSI campus.

The fee is \$350 per person, per program, which includes all materials. You can register for any two programs for \$725. Group discounts are available for three or more participants registering from the same organization.

For information and to register, contact the Idaho Small Business Development Center at 732-6455.

- Supervision IV looks at ethics; the importance of providing outstanding customer service; and the role of the supervisor in continuous improvement.
- Dates held:**
 - June 9
 - June 16
 - June 23

skills on the part of a supervisor or manager, said Root, Pacific's assistant manager. "Motivation is the tough part," he said.

Taylor agreed. The recycling market

is growing in Magic Valley, and Taylor anticipates he'll be hiring several new entry-level employees within the next year. Motivating those employees to take advantage of leadership training opportunities can be a challenge, but a

worthwhile one.

"If you're not growing, you're falling behind," Taylor said.

Times-News correspondent Candace Baltz-Smylie contributed to this report.

Chambers' leadership programs continue to evolve

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Each year, new crops of business leaders in Twin Falls and Mini-Cassia set out to learn as much as they can about their respective business communities through their chambers of commerce.

The programs are great ways to develop business networks and leadership skills, coordinators say, and participants agree.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Magic Valley Leadership program will soon wrap up its 20th year. The program, which is limited to 32 participants and costs \$700, fills up quickly each year.

The two-year program is a series of one-day seminars held monthly from September through June and gives participants "valuable" in-depth information of the inner workings of our community and the Magic Valley from a variety of perspectives," Pyle said.

"I learn something new each year."

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she said.

The chamber's current program has examined the valley's tourism, media, health care and agriculture industries, to name a few. Culminating with a graduation ceremony in June, participants will examine community issues and plan, secure speakers and oversee seminars for the incoming class of leadership participants.

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's program hasn't been around for as long as the Twin Falls chamber's, but it's building on a successful two-year beginning, said Matthew Fygaro, twin-Cassia chamber's executive director. Fygaro will go through the leadership training program for the first time, and he's excited.

"We've tweaked it and made a few improvements," he said.

Mini-Cassia's program, which costs \$395 and is open to 25 participants, consists of seminars held on the third Thursday of each month from Febru-

ary through September. Topics are similar to those of the Twin Falls chamber's program, ranging from tourism to community social services.

A wrap-up session challenges each participant to use his or her newly learned skills in leadership positions, he said.

"It provides information about the inner workings of our community and the Mini-Cassia area from a variety of perspectives," Fygaro said. "It also broadens community perspectives, builds leadership skills, builds working relationships among class members, provides personal growth and development and encourages and develops a network of community contacts."

Leadership programs like those offered by the chambers benefit the whole community, said Shawn Barigar, president and chief executive of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

"By having your employees understand the local area and build leadership skills it will make them better employees and therefore make your business better," he said.

About the Twin Falls chamber's Magic Valley Leadership program

The program is open to 32 participants each year. Meals, materials and transportation are included in tuition. Limited partial scholarships are available. For information, contact Bobbi Pyle at 733-3974 or bobbi@twinfallschamber.com.

- Seminar topics:**
- September — The Leader in You
 - October — Industry & Agriculture
 - November — Projecting a Positive Business Climate
 - December — The Role of the Media in Community Affairs
 - January — The Business of Governing
 - February — Law & Justice Behind the Scenes
 - March — High Tech and Health Care
 - April — The Three "R's" in Modern Society
 - May — Community Social Services
 - June — "The Tourists Are Coming!" and retreat and graduation

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- After attending the leadership conference, Barigar said he feels more confident in his role with the Twin Falls chamber, and is better able to serve the needs of its members.

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Industries pool knowlege to train leaders in Magic Valley

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — Dana Rasmussen farms near Paul and serves on the board of the United Cooperative of Rupert. He lives and breathes agriculture.

And although Rasmussen spends more time with large machinery and plants than he does managing a workforce, he took advantage of an opportunity to gain leadership skills at a leadership retreat — specifically for agricultural co-ops — last fall.

"It surpassed my expectations," Rasmussen said. "I gained a lot of knowledge in kind of where we sit in the world."

There's value in getting together with other people in the same industry, facing the same daily challenges. And the annual group across the spectrum capitalize on their shared experiences to build leadership within their industries.

Rasmussen was nominated by the

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Rupert co-op to attend the CHS New Leader Institute in Minneapolis. He met with about 100 other agriculture professionals across the country for four days of informative and inspirational speakers, leadership classes and networking.

"It was well worth it," he said.

Rasmussen split the cost of the conference with the co-op.

"It was worth the price to get to know C2S, and the seminar speakers were really broad, speaking about psychology and different personality types and how to get along — even in Paul, Idaho. We may be a small voice, but it's still a voice."

Another local proponent of industry-specific leadership training is Shawn Barigar, president and chief executive of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Barigar already had the job

he wanted when he began classes in leading a nonprofit group. He began his position without much experience in chamber leadership.

The main reason I attended is because I do not have a background in chamber management or organization, so it was a good opportunity for me to go and get an idea," Barigar said.

Barigar met with other chamber of commerce leaders from around the nation at the Institute for Organization Management in January. He traveled to the University of Arizona in Tucson for the week-long workshop. He will be back three more times and spend a week each of those times with his class of chamber executives in order to earn an IOM recognition for completing more than 90

hours of nonprofit study.

Barigar said the class has already begun to pay off.

"It was very helpful in a couple of ways — probably the most beneficial was getting to know other chamber executives around the country," Barigar said.

Barigar exchanges e-mails with a number of his classmates a few times a week. He said the networking aspect of workshops like his offers invaluable resources for future leaders, such as event planning and organizational changes.

Barigar said leadership development like the on-going workshop he attended are extremely important in today's economy.

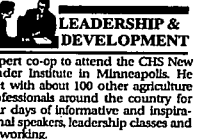
"It's absolutely critical in the business world we live in to be up to speed on the constant changes in your business world we live in to be up to speed

ness or industry," he said.

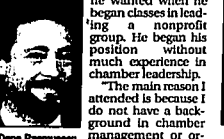
The classes aren't cheap — tuition to Barigar's week of classes was \$1,045 and did not include hotel or travel. But there are cheaper local options for those who do not need the national-level networking, he said.

"There is also a great opportunity locally to do these types of things — you don't have to ship off to the other end of the world anymore. I think you can get the same skills through CSI (the College of Southern Idaho) or online," he said. "There's a trade-off (the lack of wide networking), but in a small business or a tough financial year, it's an option."

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Dana Rasmussen



Shawn Barigar

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

May Tackett

FILER — May Tackett will retire in June after 29 years with Filer Mutual Telephone Co. A reception is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday in the company offices, 400 Main St. in Filer.



May Tackett moving to her current position in the front office as a customer service representative.

"I guess they figured I had the personality to talk with the customers, and I've enjoyed meeting the public," she said. Tackett plans to fill her time by visiting family in California, driving her grandson to his summer activities and taking advantage of volunteer opportunities such as the Meals on Wheels program.

Darlene Richmond

FILER — Darlene Richmond, a long-time employee of Filer Mutual Telephone Co., will retire in July.

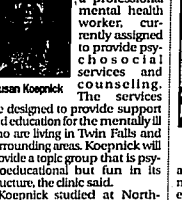


Darlene Richmond 29-year career was originally meant to be only a few hours each week but soon grew to be a full-time responsibility.

"It's never been part time," she said. "I've been behind the scenes doing the billing and accounts receivable since I started working here, and my staff has always been good to me." Working behind the scenes kept her amazed by how quickly the telecommunications industry has progressed beyond telephone service and into the fields of Internet and digital television. "I've learned how everything is always changing, and if you're going to stay in this business you have to keep up with the times," Richmond said. Her own time will be spent keeping up with quilting projects and trips to the mountains.

Susan Koepnick

TWIN FALLS — Liberty Care Services, a mental health clinic serving Twin Falls County, added Susan Koepnick to its staff.



Susan Koepnick is a professional mental health worker, currently assigned to provide psychiatric services and counseling. The services are designed to provide support and education for the mentally ill who are living in Twin Falls and surrounding areas. Koepnick will provide a group that is psychoeducational but fun in its structure, the clinic said.

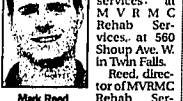
Koepnick studied at Northwest Nazarene University, Idaho State University and the College of Southern Idaho. She has a master's degree in school counseling, a bachelor's degree in human resource training and certification in many related fields, including couples counseling.

Liberty Care Services is in the St. James Plaza at 460 Main Ave. S., Suite C, in Twin Falls. Koepnick can be reached at 734-7730.

Physical therapists

TWIN FALLS — Two Magic Valley Regional Medical Center physical therapists — Dave Berry and Mark Reed — completed continuing education titled "The Rehabilitation of the Knee and Shoulder." The course was held in Boise. The curriculum was a new research that, when applied, will maximize rehabilitation for patients of these two common procedures, the hospital said in a statement.

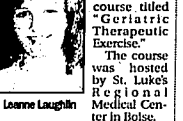
Mark Reed



Both Berry and Reed provide therapy services at M V R M C Rehab Services, at 550 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Reed, director of MVRMC Rehab Services, also completed a continuing education course titled "A Critical Review of Anatomy and Pathology." The course was held April 23-24 in Boise and sponsored by the Idaho Physical Therapy Association. The course particularly addressed the latest research on musculoskeletal pathology of the cervical and lumbar spine.

Leanne Laughlin

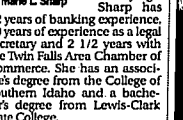
TWIN FALLS — Leanne Laughlin, a licensed physical therapy assistant at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, completed a 20-hour continuing education course titled "Geriatric Therapeutic Exercises."



The course was hosted by St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Laughlin has been employed for 4 1/2 years at MVRMC Rehab Services as a physical therapy assistant. Her work focuses on patients in the transitional care unit, many of whom receive physical therapy following joint replacement surgery.

Marie L. Sharp

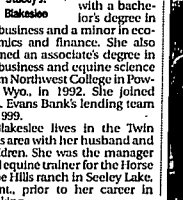
JEROME — Marie L. Sharp is the new Business Express administrative assistant at Team Con Paulos in Jerome. Her duties include: scheduling, George Hildreth, Business Express manager, in providing what the business calls a "one-stop, hassle-free auto buying."



Marie L. Sharp has 12 years of banking experience, 10 years of experience as a legal secretary and 2 1/2 years with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. She has an associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho and a bachelor's degree from Lewis-Clark State College.

Stacey J. Blakeslee

TWIN FALLS — D.L. Evans Bank promoted Stacey J. Blakeslee to commercial loan officer at its Twin Falls branch at 215 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.



Blakeslee graduated in 1996 from Montana State University in Bozeman with a bachelor's degree in economics and finance. She also earned an associate's degree in business and finance from Northwest College in Powell, Wyo. In 1992, she joined D.L. Evans Bank's lending team in 1999.

Blakeslee lives in the Twin Falls area with her husband and children. She was the manager and equine trainer for the Horse Shoe Hills ranch in Seeley Lake, Mont., prior to her career in banking.

School employees

PAU. West Middle Middle School will host an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday in the library to honor Lou Duff, Doug Gosnell and Ross Barson. Duff and Gosnell are principal and Vice Principal Barson will transfer. Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

MILESTONES

Chamber of commerce announces new members



TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce announced new members, all in Twin Falls, during March and April:

- Hall and Associates, 401 Gooding St. N.
- High Desert Lawn Service, R.O. Box 5511.
- Intermountain Orthopaedic Clinic LLC, 714 N. College Road, Suite A.
- Marker's Boutique Nursery, 1310 Kimberly Road, Box 2101.
- Oasis Stop 'N Go LLC, 136 Morrison St.
- Pre-Paid Legal — Joshua Bartlett
- Preferred Child and Family Services Inc., 284 Martin St.
- Priority Mortgage, 160 Main Ave. N.
- Starwide Collections Inc., 311 Fifth Ave. N.

The Bakery, 682 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The Sprint Store Express, 181 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Twin Falls Lions Club, R.O. Box 896.

Bowers Tire and Wheel opens for business

BURLEY — Bowers Tire and Wheel is a new business open at 659 Overland Ave. in Burley. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The business is locally owned and operated by Cody Bowers. It offers full-service oil change using premium synthetic-blend motor oil at the same price as a regular oil change. The service also includes a quick vehicle detail and 15-point inspection. The business also offers tires, wheels, shocks, struts, brakes, front end work, alignments and more.

Bowers Tire and Wheel opened for business Jan. 18. A grand opening will be held June 2-8. The business can be reached at 678-8801.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Magic Valley Arts Council received a \$2,000 grant from Target Stores for its performing arts activities

TWIN FALLS — The New Changeling Circus Arts on Tour, a collaborative project with the College of Southern Idaho, annually presents six performances and three student performances to Magic Valley residents. Twin Falls Target employees Dayle Stevens, executive team leader, and Dwayne Weyland, store team leader, presented the check.

Target Stores' grant-making program promotes education, the arts and family violence prevention. Target Stores, with parent company Target Corp., gives more than \$2 million a week to its local communities through grants and special programs. Minneapolis-based Target has more than 1,200 stores in 47 states.

Magic Valley Arts Council is the official arts agency of the city of Twin Falls. For information, call 734-ARTS.

Jacob B. Avichouser, Cole W. Blitzenburg, Emily Fowers, Christy Salor and Alexis Turner were selected as recipients of 2005-06 Amalgamated Sugar Co. Educational Scholarships

Jacob is the son of Daniel Avichouser and is a senior at Kimberly High School. Cole is the son of Bill and Audrey Blitzenburg and is a senior at Filer High School. Emily is the daughter of Mike and Laura Fowers. She will graduate from Kimberly High School. Christy is the daughter of Melvin and Tamara Salor and will graduate from Buhl High School.

Alexis, the daughter of Bart and Bonny Turner, is a senior at Twin Falls High School. Amalgamated's scholarship program was established in 1953 to help qualified dependents. Amalgamated employees continue their education beyond high school.

Northwest Farm Credit Services gave 32 scholarships to sons or daughters of Farm Credit customers in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington; six high school students and two college students from each of

the states were awarded \$1,000 scholarships.

The Idaho winners included four from Magic Valley:

- Larissa Blick, daughter of Scott Blick, lives in Buhl and graduates from Buhl High School. She will attend Albion College of Idaho and study biological science. Larissa was the president of her FFA chapter as well as the Family Career and Community Leaders of America president. She played both volleyball and basketball in high school.
- Amber Funk plans to attend BYU-Idaho and study horticulture and business management. She is the daughter of LeRoy and Ronda Funk from Burley and graduates from Burley High School. She was captain of her soccer and basketball teams, marching band drumline section leader and president of the Youth Women's Miamal club.

Derik Robinson will be a senior at University of Idaho next fall and is studying human resources management and Spanish and plans to pursue a degree in international business. He is the son of Randy and Karla Robinson of Oakley. Derik is chairman of the Dean-Student Blitzenburg Award for the university's College of Business and Economics, and the secretary of U of I's ambassadors.

Emily is a junior at the University of Utah and is the daughter of James and Karlyn Ritchie of Jerome. She is studying mathematics and following college graduation plans on going to medical school and specializing in oncology. Jessica is a resident advisor and the finance chairwoman for the National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

Quest Communications International Inc. partnered with the Department of Defense's America Supports You program for an ongoing, nationwide program to communicate America's support to men and women of the Armed Forces. Quest will enable consumers to communicate messages to the troops, through public service announcements with Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer and at various public events throughout the year. Starting Monday in honor of Armed Forces Day, consumers will be able to visit any Quest Solutions Center for details.



Owners Donna and Gary Lagay, pictured left to right, celebrate the opening of Kanaka Rapids Villa, 4552 E River Road in Buhl, with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The villa is a luxury home that features a 56-foot hot spring pool, jacuzzi, hot tub and solarium. It is available for retreats, receptions and meetings and is a getaway place for couples, groups and families. For information, visit www.kanakarapids.com.



The Jerome Chamber of Commerce's board and Ambassadors Club celebrate the grand opening of Idaho RV and Marine, at 60 Bob Barton Road in Jerome — west of Interstate 84.



The Jerome Chamber of Commerce and the College of Southern Idaho's Jerome center, along with Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, open their doors at 104 W. Main St. in Jerome. CSI President Jerry Meyerboeff, CSI Foundation President LeRoy Craig and chamber President Sylvia Moore Futrell officially cut the ribbon celebrating the location in downtown Jerome.

MILESTONES

Quest earns satisfaction survey recognition

TWIN FALLS — The University of Michigan's 2005 American Customer Satisfaction Index survey for telecommunications companies showed that Quest Communications produced the strongest year-over-year gain in

customer satisfaction in the industry.

Quest said it improved its overall satisfaction score from a 64 in 2004 to a 69 in 2005. Quest said its overall score placed it in the top deal heat with other telecom providers. Quest bucked the industry trend of declining ACIS scores in 2005. To create the index, the National Quality Research Center conducts quarterly telephone surveys with residential customers.



Morgan Insurance celebrates its newly remodeled office at 904 Blue Lakes Blvd. with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Owners Mike and Lynn Morgan are pictured left to right. Lynn Morgan specializes in individual and group health and life insurance. Mike Morgan specializes in senior insurance services, long-term care insurance and Medicare supplements. Morgan Insurance can be reached at 734-0232.

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BUSINESS LISTINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Following is the list of businesses filed during April with the Idaho secretary of state's office...

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

The "Check Night Out," P.O. Box 2633, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

A & G Plemmons Cove LLC, Alphonse H. Gamache, 232 Mile River Road E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Appliance Painting Inc., Camylin Linn Pate, 1111 River St., No. 7, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Virginia Larson, 1200 E. 210th, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Linda J. Ballard, P.O. Box 2917, Sun Valley, ID 83315.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Fred W. Young, P.O. Box 423, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Judy L. Hrenco, 3151 E. 200th N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Appliance Repair Real Estate John A. Sweeney, 811 N. Myrtle, P.O. Box 6339, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Bob Tranding, Birch Road, 401 Gooding Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Charles J. Gooding, 1123 Trent Blvd., 401 Gooding St. N., Suite 100, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Neilson, 2901 E. 110th S., Hazelton, ID 83335, agriculture.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Robert A. Hartman, 2901 E. 110th S., Hazelton, ID 83335, services.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Alan K. Lujan, 4410 E. 120th S., Hazelton, ID 83335, 3722 N. 254th, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Appliance Repair Real Estate The Beddler Shop, Almar Inc., 1419 E. 44th, Hazelton, ID 83335, services.

Appliance Repair Real Estate Blaine County Finance LLC, Krivan E. Calkins, 1200 E. 210th, Ketchum, ID 83340.

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Inc. 2195 E. 3100 S., Wendell, ID 83355, construction.

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U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns tours a beef processing plant on Tuesday in Hyrum, Utah.

Johanns seeks border impact

HYRUM, Utah — On a visit to a Utah beef processing plant this week, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said he sees hard times ahead for U.S. producers and packers if the border remains closed to Canadian beef and cattle.

Fambeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

In his opening remarks, he said the purpose for his visit was to "learn firsthand about the impact of the closed Canadian border and the impact it has on the operations here, but also across the industry."

The border was closed to live Canadian cattle in May 2003 after Canada announced its first case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy. Since then, Canada confirmed two more cases, and the single U.S. case was cow of Canadian origin.

Since the clamp down on live cattle from Canada, U.S. beef packers and processors have felt the pinch of short supply. The downturn has kept plants from running at full capacity.

"We struggle to buy cattle, we know, constantly it's hard to bring them from a long distance because of the freight costs," said Ted Miller, president of E.A. Miller Beef Processing.

Miller added his company has had to lay off employees.

gathered donations totaling \$60,000, and a check for that amount was presented to the U.M. Food and Agricultural Organization this week to help aid farmers in tsunami devastated regions regain their livelihoods.

The small-community-size projects, which cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 each, help poor families produce more food. None of the money will be used for administrative costs by the U.N. organization.

Good start for wheat may mean lower prices

TWIN FALLS — A winter wheat crop that's off to an excellent start may mean lower prices in the fall.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 59 percent of the nation's winter wheat crop was rated as good to excellent in mid-May, above both last year (45 percent) and the five-year average (51 percent).

WASHINGTON — State and county Farm Bureau organizations across the United States

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WEST

Some park visitors come for hard work

They even pay for the privilege

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) — Marty Stabb has done the southern Utah tourist thing. He doesn't much care for it.

"I had been to Arches once or twice as a casual tourist. Somehow it wasn't quite enough," Stabb said.

So the retired college chemistry professor from Janesville, Wis., decided to kick his trips to Arches up a notch and in 1993 signed his name to a Sierra Club service trip list.

Stabb has been back each spring since and was the grizzled veteran of a 20-person group gathered at the national park last week for some hard labor.

"We pay for the privilege to break our backs," Stabb said during a lunch break from using dead tamarisk to block shortcut trails in the Windows section of the park. "There is something magical and mystical about this place. I feel drawn to it."

Arches National Park Ranger Murray Shoemaker doesn't take it easy on the volunteers.

"I work them," Shoemaker said about the Sierra Club volunteers who have been coming to Arches since the early 1990s. "They keep me scrambling looking for things to do" because they burn through all the projects I had planned for the week.

The Sierra Club offers service projects across the country on National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands. The labor is not easy or cheap on what the environmental group calls "Volunteer Vacations."

"We work too ... hard for it to be a vacation," Stabb said. "Seriously, though, it is a fun and worthwhile trip." Volunteers at Arches have done everything from painting

restrooms and signs to building fences to using wire brushes to remove tree marks on slickrock. Most of the work this past week was improving designated trails or trying to prevent visitors from using unauthorized paths.

John Hoving, of Winfield, Kan., was back for his second year as a trip leader at Arches. He says the average service trips run between \$350 and \$450 a person. That includes a place to pitch a tent, food for the week and insurance should anything go amok during the work.

"If you ask volunteers why they come on these trips they will almost always tell you it is because of the people," Hoving said. "It's nice to be out here with people who have the same work ethic and love of the land. There are a lot of friendships made on these trips with people from all over the world."

The Arches volunteers this year hailed from California, Kansas, Wisconsin, Oregon, Arizona, Iowa, Washington state and Washington, D.C., and there was a recent transplant from Chile.

Jane Greishar of Madison, Wis., made her first trip to Arches on a service project. The 58-year-old used it as an excuse to fill a void in a trip during her high school days.

"I went on a weeklong trip of the national parks, but we missed Arches, and I always wanted to come back to see it," she said.

Greishar has been back five times.

She enjoys returning to see how past projects she worked on are holding up.

You get to see how something you did is protecting the park from being loved to death," Greishar said. "Volunteer Vacations."

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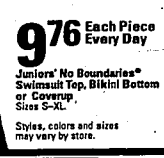
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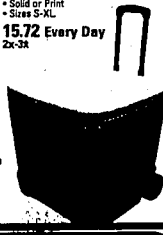
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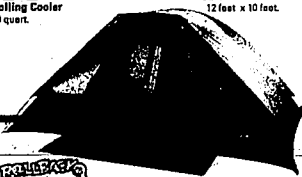
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Swapping jets



Retired Col. Chester 'Soapy' Walborn holds up a model of an EF-111 jet he envisioned to use to pilot in Mountain Home, Tuesday. Walborn served as the base commander for the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base in the mid-1970s. Recommendations from the Pentagon could change the type of aircraft that will be stationed at the base.

Panel seeks to return Mountain Home base to traditional role

By Chuck Osley
Associated Press writer

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE — After 14 years of hosting many different types of aircraft with a multitask mission, a Pentagon plan would trade most of the older F-16 and F-15 fighters currently stationed at Mountain Home for about half as many newer F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft.

The government hopes to save money by making a more homogenous flight line. Aircraft maintenance officers could order spare parts by the baker's dozen, one plane each. By there would be 49 others available.

But critics argue the "efficiency model" recommended under the latest round of Base Consolidation and Realignment plan hurts training opportunities and unit cohesiveness when it's time to go to war.

"It is absolutely cheaper," said retired Col. Chester "Soapy" Walborn, who served as base commander for the 366th Wing in the mid-1970s. "It's also a hell of a lot dumber."

There is no indication on the base itself that 569 military and civilian employees may be shipped elsewhere. If the planes are reassigned to other units in Nevada, Florida and South Carolina.

The runway at Mountain Home remains a bustling hub of activity. The steady jet jets thunder overhead, forming tight flying formations and peeling off to practice touch-and-go landings.

The flight line is the heart of the base — 310 acres of solid concrete between the runway and the hangars. Blue delivery trucks whiz among the jets, dropping off and picking up people and parts.

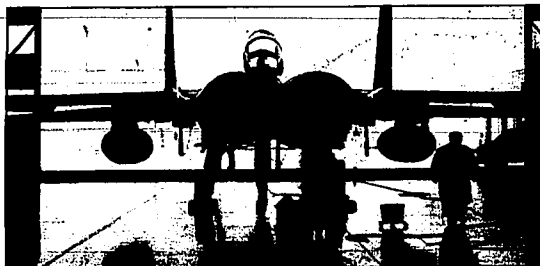
In the huge wooden hangars, several aircraft mechanics said they haven't paid attention to the new aircraft since re-alignments and closures.

"Most of them are so wrapped up in their job, they're not paying attention to the investigation of religious intolerance at the Air Force Academy."

An Air Force task force began a review last week of reports that evangelical Protestants were harassing those of other faiths, but the lawmakers said they were skeptical that the panel would do an adequate job.

Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., told The Associated Press that she had tried to introduce legislation a year ago, when dozens of female cadets said they were ignored or punished if they reported abuse.

In the letter, sent Friday to acting secretary Michael Dominguez, Capps and the other lawmakers said "the reluctance demonstrated by the academy and the Air Force to



An F-15 fighter jet rests inside one of the hangars Tuesday at the Mountain Home Air Force Base during routine maintenance.



Airman Adrian Martin steps under an F-15 fighter jet at the flight line at Mountain Home Air Force Base on Tuesday.

skies above southern Idaho. From 1972 to 1991, F-111s — and later converted EF-111s, a "specialized electronics scan aircraft" — were the only fixed-wing aircraft assigned to Mountain Home. They had a dual mission — train new pilots and navigators and to be ready to pack up and fight in a war.

The mission started changing in the late 1980s, when a new concept called "Air Expeditionary Wing" was being developed. 366th wing history Master Sgt. Yancy Malles. "It was designed to be a task

force to go anywhere in the world to quell any uprising," Malles said.

The plan called for five strategic air bases around the country to become self-contained fighting units made up of air-to-air and air-to-ground fighters, bombers and refueling tankers.

Select bases around the country started building these types of wings. In 1991, Mountain Home started flying F-16C models and the F-15E models. The following summer, a squadron of B-52 bombers arrived.

Two years later, the lumbering B-52s were replaced by newer B-1B bombers, along with several KC-135R tankers. The wing that took a decade to build lasted a decade by itself. But in 2002 — with a new presidential administration — the deconstruction began.

"It is critical that the Air Force take this matter more seriously than it initially did the cases of sexual harassment," the letter says.

The Air Force had said the task force would submit its report Monday, but spokeswoman Jennifer Stephens said Friday it would likely be several weeks before

the results are released. "Respect for the beliefs of all individuals is taken very seriously across the Air Force, including at the Air Force Academy. There is no room for disrespect of others' right to particular beliefs nor is there any room for minimizing the freedom of Airmen to exercise their religion," she said.

The task force visited the academy last week and met with staff, faculty and cadets.

What concerns me as much as the economic impact on Mountain Home is that the mission has been changed twice now in the last five years. Craig said, "Stability is critically important to the future."

Col. Bill Richey, a retired staff director at the base and currently Brigadier General at the Air Force, said the base seems to be drifting.

"The training that the aircrews went through was a tremendous benefit to the Air Force," he said. "They went out to the rest of the Air Force, where they were used to training and flying with all the kinds of missions."

But there also comes a time when the Air Force has to tighten its belt and react to new water threats, he said. "They have the data to show the BRAC will save so many millions of dollars," Richey said. "As the world changes, services have to change with it."

It came from the deep ...

Some people swear unknown creature lives in Lake Tahoe

Los Angeles Times

LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — From the deck of his charter fishing boat Big Mack II, Mickey Daniels pierces minnows baited with cat food onto hooks and plunges them 400 feet into the dark water of Lake Tahoe. It's 7:47 a.m. on a day when mist slices distant mountaintops and gray clouds swallow the sun.

Daniels, a 67-year-old former Placer County law enforcement officer with wind-chapped cheeks, knows every ripple of the lake he's fished since 1959. But aside from his reputation for landing mackinaws and 30-pound trout, he believes that something else, something larger and more ominous, dwells in Tahoe's depths.

Two decades ago, he rumbled his 43-foot boat a half-mile offshore and pointed toward the casino in Nevada on the lake's south side.

"What's that?" a passenger suddenly yelled.

"It's not a walk from the boat," Daniels said, starting. The two peered into the water and watched a wave split into a huge V as if an enormous head were clearing a path for an enormous tail. And then ... nothing.

These days when Daniels paddles his rowboat out to Big Mack II and waves blue sky and sun into Monet-like smudges, he sometimes peers into the dark water, searching for what he saw on that morning long ago. It makes him nervous.

At 1,645 feet deep, Lake Tahoe ranks as the world's 10th deepest lake. Twenty-two miles long and 12 miles wide, it harbors many legends. But perhaps most persistent is the myth of a humped-backed, scaly serpentine local "lake monster."

"I keep looking," Daniels says. "In case there is something, I want to see it."

At least some evidence that such creatures exist, our forests and waterways still teem with man-made monsters, and Tessie is just that kind of beast — a quick spin off into popular culture, provide good copy for the Weekly World News and compel perfectly reasonable men, like Daniels, to believe she's out there, lurking.

As early mapmakers struggled to decipher the shape of the world, they scribbled notes where they ran out of information: Beyond here lie monsters. Children use this reasoning when they accept the invisible, sometimes in the guise of flying saucers or molar-shaped fairies. Believing in something untrue or unproven does not mean the belief is false.

To children, shadows are the edge of the world, and there may be monsters beyond.

"Nature is neither as kind as we think it is, nor as cruel as we think it is," says Steven Curley, who teaches literature at Texas A&M University at Galveston. "We like to believe we have named nature, but can't deny chronic reminders that nature is red in tooth and claw."

In a lake renowned for its clarity, the water seems to emerge from the muck of uncertainty. Her story likely begins several thousand years ago when Washoe Indians first camped on the shore. Shumans believed water babies swam in the glassy green water under sacred Cave Rock. To speak of small, powerful creatures was considered taboo; a water baby could blind a man or kill him.

The fear was enough to keep the tribe silent. These were, after all, the deepest times. A prehistoric bird, Ong, nested at the center of the lake, and tribe members warned children against wandering from camp to the winged creature's kiosk.

George M. Eberhart's 723-page dictionary of the unexplained, "Mysterious Creatures: A Guide to Cryptozoology," lists at least three major sightings of the freshwater monster in the 1980s. One in 1980 at San Francisco Crater Lake that she spotted something "as big as a rowboat — with little whips coming from where its mouth would be. It surfaced the way a whale does, just kind of



Lake Tahoe, the 10th deepest lake in the world, is 22 miles long and 12 miles wide. Rumor has it that somewhere in Lake Tahoe's belly lurks a scaly creature named Tessie. Even though there's no proof that such a monster exists, such myths bridge the gap between what we know and what we don't.

pushing up through the water. It seemed very lethargic." Mike Conway says he saw Tessie too. Conway, who once owned a local TV station and now sells DVDs such as "The Great Brothers of Nevada," stubs his icy driveway with a shovel, a little man with a shrub of gray curls and heavy eyelids.

"Tessie," appeared in the mid-'90s during a commercial shoot at Zephyr Cove on the Nevada side of the lake. Conway, now 58, was the location manager, and his crew was filming actors on a romantic stroll. A half-dozen kids lazed on a boat dock, and an 18-foot skiff boat suddenly rocked from a wake. That's when he saw a brown, humped beast. The kids screamed: "It's Tessie!"

"I believe I yelled 'cut and told this to the camera around," Conway says. "So it was filmed?"

"I heard they destroyed the footage."

"Who's they?"

"You know them."

When news got out, Conway returned home to get messages on his answering machine that taunted: "Hey, Mike, you better drive over to Echo Summit. There's a piratological lying here."

Charles E. Goldman, a leading expert on Lake Tahoe, scheduled a panel on the health of the lake at the University of Nevada, Reno in 1984. Conway says he encountered Tessie. Rain pounded the student union's windows that night, but didn't deter hundreds from packing the auditorium. Perhaps it was the filer that read: "Special added attraction: Unidentified Swimming Object."

Is There a Tahoe Monster? More interested in Lake Tahoe's clarity than its underwater mysteries, Goldman crafted the term USO because he can't investigate lakes without bumping into one. (An e-mail from 2005 is tucked in his wall that describes how a Nessie investigator failed to find a single Nessie drooping, which the sender presumes is like elephant dung.)

Goldman, 74, has taken a submarine into a narrow canyon 1,000 feet down into Tahoe and hunted for Nessie eggs in Scotland. He flips open his laptop in a cramped University of California, Davis office lined with faded, gold binders that chronicle a half-century of lake data and peers over his glasses.

Goldman debunks the sightings, click by click. "Is that a Nessie egg? A floating baseball. Tessie eyes? Reflected sun. Tessie trit? A paddling Beaver."

Goldman says, he says, human eyes see spots of black. Then the mind fills in the blanks. The same thing happens with sudden shifts. "You see some mistake, you're usually wrong."

Goldman has a hunch as to Tessie's pedigree: He thinks it's a type of fish that records show has grown as big as 1,500 pounds and that crept into Tahoe during trout and mackinaw plantings — an explanation often repeated in shoreline cafes and bars. In a book printed in 1612 that Goldman owns, a man cataloged all the sea creatures that he knew to exist. One gassy sucker — is named, — in Latin, "Apcensur." That monster is the same fish Goldman thinks wriggles below Tahoe: the rather common surgeon.



Blue-collar and the dollar

Understaffed construction trades net some workers six figures

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Hours before dawn one Saturday, crane operator Mike Haley started his workday at an area McDonald's, where he met his fellow construction workers for breakfast. By sunrise, Haley had climbed aboard the cab of his mobile crane parked on an Arlington street alongside a construction site.

Haley and his band of construction workers faced a deadline, so they worked in the rain until late that afternoon. The crew had to remove construction equipment perched atop a 180-foot-tall building by Monday morning, when the lane they had closed to traffic had to be reopened.

As the raincoat-clad rodmen deftly dismantled construction equipment into smaller pieces, Haley watched for their signals and noted the wind gusts of up to 20 miles an hour before moving the crane's control levers to pick up and lower the heavy loads of equipment.

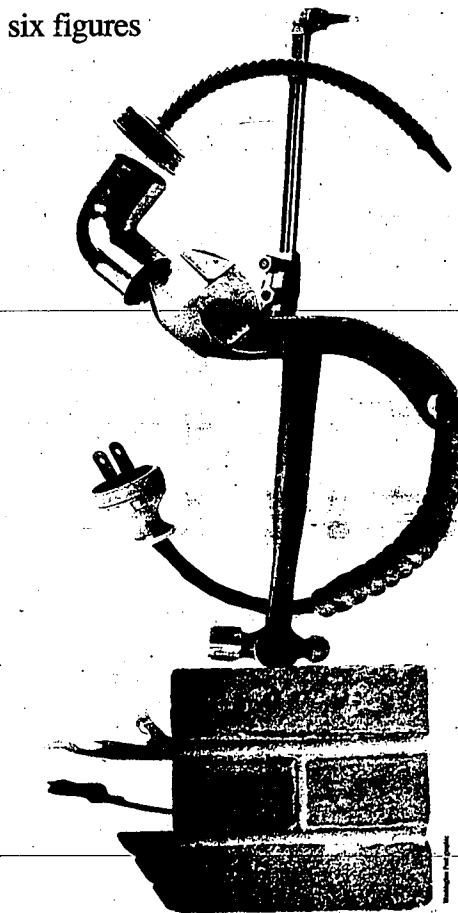
"You've got to pay attention all the time so as not to pinch someone," said Haley, as he listened to his radio for directions from his fellow crane operator. "With the wind factor, it's high-stress work."

Like his father and grandfather before him, Haley, 55, chose this stressful job instead of attending college. Shortly after graduating from high school, where he had studied woodworking among other classes, he enrolled in the four-year apprenticeship program offered by the Operating Engineers Local 77. Back then, union membership was a rite of passage, and Haley's sons were into jobs in their trades — jobs that paid well.

Today, although fewer parents persuade their kids to grow up to be crane operators, those workers who do find seats in the crane cabs continue to earn healthy paychecks. Haley makes up to \$100,000 a year, a salary that helped him raise three children.

"It's a good business to get into," said Haley, who has worked for Manassas, Va.-based Williams Industries Inc. for the past 15 years. But, the Staffers' Union, Va. resident added, "it's hard to find guys."

That's a lament similar to those expressed by employers in the automotive, residential construction and home repair industries. Employers are struggling to recruit workers, and some are stuffing their expansion. "We could grow and do more business if we could get more installers," said Steve Joss, owner of the Vertical Connection in Columbia, where skilled carpet installers earn more than \$50,000 a year. Skilled laborers find themselves in demand and often enticed by higher hourly wages and even signing bonuses — at least now, while the wallets of those with average looks are open. Times have been good for the



hands-on trades since the mid-1990s, said Frank E. Williams III, chief executive of the construction firm Williams Industries. And the U.S. Department of Labor estimates that between 2002 and 2012, the construction industry will create nearly 1 million new jobs. "It's like a feeding frenzy out there to get good people," said Angie Lynd, vice president of communications and marketing for the Virginia chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. "A skilled tradesman is worth his weight in gold."

It may come as news to the new crop of college graduates,

who report having trouble finding jobs worthy of their English and political science degrees, that jobs that pay well are waiting to be scooped up by those with perhaps less book learning but a lot more practical skill. While the skilled trades may not have the upside potential of careers as doctors, lawyers or other professionals, they return serious money to those who pursue them.

And the era in which the trades were white-dominated seems over. Hispanic immigrants have marched smartly onto construction sites and now constitute almost 21 percent of the construction

industry work force. They have made such numeric strides in part by networking, bringing along friends and family members. They clearly outnumber African-Americans, who represented only 6.6 percent of those in construction jobs in 2002 and women, who represented only 2.4 percent, according to a study by Michael Carliner, an economist with the National Association of Home Builders. The trades "tended to be white men handing down jobs to the white sons," said Charlie Thornton, who found a brick-laying job through his father, a white member of a New York City-based bricklaying union.

Don't be afraid to ask for more. In "Women Don't Ask: Negotiation and the Gender Divide," economist Linda Babcock finds that men who negotiate their first salaries earn about 7.4 percent more than initially offered, an average sum of \$4,000. Consider that if you change jobs, your next salary will be based in part on your current one. Over the years, not negotiating can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars lost. Talk up your worth. If you've

Facts on blue-collar trades

- Heating and air-conditioning workers earn as much as \$35 an hour.
- Some companies are paying signing bonuses to attract skilled plumbers.
- Between 2002 and 2012, there should be 1 million new jobs in the skilled construction trades.
- Between 1982 and 1998, the percentage of high school graduates with vocational training dropped from more than 33 percent to 25 percent.

But as these union tradesmen earned more money, their children went on to college instead of taking up the trade.

"They stopped coming," Thornton said. In fact, crane operator Haley tried to pass his profession on to his son, but "it wasn't for him," said Haley, who instead recruited a construction excavator and laborer to be his apprentice, boosting the man's salary by \$6 an hour, to \$20 an hour.

For his part, Thornton decided to tackle the labor shortage in 1994 by founding the Architecture, Construction Management and Engineering, or ACE, Mentor Program of America, to reach out to minority boys and girls living in inner cities.

The program is now in place in 64 cities. By June, organizers expect to raise \$2 million to pay for scholarships so inner-city youngsters can attend technical schools.

While such programs target all minorities, Hispanics have made large gains in the construction industry on their own. That's in part because immigrant Hispanics often know a little about home building by the time they arrive in the United States.

"In Mexico, and maybe the rest of Latin America, it's typical for people to build for their own houses," Carliner said. Hispanics represent 20.6 percent of tradesmen in the industry, according to Carliner's report.

Plumbing is a trade that's in such high demand across the country that companies are giving plumbers signing bonuses, said Joe Kepler, president of Construction Management Advisory Group, a consulting company. "The situation is desperate," said Kepler, who is also a builder.

The shortage of workers has caught the attention of the Department of Labor. Last year, the department pledged to invest \$19 million to help the construction industry hire and train people. Do you know the Skills to Build America's Future Initiative?

"The skilled trades, including construction, have a great potential to see job growth with above-average pay, and the department promotes innovation, training in these industries as part of our High Growth Job Training Initiative," Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao said.

CSI center offers free workshop

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

The workshop aims to help participants sort through their options for training and careers, and weigh the factors of expected pay, required investment in training and job availability. Participants will research areas of interest for an occupation and compare occupational choices.

The informal free workshop is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday. The session is open for individualized study. Time spent in the session depends on the amount of information each participant needs. To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-661-0274, ext. 6680. The registration deadline is Wednesday.

Polish your speech to excel during job interviews

NEW YORK — Some college seniors may be getting their first round of job interviews. While you've probably heard a lot about preparing for an interview in terms of dress and paperwork, it's equally important to polish the way you speak, MarketWatch advises.

Students have distinct speech patterns and slang that can keep them from setting past the interview stage, said Patricia Fripp, a speech coach based in San Francisco. She cites "all those — such as you know or like" — irregular nouns.

To go from college-speak to professional-speak, Fripp says, "Be specific. Students overuse generic words such as 'stuff,' 'things' and 'a lot.' Instead, give details and numbers. 'Specificity builds credibility,' Fripp said. "Take your time. Don't be afraid of silence," she advised. "Pause and think of what you're going to say. It will make your answer flow better."

Speak in sentences. Don't ramble. Remember that you're one of many candidates — short, concise statements will be recalled and repeated when it comes time to single out memorable candidates. Consider the company image. Job seekers already do this when they choose what to wear for an interview, said Fripp. But you should also consider how you sound. Do you know the correct lingo for the field? You should sound professional and knowledgeable.

Make a commitment to change. If you're unsure what your specific speech problems are (generic words, nervousness, etc.), tape record yourself talking. "Ask for help to change your behavior," Fripp recommended. "Request that friends and family correct you if they hear you use such word ticks."

Pattern resumes on leaders in your field

NEW YORK — If you're writing a resume, there are tons of good resources available. In fact, having so many can be downright confusing. A new career survey you ask for advice may tell you something completely different. There are some tips to help you prepare a winning resume, etc. Talk to professionals in your field. Look for successful people in your field. You can't find human resources managers in that area. They'll be able to tell you what employers want to see. Limit notices from those closest to you. Sure, your family and friends may be more than willing to look over your resume, but that doesn't mean they know what's correct or what will be most appealing to an employer.

Search for resumes in your field. Teachers, tech workers, journalists and stock brokers' resumes will vary widely — what's included and in what order, how many pages, references included or not and so on. Look for a "best resume" in your career field. You might check out "2500 Keywords to Get You Hired," by Jay A. Block and Michael Beetz. It offers keywords to bolster your resume, no matter what field you'd like to enter.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Negotiate for salary based on talent — not looks

By Marshall Leeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Good-looking people may get paid more than plain Jane. As the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, after an analysis of surveys and research on the subject, And the bank is not talking about movie stars' salaries. Employees who are taller, slender and attractive tend to earn more and are promoted more often than those who employ-

ees perceived as plain or unattractive. In this case, beauty is in the eye of the beholder — attractiveness is subjective, based entirely on the employer's perspective. People with above-average looks made about 5 percent more than those with average looks. Men and women considered to have below-average looks, however, really get hit — they earned about 9 percent less than people with average looks. Forget being pretty! No matter

how you look, it's vital that you negotiate your salary when starting a new job. Make sure you're getting paid what you're worth. Here's how: Negotiate the package, not just a component. Focusing too much on the base salary can make you miss out on what else the company is offering — or what it isn't. Consider benefits, vacation time, matching contributions to your 401(k). Also take into account other things you might want, such as flexible hours or child care.

Don't be afraid to ask for more. In "Women Don't Ask: Negotiation and the Gender Divide," economist Linda Babcock finds that men who negotiate their first salaries earn about 7.4 percent more than initially offered, an average sum of \$4,000. Consider that if you change jobs, your next salary will be based in part on your current one. Over the years, not negotiating can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars lost. Talk up your worth. If you've

made it to the negotiation stage, your prospective employer considers you qualified to fill the position. Remind the employer what you can bring to the company. You might cite average salaries for similar positions. To find out what salary you should be asking for, visit www.salary.com. The site uses figures from human resources departments to provide average salaries, bonuses and benefits. You can search by job field, position, experience level and geographic location.



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- Listen carefully during the interview. Remain focused and be able to respond to question quickly, even if you are not sure of the answer instantly, you will at least be able to reiterate the part of question you did not understand.
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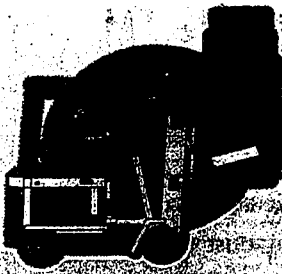
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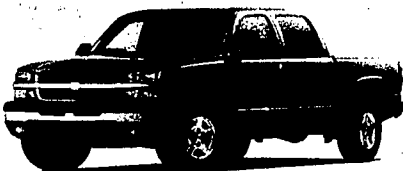


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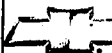
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Section E

Braving season two of your child's life

Like farming, gathering maple syrup, and the migrations of fish and birds, the raising of children is marked by seasons. Season One, the season of service, begins at birth and lasts for two years during which parents orbit around the child in a near-constant ministry of "doing." In all cultures and in all times, the mother is the primary servant during Season One. The child, therefore, has every right to come to the conclusion that the way things are now is the way things will be forever — that his mother is there to do things for him, and that he has power over her. And come to that conclusion he does.



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Knowing that she was creating a monster — the old-fashioned mother, between her child's second and third birthdays, corrected his impropriety as she was and the impulse she played in his life. She did so by taking him out of the center of her attention and putting herself at the center of his, by making him do for himself what she had previously done for him, and by making it clear that her relationship with his father trumped her relationship with him. (Make no mistake, it is the child's misconception of his mother that is at issue, so the mother must initiate this critical transition and see it through.)

By the time he was 3 years old, he saw her with new eyes once a servant, now a woman with an authority figure. He knew she loved him, but he also knew that her word was law. Thus began Season Two, the season of leadership and authority, during which the parents' job is to govern the child such that he gradually develops the self-reliance necessary to govern himself responsibly during Season Three, the season of mentoring, which commences at age 13.

It is no coincidence that early adolescent rites of passage of traditional cultures — the Jewish bar or bat mitzvah, the classic example — occur when a child is thirteen. These rituals mark and celebrate a major transition in the parent-child relationship. The child has completed the curriculum of Season Two and is, therefore, self-governing. He no longer needs mentors to help him prepare for emancipation, which inaugurates Season Four, the season of friendship.

These days, the raising of children is rarely occurring in accord with its natural seasons and it has not been since the 1950s. The ubiquitous symptoms, in reverse order: burgeoning children and the emancipation, dienergetic, self-destructive, depressed, irresponsible teenagers; and toddler characteristics (short attention span, impulsivity, low tolerance for frustration, inability to delay gratification, tantrums, defiance, and so on — i.e., AD/HD) still exhibited, and often, well beyond chronological toddlerhood.

The breakdown is occurring between the second and third birthdays, when it is critical that the mother effect and complete the transition between Season One and Season Two, from servantship to leadership. This transition took place rather reliably up until some 50 years ago; it takes place rarely today, because the American mother no longer receives the permission, much less the support, from our culture that she needs to bring about this critical change in her child's perception of her. The new standard has it that a good mother is one who serves her child the best and the best, not for two years but in perpetuity.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at his Web site: <http://www.jrosem.com/>

TOO YOUNG TO WORK?



After finishing her work cleaning up manure around the horse pen and trailer, Amanda Bird nuzzles up with two of the horses at the home of horse trainer Sherry Baker. Bird started working for Baker last year at age 13. She is paid partly in wages, and partly in riding lessons.

For younger teens there are lots of ways to earn money this summer

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

BUHL — Last summer, Amanda Bird decided that making her own money could be a neat way to spend some time while school was not in session.

So at 13, she took the initiative to make that happen.

She applied for a job with horse trainer Sherry Baker, and Baker was only too happy to oblige.

Baker hired Amanda in July because she needed help to help with small tasks that included some light horse-grooming.

"But there were a lot of stipulations" that came with the territory, said Baker. For safety purposes, following the ground rules was a must, she adds.

But according to Amanda, it was worth the effort.

"I pay her \$3.50 an hour — or she gets free horseback-riding lessons," Baker said.

In an era where seemingly every kid 16 or older has a job, it takes a little more initiative for younger teens.

Unless they're working for their parents, federal labor law restricts employment of younger kids in non-agricultural occupations, even during summer vacation. Kids younger than 14 are legally limited to a very narrow range of jobs such as delivering newspapers and babysitting.

Between June 1 and Labor Day, 14- and 15-year-olds can work a maximum of eight hours a day — and those eight hours must fall between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. — for a maximum of 40 hours a week.

Types of work are also restrictive for the 14- and 15-year-old work.

Youth of any age are generally permitted to work for businesses entirely owned by their parents, except those under 16 may not be employed in mining or manufacturing and no one under 18 may be employed in any occupation the federal Secretary of Labor has declared to be hazardous.

Age 18
Once a youth reaches 18 years of age, he or she is no longer subject to the federal youth employment provisions.

Age 16-17
Sixteen- and 17-year-olds may be employed for unlimited hours in any occupation other than those declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Examples of equipment declared hazardous in food service establishments include power-driven meat processing machines, meat slicers, meat saws, party forming machines, meat grinders, and meat choppers), commercial mixers and certain power-driven bakery machines. Employees under 18 years of age are not permitted to operate, feed, set-up, adjust, repair, or clean any of these machines.

Generally, no employee under 18 years of age may drive on the job or serve as an outside helper on a motor vehicle on a public road, but 17-year-olds who meet certain specific requirements may drive automobiles and trucks that do not exceed 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight for unlimited amounts of time as part of their job. Such minors are, however, prohibited from making time-sensitive deliveries (such as pizza deliveries or other trips where time is of essence) and from driving at night.

Minors under 18 years of age may not operate or unload scrap-paper bellers or paper box compactors. Sixteen- and 17-year-olds may load such machines under certain specific circumstances.

Age 14-15
Fourteen- and 15-year-olds may be employed in restaurants and quick-service establishments outside school hours in a variety of jobs for limited periods of time and under specified conditions. Fourteen- and 15-year-olds must work outside school hours; no more than three hours on a school day, including Fridays; no more than eight hours on a non-school day; no more than 18 hours during a week when school is in session; no more than 40 hours during a week when school is not in session; between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. — except between 7 a.m. and 1 Labor day when the evening hour is extended to 9 p.m.



President Bush's effort to amend Social Security could mean different futures for Junior K. Paugh, right; his son Dan, center, and granddaughter Jessica.

Teens at work: The rules

Evening hours is extended to 9 p.m.

Fourteen- and 15-year-olds may work in restaurants and quick-service food establishments, but only in certain jobs.

They may perform cashiering, table service and "bussing," and cleanup work, including the use of vacuum cleaners and floor waxes.

They may perform kitchen work and other work involved in preparing food and beverages, including the operation of devices used in such work, such as dishwashers, toasters, milk-shake blenders, warming lamps, and coffee grinders.

They may perform limited cooking duties involving electric or gas grills that do not entail cooking over an open flame. They may also cook with deep-fat fryers that are equipped with and utilize devices that automatically raise and lower the "baskets" into and out of the hot grease of oil. They may not operate NESCO broilers, rotisseries, pressure cookers or fryolators.

They may not perform any baking activities.

They may dispense food from cafeteria lines and steam tables and heat food in microwave ovens that do not have the capacity to heat food over 140 degrees. They may not operate, clean, set

up, adjust, repair or oil power-driven machines including food slicers, processors, or mixers. They may clean kitchen surfaces and non-power-driven equipment, and filter, transport and dispose of cooking oil, but only when the temperature of the surface and oils do not exceed 100 degrees. They may not operate power-driven lawn mowers or cutters, work in freezers or meat coolers, or load or unload goods to or from trucks or conveyors.

Under 14
Children under 14 years of age may not be employed in non-agricultural occupations covered by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, including food service establishments. Permissible employment for such children is limited to work that is exempt from the FLSA (such as delivering newspapers). Children may also perform work not covered by the FLSA such as completing minor chores around private homes or casual babysitting.

If you have questions about whether a job is legal for a minor to perform, call the Wage and Hours Section of Commerce and Labor at (202) 735-2500, Ext. 3128.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

communications and utilities, except in office settings performing clerical duties.

Restrictions specific to youth include manufacturing of anything, processing anything,

using power-driven machinery or hoists, running food grinders or slicers, loading or unloading trucks or trains, window-washing.

Please see JOBS, Page E6

Newer generation puts less faith in retirement security

The Washington Post

MIDDLE RIVER, Md. — It's a dear morning, you can count on seeing 80-year-old Junior K. Paugh strolling the streets that tell his life story: Propeller Drive, Fuselage Avenue, Cockpit Street, Compass Road. He's been here more than 60 years, ever since aviation pioneer Glenn L. Martin put him to work making seaplanes and bombers at the defense plant down the road. Franklin D. Roosevelt was president and Martin himself walked the factory floor, urging on workers as the nation went to war.

Out of that perilous time came Paugh's now predictable world. He never is short of money thanks to Social Security and his company pension. Please see RETIREMENT, Page E3

Wedding reception at your folks' house?

Think you'll save money by having a wedding reception or rehearsal dinner at your parents' place? It takes more than tiki torches and tree decorations. Beware of hidden fees for extras that would be included in a rental facility.

Even if you do not plan to hire a wedding coordinator, at least hire someone for the wedding day to take care of setup, cleanup and unexpected surprises:

- Stock plenty of trash bags and put someone in charge of emptying the trash regularly.
- Set aside an accessible — for caterers.
- Block off areas where you don't want guests by putting decorations on barriers.
- Avoid long bathroom waits by setting up a powder room for

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women to reappily makeup. Choose a location close to the bathroom in front of a mirror. Add candles and some basic amenities.

- Always have a backup plan. Reserve a tent or an indoor venue in case it rains.
- Parking will be an issue. Tell neighbors about the party location in front of a mirror. Don't accommodate 100 cars, so reserve an off-site parking location and shuttle guests to the party.
- Check noise restrictions in your neighborhood. You don't want people to associate your wedding with a visit from the police.

Source: Kansas City Star

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marzantonia — 735-3288

History comes alive at ISDB with stories, activities

GOODING — In recognition of National Library Week, the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind library presented an Idaho History Celebration.

The celebration opened with Risa Marshall and her visually-impaired students singing "Here We Have Idaho," which was interpreted by Rose Trimmer, reported ISDB librarian Shirley Cobble, who organized the event.

Staff members shared stories dealing with Idaho history. Emma Lozada, dressed as an Indian maiden, signed, "And Still the Turtle Watched." Roddy Cabbage was dressed as a hunter/trapper with a raccoon skinned cap as he signed a multitude of short stories showing how life was different in the 1880s than now.

He also brought deer and elk hides, rabbit skin, cast iron pot, a kerosene lantern and a scrub board to go with his stories also. He demonstrated how pioneers trimmed bark off trees to build log houses and let children try their hand, too.

Cobble also recommended several books from ISDB's extensive collection of Idaho history and American history exploration books, Cobble reported.

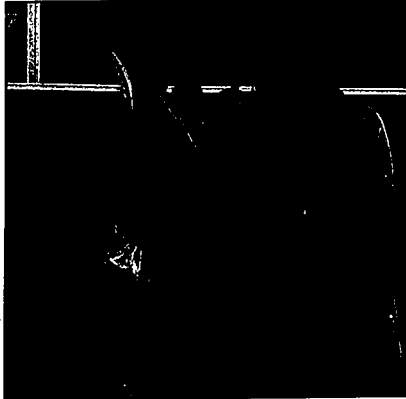


Kindergartner Angel Diaz gets a frat hand feel for how the pioneers prepared food.

Special guest Tami Becker Anderson, a member of the Kallispel Indian Tribe, shared stories about the history of her family and the Kallispel Indians of Montana, Washington and Idaho. She brought authentic Indian clothing and artifacts belonging to her mother, Louise Becker of Gooding, and a photo of her great-great-grandfather, Baptiste Bigsmoke, who was the last chief of the Kallispel Tribe.

Another special guest, Arden Schmitz, dressed as an old pioneer farmer, sat in a rocking chair and played "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" on a tin flute. He also demonstrated different ways to plant corn and how to grind corn into cornmeal. Also brought a variety of antique farm tools and let the children take turns using them.

Samples of Indian foods such as pine nuts, smoked salmon,



Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind staff member Gretchen Spooner dressed in authentic buckskins as she told and signed about various adventures of Lewis and Clark at the ISDB library Idaho History Celebration.

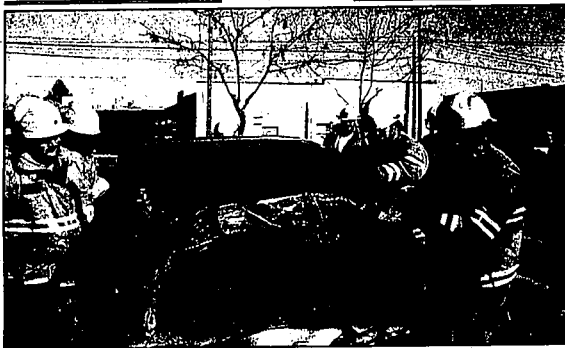
turkey jerky and various fruit leather were served.

Idaho history books, as well as Native-American history pamphlets were given to the

staff and children. Several staff members and students also dressed as trappers, Indians, cowboys, pioneers and explorers.

The elementary students made Indian headbands and vests and displayed colored tapes in the library and a special lunch was served.

TRAINING



Sixteen firefighters with the Burley Fire Department, which includes volunteer and paid firefighters, have completed 20 hours of training in vehicle extrication. Different extrication techniques were used in several different scenarios, ranging from head-on collisions, side impact to vehicle rollovers.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Abigail Marie Armstrong, daughter of Tonya Marie Selig of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

Jashlyne Guevara-Davalos, daughter of Deybit Helayne Davalos of Twin Falls, was born Friday, May 6, 2005.

Stelvae Paige Thomas, daughter of Tracy Lynn Thomas of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 9, 2005.

Taylor Lee Steen, daughter of Sandra Louise Selzinger of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

Kuan Jesus Cruz, son of Maria Luisa Mejia and Juan C. Cruz of Wendell, was born Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

Jada Amarish Torero, daughter of Mary D. and Adam R. Torero of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

Zachary Mark Wiseman, son of Janice Lee and Mark Wayne Wiseman of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Nicholas Ray Banyal, son of Megan Ann Banyal of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

Jami White
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

May 11, 2005.

Kaylee Yvonne Deville, daughter of Mary Deann and Trevor Lewis Deville of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Nicholas Ray Banyal, son of Megan Ann of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Juan Praxedez Inguez-Solorzano, son of Monica and Juan Ricardo Inguez of Wendell, was born Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Brady Jonathan Miller, son of Carey and Jonathan Brady Miller of Twin Falls, was born

Thursday, May 12, 2005.

Sky Elizabeth Brune, daughter of Whisper Dawn and Jordan Andrew Brune of Clayton, was born Friday, May 13, 2005.

Karlie Deanne Chapman, daughter of Kelly Deanne and Tim Allen Chapman of Shoshone, was born Sunday, May 15, 2005.

St. Benedict's Medical Center

Angelica Gomez, daughter of Evelina Torres and Rolando Gomez of Shoshone, was born Sunday, May 8, 2005.

Allyson Jerni Boyd, daughter of Justin and Sarah Boyd of Jerome, was born Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

Aaliyah Orzoco Aguilar, daughter of Saul and Viviana Orzoco of Wendell, was born Thursday, May 12, 2005.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Gabriel Fischer Nielsen, son of Kerry and Eric Nielsen of Bellevue, was born Thursday, May 5, 2005.

Alan Hernandez, son of

BRINGING BOOKS AND MAGAZINES



Valene Couch, a volunteer for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, brings books and magazines to patients and visitors to read during their stay. To donate any recent magazines or novels, bring them to the front information desk at the hospital in Twin Falls. Large print magazines and Hispanic magazines are also in need. To become a volunteer at the hospital, call Loraine Devey, director of Volunteer Services, at 737-2006.

T.F. seaman graduates from recruit training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Benjamin J. Rogers, son of Crystal J. Roberts of Touladale, Ore., and William J. Rogers of Twin Falls, was promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Rogers received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Training included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Rogers is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Fairfield resident deploys on board aircraft carrier

Navy Airman Dustin M.

Tatum, son of Fred and Steve Van derstrand, is in the middle of a routine scheduled deployment, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Bremerton, Wash.

Tatum and more than 7,600 of his shipmates of the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group, deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of the war in Iraq.

Tatum is a 2002 graduate of Carnus County High School, Fairfield and joined the Navy in May 2003.

Seaman completes training in Illinois

Navy Seaman Recruit Owen P. Kroeger, son of Janice and Carl Kroeger of Wendell, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Kroeger completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and

practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Kroeger is a 2004 graduate of Wendell High School of Wendell.

Seaman returns from routine deployment

Navy Seaman Jose L. Cortes, son of Maria De Jesus Gonzalez Cortes and Salvador C. Sells of Elko, Nev., has returned from a routine scheduled deployment, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Cortes and more than 7,600 of his fellow shipmates of the Truman Carrier Strike Group, deployed in support of the war in Iraq.

Cortes is a 2002 graduate of Elko High School of Elko, Nev., and joined the Navy in January 2003.

SERVICE NEWS

T.F. Creative Arts Center offers classes

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center will offer classes for children in preschool through sixth grade during June.

Drawing classes will teach students to draw animals, fantasy creatures, insects, objects, hands, sports figures, faces, 3-D landscapes and still life.

Painting classes will teach students how to mix colors, paint animals, fantasy creatures, still life and landscape.

Preschool art classes include drawing, painting, sculpture

and collage. Classes are \$25 each and all supplies are furnished.

To receive a brochure, call the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center at 737-9111.

College for Kids classes offered through CSI

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is taking registration for College for Kids classes running throughout the summer.

"Art Camp" is for artists going into grades third through fifth who wish to learn how to paint like famous artists such as

Monet, Van Gogh and Picasso. Students will make collages and do elaborate face painting. All art supplies are included. The class will meet from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 6 to 10, in the Art Building, Room 112. The cost is \$70.

"Creative Movement/Beginning Ballet," for students going into kindergarten through second grades, will teach beginning ballet skills with fun activities. Students will learn a dance routine and hold a mini-recital at the end of the two weeks. The class will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 6 to 16,

at The Dance Center, 434 Main Ave. S. The cost is \$50.

"Frenz'Hip Hop," for students going into third through sixth grades, will learn basic jazz steps mixed with the upbeat hip-hop style. The class takes place from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 6 to 16, at The Dance Center. The cost is \$50.

"Sprouts for Kids" will introduce kindergarten through third grade students to the basics of plants and students will receive hands-on instruction in planting, soil mixing, watering and transplanting. The class will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, June 6 to 10, in the green house on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. The cost is \$30, plus \$5 for other gardening supplies.

"Green Thumbs & Kids," for fourth through sixth graders, students will take a close look at plant parts under a microscope; learn how to take parts of plants and create whole new plants; study how light, water, air, soil and fertilizer; and build their own terrarium. The class will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 7 to 23, in the green house on the CSI Campus. The cost is \$45 plus \$10 for terrarium materials.

For more information, to register or to obtain a listing of all College for Kids classes, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Nursery offers workshop on color bows

TWIN FALLS — A workshop on "Annual Color Bows" will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E.

The cost is \$10 and participants will be able to create and keep their own color bow. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to pre-register, call 733-2717.

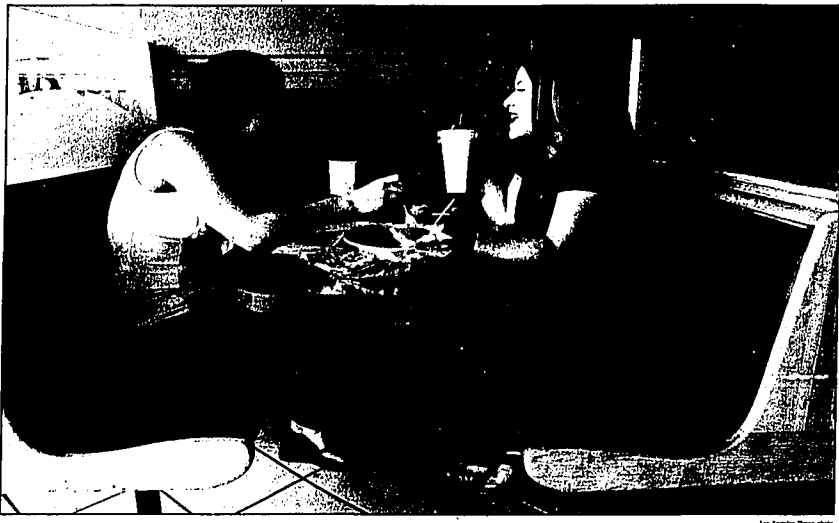
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Los Angeles Times photo

Susie Gonzalez, left, says being with best friend Liz Melendez perks her up. 'I feel stronger — more alive — when I talk to her.'

Women tend to exhibit an innate need for friendship

Los Angeles Times

Women are keepers of each other's secrets, boosters of one another's wavering confidence, co-conspirators in life's adventures. Through laughter, tears and an inexhaustible river of talk they keep each other well, and make each other better.

Across species and throughout human cultures, females have banded together for protection and mutual support. They have groomed each other, tended each other's young, nursed each other in illness and engaged in the kind of aimless sociability that has generally mystified male anthropologists.

But the power of girlfriends is beginning to yield its secrets to science. For women, friendship not only rules, it protects. It buffers the hardships of life's transitions, it lowers blood pressure, boosts immunity and promotes healing. It may help explain one of medical science's most enduring mysteries: why women, on average, have lower rates of heart disease and longer life expectancies than men.

"Women are much more social in the way they cope with stress," says Shelley E. Taylor, author of "The Tending Instinct" and a social neuroscientist at the University of California, Los Angeles. "Men are more likely to deal with stress with a 'fight or flight' reaction — with aggression or withdrawal. But aggression and withdrawal take a physiological toll, and friendship brings comfort that mitigates the ill effects of stress. Taylor says, "That difference alone, she adds, "contributes to the gender difference in longevity."

Women's reliance on their female friends — and the benefits they believe they get from those friendships — crosses the lines of ethnicity, income and age.

"There's a sense of well-being with Liz. I just feel stronger — more alive — when I talk to her," Brea, Calif., resident Susie Gonzalez, 27, says of her best friend Liz Melendez.

To be sure, friendships — the feeling of being connected to a supportive network — profoundly affect the health of both genders, according to researchers. Men and women who report loneliness are sicker, get sick more often and weather transitions with greater physical wear and tear than those who say they have a support network of friends or family. "Loneliness is simply one of the principal causes of premature death in this country," says Dr. James J. Lynch, a Maryland-based author and psychologist who works with cardiac rehabilitation patients.

Men rely heavily on their marriages — on their wives, specifically — to ward off the corrosive health effects of loneliness. Married men are markedly healthier and live longer than bachelors or widowers.

Married women, by contrast, are only slightly better off than unmarried women or widows when it comes to health and social support. Researchers attribute the difference to women's greater reliance on friendships outside of marriage. These friendships make women's support networks broader, deeper and more resilient than the webs of support that men have.

"When a romantic relationship ends, a woman still has other sources of intimacy — her friends — and that provides her with another source of support," says Beverly Feher of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, author of a scholarly study of friendship titled "Friendship Processes." When a man loses his primary female partner, says

Ohio State University psychologist Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, "he's in trouble."

Increasingly, researchers think that the hormone oxytocin is, for women especially, the elixir of friendship — and, by extension, of health.

Present in men and women, oxytocin levels spike in females following childbirth and when nursing. But oxytocin levels also increase at times of isolation and stress. And when the hormone interacts with estrogen, studies have shown, it impels females to seek the company of others. "We call it a social thermostat" that keeps track of how well (females') social supports are going," Taylor says. When the thermostat reads too low, females tend to reach out to others. When they reach out to others, oxytocin levels rise again and with that prolonged exposure comes a distinctive "calming, warm" effect, says Taylor. "We don't see the same mechanisms in men," she adds.

Stacy Anderson, a 38-year-old Culver City, Calif., mother of two young children, recognizes oxytocin's effects. That, she says, must be the chemical that delivers that "wash of love" she feels when she sits down to breast-feed her baby. When she and her friend and fellow mother Terese Jangle leave the kids with husbands and take themselves out for an evening, there's a special warmth as well, she says.

"The women talk about poetry and architecture and jewelry, and mimic the British-accented commentary of television narrators while they people-watch," she says. "We laugh a lot," says Anderson. "It's almost romantic."

By nudging women to build networks of support, oxytocin has a powerful indirect effect on their health. At least 22 studies have shown that having social support decreases the heart-rac-

ing, blood-pressure-boosting responses that humans and other social animals have to stress and the hormones it sends surging.

When oxytocin levels are high — even as a result of injection — reactions to stress are dampened. As a result, stress is less likely to do the kind of physiological damage that can lead to chronic diseases such as heart disease and metabolic disorders. When oxytocin levels are elevated, humans and other social animals also have been shown to heal faster and better from wounds.

Researchers at Ohio State University and Carnegie Mellon University have shown that people who report strong social supports have more robust immune systems and are less likely to succumb to infectious disease. Kiecolt-Glaser, who studies friendship and health, calls social support "the most reliable" psychological indicator of immune response that has been found.

There is even evidence that the broader network of friends and support that women tend to have may protect from the effects of dementia. A large survey of Swedes age 75 and older found in 2004 that the risk of developing dementia was lowest in men and women who maintained a wide variety of satisfying contacts with friends and relatives. The researchers surmised that the mental exercise of juggling many relationships kept the brains of those with rich social networks in better tone.

But are women's friendships uniquely health-promoting? Do women glean benefits from their women friends that could not be gotten from boyfriends or husbands?

Among researchers, the answer is a definite maybe. Girlfriends, however, are unani-

mous: The answer is yes. "With women, you can bare your soul. You don't do that with your husband, and they don't do that with you," says Suzanne Grange, 82, of Pasadena, Calif. She and her friend Connie Smith, 85, have counted church offerings, kidded each other and fished together for almost a decade. "Thank goodness for lady friends."

In fact, for women, there is some evidence that a male partner, in times of stress, can make things worse. In a study published in the journal Psychosomatic Medicine in 1995, German researchers found that when subjects were given a stressful task — in this case, preparing a speech for delivery in front of an audience — men who were joined by their female partner for the preparation period showed much lower stress levels than those who had no support. For women, it was a different story. When women preparing their speeches were joined by their male partners, their stress hormones surged.

Taylor of UCLA surmises that findings such as this may reflect a major difference between the way men and women give support. Men's support to a friend or partner tends to take the form of advice, she says. Women's support more frequently comes in vaguer forms of encouragement, validation and acceptance. That, in turn, may let a woman work out her own solution to a problem, with less pressure to satisfy the expectations of her adviser.

Kiecolt-Glaser adds that differences in the ways that men and women converse may result in large differences in their social supports.

"When men tend to talk about feelings, whereas men tend to talk about events," says Kiecolt-Glaser.

That's one reason why Amanda's summer job is just what she needs. "It's great," said the 14-year-old, who works "14 around the corner" at her neighbor's house. She can work some Saturdays and gets in a half-hour here and there on some weekdays during the school year.

Her total earnings last summer were \$50 — and most of that "is all in the bank." And Amanda couldn't be happier. "I'm saving some money — and I get to be around my favorite animals," she said. Her future work goals are four-legged.

"I want to save enough money to buy my own horse," she said.

Amanda's 4-H leader, Mary Davidson, sees working with animals to earn some extra cash is "like a college fund on the hoof."

What kids learn as youngsters who follow them through life — and working under someone else's clock — not only establishes good work ethics but it teaches responsibility and gives them an opportunity to learn some life-time skills, Davidson said.

And she puts her work ethic to practice.

Davidson's daughter, Rene, earns money by raising rabbits. And age 11, she's already learning some valuable dollar-sense.

"I feel like the more you earn it — then you don't have to pay it back," Rene advised. While basketball and football — in that order — are top priorities for 12-year-old Dakota Brown, earning some extra cash is also part of his overall summer picture.

To do that, Dakota is tending up "Snowball Red," a calf he's raising on his grandparents' farm near Kimberly.

By center time, his 4-H project should weigh about 1,400 pounds," said Dakota. The money the animal could bring at auction — a dollar a pound will help pay for the feed, "and I'll put the rest in my savings account," he said.

Babysitting is also a good way for students to earn some extra cash — and learn some job skills, according to Rhea Lanting, Twin Falls County Extension educator.

In June, Lanting will off a "Super Sitters Class" that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation training.

The four-hour course was developed from Dr. Jonas Salik's materials, emphasizing the physical safety and security of the child.

For more information about the class, call Lanting at 734-5550.

Students also learn how to avoid some of the pitfalls that often accompany child care.

For more information about the class, call Lanting at 734-5550.

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Unafraid of humans, coyotes attack pets more frequently

The Orange County Register

IRVINE, Calif. — The coyote came silently. The two Chihuahuas didn't have time to bark.

Susan Scott was hunched over a clump of grass along a curb in her slumbering California neighborhood of Quail Hill, cleaning up after Kimber, a 12-pound female.

An agonizing wail shattered the calm. Scott turned and saw chocolate-brown Ginny, all of 5 pounds, thrashing wildly in the jaws of a coyote as it fought to tear the dog off her 6-foot-long leash.

"No! No!" Scott screamed, falling to rouse her neighbors during the 5:45 a.m. attack April 22.

Scott and other residents had seen a coyote roaming the streets, but she never expected

to engage in a fierce tug-of-war with one.

The coyote, about the size of a German shepherd, clamped down on 3-year-old Ginny's stomach, a tooth piercing her abdomen.

Scott yanked hard on the black leash.

Stories like Scott's are heard more frequently this time of year as coyotes attack dogs and cats — sometimes in broad daylight, experts say. Scott, who has the dog and skunk, coyotes are one of the few species of wild animals that thrive around humans, said Martin Hayden, director of captive care for the state Department of Fish and Game.

"They are everywhere, and they don't have a lot of fear," said Dr. June Crook, director of medicine at Animal Urgent Care of South Orange County in Mission Viejo, Calif. "We

have invaded their territory, and our pets are their new small game."

About three to five pets attacked by coyotes are brought into Crook's hospital each week. Most are dogs, since cats typically don't survive the encounters.

"We are seeing more (coyote attacks)," said John Thompson, hospital administrator at Advanced Critical Care and Internal Medicine in Tustin, Calif., one of the largest 24-hour veterinary referral specialty practices in Orange County, Calif.

Dr. Ed Folkers of the Mission Viejo Animal Hospital has been practicing in south Orange County for more than 30 years. He's heard stories about coyotes snatching cats off the streets.

"People chase after them with golf clubs," Folkers said.

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