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Unusual disease affects valley sheep

Weather is likely cause of tick increase

By Ariel Hanes
Times-News writer

CAREY — In the sagebrush desert near the intersection of Lincoln, Minkola and Blaine counties, grazing sheep don't pay much attention to county lines. So officials at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture aren't sure exactly where a flock of sheep were

bitten by ticks carrying a bacterial infection earlier this month. About 300 sheep were infected with tularemia, and 10 lambs have died, the department reported Friday. "That flock has been treated," said John Chaturbin, deputy administrator with the department, declining to identify the sheep producer.

"The Idaho Sheep Commission and the Idaho Wool Growers Association have notified the sheep producers in that area, and given them the information on the preventive measures they need to take to treat their sheep," he said. "The Department of Agriculture has notified the veterinarians in the state that we have had a case of tularemia, and to be on the lookout for it." Tularemia rarely has been

seen in Idaho in the past decade, with three cases of human infection reported in the state during that time. The disease is commonly carried by ticks, which bite their hosts and transmit the infection. Without antibiotics, the infection can be fatal. The Department of Agriculture is not sure why there are more ticks this year than in previous years, but

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Brent Tenney displays his Glock 9 mm semiautomatic handgun Wednesday on the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City where he is a student.

Guns on campus

Utah allows students to bring firearms to class

By Brock Vergata
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Brent Tenney says he feels pretty safe when he goes to class at the University of Utah, but he takes no chances. He brings a loaded 9 mm semiautomatic with him every day.

"It's not that I run around scared all day long, but if something happens to me, I do want to be prepared," said the 24-year-old business major, who has a concealed-weapons permit and takes the handgun everywhere but church.

After the massacre at Virginia Tech that left 33 dead, some have suggested that the carriage might have been lower if a student or professor with a gun had stepped in.

As states and colleges

Campus gun policies

Utah is the only state that prohibits public colleges and universities from banning concealed weapons on campus. Nationwide, 33 states and the District of Columbia prohibit concealed weapons at schools. Of those, 16 explicitly ban concealed weapons at colleges and universities, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In other states, colleges are allowed to formulate their own gun policies.

across the country review their gun policies in light of the tragedy, many in Utah are

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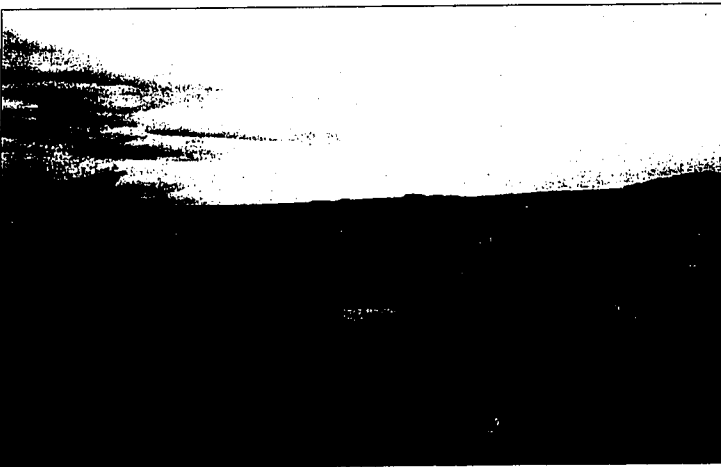


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Susan Bachold of Twin Falls looks out over a mess of mattresses, yard trimmings, shotgun shells and other random trash dumped on the Bureau of Land Management land on the north side of the Snake River Canyon. Bachold and others welcome helpers for today's annual cleanup, in which volunteers will haul trash off the land.

Twin Falls woman campaigns to clean up canyon rim

By Ariel Hanes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Susan Bachold is frustrated.

As she looked out over a gully littered with red shotgun shells, rusted appliance frames and shot-up furniture earlier this week, she was near tears.

"Earth is all of our gift, it's ours to take care of," she said. "If we don't, we won't have anything left."

Bachold, who lives in Twin Falls, loves the undeveloped land north of the Snake River Canyon rim and east of U.S. Highway 53. This land, which encompasses Devil's Corral,

has been proposed for a future North Rim Park.

Today, it is many people's favorite place for running dogs — which Bachold enjoys — riding horses, admiring the landscape and running all-terrain vehicles. It's also a favored place for unsafe target practice and trash dumping, she said.

"People may take this for granted, take the canyon for granted," Bachold said. "If you don't take care of it, it won't always be here — not to where you'd want to walk in it or come out and run your dog."

For the past few years, she

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Susan Bachold is moved to tears Thursday as she looks out over northern land littered with heaps of trash. "This is a gift," Bachold says as she walks through land that is a playground for many.

Clean up a future park

Today, volunteers will gather between 9 and 9 a.m. at the entrance to the future North Rim Park for a day of cleanup. Heavy equipment and Dumpsters will be available for large items, but volunteers on foot are needed to pick up small pieces of trash.

Volunteers should turn east off U.S. Highway 93 onto Golf Course Road, and park a few hundred yards up the road near the Dumpsters. Bring thick-soled shoes or boots, bottled water, long pants and sun protection. The cleanup is expected to run until 2 p.m.

Chocolate standards

Purists alarmed by proposal to change fudge standards

They think it's a disservice to totally melt down the standard.

Then came Appendix C. Accompanying a 2005 petition signed by a diverse set of culinary groups — plus producers, retail carriers and the chocolate lobby — the appendix charts proposed changes to food standard definitions set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including this one: "use a vegetable fat in place of another vegetable fat named in the standard (e.g., cacao fat)."

Chocolate lovers read that as a direct assault on their palates. That's because the current FDA standard for chocolate says it must contain cacao fat — a.k.a. cocoa butter — and this proposal would make it possible to call something chocolate even if it had vegetable oil instead of that defining ingredient. Whoopers milled milk balls, for instance, do not have cocoa butter.

Chocolate purists, of which there are apparently many, have undertaken a grassroots letter-writing campaign to the FDA to inform the agency that such a

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Magic Valley couple couldn't escape from their drug habit.

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has participated in annual cleanups there, and she picks up trash almost every time she is out with her dogs. Today, Bachold will join other concerned residents to fill Dumpsters with everything from shot-on television sets and demolished couches to used condoms and drug needles.

Without a change in attitude among users of the future park, however, Bachold fears these efforts will be in vain.

"I will come out the Tuesday after, and there will be a fresh dump," she said. "That's what's so frustrating."

Concerned users

Bachold isn't the only user of the land who worries about its future as a recreation site. She will be joined today by members of the High Desert Truck Country Foremen and Southern Idaho Off-Road Association, as well as volunteers from community organizations.

Jeff Trammell, president of the off-road association, said his group has participated in annual cleanups since 1999, when it realized that continued dumping might lead the area's land managers — the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and Jerome and Twin Falls counties — to shut out all users.

There were rumors of them closing that area down because of the shooting, the trash and the underage drinking parties out there," Trammell said. "We thought action would be better than no action, so we started the cleanup on that."

In 1999, the club hauled out 92 tons of trash. Eight years

later, Trammell said, its efforts seem to have come to naught.

"I honestly think the trash ... out there is in worse shape than in '99," he said. "If you can imagine it and name it, we've probably pulled it out of there. It is frustrating."

Trammell and Bachold represent two ends of the use spectrum of this land, but they share a common goal. They both want to stop today's users from damaging the land so completely that future generations won't be able to enjoy it.

"It breaks my heart; this is your legacy for your kids," Bachold said. "If it's continually trashed, it won't be left for our children's children's children."

Trammell, who regularly goes off-roading with his children, said he would hate to have the use of this land taken away.

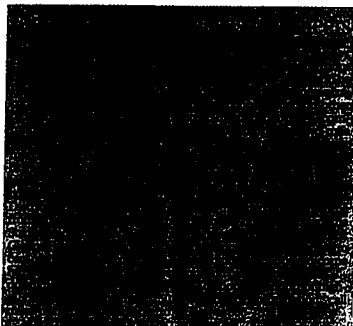
"I want for my family and generation to still have that opportunity," he said. "That's why a lot of us have made this stand to do our effort to try to prevent it."

Trashy attitudes

Bachold and Trammell don't understand why people drive trucksloads of trash out onto the land.

"I just don't have a clue why people would do it, especially when they see the land out there," Trammell said. Bachold points to heaping piles of yellowing yard waste she believes were dumped by landscaping crews who didn't want to pay the transfer station fee. She points to the remains of a television set, with bullet holes through the casing and the inner electronics and glass shattered across the ground.

"It's more fun to bring it out



here and shoot it up," she said. "Everything's shot up out here."

Several times, Bachold has come across people in trucks next to piles of what looks like her like freshly dumped trash. She's asked them whether it was their trash and why they dumped it.

"They just look at you like deer in the headlights. They don't understand why you're upset," she said.

"To have people who have absolutely no conscience, they can look at this and it doesn't seem to affect them. They don't see anything wrong with this."

Bachold and Trammell have each had run-ins with people shooting guns on the north-rim land.

"The shooters are probably the most irresponsible people out there across that canyon that I've ever seen," Trammell said. "We've had them shooting out across our heads during the cleanup."

'God's country'

While horse lovers, dog walkers and off-road vehicle drivers hope government agencies will step in and citizens will support their cause, they say they'll continue to make the effort to keep the land cleaned up. They hope others will join them, including some who may not have been aware of the damage until now.

"The people are good here; they're good, law-abiding, extremely family-oriented," Bachold said. "It's almost their front yard. You would think they'd say, 'Yes, I don't want to see it all garbaged up.'"

Trammell and Bachold welcome anyone who cares about the future of the North Rim Park land to come help clean up today.

"This is God's country. It's wide-open spaces," Bachold said. "I want to keep it that way, not like it's a garbage dump."

I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all who responded to my emergency 911 call on the evening of April 3, 2007. Thank you to the 911 operator, Gooding County emergency response unit and all emergency workers who came to my rescue quickly and transported me to the MVRMC where the emergency room staff continued my care until the EMS transported me further. A very special thank you to S.B and Little J from my hometown. If it wasn't for all of you and your quick response and action I would not be here today. You all have my deepest respect, gratitude and appreciation.

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speculates that weather may be responsible. This uptick of ticks means higher possibilities of insect-borne infections.

"A number of the livestock producers in that area have reported higher-than-usual concentrations of ticks," Chaburn said. "That would probably be due to environmental conditions."

Ticks tend to thrive in warm, dry regions, a description southern Idaho fits after its mild winter, he said.

Marilyn Simunich, a veterinarian with the department, said she worries that the outbreak of infection could worsen, particularly if farmers don't take precautions to protect themselves and their livestock.

Signs of infection in sheep are not always obvious, she said.

"They don't eat, they lay down. That's how sheep are; they don't show a lot of signs, they act like they don't want to live," Simunich said. "If they have a big tick infestation, they can become anemic just from having ticks sucking on them."

Chaburn is asking all livestock producers to report tick infestations and infected animals to their veterinarians. The vets will pass those reports to the Department of Agriculture, which will track the outbreak.

Farmers should be worried; they need to check their livestock and see if they have an inadequate number of ticks on them," he said. "Certainly animals in the area where the high incidence of ticks are, are susceptible to it if they aren't treated to get the ticks off them."

In cooperation with South Central District Health, the Department of Agriculture is also warning humans against the tick-borne infection.

Ticks do not jump from host to host but spread through direct contact with plants or animals that are carriers. "Ticks potentially carry a number of diseases, and people who are out in areas where they could have ticks get on them certainly need to follow the advice and check themselves for ticks if they're out in brushy areas," Chaburn said.

Cheryl Becker of District Health suggests wearing long clothing and tucking pant legs into shoes when you walk in

desert areas where sagebrush grows. Afterward, thoroughly check all parts of your body, with a mirror if necessary. If a tick is found, remove it carefully with tweezers and wash yourself for symptoms of disease.

"If you find a tick and you develop an illness with that tick bite, you need to have your doctor check it out," Becker said.

Chaburn noted that ticks can carry a variety of diseases, from tularemia to Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and that these illnesses can be serious.

There have been five Idaho cases of tularemia infection since 1995, Becker said, but

no deaths attributed to the infection in the 25 years she has been with the department.

Humans should take precautions against contracting the infection from a tick during a walk through sagebrush, Chaburn said, but they should not worry about contracting it through the food chain.

"None of those particular sheep in that flock had reached the food channels," he said.

"If they had they would have been diagnosed at slaughter and condemned because of the physiological changes that occur in sick sheep."

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Guns

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proud to have the nation's only state law that expressly allows the carrying of concealed weapons at public colleges.

"If government is to protect you, you should have the right to protect yourself," said Republican state Sen. Michael Waddoups.

Utah legislators and law enforcement authorities said they knew of no modern-day shootings at the university. But one lawmaker cited a shooting on campus in March 1997 as an example of how allowing others on campus to arm themselves can improve safety: After a teenager shot two students to death at Pearl High School, an assistant principal chased the gunman down outside and held him at bay with a .45-caliber pistol he kept in his truck.

Nationwide, 30 states — including Virginia — ban weapons at schools. Of those, 16 explicitly prohibit weapons on college campuses, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In other states, each school is allowed to formulate its own policy.

For decades, the University of Utah banned concealed weapons.

"Our view was that there was an increased risk of both accidental and intentional discharge of a firearm if more firearms are present," said spokesman Fred Esplin. "It was a matter of safety."

But in 2004 the Legislature passed a law expressly saying the university is excluded by a state law that allows concealed weapons on state property.

The university challenged the law, but the Utah Supreme Court upheld it last year.

Utah is easily one of the most conservative states, and its legislature is dominated by Republicans, many of whom have a libertarian streak. Utah has no motorcycle helmet law, for example, and there is strong affection for the Second Amendment.

The carrying of guns at the university worries students like Timmy Allin, a freshman on the tennis team from Dallas who feels safe on the 28,000-student urban campus. Allin was not aware weapons were allowed on campus until told by a reporter.

"I don't see the need for one up here, so that could only lead to trouble," he said.

Lawmakers point to a recent shooting at a downtown shopping mall as evidence that concealed weapons prevent additional deaths.

Armed with a shotgun and a pistol, 18-year-old Sulejman Talovic randomly shot nine people at Truist Square, killing five, on Feb. 12. He died in a shootout with police. An off-duty Ogden police officer carrying a concealed weapon — in violation of mall policy — pinned down Talovic with gunfire until other police arrived.

"Thankfully that officer disobeyed the rule so they were able to get away," said Esplin.

Oda said banning guns on campus might do more harm than good. He said people who use violence might not believe in other, perhaps bloodier

methods, such as swords.

"A person that's got skill with a sword in a very big crowd could put a lot more people down with a sword than a gun," he said. "They're silent. You'll have people screaming, but nobody knows what's going on."

Some of those who work at the University of Utah said they feel more secure because concealed weapons are allowed.

"What happened at Virginia Tech might have been stopped," said Christine Zabawa, a medical researcher at the university. However, she said it is a bad idea to allow guns in dormitories, and fears an accident could happen during a party on campus.

"Alcohol and guns. It's a bad combination," she said.

Justin Ligon, 23, a Virginia Tech student and vice president of the school's Pistol and Rifle Club, with about a dozen members who do their shooting at a public firing range, said the Blacksburg, Va., university should drop its prohibition on guns.

Chocolate

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change to the standards is just not OK with them. More than 225 comments to the petition have been processed so far by the agency, and chocolate bloggers are pressing for more. In the annual of bureaucratic Washington battles, this is a sweet one.

"It fills puts a smile on people's faces even though it's a serious matter, that's what chocolate is meant to do," said California chocolate maker and traditionalist Gary Gultard, whose Web site, DontMessWithOurChocolate.com, has led the counter-suit.

Other proposals in the petition — e.g., to market cartoon character-shaped pasta as macaroni — have not caused as much heartburn. That's because chocolate isn't just food. It symbolizes passion, and for its lovers, it borders on religion. They buy chocolate based on cacao content — some desire 70 percent, others will go higher. The most demanding examine labels to make sure it is from one

region, not a blend, focusing on production methods much the same way that coffee lovers home in on where beans are grown. Even mass chocolate producers are trying to tap into this spirit. There's now a Limited Edition Dark Snickers bar.

The industry has also been touting chocolate's health benefits — it contains flavonoids, which may benefit the heart and arteries; cocoa butter doesn't raise cholesterol levels; and chocolate doesn't contain trans fats. Mars has even launched a division called Mars Nutrition for Health & Well-Being, which markets chocolate products with explicit health claims.

Gultard, whose family has been making chocolate since 1868, said some big chocolate manufacturers favor the proposed change in regulations because they want to keep

prices down on key ingredients by using less expensive vegetable fat, which can contain trans fats. Instead of cocoa butter. That scares him. Cybele May, a playwright, while-watching enthusiast and Web editor in California, has been encouraging people to write the FDA with posts on her blog at candyblog.net.

"Suddenly, we are worried that the chocolate bar isn't the same anymore and we don't know why," May said. If the change is approved, products would still need to contain chocolate liquor, the ground-up center of the cocoa bean. But a confection such as FryDay Chocolatey Avalanche — which doesn't contain cocoa butter — would be able to call itself FryDay Chocolate Avalanche. It seems like a small distinction, but to people like Gultard and May, it is not.

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Democrats strike up talks with GOP on a new Iraq bill while Bush invites meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders are turning to Republicans to help them pass a new Iraq war spending bill that President Bush won't veto — unlike the one Congress will send him to sign with a deadline for withdrawing U.S. troops.

Bush repeated his promise Friday to veto the war spending bill and any such measure with a pullout date, even as Democrats renewed their calls for the president to sign the \$124.2 billion bill.

"If the Congress wants to test my will as to whether or not I'll accept the timetable for withdrawal, I won't accept one," Bush declared.

At the same time, both sides were laying the groundwork for high-stakes, post-veto negotiation. The president invited Democrats and Republicans to talk about it, and leaders in both parties said they would attend.

Democrats were already looking for ways to draw Republican support for a new spending measure, knowing they would need GOP votes to pass any bill that Bush would sign. However, a move to water down the withdrawal language is virtually certain to cost them the votes of liberal Democrats who have been uneasy about supporting any war funding.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has talked to Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the minority leader, about how to move forward. Senior House leadership aides have held "very preliminary" discussions with White House staffers about post-veto negotiations, although House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has not yet reached out to GOP leaders on the issue, one official said, speaking on condition of anonymity

"They understand that they're going to need a solution that goes beyond their own membership and there are a number of Republicans who want to get this behind them, too."

—Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del.

because the talks were not public.

Still, as they hunted for the votes to pass their Iraq bill earlier this week, Democratic leaders were quietly reaching out to some moderate Republicans on a backup plan. They would need GOP votes to pass a new war funding measure once Bush executed his veto. Democrats told the Republicans, and they wanted to start assembling a bipartisan group that could write one.

"There's been talking behind the scenes about how to do this, because they know if they make substantial changes to the bill they will lose a series of Democrats," said Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., a leading moderate. They understand that they're going to need a solution that goes beyond their own membership and there are a number of Republicans who want to get this behind them, too."

Republican leaders say they would consider including benchmarks for the Iraq government as part of the war funding measure, although they have not said how they would be enforced.

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The whys of Cho's rampage may never be answered

By Alan S. Drued
Associated Press writer

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Since Seung-Hui Cho killed himself after slaughtering 32 classmates and professors, busy investigators are not preparing a prosecution but simply seeking answers. And yet, nearly two weeks after his rampage at Virginia Tech, the student who signed himself

where more than 60 percent of the students get financial aid, Cho could have built up such resentment against rich kids.

"We all have the same kinds of rooms," he says. "We all get university-issued desks and chairs, beds and mattresses. So I don't know where he got that idea from."

Cho's South Korean immigrant parents could not pro-

vide him with a Mercedes. But they'd managed to send his sister to Princeton, and him to Tech.

In his screed, Cho railed against an imagined foe who discounted him as "weak" and "pathetic."

"You have vandalized my heart, raped my soul and torched my conscience."

Cho was picked on in junior

high for his accent and speech. But when he got to Virginia Tech, he had a clean slate.

Koch and his other suitmates invited Cho to parties, where he showed himself adept at drinking games like "beer-pong." They got him to sign up for the lottery to receive tickets to sporting events.

When his disturbing writings got him kicked out of class, Roy,

then head of the English Department, took him on as a private tutor. But Cho rebuffed all efforts to reach out to him.

"You had a hundred billion chances and ways to have avoided today. But you decided to spill my blood," Cho says in the video manifesto that appears to have been merely his last and most troubling creative-writing project. A tale, in

the words of Shakespeare's Macbeth, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

At 9:45 a.m. April 16, Cho was firing the first of what would eventually be more than 170 shots in Norris Hall. At that time on a normal Monday, he would have been in the final minutes of "Bible as Literature" course.

Cho

with a question mark remains one. Police are losing sleep over the possibility that the whys — and wherefores — may never come for survivors and for victims' families.

"With what they have been through and what they have seen, you want to be able to give them answers and bring them to closure," says Col. Steven Flaherty, superintendent of the Virginia State Police. "But we may never be able to get inside the head of Mr. Cho and find out what he was thinking."

Authorities continue interviews with people the 23-year-old student crossed paths with — though he revealed little to them. English professor Lucinda Roy described her interactions with Cho as being like talking to "a hole" — a very dark hole.

Police seek clues in his computer and credit-card records. Why did he strike Ambler Johnston dorm first? Was there something personal behind his choice of victims? Why did this horror happen?

More than most people, the senior from northern Virginia lived in his computer. And computers leave trails.

Using the screen name blazers505, Cho had been a trader on the eBay Internet auction site since at least January 2004. Mostly, he sold old class texts.

Then, in March, blazers505 made a purchase from an Idaho shooting supply site: A two-pack of 10-round ammunition magazines for a Walther .12 gauge total \$39.

We know from his credit card receipts that Cho bought the Walther in early February. He bought his second handgun, a more powerful Glock 9 mm, about a month later.

We can follow these electronic bread crumbs to track Cho's accumulation of weapons and tools. But his motives?

Cho was known for using the school's Web-based people finder — jokingly called the "Izide Stalker" by students — to research the objects of his affection, gleaned dorm assignments and other information he used to send unwanted messages. But after poring over his computer files, police have found no evidence that Cho had communicated with his first victim, 16-year-old Emily Hillscher.

Cho was seen hovering around the entrance to West Ambler Johnston Hall around 7 a.m. the day of the shootings, around the same time Hillscher returned to the dorm from a weekend with her boyfriend. But he didn't follow her inside, at least not immediately.

The closest anyone has come to suggesting a motive for targeting that hall is Andy Koch, who shared a suite with Cho last year. Koch says the first woman to complain about Cho to campus police lived there, and that he would often find Cho staring out a window toward the building.

Cho killed most of his victims — 30 of the total — in Norris Hall. He had a class there this semester, but not that day. Between the shootings at West AI and Norris, Cho took the time to return to his dorm, retrieve a package, go to a post office and mail it off to NBC News. The package contained 43 photos, a written statement and a video tirade.



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Some have called it Cho's multimedia "manifesto." But if a manifesto is a public declaration, Cho's package may be the biggest misdirect of all.

"Your Mercedes wasn't enough, you brats," Cho growls. "Your golden neckties weren't enough, you snobs. Your trust funds wasn't enough."

Sultmate Karan Grewal wonders how, at a school

Postal Service made good decision on local facility

CHEERS to U.S. Postal Service announced its prudent decision to keep a regional sorting facility in Twin Falls.

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"After a year of review, the postal service announced its prudent decision to keep a regional sorting facility in Twin Falls. The decisive factor was how well the Boise operation could have guaranteed overnight services in the Wood River Valley.

"If we made the change, we didn't think we'd be able to keep the great service we provide," said Teresa Rucklin, a spokesman for the service in Denver, about postal service customers in Blaine County.

"I'm sure it would have been unacceptable to them. We weren't going to go there."

Members of Idaho's congressional delegation had also weighed in on the matter, requesting that the service stay in Twin Falls for all levels of service. Their efforts, and a thorough review by the postal service, appear to have paid off.

CHEERS to Ed Waldpalf, retiring spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service. Waldpalf will be stepping down next Thursday after 41 years with the federal agency.

Those who follow the Forest Service know that its policies wander into the lifestyle of most Idahoans, who live and breathe with public lands.

Those connections can sometime lead to controversy with various land-use groups.

But Waldpalf and his encyclopedic knowledge of the local resources has

CHEERS & CHEERS

Those who frequent the Burley facility are familiar with Wageman's generous ability to help patrons find what they need. Wageman brought a prerequisite for his library position—a love for books, and made it an infectious detail in her daily work.

She started work in Burley to help her fourth-grade son's private schooling.

Now that he's close to completing his physician residency, she's free to fill her days with a new vocation.

"To describe (her) service to the Burley Public Library and the Burley community as dedication is understated," said Pamela Melanson, a co-worker at the library. "Wageman's helpful, patient and professional interaction with patrons and personnel have been the golden standard for all staff."

CHEERS to Georgie Wageman also retiring after 27 years at the Burley library.

been a stable fixture through eight Sawtooth forest supervisors. "We're going to miss him," said Supervisor Jane Kollmeier. "He's given outstanding service to the Forest Service and the American people."

And speaking of encyclopedic minds ...

CHEERS to Georgie Wageman also retiring after 27 years at the Burley library.

JEERS to the continuing pay gap between male and female workers.

A new study by the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, found that 10 years after college, women earn only 63 percent of what men earn.

Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood, and other factors known to affect earnings, the study found that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained.

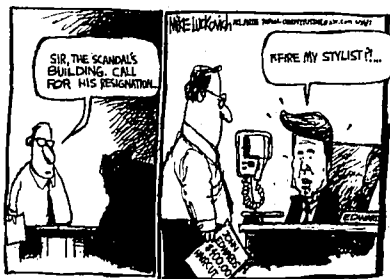
The organization's director of research said "Employers assume that young women are going to leave the work force when they have children and therefore, don't promote them."

That mindset sets dedicated women behind almost from the start, and discourages their ability to excel in the future.

Edwards' candidacy: Hair today, gone tomorrow

April 17, 2007.

On this date, John Edwards lost any chance he had of being the Democratic Party presidential nominee. On that date, it was revealed that John Edwards pays \$400 for a haircut.



JIM SHEA

Maybe if this was an emergency—a dandruff outbreak, a wind incident, a rogue bald spot—400 large might be in line. It might even be excusable if he was going to the prom.

Unfortunately, this was not the case. What we are talking about here is nothing but high-end high-end upkeep.

Edwards' hair has long been an object of ridicule by conservatives who refer to him as "The Breck Girl" and "My Silk Pony." There is even a YouTube video of him combing his hair to the tune of "I Feel Pretty."

Given this, you would think the Edwards campaign might have been a bit sensitive to such expenditures as the two \$400 haircuts by a Beverly Hills hair guru, and a \$225 outlay for a facial at the PINK Sapphire Salon in Manchester, N.H.

One also would think someone might have told him that commensurate-in-chief don't exfoliate. (And we think Bush is surrounded by Brownies.)

The reality is that there is just no way rank-and-file Democrats are going to support a candidate who pays more money per month for grooming than they do for their cars.

OK, maybe if Sanjaya were running for president—a fright-

ening thought—and it was learned he paid \$400 on his hair, average folks could live with it, because there are probably hundreds of hours involved in his arrangements.

But what we are talking about with Edwards is a trim, you know, a little off the top and the sides. One has to wonder: Is he being changed by the strand?

Full disclosure: I pay 20 bucks for a haircut.

For that, Big Wave Dave gives me a quick shampoo, cuts my hair in accordance with my detailed instructions—"make it shorter"—and listens to me complain about stuff.

Unless we get hung up on a topic like radial tires, or the city council, I'm out of there in under a half-hour.

Of course, if Edwards was a Republican the \$400 haircut would not be an issue. In fact, it would probably be a plus because it would signal to the fat-cat base that he understands wealth has its privileges.

But Edwards' campaign is all about being for the little guy—"Two Americas"—and in this regard he has another not-so-little problem with tone deafness: The \$5.3 million, 28,000-square-foot house he is building on 102 acres in North Carolina.

Anyway, the thing is, I like John Edwards—I like his wife, Elizabeth, even more—but there is no way I'm going to waste my vote on a guy who can't be elected.

If you think the Republicans sweet-baited John Kerry, imagine what they will do to Edwards over his expensive coiffers and mansion.

I think Edwards has only one way out at this point. He needs to visit the same barber Bruce Willis uses. That would take the hair issue off the table.

If Edwards doesn't do that, then I'm voting for Dennis Kucinich. He cuts his own hair.

Jim Shea is a columnist for the Hartford Courant.

The mystery of life, death and tragedy

The purpose of our mind is to fit things into a larger meaning—that the mental features are distinguishing us from animals.

So since we are smarter—we though not always gentler—than creatures, we can attempt to answer the question: What's the larger meaning of the Virginia Tech shootings? Who or what is to blame?



JAMES P. PINKERTON

One who stepped forward with an explanation was Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del. Last Thursday, The Associated Press reported, Biden ascribed the shootings to the "politics of polarization" as practiced by Republicans: "Since 1994 with the Gingrich revolution, just take a look at Iraq, Venezuela, Katrina, and what's down at Virginia Tech, Darfur, Iraq. This didn't happen accidentally, all these things."

And Biden's words didn't come by accident, either. After 35 years of holding forth in the Senate, Biden obviously feels that not enough people are listening to him, that he needs a larger national audience. So he is running for president, spewing blame for domestic bloodshed on half of his countrymen. That's his idea of a larger meaning for Virginia Tech: it's a great opportunity to advance his own personal political ambitions.

Others have dug deeper and found other factors. James Lewis, blogging for the American Thinker Web site, examined one of the course materials being taught at Seung-Hui Cho's school. It's been widely reported that students at Virginia Tech saw such movies as the slasher-horror pic "Friday the 13th" as part of their "curriculum."

But Lewis took note of other works being taught, such as "Textual Androgyny, the Rhetoric of the Essay, and the Politics of Identity in Composition (or The Struggle to Be a Gliby-Man in a World of Gladiator Pumpkins)."

Deadpans Lewis: "Just the thing for a disoriented young male suffering from massive culture shock on the hypersexual American campus." Lewis concludes: "English studies at VT are a post-modern Disney World in which nihilism, moral and sexual boundary breaking and fan-

tastes of Marxist revolutionary violence are celebrated." Lewis is on to something here. But in the end, this sociopathic act of mass killing can't be blamed on the political left, just as it can't be blamed on the right.

Why? Because Cho was obviously as disoriented in a way that transcends any ideological category. And so the search for meaning, for explanation, must travel past politics into the deepest recesses of a blackened human heart to a place where we confront an unshakable but enduring reality—the existence of evil.

But don't take my word for it. Let's consider the testimony of one who was there at Virginia Tech, Garrett Evans, a student shot in the leg on April 16. ABC News asked him, "Why were you spared?" This was his answer: "Good Lord only knows... Maybe one reason is to tell you and the world what happened." And what did Evans see? "I saw Satan at work and God at work at the same time. Evil, evil everywhere, killing through that boy, that shooter. I know, I felt it." Now there's an old-fashioned concept: Cho was overcome by evil, like a character out of the Bible. Like, how wild is that? I mean, what do we need psychiatrists and social workers for—or for that matter, newspaper pundits—if we start going back to basic ideas of good versus evil?

Skeptics, of course, will scoff at Evans' witness. But his testimony, in a way, offers us hope—hope that there is a deeper meaning to a tragedy such as the one at Virginia Tech, even if we here on Earth can't quite figure it out.

The Christian writer C.S. Lewis offered a partial explanation in 1940: "This is God's megaphone to a deaf world." That's surely a hard concept to grapple with.

But maybe the alternative—that there's no meaning to Virginia Tech or to anything else in 1940, "This is God's megaphone to a deaf world"—is the most horrible prospect of all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jerome baseball origins linked to Neaces

Recently, there have been a few questions come up concerning why the Jerome High School's baseball field is named "Neace Field." This was prompted in part because Brian Neace called the coach to visit with him concerning the placement of a sign that he would like to have on the field to honor his father.

In the fall of 1991, several students approached the student council suggesting that they have baseball. This spurred a lot of interest. Ken Neace had talked about baseball several times before that and had approached the school board, being turned down.

We formed a committee, along with the students, and approached the school board again with Alan Rossi (student) presenting the proposal. We had a lot of opposition, including Title IX. It was offered baseball, we would have to offer softball. After several meetings, the school board finally agreed if we had enough funds for two years' programs, paying for coaches, travel, maintenance and uniforms.

Our next obstacle was a

coach. We had to have someone with a teacher certificate from the school district. No one seemed to want to take it on. We are grateful for Ms. Bruns for stepping up to the plate and taking that role the first year. Eventually, the school district picked up paying for the coaches, travel, etc.

In 1997, Ken, Judy and Brandi Neace were tragically killed when their plane went down while traveling to see their sons, Blake and Brian. Shortly after that, Rick Haberman, myself, and Joann Harding went to the school board to ask that we officially name the field "Neace Field" for Ken's efforts. It was unanimous in their decision and, since that time, it has been known as "Neace Field."

From baseball's meek beginnings, it's become a great part of Jerome High School.

BRENDA HABERMAN
Jerome

Make students pay at the front of lunch line

In regard to the school's action concerning the lunches that were thrown in the trash because the students were behind in their payments for lunches:

There is a simple solution to

this problem. Other schools have the students pay before they are given a lunch tray. Why, for heaven's sake, hasn't someone else thought of paying before you receive the lunch trays?

I also think that the person responsible for this terrible waste of food should be made to pay for the food that was wasted.

By the way, I have been a tutor at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls for the past nine years. Yes, I will pay before they eat their lunch.

JERRY WERTZ
Twin Falls

Today's evolution hardly leads to higher starts

David Brooks' column about this being the "golden age of Darwin and evolutionary theory" has confirmed some earlier thoughts I've had about him; namely, that he and the rest of his pro-evolutionary ilk are quite a few loads short of fair-minded critical thinking.

Some of our local writers who would agree with him are in complete denial about the difference between true science and pseudoscientific dogma. One writer claimed that "all the intermediate fossils proving evolution have

been found and that experiments have proven the fact of evolution."

As a career biologist and teacher widely exposed to the difference between scientific inquiry and biased scientific "consensus," I must say that he is badly misinformed and needs to remove his "golden spectacles" and look at the real world.

Time and Newsweek are not what one would call "scientific journals"; neither is The New York Times, the "fish wrapper" sheet for which he writes.

Look at events here and around the world and what we do to each other and then try to prove that we are "evolving" toward a higher level.

Only God can change us for the better—if we humble ourselves and accept his conditions.

DON PUDDER
Twin Falls

Filer staff did everything to get students home

I would like to applaud the staff of the Filer School District on the quick response that was applied on Thursday after the bomb threat was reported.

Every child was safely delivered home, and I believe that

is what we should be thankful for—not bickering about whether or not we received a phone call.

Personally, I never expected a phone call from the school district. To expect them to make phone calls to each and every parent is somewhat unreasonable, I believe. I received a phone call from my son, who is in fifth grade and was responsible enough to notify me of the events and let me know that he was going to get on his bus.

As for "procedure," it was not as if they could practice for an event such as this. I believe they implemented impeccable practices in getting the students to a safe environment.

Thank you, Filer School staff, for getting my child home safe—a missed meal is the least of my concerns!

SHAWNA FULLER
Twin Falls

Langdon's tone reflects true life on the range

For those residents of the area with a year for local history, there is a new book now at Barnes and Noble concerning a lady and her family—"My Mother Can Beat Up Your Father." It may also be your

local library. It is the life and work of a grand lady named Marian Langdon, written by her youngest son, Danny.

I had the pleasure and experience of dealing with Marian at her business (L.L. Langdon, Woods, Hides, Furs and Pelts) many years ago. In later years, it was mostly scrap iron transactions. In addition, my wife and I often enjoyed dining with her at many social events during this period of time.

While the book is about the life and work of this lady, it also expands on the results of her efforts on her large family. Marian succeeded in raising a large family single-handedly after the death of her husband and, at the same time, competed in a business dominated by men.

It is a capsule of her life and the family's life growing up in Twin Falls. The old names, places and memories detailed are mostly forgotten now, but this book gives them new life.

Marian Langdon set the bar of life higher than most of us will ever attain. She was that kind of person. I don't think the phrase, "one of a kind," is adequate, but it will have to do.

It's a good book to read!

DUANE RAMSEYER
Filer

Robots become Chicago library's literal search engines

By P.L. McCrackin
Los Angeles Times

CHICAGO — It's not often that a librarian is warned to stay away from the bookshelves because of high voltages and that students are allowed to roam freely through the stacks — but it's becoming more common.

At Chicago State University, a South Side college that dates to the 1860s, only robots are allowed to browse most books and archives.

The library, unveiled last fall, was designed to make it easier for students and faculty to access exactly the right book. Instead of wandering aimlessly through the stacks in a frustrating search, said Lawrence McCrackin, dean of CSU's Library and Instructional Services.

In 2001, when school officials were initially mapping out the needs of the students, many of whom are older and working at least part time, one of the biggest concerns they voiced was a desire to save time, McCrackin said.

"We discovered that the average student took 30 minutes to find a book. Books would be misplaced or not filed correctly," McCrackin said. "It's a lot of time that cuts into how long students can spend analyzing the material, focusing on work, or continuing to find even more research on a particular subject."

Chicago State officials, though, did decide that students needed easy physical access to some books. Materials for current classroom coursework and more

"That's not a library. Once a library loses the ability for people to go immerse themselves in books, it's not a library. It's simply a warehouse."

— Jonathan Gaw, a technology analyst with research company IDC Corp

recently published items are scattered through the top two stories of the four-story library.

But the nerve center of the building is a central, massive concrete warehouse that holds nearly 80 percent of its collection, including about 375,000 volumes and the school's archive materials.

Silver-toned metal storage bins are stacked on top of one another, with the rows towering from the floor to its three-story ceiling. Books, microfiche rolls and digital media disks — all published before 1991 — are held inside each bin.

Each item is tagged with a radio-frequency ID chip — a small white sticker with an electronic sensor built into it. A computer system uses those chips to figure out which bin each book or other bin of material is stored.

In get a particular book, students at the library must log onto the library's Web site from home or school and place an order for a title.

Once the order is received, the library's computer system directs a robotic crane — dubbed "Rover" by the librarians — to retrieve one of more than 6,300 bins. Each bin holds the equivalent of four

bookshelves.

The crane then brings the bin to a workstation at the front of the warehouse, where a librarian picks up the book.

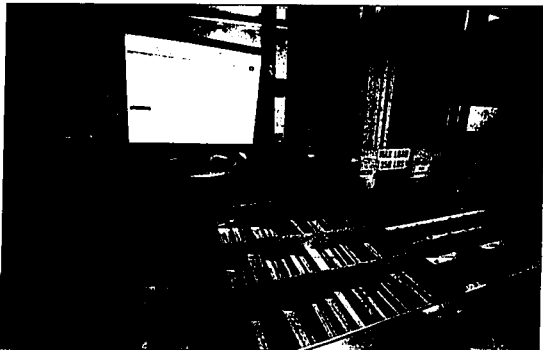
All told, the system takes about three minutes from when the book order is placed and when the librarian is carrying it to the circulation desk for pickup, said Leatha Williams, head of the library's circulation department.

"Gone are the days where students will go and hide books from classmates on the shelves. We don't even need to keep track of which stacks are devoted to music or education or history," Williams said. "The books don't even need to be stored together by subject."

"The books can go anywhere there's free space, because the computer keeps track of it all for us."

While the dot-com boom sparked the rise in digital publishing, as well as widespread predictions that books would become obsolete, librarians have spent recent years wrestling with how to preserve, catalog and store millions of dusty tomes that were rarely used but important enough to keep in their collections.

Some schools have opted to store their literary overflow at



The robotic crane retrieves whichever of more than 6,300 bins holds a requested book, reducing patron access time.

library's collection.

Such reliance on technology alarms critics, who note that these storage systems eliminate the tradition of students accidentally discovering new and sometimes better material while roaming through the stacks.

"That's not a library," said Jonathan Gaw, a technology analyst with research company IDC Corp. "Once a library loses the ability for people to go immerse themselves in

books, it's not a library. It's simply a warehouse."

And though the storage might be efficient, Chicago State officials acknowledge that the system isn't flawless: Earlier in April, the power on campus went out for a few minutes.

"The lights came right back, but it took a full day to bring the computer system back online," Williams said. "People weren't happy that they couldn't get their books."

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Police find rental truck full of rotting fish

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A putrid prank went awry when authorities found a rental truck filled with rotting fish, cow parts and pig organs and evacuated residents of a Tucson neighborhood, police said.

Four University of Arizona students had rented the truck and collected the smelly cargo

intending to dump it on someone's front lawn as a prank, said Sgt. Mark Robinson, a Tucson Police Department spokesman.

Neighbors disgusted by the foul odor emanating from the vehicle called police Thursday and officers found the truck packed with 10 city trash cans. Robinson said. They also

found ammonia and bleach, which prompted authorities to evacuate a square block and call in a hazardous materials team.

After testing the air and finding oxygen levels were fine, police officers moved in and discovered the decomposing contents in the trash cans.

The four students returned to the scene during the police search and confessed to renting the truck and filling it up, Robinson said. The students were released after questioning, but may face charges, including theft of the trash cans, criminal damage and disturbing the peace.

Montana lawmaker's tirade makes YouTube, derails budget negotiations

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A state lawmaker's profanity-laced tirade against the governor made the rounds on YouTube on Friday, two days after his remarks derailed spending negotiations at the end of the legislative session.

Republican House Majority Leader Michael Lange made the comments Wednesday after leaving a meeting with Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer. Lange was speaking to a room of House Republicans, with reporters and a television camera present.

He said Schweitzer could "go straight to hell" and called the governor an "S.O.B." The tirade attracted more than 17,000 views on YouTube and stalled talks to draft a state budget.

"I'm pissed off at that S.O.B. on the second floor that thinks he is going to run this state like a dictator," Lange said after comparing Democrats to "Communist Russia" and "Red China."

Lange, waving his arms with his face turning red, then shouted: "My message to the governor is stick it up your a—"

Many Republicans in the room clapped. The governor said they should have walked out.

"They are all culpable," Schweitzer said.

Lange later apologized to the governor for the rant, but his words loomed over the state-house Friday as the parties deadlocked. Lawmakers adjourned without passing a budget, forcing the governor to

call a special session before June 30.

"At the governor's discretion, we will be back," Lange said.

Schweitzer called it Lange's "You'll be moment."

"I just have to shake my head and say this session will be remembered as 51 flew over the cuckoo's nest," Schweitzer said Friday, referring to the 51 Republicans in the 100-member House. "This is the theater of the absurd."

Newspaper editorials were highly critical of Lange.

"What has happened to what most Montanans expect to be a dignified, collegial debate?" The Helena Independent Record wrote.

The Billings Gazette said Lange resorted to a "tantrum with the limited vocabulary of an adolescent who didn't get what he wanted."

Lange was not the only GOP member going after Schweitzer.

House Speaker Scott Sales criticized the governor Friday for leaving last week on a trip to California and making an appearance on HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher."

"If we go to a special session, I hope the governor comes to the table, and I hope he doesn't plan a bunch of fund-raising with celebrities and Hollywood liberals," Sales said.

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SPORTS

Bruins earn region crown with sweep of Skyline

Times-News

IDAHO FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins nearly got a no-hitter from Nick Yergensen as they swept the Skyline Grizzlies Friday to wrap up the Region Four-Five-Six baseball crown.

The Bruins won 8-0 in the opener and 9-3 in the nightcap to finish off a 7-1 region crown.

Yergensen had a no-hitter going with one out in the seventh before a Skyline recorded a bloop single for its only hit of the game. Yergensen threw 72 pitches and struckout seven batters.

"He was phenomenal," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "He was really the story of the game."

Offensively, Nate Robertson blasted a two-run triple and Bo Follinga had a solo home run in the second inning to spur the Bruins.

Game 2 saw four Twin Falls pitchers take the mound, including Jacob Coats, who returned after missing a month due to injury. Coats entered the game in the third inning and got the win.

Federico praised his No. 2-5 hitters in the lineup for their part in both games. Marcus Schaal had a triple in Game 1 and a double in Game 2, while Remington Pullin had a double in each game to complement the hitting of Robertson and Follinga.

Twin Falls wraps up the season with home-and-away games against Burley on Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday will be senior night for the Bruins, who will open region tournament play at home against the No. 5 seed on May 8.

Kimberly stumbles on road trip
AMERICAN FALLS — The Kimberly Bulldogs lost 8-3 to American Falls Friday before yielding to the Beavers 9-9 in a six-inning game called due to darkness.

Nate Harmon hit two doubles and a triple for multiple RBIs during both games. Kimberly (12-7-1, 2-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) travels to Filer in hopes of winning the SIC reg-

ional-season title and hosting privileges for the district tournament.

Game 1
Ampac Christian, Skyline 3
Twin Falls 2
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Twin Falls 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Game 2
Ampac Christian, Skyline 9, six innings
Twin Falls 0
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Twin Falls 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Glenns Ferry Tournament
Pilots make tie game

GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenns Ferry Pilots Day-2 win over New Plymouth has put them into the title game of their own tournament. The Pilots ran through the Pilgrims 11-0 Friday and defeated Filer Thursday to enter Saturday's 6 p.m. game.

David Zito threw eight strikeouts as the Pilots (13-8) won out eight runs in the bottom of the second.

Wood River's junior varsity squad split the day, beating New Plymouth 5-3 but losing to Nampa Christian. Filer defeated Wendell as well. The Trojans still have a first-round game against Nampa Christian at 10:30 a.m. The outcome of that game will determine the rest of the day's schedule and Glenns Ferry's opponent in the title game.

Glenns Ferry 11, New Plymouth 0
The Bruins
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Glenns Ferry 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Glenns Ferry 2, New Plymouth 8
The Bruins
...
Glenns Ferry 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Nampa Christian 11, Wood River 3
Glenns Ferry 2, New Plymouth 8

Filer 4, Wendell 1

WENDELL — Filer topped Wendell 4-1 in their first game of the Glenns Ferry Tournament. Matt Lassen shut down the Wendell offense, allowing one run on only two hits. Wendell's only run came courtesy of Drew Reisman, a homer in the second inning. Lassen struck out four.

Ryan Balles and Ryan Marshall both had RBI doubles for the Wildcats. Filer's Roy Rocha pitched well for Wendell, accumulating 12 strikeouts on the night. Rocha allowed four runs, which was too much for the Trojan offense to overcome.

Wendell (2-9, 1-3 Canyon Conference) will play Nampa Christian, at 10:30 a.m. in Glenns Ferry.

Filer 4, Wendell 1
...
Filer 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Minico tops Hillcrest
HILLCREST — Minico swept Hillcrest 5-3 and 4-1 off two complete games by Cody Winnill and Colby Andersen.

In Game 1, Cody Winnill allowed three runs (two earned) on four hits, while striking out four and walking three. Winnill improves his record to 5-1.

Offensively, Chris Joyce and Matt Tracy both finished 2-4 and scored two runs, and Colby Andersen was 2-3 for the Spartans. Brandon Barnes was 3-3 with an RBI as well.

The Game 2 complete game came by Colby Andersen. Andersen allowed only the one run on three hits. Andersen reeled up 7 strikeouts and walked two.

Andersen also contributed to his own cause, going 1-4 with an RBI. Shelby Coates was 2-3.

Minico (18-6, 4-2 Great Basin Conference West) enters the district tournament Thursday.

Game 1
Minico 5, Hillcrest 3
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Minico 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Game 2
Minico 4, Hillcrest 1
...
Minico 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Buhl splits outings at Preston tourney

PRESTON — Buhl split a pair on Day 1 of the Preston Tournament. Buhl lost his first game to Bear Lake 15-0, but rebounded to defeat Wood River 11-1. Bear Lake battered Buhl offensively, knocking around Buhl pitching for six extra-base hits, including a home run.

Offensively for the Indians, Will Chivers and Nick Hamilton both went 2-3 with an RBI. Andrew Landa and Tanner Lckenby also knocked in one run each.

Game 2 went better for the Tribe, as they throttled Wood River 11-1. Lckenby pitched and dominated the Wolverine batters. Lckenby allowed only one run, and surrendered a mere two hits.

Buhl (12-8, 2-2 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) will play Highland in Preston today at 2:30 p.m. A second game will be played later in the day, at a time to be announced.

Great Basin Conference West) hosts Glenns Ferry Monday for a makeup game and then Burley on Thursday. The District IV tournament begins May 7, likely in Filer.

Bear Lake 15, Buhl 0, five innings
...
Bear Lake 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Buhl 11, Wood River 1, five innings
...
Buhl 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Jerome throws shutouts

PRESTON — Jerome dominated the first day of the Preston Tournament, first shutting out Rigby 5-0, and then shutting out Sugar-Salem 10-0.

Thicker Thompson took the hill against Rigby, and threw a three-hit shutout. Thompson hit nine Ks and one walk.

Travis Cooley and Cummins were noteworthy with the bat, as each went 2-4, and one RBI apiece.

In Game 2, Logan Parker kept the offense going on the board, shutting out Sugar-Salem 10-0. Parker had three Ks and one walk in four innings.

Cooley kept hot at the plate as he launched two homers, both solos. Cooley was 3-for-3 at the plate, as was Buddy Green, who hit two doubles. Cooley and Green each had two RBIs in the run.

Jerome (19-2, 4-2 Great Basin Conference West) will continue the tournament today playing Preston at 12:45 p.m. One more game will be played later in the day, at a time to be determined.

Jerome 5, Rigby 0
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Jerome 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Jerome 10, Sugar-Salem 0
...
Jerome 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Softball
Wood River 8, Filer 1

HAILY — The Wood River Wolverines took a 8-1 win over the Filer Wildcats Friday as both teams wind down the regular season.

Shannon Engle struck out 10 Filer batters in what was a close contest until the bottom of the sixth when the Wolverines' bats exploded for seven runs. Angela Coleman (2-for-3, two RBIs), Dana Stone (4-for-4, double), Tasha Kator (3-for-4, RBI) and Vanessa Valentine (3-for-4, RBI) and Engle (3-for-3) all scored runs.

The Wolverines (9-11, 3-2 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) will play Highland in Preston today at 2:30 p.m. A second game will be played later in the day, at a time to be announced.

the pitching of the Buhl IV in the 3-1 Indians win. The Indians allowed only one run, which was scored by Leticia Mesillas on a passed ball.

Lucy Ferrer took the loss for the Pilots, surrendering three runs on six hits. Ferrer managed four strikeouts and one walk.

Glenns Ferry (8-13) will continue tournament play today against Wendell at 11:45 a.m. The Pilots will take on Nampa Christian later in the day.

Game 1
Glenns Ferry, Buhl IV 3
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Glenns Ferry 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Game 2
Buhl IV, Glenns Ferry 1
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Buhl IV 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Preston sweeps Minico
PRESTON — The Minico Spartans lost both games of a doubleheader against the Preston Indians on Friday, taking a hard-fought 14-10 loss in the first game and dropping the second game 14-4 in six innings.

Allie Thain pitched both games for the Spartans, recording six strikeouts and walking six in the first game, then striking out three and walking three in the second.

In the second game, the Spartans were still hitting well, but they made some costly errors that allowed the Indians to rack up a number of runs. Steve Dessel and Thain both batted 3-for-4 in the first game. Melissa DeKing was 2-for-3, and Trish Ramsey was 2-for-3.

Jonathan Frank, Thain and DeKing each went 2-for-3 in the second game. Tawnee Tyler was 2-for-4 with a double and Ramsey had another home run in the 2-for-3 hitting and a double.

Minico hosts conference rival Jerome for senior day on May 1.

Game 1
Preston 14, Minico 10
...
Preston 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Game 2
Preston 14, Minico 4
...
Preston 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Glenns Ferry Tournament
Pilots splits pair against Buhl IV

GLENN'S FERRY — Glenns Ferry topped the Buhl Junior varsity 4-3 in Game 1 after Amber Card singled home the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Rachel Anichstegui pitched the winning run, which would also give her a win in the pitching column. Anchustegui had 10 Ks and four walks, while allowing three runs on three hits.

Catcher Alpha Crane went 3-for-3 at the plate. Ashlea Gramkow was 2-for-3, and Jaclyn Ferry went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Pilots.

Game 2 was dominated by the pitching of the Buhl IV in the 3-1 Indians win. The Indians allowed only one run, which was scored by Leticia Mesillas on a passed ball.

Game 1
Glenns Ferry, Buhl IV 4
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Glenns Ferry 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Game 2
Buhl IV, Glenns Ferry 3
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Buhl IV 2B: Nick Yergensen, 3B: Nick Yergensen, SS: Nick Yergensen, LF: Nick Yergensen, CF: Nick Yergensen, RF: Nick Yergensen, C: Nick Yergensen, P: Nick Yergensen

Twin Falls boys claim team title at Craig Jones Invitational

Filer's Dabney sweeps sprints; Sanchez sets meet record in 800
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Cleveland	13	7	878	4	7
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GAME PLAN

LOCAL COLLEGE SOFTBALL
CC of Southern Nevada, 6 p.m.
CC of Southern Nevada at CSI, DH, noon
SOFTBALL
CC of Southern Nevada at CSI, DH, noon
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Burley at Pocatello, DH, 11 a.m.
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Wendell vs. Nampa Christian, 10:30 a.m.
No. 6 seed vs. No. 5 seed, 1 p.m.
No. 4 seed vs. No. 3 seed, 3:30 p.m.
No. 2 seed vs. No. 1 seed, 6 p.m.
RODEO
Dist. 21 vs. No. 1 seed, 6 p.m.
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SPORTS

Bulls on verge of sending defending champs home

MIAMI — Chicago is one win away from sending the defending NBA champions home for the summer — in stunning style.

Ben Gordon scored 27 points, Luol Deng added 24 points and 11 rebounds and the Bulls used a 15-2 fourth-quarter run to seize control of a 104-96 victory in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference first-round series Friday night.

Chicago leads the series 3-0 — a cushion no team has ever wasted in NBA history — and will go for the sweep in Miami on Sunday afternoon. "It's only one win. We know we have to win four instead of three," coach Scott Skiles said. "But in a game where we weren't playing that well and things weren't going our way, we were able to overcome it."

The Heat trailed by nine points with 2:33 left and got within 39-36 on a jumper by Dwyane Wade with 1:25 left, but got no closer. They led by 12 points in the third quarter, but misfired on 19 of their 35 free-throw attempts and were outscored 32-17 over the final 11:15 minutes.

Wade — who shed the black sleeve he was using to keep his left shoulder, the one he dislocated in February,



Chicago Bulls guard Ben Gordon (7) goes up for a shot against Miami Heat forward Jason Kidd (15), and guard Dwyane Wade, right, during the first quarter of Game 3 of a first round playoff series Friday in Miami.

warm — scored 28 points and Shaquille O'Neal added 23 points and 13 rebounds for Miami. But Wade was 4-for-10 from the foul line. O'Neal 3-

for-12, and the rest of the Heat weren't much better.

"And we still had a chance to win," Heat coach Pat Riley said.

Meanwhile, Chicago outrebounced Miami by a wide margin (44-33) for the third straight game, plus made 29 of 37 free throws.

Kirk Hinrich added 22 points for Chicago.

"Nobody has come back from 3-0, and we don't want to be the team that it's done against," Deng said. "That has to be something we're focused on — to know this team can really pick up how they play."

Antoine Walker had 12 points and James Posey scored 10 for Miami.

Nets 102, Raptors 89

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd had a playoff career-high 19 assists in his 10th postseason triple-double, and Vince Carter scored 37 points for New Jersey, which took a 2-1 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series.

One day after missing practice because of a bruised left knee, Kidd was back in the starting lineup and added 16 points and 16 rebounds. He

Camby wins Defensive Player award

DENVER (AP) — Now that Marcus Camby is the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year, he's looking ahead — and behind.

The Denver Nuggets' 33-year-old center said that while he cherishes winning the award for the first time in his 11-year pro career, he'd much rather be celebrating a championship in a couple of months.

That's not an unusual refrain from winners of the NBA's Individual awards.

But how many get to use the occasion to take a job at those who excluded him from the All-Star team?

"It's kind of ironic how I can win the award and not make the All-Star team," Camby said Friday. "The last couple of years I felt I had a great

opportunity to be on that team. So, hopefully, next year with this award behind me, I can start getting some recognition about being on that team."

"It's a great honor to be on the All-Star team and I've never made it."

Camby is the third player in the last 20 years to win defensive player award after All-Star snub.

Camby averaged a league-best 3.3 blocks to go with 11.2 points and 11.7 rebounds per game. He also averaged 1.24 steals, tops among centers. He received 70 first-place votes and 431 points from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

San Antonio forward Bruce Bowen was second with 206 points, while Spurs teammate Tim Duncan had 158 points and finished third.

had 14 assists by halftime and easily passed his previous best of 16, set when he was playing for Phoenix. He also had the previous New Jersey record of 15.

Kidd snapped a tie with Wilt

Chamberlain and moved into one with Larry Bird for second on the career postseason triple-doubles list. He is still 20 behind Magic Johnson, the career leader.

— The Associated Press

Sox still perfect vs. Yankees

NEW YORK — Daisuke Matsuzaka overcame control problems to defeat the New York Yankees for the second time in six days, and Kevin Youkilis and Julio Lugo homered in a come-from-behind 11-4 victory Friday that improved the Boston Red Sox record to 4-0 against its longtime rival this season.

New York (8-13), whose April began to unravel with three straight losses at Fenway Park last weekend, has lost seven consecutive games for the first time since the final seven of the 2000 season. The last-place Yankees have fallen 6 1/2 games back of the division-leading Red Sox.

Andy Pettitte (1-1) allowed five runs, six hits and five walks in 4 2-3 innings, making it 11 times, in 21 games that New York starters failed to pitch five innings.

Matsuzaka (3-2) gave up four runs and five hits in six innings, striking out seven.

Twins 5, Tigers 3

DETROIT — Pinch-hitter Joe Mauer's two-run single capped a four-run eighth inning, helping Minnesota rally for a win.

With the bases loaded and two outs, Mauer lined a Joel Zumaya (0-1) pitch into shallow center to give the Twins their first lead of the game.

The Tigers got two singles off Juan Rincon with one out in the eighth, but rookie Mike Rabelo grounded out and Brandon Inge struck out. Rabelo is now 0-for-12 for Detroit, and Inge is hitting .129.

Rangers 5, Blue Jays 3

TORONTO — Sammy Sosa hit his 595th career home run, and Mark Teixeira and Brad Wilkerson both had two-run shots for Texas.

Sosa hit a two-run home run drive in the third with a shot to center against Blue Jays starter Josh Towers (1-3). It was the seventh home run of the season for Sosa and his first hit in 11 career at-bats against Towers.

Indians 5, Orioles 4

CLEVELAND — Grady



Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka delivers against the New York Yankees during the second inning Friday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Sizemore hit an inside-the-park home run, Jake Westbrook got his first win in five starts and the Indians won their sixth straight game.

Westbrook (1-2) won for the first time since signing a three-year, \$33 million contract extension April 13. He allowed three runs and six hits over 6 1-3 innings, struck out five and walked one.

White Sox 7, Angels 3

CHICAGO — Jermaine Dye homered twice for the White Sox, and Ernie Estrada hit a go-ahead double against his former team.

José Contreras allowed three runs in 6 1-3 innings. He got Gordon hit another save for Philadelphia. This time, the offense belted him out. Carlos Ruiz's infield single with the bases loaded in the ninth inning gave the Phillies a victory over Florida.

Philadelphia (10-12) has won six of seven after a terrible start.

Jimmy Rollins' NL-leading ninth homer tied it and Chase Utley connected one batter

later to give the Phillies a 5-4 lead in the eighth.

Cubs 5, Cardinals 3

ST. LOUIS — Jason Marquis beat his former team for the second straight time and Felix Pie hit his first career home run in Chicago's win over St. Louis.

Pie and Aramis Ramirez hit two-run homers in the fourth inning for the Cubs, who have won consecutive games for the first time since April 6-7. Left fielder Alfonso Soriano threw out two runners, one at the plate.

Brewers 4, Astros 1

HOUSTON — J.J. Hardy's two-run double off Roy Oswalt capped a three-run seventh inning, and Milwaukee handed Houston its seventh consecutive loss.

Johnny Estrada homered in the eighth off new Astros reliever Stephen Randolph, helping the Brewers (1-2) to their seventh win in nine games. Chris Capuano (4-0) won his fourth straight start, giving up five hits and one run.

Nationals 4, Mets 3

WASHINGTON — First things first: The Washington Nationals actually scored in the first inning, the only time they've managed to do that all season.

Austin Kearns hit a three-run homer to stake Washington to an early lead. Nate Phillips (2-2) earned his second major league victory and the NL-west Nationals held off New York.

Pirates 3, Reds 1

PITTSBURGH — Ian Snell limited Cincinnati to six hits over seven shutout innings in another excellent start, and Jason Bay's two-run double in the first got Pittsburgh going.

The Pirates matched their longest winning streak of last season by winning their fifth in a row to move above .500 at 11-10 — a modest achievement for some teams but a turnaround for one that was 5-16 and nine games out of first place a year ago.

— The Associated Press

Saint Louis hires Majerus

ST. LOUIS — Rick Majerus is back in coaching after a three-year absence, ready to help fulfill Saint Louis' intentions of becoming a top 50 national program.

Majerus agreed Friday to a six-year contract with the school, which announced the hire in a statement. An analyst with ESPN the last three years, Majerus has a career record of 422-147 with 15 postseason appearances.

"I missed it," Majerus told the AP on Friday night. "I missed practice. I missed coaching."

The school will introduce the 59-year-old Majerus at a news conference Monday morning. Majerus' first appearance is being delayed through the weekend because the school expects to be negotiating for attention with the NFL draft and a weekend Cardinals-Cubs series.

"I am extremely excited about having a person of Rick Majerus' stature and reputation at the helm of our men's basketball team," Father Lawrence Blondi, the school president, said in a statement. "I know that we are now headed to take our men's basketball team to the next level."

The school and Majerus had been negotiating for several days, beginning not long after Brad Soderbergh was fired after failing to lead the school to the NCAA tournament in any of his five seasons. Saint Louis hasn't been to the NCAA tournament since 2000, and the Atlantic 10 member had an RPI of 73 at the end of last season.

"They're in a good league and about to move into a beautiful building," Majerus said. "I like the guys coming back. I just like the situation."

Majerus coached Utah to the national championship game in 1998, losing to Kentucky, and led the school to 10 NCAA appearances in 15 seasons. He also has coached at Ball State and Marquette and was an assistant with the Milwaukee Bucks.

"Rick and I have gotten a chance to know each other over the past week," Blondi said. "I'm very impressed with what he will bring to our men's basketball program."

Shanahan offers glimpse into draft process

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos always prided themselves on how secretive they were on the weeks leading up to the NFL draft. They wouldn't talk to anybody, not even some of the players they planned to pick and certainly not to the reporters looking for insight into whom the team had his eyes on.

This year, the league said all teams had to talk before the draft, so there was coach Mike Shanahan before the cameras and microphones Friday.

"I like it," Shanahan said when asked about the new media policy. "You're trying to get me in trouble already." Question No. 1: Who are you going to draft?



Saint Louis hired former Utah coach Rick Majerus on Friday. Majerus, a college basketball analyst for ESPN the last three years, has a career record of 422-147 with 15 postseason appearances.

including his commitment to run a program that we can all be proud of."

Majerus accepted the Southern California job in December 2004, only to change his mind three days later. He had cited health reasons when he retired as Utah's coach in January 2004.

Last year, he turned down an offer to become an assistant coach with the Denver Nuggets. That decision, in part, was made because he wanted to be closer to his mother in Milwaukee.

Kansas standout Rush to test NBA waters

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas sophomore standout Brandon Rush plans to enter the NBA draft, but told coach Bill Self he will not immediately sign with an agent, leaving the door open to another year in college.

The 6-foot-6 guard also tested the NBA waters out of high school before signing with Kansas.

Rush averaged 13.8 points and 5.6 rebounds last season and was the only Jayhawk to start all 38 games.

Oklahoma State's Curry to enter NBA draft

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State junior guard James On Curry plans to enter the NBA draft but will not hire

an agent. Curry told The Oklahoma Man he will attend the NBA draft camp which starts May 29 in Orlando, Fla.

"It's a win-win situation," he said. "I'm going to be motivated to go out and play and have them tell me what I need to work on."

The 6-foot-3 guard from Pleasant Grove, N.C., was the Cowboys' second-leading scorer last season, averaging 17.3 points. He also led Oklahoma State in assists at 3.7 per game. The Cowboys finished 22-13 and lost in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Michael Jordan's son plans to play for Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Jeffrey Jordan, plans to attend Illinois next year and play basketball as a walk-on.

Jordan, a 6-2 guard at Loyola Academy prep school in Wilmette, Ill., said in a news release Friday he chose Illinois over Valparaiso.

"At 11 weeks out at Illinois, (met) with the coaching staff and the players, and toured the campus with my mom. I just felt more comfortable with U of I," he said.

The 18-year-old Jordan was a three-year starter at Loyola Academy and two-year All Catholic League player.

He told Illinois coach Bruce Weber of his plans on Wednesday NCAA rules bar Weber or his staff from commenting on walk-on players before they enroll.

As a walk-on, Jordan will have no scholarship and will not sign a letter of intent, meaning his commitment is nonbinding.

USC guard Pruitt declares for draft

LOS ANGELES — Southern California guard Gabe Pruitt, plans to enter the NBA draft, but won't hire an agent, meaning he could return to school for his senior season.

The 6-foot-4 Pruitt averaged 12.5 points and 4.2 assists for the Trojans last season.

— The Associated Press

Draft

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"I expect to come out of college with being like I was in college, the same kind of player," said Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson, generally considered this draft's best athlete. "You have to think you won't do just as well (in the NFL). I will work hard to live up to all the hype out there."

LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell, the odds-on favorite to be the top pick by the Raiders, brings a similar level of confidence to the press. He believes he will lead a turnaround wherever he winds up.

"I'm a playmaker," Russell said. "I go on the field in every situation as if every play is the

NFL Draft No. 1 Selections

- 2006 — Mario Williams, Houston, DE, North Carolina State
- 2005 — Alex Smith, San Francisco, QB, Utah
- 2004 — Eli Manning, San Diego, QB, Mississippi
- 2003 — Carson Palmer, Cincinnati, QB, Southern California
- 2002 — David Carr, Houston, QB, Fresno State
- 2001 — Michael Vick, Atlanta, QB, Virginia Tech
- 2000 — Courtney Brown, Cleveland, DE, Penn State
- 1999 — The Couch, Cleveland, QB, Washington

same and I have to make a play and put my teammates in positions to make plays.

"You've got to be the same. If you take the game for granted, it will hurt you in the long run."

So many of the teams who will go on the clock early Saturday have been hurting for a long time. If they miss up again this year, they'll be right back in the same spot in 2008.

Jones drives for trifecta tonight at Magic Valley Speedway

By Linda Brittan
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Pepsi Premier driver Steve Jones will try and make three wins in row for the No. 3 car in the third race of the season at Magic Valley Speedway tonight, but there will be several other drivers trying to spoil Jones' bid for the three-peat.

T.J. Woodhall, driver of the No. 99 late-model car, has been the bridesmaid so far this season, having placed second to Jones in the previous two main-event races in the feature division.

"I think he could probably beat me in a shopping cart with wobbly wheels," Woodhall said. "He gets through traffic a lot faster than I do. But if I get the right break, I can get him. I'd love to be the one to break up the three-peat."

Woodhall goes on to say there is always plan "B." Last season Jones missed the final

race of the season due to an emergency appendectomy and lost any chance at capturing the track championship, let alone another main-event win.

"I heard he still has his tonsils, maybe something will happen there," Woodhall said. Mike Gross, driver of the No. 70 late-model car, has been racing strong after struggling somewhat last year. The former Pony Stock champion seems to have reinvented himself for 2007, having captured third- and fourth-place finishes in the pair of main-event races held at MVS so far this season, and currently holds third position in the point standings.

The Budweiser Grand Nationals will make their second appearance of the season tonight. Louis Lopez, the 2005 and 2006 track champion in the division, won the 2007 debut race April 14 by more than five seconds over Kenny Ratke, who was piloting a race truck in the main event.

MVS Point Standings

Pepsi Premier

1. Steve Jones, 84; 2. T.J. Woodhall, 60; 3. Mike Gross, 54; 4. Rob Vest, 48; 5. (tie) Rick Fowble, Steve Fisher, 42; 7. Dan Pierson, 38; 8. Mike Buddenhagen, 34; 9. David Perlick, 32; 10. Dale Rogers, 30.

Budweiser Grand Nationals

1. Louis Lopez, 10; 2. Kenny Ratke, 8; 3. Kris McKean, 6; 4. Willie Dalton, 4; 5. Bill Mariner, 2.

NAPA Pony Stocks

1. Jason Whited, 28; 2. Bill Miles, 26; 3. Jonathan Gomez, 24; 4. Josh Pitz, 22; 5. Randy Grubbs, 20; 6. Shawn Nico, 18; 7. Trent Champin, 16; 8. Wade

Jerry McKean was conspicuously absent from the first race in the division after placing third in the final point standings last year. McKean explained he is unsure what path he will take in the 2007 season. "We completely rebuilt the

Henslee, 14; 9. Kevin Grubbs, 12; 10. Marshall Bishop, 10.

Magic Valley Pipe

Thunder Stocks

1. Jim Howard, 42; 2. Jim Shirley, 40; 3. Craig Nubach, 38; 4. Jason Todd, 36; 5. Steve Adams, 34; 6. Brian Lopez, 32; 7. Spencer Meyer, 30; 8. Shelia Hems, 28; 9. Shaun Willis, 26; 10. Desi Ahrens, 24.

Que's Electronics Hornets

1. Alisha Gross, 22; 2. John Reeder, 20; 3. Jeff Peck, 18; 4. Bob Gilligan, 16; 5. Eric Kiel, 14; 6. Renee Lopez, 12; 7. Chet Thorsen, 10; 8. Cory Duffalo, 8; 9. Mitchell Pehrson, 6; 10. Tim Ford, 4.

car again," McKean said. "But I'm going to sell it. It's up for sale right now. We'll see what happens. I might race it. I might not. I'm just taking it one day at a time."

NAPA Pony Stocks driver Jason Whited won the first

main event of the season right out of the starting gate two weeks ago, but Bill Miles gave Whited a run for his money during the entire race. The two former track champions will continue to battle it out on the track tonight, but a rookie in the division, Jonathan Gomez, should also be in the mix having driven his way to a third-place finish on opening night.

Driver of the No. 47, Josh Pitz, ran into some bad luck at the end of last season, but so far looks to have things under control after a fourth-place run in the main event.

Also on the schedule tonight will be VZ Super Stocks, making up their first five appearances.

The six cylinder racing vehicles are lightweight sprint cars that can reach more than 90 mph in 1/4 mile races. They run two-barrel carburetors and have a limited tire rule, meaning tires must run for four race nights.

The 2007 Idaho Six Cylinder

Racing League schedule includes racing action at Pocatello and Roseburg, Ore., along with the events at Magic Valley Speedway.

Pat Quinn, driver of the No. 4X car, is the reigning ISRC Champion and holds the speed record at both MVS and the Race City, USA track in Hermiston, Ore. Quinn drove his way to 10 Top-five finishes and five main-event wins last season, including two at MVS.

Finally, the premier of the Manker's Nursery Teen-Bees will take place this evening, with the 14- and 15-year-old drivers the stars of the show. The new division will run on the one-fifth-mile tri-oval, which should provide the young drivers wishing to get a jump on their racing careers with the challenge as they attempt to negotiate the constant left-hand turns.

Gates at Magic Valley Speedway will open at 4 p.m. with green flag racing starting at 7:05.

Timing is everything at MVS

Transponder system a great tool for scorekeepers

By Linda Brittan
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — In 2005 Magic Valley Speedway jumped light years ahead with its scoring system, replacing the pencil and paper method of keeping count of the cars as they crossed the start-finish line and installing a transponder system.

The transponders, which are smaller than a cell phone, can be purchased for about \$300 or can be rented for the night for MVS for \$15. Each transponder is programmed with its own unique frequency and assigned to the driver.

The rulebook specifies the number of inches from the most forward trailing edge of the front bumper where the device must be placed, depending on the class of car. A scoring loop is buried under the asphalt directly in front of the flag stand, and as the cars pass over the loop the number of laps and speed of the car is transmitted electronically to computer software in the scoring tower. The driver's position in the race and the lap count for the race is also displayed on the large scoreboard located in Turn 2.

The transponders used at MVS, which virtually have the capabilities of a timing frequency settings, are manufactured by AMB I.T. (Identification and Timing) which was founded in the Netherlands in 1982. The same type equipment is also used by organizations such as NASCAR, American Motorcycle Association and the Olympic Games.

Diane Van Eps, who has been scorekeeping the racing events at MVS for nine years, can easily remember the days not so long ago before the transponders and computer program were installed.

"You wrote down the lineup and wrote down every car as they crossed the start-finish line," she said. "It got kind of hairy if there were 25 cars in the race, but you had to have two or three people keeping score."

Now one person can handle the scorekeeping duties on the computer. When the flagman throws the green flag, the operator starts the software program as soon as the last car in the field passes the start-finish line and the laps begin counting in the race. If a caution comes out, the operator of the computer presses an icon and the laps stop counting and the field is frozen until the lineup is set for the race to begin again.

"I can assure you, Tony Stewart knows who he stands with in NASCAR right now," spokesman Jim Hunter said. "That was obvious as a humbled Stewart issued several me cups after his hour-long meeting with NASCAR. His team was forbidden from unveiling Stewart's car until the meeting concluded, forcing his crew to wait at Talladega Superspeedway while the driver met with president Mike Helton, competition director Robin Pemberton and series director John Darby.

"It's a little tender for me to sit down right now," Stewart despaired after the meeting. But Stewart otherwise was serious about the controversy he started by accusing NASCAR of using bogus debris cautions to orchestrate the



A scoring loop buried under the start-finish line at Magic Valley Speedway picks up a signal from a transponder located in the race car each time the car crosses. The lap information is then sent to a computer program in the scoring tower.

See it online

To check out Magic Valley Speedway's online results, visit www.magicvalley.com and click on results.

Each time a car passes over the scoring loop an audible "beep" can also be heard, and Van Eps has tuned herself in to listening for the faint but important sound.

"As they come around you count the beeps," she said. "Last week a car went through the grass and the transponder quit working. So you learn to count how many beeps you hear, so that you know that they're all triggering the signal."

However, anyone who has relied on computers knows that having a backup plan is always wise.

"I still hand-score the race," Van Eps said. "Just in case the system isn't working or loses its signal."

Even with the state-of-the-art program, a driver will still occasionally have doubts as to their finishing position in a race, Van Eps added.

"I always thought that when we got these transponders that they would quit complaining about a finish — but they don't," she said. "They still question it sometimes."

After the data has been up-loaded gen-

erally by the following morning — information from the race is available to anyone who accesses the Web site. With just a few clicks of the mouse the driver or spectator can check out fast lap times in practice, qualifying and main event races. The lap chart will show who was in what position during every lap of the race, so a fan can check to see the race winner won from the pole position or if the driver came from the back of the pack to take the checkered flag.

The time difference between the cars as they cross the finish line is also captured. The number of cars in the field for the race, how many laps the driver completed, their best time and in which lap it was accomplished along with the speed in mph is also there for all to see.

If drivers register their transponders at mylaps.com even more detailed information is available exclusively to the owner of the transponder, including times for each lap ran on a specific night. The race information is also archived on the web site, allowing the driver and crew member to keep close track of their times over the years.

"I love it," Pepsi Premier driver Rob Vest said. "You can see how fast everyone else is going — but it also lets you see how consistent you are and with the scoreboard it makes it really nice."

Stewart takes back wrestling comments at meeting

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Before he was allowed in the race-track, NASCAR made sure Tony Stewart's words were heard.

Summoned to a 6 a.m. meeting Friday morning with top series officials, the two-time champion retracted every bit of what he launched in his rant against NASCAR while admitting he damaged the sport's credibility by likening it to professional wrestling.

"I'm sure I did hurt the integrity of it, and unfairly," he said.

Although Stewart wasn't punished for the comments he made on his weekly Sirius Satellite Radio show, NASCAR did fine him \$10,000 for skipping a post-race news conference in Phoenix last week. He also was placed on probation through the end of the year.

"I can assure you, Tony Stewart knows who he stands with in NASCAR right now," spokesman Jim Hunter said. "That was obvious as a humbled Stewart issued several me cups after his hour-long meeting with NASCAR. His team was forbidden from unveiling Stewart's car until the meeting concluded, forcing his crew to wait at Talladega Superspeedway while the driver met with president Mike Helton, competition director Robin Pemberton and series director John Darby.

"It's a little tender for me to sit down right now," Stewart despaired after the meeting. But Stewart otherwise was serious about the controversy he started by accusing NASCAR of using bogus debris cautions to orchestrate the

recess. His comments were made on his Tuesday night radio show and in comparing NASCAR to wrestling, Stewart perpetuated every stereotype that NASCAR battles in mainstream America.

For that, some believed Stewart should have been punished severely.

"He's a spotted little brat," rival car owner Felix Sabates said.

Suspended Waltrip crew chief leaves team

TALLADEGA, Ala. — David Hyder, one of two Michael Waltrip Racing employees suspended by NASCAR in a cheating scandal at Daytona in February, parted ways with the team on Friday.

Coleman wins Busch pole

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Nineteen-year-old Brad Coleman gave Joe Gibbs Racing its fifth consecutive Busch Series pole at a restrictor-plate track Friday.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP
April 29 - Aaron's 499
Site: Talladega, Ala.
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 11:15 a.m.); Sunday, race (FOX, 2 p.m.)
Track: Talladega Superspeedway (1.5 miles, 33 degrees banking in turns).
Race distance: 500 miles, 188 laps.
Last race: Jeff Gordon, the four-time NASCAR champion, tied the late Dale Earnhardt for sixth place on the career victory list with 76, winning for the first time since last July. Gordon's win in the Subway Fresh Fit 500 ended a 26-race victory drought.
Last year: Jimmie Johnson erased a career fall of Talladega Superspeedway troubles, barreling past teammate Brian Hickman with one lap to go and then holding off a charge from Tony Stewart to win the rain-postponed Aaron's 499. The race contained 58 lead changes among 22 drivers — tying it for 10th-most lead changes by giving the company the victory.

BUSCH
April 29 - Aaron's 312
Site: Talladega, Ala.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying, 5:05 p.m. (Speed Channel, 8 p.m., tape); Saturday, race (ABC, 3 p.m.)
Track: Talladega Superspeedway (1.5 miles, 33 degrees banking in turns).
Race distance: 311.2 miles, 117 laps.
Last race: Clint Bowyer won a string duel with Matt Kenseth, taking the lead with 14 laps to go and holding on in the Busch Series race at Phoenix International Raceway.
Last year: Martin Truex Jr. returned to his roots to win his third straight Busch race at Talladega Superspeedway. Making his first Busch start of the season, Truex drove a car owned by Dale Earnhardt Jr. Truex celebrated what would have been the 10th anniversary of his 15th birthday by giving the company the victory.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS
April 28, O'Reilly Auto Parts 250, Kansas City, Mo.
May 18 — Quaker Steak and Lube 200, Concord, N.C.
May 26 — Ohio 250, Mansfield, Ohio.
June 1 — AAA Insurance 200, Dover, Del.
June 8 — Sam's Town 400, Fort Worth, Texas.
June 16 — Michigan 200, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 22 — Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200, West Allis, Wis.
June 30 — O'Reilly 200, Memphis, Tenn.

SCHEDULE

NEXTEL CUP
April 29 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
May 5 — Crown Royal 400, Richmond, Va.
May 12 — Dodge Avenger 500, Darlington, S.C.
May 19 — nXNASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C.
May 27 — Coca Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 3 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
June 10 — Poocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 17 — Dodge Bank 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 24 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

BUSCH SERIES
April 28 — Aaron's 312, Talladega, Ala.
May 4 — Circuit City 250, Richmond, Va.
May 11 — Diamond Hill Plymouth 200, Darlington, S.C.
May 26 — Carquest Autoparts 200, Memphis, Tenn.

POINTS

NEXTEL CUP

1. Jeff Gordon	1326
2. Jari Burton	1252
3. Matt Kenseth	1163
4. Jimmie Johnson	1115
5. Denny Hamlin	1084
6. Kyle Busch	1002
7. Tony Stewart	994
8. Carl Edwards	987
9. Clint Bowyer	963
10. Ron Hornaday Jr.	921
11. Kevin Harvick	912
12. Jamie McMurray	899
13. Matt Kenseth	868
14. Greg Biffle	850
15. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	840
16. Juan Montoya	831
17. Elliott Sadler	817
18. David Stremme	813
19. Bobby Labonte	780
20. Martin Truex Jr.	774

BUSCH SERIES

1. Carl Edwards	1,525
2. Dave Blaney	1,101
3. Kevin Harvick	1,076
4. Matt Kenseth	1,048
5. David Reutimann	1,034

CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

1. Mike Skinner	970
2. Todd Bodine	657
3. Rick Crawford	602
4. Ron Hornaday Jr.	601
5. Ted Musgrave	600
6. Jack Sprague	564
7. Bobby Labonte	558
8. Johnny Benson	543
9. Travis Kvapil	529
10. Aaron Fike	497

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Warm with plentiful sunshine. Highs low to middle 80s. Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows low 50s. Tomorrow: A mostly sunny and dry day. Highs low 80s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny, warm and breezy at times. Highs low 80s. Tonight: A stiff breeze coupled with generally clear skies. Lows upper 40s. Tomorrow: Warm despite passing clouds. Highs near 80

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Conditions will be excellent for those wanting to escape to the mountains this weekend. Dry and mild weather will prevail through Monday.

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for Boise, Northern Utah, and Twin Falls. Includes text: 'Pleasantly warm late April weather is expected this weekend. Precipitation will be minimal. Conditions will be great for those with plans to be outdoors.' and 'Unseasonably warm and mostly dry weather is on tap for the weekend. A terrific time to be outdoors.'

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX, Pollen Count.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

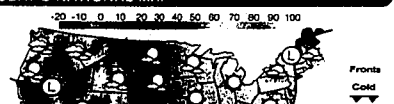
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various national cities including Denver, Phoenix, and Los Angeles.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various international cities including London, Paris, and Tokyo.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLELEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both. - Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities including Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Another solid round finally puts Donald in lead at Nelson

IRVING, Texas — Luke Donald is finally leading the Byron Nelson Championship after all his under-par rounds in the event. Donald's 4-under 66 Friday...



Luke Donald is seen on the 18th green before making his final putt to the second round in the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament in Irving, Texas, Friday. Donald is the tournament leader going into today with a 133, 7-under-par.

my round." Still, O'Hair missed the fairway again at No. 15 and had another bogey. O'Hair started his round with an approach shot to 5 feet for a birdie, but gave the stroke right back at No. 2 when his tee shot at the 192-yard hole was way left of the hole in the rough. He made the turn at 8-under with a two-stroke lead after chipping in from 26 feet for eagle 3 at the 533-yard seventh and making a 10-foot birdie at No. 9.

four birdies and five bogeys. England's Stuart Little shot a 3-under 69 to take a one-stroke lead in the rain-plagued Spanish Open. The rain that soaked the Centro Nacional de Golf course on Thursday returned Friday, allowing only 38 of the 155-man field to complete 36 holes.

Little had an 8-under 136 total. South Africa's Charl Schwartzel (68) and Englishman Mark Foster (69) and Nick Dougherty (71) were in the clubhouse at 7 under.

Madrid, Spain — Little leads Spanish Open 155-man field to complete 36 holes.

Yeah, I suppose it's a course I just enjoy," Donald said. "You don't have to overpower it, you don't have to be ultra-long to be successful. It's more about placing it, I have good thoughts and good feelings about this place when I play here, and it shows." Kent Jones (66) and Scott Verplank (68) were two strokes back, and Vijay Singh (67) was in a group of five players at 4 under. This is the first time the tournament has been played without Byron Nelson, the champion golfer known as "Lord Byron" and in 1968 the first to have a PGA Tour event named after him. He died Sept. 26 at age 94. During the third round Saturday afternoon, play will stop for a moment of silence in honor of Nelson. There will also be a flyover by a squadron of fighter jets. Donald took over sole possession of the lead with a 43-foot chip from the edge of the green at the 196-yard 17th. That was a hole after he missed his only fairway and had to settle for par at the 534-yard 16th, the easiest at the TPC Four Seasons. Wetterich's bogey-free round came at Cottonwood Valley, the course across the street that hosted its final Nelson rounds Friday. The tournament is returning to a one-course format next year after a multimillion-dollar design at the TPC. This is the first time in three years that Wetterich wasn't tied for the lead after the second round. He had a stretch of 10 straight pars between his only birdies at Nos. 2 and 13.

"It was slow, but at the same time, I didn't feel like I was playing that bad," Wetterich said. "I'm happy where I'm at." Donald, who has four top-10 finishes this season, also holod a 25-foot chip for birdie at the 426-yard 12th hole. "With the greens being a little inconsistent, it's easier to not put at all if possible," Luke said. "Two chip-ins obviously on the back nine kept my momentum going." With the tournament being played a month earlier than usual, many of the TPC greens are in poor shape with patches of dead grass after attempts to revive it didn't work. Donald's only bogey came at the 409-yard 14th when he missed the green and couldn't convert a 5-foot par putt. "That was about the same time O'Hair's troubles started a group behind, when he missed the green at the 183-yard 13th and pushed a 6-foot par putt past the hole. O'Hair was deep in the trees after his wayward tee shot at 14th and punched back into the fairway before a nice par save. After a pitch shot to 20 feet, his putt looked like it was about to stop rolling, then it took one more turn and dropped into the cup. "I guessed right, and luckily it was just hard enough to go in," O'Hair said. "That saved

The ending didn't discourage O'Hair, who has four consecutive top-15 finishes. "I'm tuned in," said O'Hair, a one-time PGA Tour winner whose breakthrough was a runner-up Nelson finish in 2005. "My game, the way I feel and everything, I'm liking how I feel." Phil Mickelson (139) and Singh, the only top-10 golfers in the world ranking playing this week, were in the same group at Cottonwood Valley on Friday. No. 4 Mickelson, in his first tournament since the Masters and with Butch Harmon as his instructor, had his only three bogeys on the final seven holes of a round of 70. His only three first-round bogeys at TPC came on the last four holes. Seventh-ranked Singh had birdies on four of the last seven holes — the same stretch Mickelson struggled.

Madrid, Spain — Little leads Spanish Open 155-man field to complete 36 holes.

IT TAKES TWO to Find the Right One

Advertisement for jobs featuring a magnifying glass over a globe with the word 'jobs' written below it.

Vandals

Continued from page B1. Paull referred reporters to university spokeswoman Tanla Thompson, who released a statement saying

privacy laws preclude officials from commenting on individual cases. Jones' number is unlisted. Duke said the investigation was continuing and more

arrests could follow. Jones, 6-foot-2, 300 pounds, from Vallejo, Calif., played in nine games for the Vandals last season, finishing with 19 tackles.



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Billingsley Creek Ranch sold to buyer from Florida

By Karl Matthews
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — One landmark from-and-wood sign already has been removed from Billingsley Creek Ranch, marking the sale of Idaho's leading breeder of race horses.

An undisclosed private buyer from Florida bought the 715-acre property late last month.

Former owner Don McFadden says the ranch will be enhanced by the new owners for family use, possibly for hunting and farming.

Lifelong neighbors George and Irene Lemmon said they have mixed feelings about the change of ownership.

"It's the end of an era," said Irene Lemmon, who will miss the horses. "I've enjoyed seeing them."

Her husband said he was not partial to the horses more than the sheep or cows raised on the property. His main concern is that the land be used well.

"There's quite a potential on that ranch," George Lemmon said, referring to the many natural resources on the ranch. "We used to go swimming (in Billingsley Creek) when we played hooky from school. We've seen the ranch all its life."

The ranch, pieced together over the course of eight separate land purchases beginning in 1971, grew to become the home for 250 horses during its heyday.

Now that the ranch is sold, McFadden and his wife plan to move to Montana to begin "one last chapter in our lives," he said.

The new owners will lease a portion of the ranch for about a year for horse training, managed by Mike and KayLynn Francke, McFadden said. The Franckes have worked at the ranch for about five years.

Though some fields already have been tilled for planting, about 75 horses remain on the property. That will change on Aug. 18, however, when the horses will be sold, bringing a final end to Billingsley Creek Ranch, McFadden said.

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Minidoka officials break ground for new schools

By Steve Berg
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Minidoka County School District broke ground on three major projects Friday — Acequia and Heyburn elementary schools and a new gymnasium at Paul Elementary.

District Superintendent Scott Rogers said finalizing plans for the schools is a trying process, but one that now appears to be moving forward.

"I think once it gets going, it will move pretty quickly," he said. "What people don't realize is that there's a lot of work to get (done) there — the design and modeling, the permitting."

In May 2006, Minidoka County patrons passed a \$14 million bond for the projects. District officials worked for months afterward to choose viable sites for the Heyburn and Acequia schools.

'DANCERS FIGHT CANCER'



Chelsea McBride, 17, in foreground, and her sister Jennifer, 25, strike a pose in their dance costumes. The sisters performed with 26 other dancers from the Maslén Dance Academy of Twin Falls in the ballet 'Africa' on Friday during the Canyon Rim Dance Classic. All of the proceeds from the event will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life walk in Filer. This is the 7th annual production of 'Dancers Fight Cancer.' Kelli Turner, of Maslén Dance Academy and one of the four directors involved, says that the dance production has raised about \$35,000 over the years. The event will continue through today at the CSI gymnasium.

State calls off coyote hunt

Predators pose little threat to deer this year

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Plans to shoot coyotes in the South Hills from a fixed-wing airplane have been called off, say officials with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In March, the agency said it would be contracting with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services division to eradicate coyotes before deer fawning season. But after reassessing rabbit numbers in the South Hills, Fish and Game called off the hunt.

Coyotes sometimes feed on fawns from other sources of food, such as rabbits, are scarce. Because rabbit numbers are higher than anticipated, it's unlikely many coyotes will kill deer this spring, said Dave Parrish, head of Fish and Game's Ierome office.

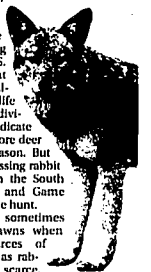
"We have the option (to hunt)," he said. "But we're not going to use it this year."

Coyote gunning has traditionally occurred in parts of southeastern Idaho, and this year would have been the first time the animals were shot in south-central Idaho.

The department had originally scheduled the South Hills hunt for May.

Fish and Game is mandated by the Legislature to spend \$100,000 each year for predator eradication. The money comes from the agency's general fund, made up mostly of license and tag monies.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the environment. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@tee.net.



In May 2006, Minidoka County patrons passed a \$14 million bond for what is becoming the Heyburn and Acequia schools.

Rogers said the district has chosen general contractors and is now seeking local sub-contractors who can install the projects' various components, such as plumbing, concrete and electrical work.

"We're taking pre-qualifying bids, not just the low bidder," he said. "We've got to ensure quality as well." Construction is slated to begin May 21.

Rogers said contractors estimate a 14-month construction period and plan to complete the schools before the beginning of the 2008-09 school year.

"This is a good thing for our community," Rogers said. "I'm impressed that Rupert and Paul voted so overwhelmingly (in favor of the bond), even though they're not getting new schools. It took the whole community."



Idaho Rep. Max Baucus holds parts of the Roosevelt Tree on April 24 in Boise after it was cut down near the Statehouse to make room for the expansion and renovation project.

Woodworkers eye trees being cut down for Capitol renovation

The Associated Press

BOISE — When trees are cut down to make way for Capitol renovation, they will look like most piles of branches and timber.

But pathologist Ryan Cole of Boise looks at the doomed trees and sees a

pen for every lawmaker and heirloom rocking chairs for the visiting public to relax in.

Retired schoolteacher and former Kuna High School Principal Gib Floyd sees lap desks modeled on

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To get involved

The Capitol Commission has invited the Department of Administration to find woodworkers from across the state who can save future historians in the old stone and masonry. If you're interested contact Cherie Dumas at 332-1628 or dumas@idaho.gov

Former Buhl Middle School to be razed

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The fate of an historic building used as the former Buhl Middle School was decided Tuesday after officials toured the site.

"I have never seen anything like it. We were sopping in water," said Margaret Cox, who will become the district's new superintendent in July.

Officials say the building, located at 217 7th Avenue N., should be razed as soon as possible.

Cox presented photos to school board trustees that showed extensive water damage and vandalism to all three of the building's floors.

Board President Ken McDonald said condition of the building has deteriorated since last fall when asbestos were removed.

"We need to look at this for what it is," said Trustee Jackie Frey. "There is no recourse but to take it down."

"I really wish you would consider putting it up for sale," said Buhl resident Rick Martin. "We could bring more money into the district

"There is no recourse but to take it down."

— Jackie Frey, Buhl School District trustee

by selling it."

It's a discussion the district has had before, but board members said selling the building was not in the best interest of the district.

"You can't use your heart here. We need to use our heads, and the building needs to come down," said Frey. "I could not, in good faith, see the building sold to a private entity."

Board members say they will not have a cost estimate of the demolition until they look at bids, which they currently are seeking. But they did say they want the school razed as soon possible.

"We need to make darned certain what it is going to cost before we ask for anything," said Trustee Grant Loveless, and "before planning where (the money) is going to come from."

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OBITUARIES

Duane Holsley

DIETRICH — Duane Holsley, 78, a resident of Dietrich, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Duane was born July 28, 1928, to Elmer and Elvina Katherine Holsley in Mountain Grove, Mo. At the age of 7, the family moved to Idaho. He attended school in Castletown until his sophomore year. At the age of 17, he joined the Navy. He served four years and received an honorable discharge on Sept. 28, 1949.

He is survived by his wife, Imogene Holsley of Dietrich; a daughter, Linda Marie Norris of Twin Falls; sons, David William (Paulette) Holsley of Winston, Ore., Randall Lee

(Denise) Holsley of Dietrich and Ricky Lynn (Shelley) Holsley of Boise; five grandsons; three granddaughters; three great-grandsons; his brother, Lyle Holsley; and sister, Doris Lowe. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. today, Saturday, April 28, at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Mark Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. The family appreciates the concluding military honors provided by the Magic Valley Veterans. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Cellist, human rights crusader, dies at 80

By Martin Stokberg and Maria Duvalva Associated Press writers

MOSCOW — Mstislav Rostropovich played the cello with grace and verve — and lived his life offstage the same way. His death at age 80 takes away one of modern Russia's most compelling figures, admired both for his musical mastery and his defiance of Soviet repression.

Rostropovich stirred souls with playing that was both intense and seemingly effortless. He fought for the rights of Soviet-era dissidents and later triumphantly played Bach suites below the crumbling Berlin Wall, as an infant in his father's cello case.



Rostropovich

In his last public appearance, at his birthday celebration in the Kremlin on March 27, Rostropovich was frail but still able to show his capacity for grandiosity.

"I feel myself the happiest man in the world," he said. "I will be even more happy if by this evening will be pleasant for you and your guests."

Spokeswoman Natalia Dolzheva confirmed Rostropovich's death, but would not immediately give details. The composer, who returned to Russia last month after years of living in Paris, had suffered from intestinal cancer.

After a funeral in Christ the Savior Cathedral on Sunday, he is to be buried in Novodevichy Cemetery, where the graves of his teachers Dmitry Shostakovich and Sergei Prokofiev also lie. The



This undated photo supplied by the National Symphony Orchestra shows Mstislav Rostropovich, the stalwart musician who fought for the rights of Soviet-era dissidents and later triumphantly played Bach suites below the crumbling Berlin Wall, as an infant in his father's cello case.

arrangements echo the prestigious farewell this week the Russia accorded Boris Yeltsin, the first leader of post-Soviet Russia.

President Vladimir Putin called Rostropovich's death "a huge loss for Russian culture" and expressed condolences to his loved ones.

Rostropovich, who was known by his friends as "Slava," was considered by many to be the successor to Pablo Casals as the world's greatest cellist.

A bear of a man who hugged practically anyone in sight, he was an effusive rather than an intimidating maestro, a teacher who nurtured Jacqueline du Pre among many other great cellists.

"He was the most inspiring musician that I have ever known," said David Finkel, the Emerson String Quartet's cellist who studied with Rostropovich for nine years. "He had a way to channel his energy through other people, and it was magical."

Cellist Yo-Yo Ma released a statement expressing deep sadness at the loss of his fellow musician.

"Cellists, myself included, are enormously grateful to Slava for the way he transformed the cello repertoire, developing new techniques through compositions he commissioned," Ma said. "He made things that were once thought impossible on the cello possible."

Rostropovich's sympathies against the Communist Party leaders of his homeland started with the Stalin-era denunciations of Shostakovich and Prokofiev.

Under Leonid Brezhnev's regime, Rostropovich and his wife, the Bolshoi Opera soprano Galina Vishnevskaya, sheltered the dissident writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn in their country house in the early 1970s.

"The passing of Mstislav Rostropovich is a bitter blow to our culture," Solzhenitsyn said Friday, according to his wife, Natalia.

"He gave Russian culture worldwide fame. Farewell, beloved friend," Solzhenitsyn said.

DEATH NOTICES

Hester A. Mitchell
JEROME — Hester Alice Green Mitchell, 85, of Jerome, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at her home.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 30, at the Jerome Cemetery with Bishop Blaine Hope officiating. No viewing is planned. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Rod Berry Sr.

TWIN FALLS — Rod Berry Sr., 75, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 26, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Dean T. Merritt

TWIN FALLS — Dean Thomas Merritt, 35, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 26, 2007, at his home.

A service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert Perrine

HANSEN — Robert "Bob" Perrine, 76, of Hansen, died Thursday, April 26, 2007, at his home.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the funeral home.

A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's newspaper.

Carolyn J. Pugh

RICHFIELD — Carolyn J. Pugh, 64, of Richfield, died Thursday, April 26, 2007, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Rachel Kircher

BURLEY — Rachel Kircher, 87, of Burley, died Thursday, April 26, 2007, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Eileen Mae Browning Cunningham of Glenns Ferry, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at the Glenns Ferry LDS Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Leo Toshio Atzawa of Filer, celebration of life as a graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park, 2425 Colgate Ave. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

James "Rod" Roderick Scott of Boise, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church, 111 S. Cole Road in Boise; viewing from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Lydia Ivie Anderson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Shannon L. Sigglin of Boise, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Halley Cemetery (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Nyla Lou Matthews Larson of Burley, funeral at noon today at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 S. 16th St.; friends may call from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

William McCormick of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Community Hall, 1001 E. 1st St. Witnesses on Carriage Lane Parke's Magic Valley Funeral

Home in Twin Falls).

Lou J. Hessler of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Wanda Jean Lehmanns of Buhl, celebration of life from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Wanda's home in Buhl; viewing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl.

Beth Blamires of Jerome, celebration of life for family and friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Blamires' home, 36 S. 100 W. in Jerome (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Rosa C. Martinez of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St. in Rupert; viewing for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. with rosary at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Jerome Mortuary Tupper Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Frank Kearns of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

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Vonnegut's hometown of Indianapolis honors late author

By Steve Herman Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — A hometown celebration of Kurt Vonnegut's life and literary prowess was highlighted Friday night with the last thing the author wrote — a speech he had planned to deliver himself last Thursday.

"Vonnegut wrote that 3-page lecture two weeks before he died at age 84 on April 11, said his son, Mark, who spoke on the father's behalf at the annual McClendren Memorial Lecture.

The sold-out event was part

of a yearlong tribute to the author. Indianapolis officials designated 2007 the "Year of Vonnegut," with readings and forums intended to encourage people to visit libraries and to read.

"It was a great honor to him. I'm trying to figure out if he's sorry he's not here or not," Mark Vonnegut joked — something his father would have appreciated. "He was really, really serious about being funny."

Kurt Vonnegut was regarded as a key influence in 20th-century American literature during a career of more than

60 years. The city's tribute also included a seven-minute recording of Kurt Vonnegut reading from "Slaughterhouse-Five," the novel that developed from his firsthand account as a German prisoner of war during the Allies' firebombing of Dresden in 1945.

His last book, "A Man Without a Country," was published in 2005 and released in paperback on Jan. 16. On Saturday, a copy of "Slaughterhouse-Five" will be placed with other items in a time capsule that will be sealed for 50 years inside the city's new

expanded Central Library. Vonnegut was born on Nov. 11, 1922, in Indianapolis, the youngest of three children. His affluent German-American ancestors played a key role in the city's early development, and his paternal grandfather was a prominent architect who designed several Indianapolis landmarks.

Vonnegut left Indianapolis shortly after his 1940 graduation from Shorridge High School — now a middle school — but he returned to the city in several of his works and he returned periodically for lectures and visits.

Trees

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into firewood makes any woodworker cringe," said Lee, 72, who started his woodworking company, CreativeEE Inc., in 1982. "We just felt like, why not offer this wood to woodworkers so they can make something of beauty to share not only with the state but usually they're able to have it for display for future generations?"

Lee works primarily on custom furniture and small boxes on display in galleries across the Northwest. He said some of the trees from the Capitol will be big enough to get lumber out of, but even the smaller pieces of wood scraps could be salvaged.

Boise GOP Rep. Max Black and Department of Administration head Keith Johnson came up with the idea to turn the wood over to local artists. Black, a woodworker himself, is in charge of having the wood expertly cut so it yields the most lumber, and then of drying and sending wood to kilns so it can be preserved for work.

Black envisions that woodworkers won't be paid for their time but will be compensated by getting to keep a little wood for themselves.

"We think we'll have a lot of volunteers that want a piece of the wood," Black said. "And the way to get a piece is to give some back to the state."

Black said conservative estimates are that 4,000 to 5,000 board feet of lumber can be salvaged — maybe less if some trees are rotten inside. Black said a desk could be made with about 100 board feet.

"There's a saying among some woodworkers: 'What-

ever you build, build it well because your signature will last longer than you will,'" Cole said. "I always think if the tree could talk, all of the trees the tree could tell."

The largest of the 11 trees is an American elm on the west lawn that is likely more than a century old.

Two other trees slated for removal are a good-sized sycamore planted 10 years ago and an oak estimated to be around 40 years old.

Others include a Northern red oak planted in 1971 by the Sons and Daughters of Idaho Pioneers, and a maple Theodore Roosevelt planted in 1903, now in a storage closet under the Statehouse steps.

Gary Daniel of the Idaho Capitol Commission said the Roosevelt tree will likely be at

the heart of many woodworker proposals because of its historical significance. "The tree, with a trunk about a foot in diameter, tempts historical woodworkers like Floyd, who was commissioned by Kempthorne a few years ago to build the replica William Clark lap-desks for 42 other governors.

"Whatever I do, I would want to use the kinds of wood that had been used in that time frame," Floyd said.

All the trees in the woodworking project except the Roosevelt tree are still standing, Black said.

Statehouse renovation will affect about 40 trees on the Capitol grounds. At least 11 of those are too old or sickly to be moved, so they will be used by woodworkers.

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Ground breaking for Capital goes ahead without governor

By Keith Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Officials broke ground Friday for the 2½ year, \$120 million remodeling and expansion of the 100-year-old state Capitol.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who opposed the project, was reportedly not in attendance, instead taking part in an education meeting a few blocks away, his office said.



Otter

But just as the bill approving the Capitol renovation became law without his signature, the ground breaking took place without his presence.

Lt. Gov. Jim Risch filled in, first thanking early residents of the state for building the Capitol.

"Those people who sup-

ported this idea were truly visionary people," Risch told about 175 people who gathered outside for the event on the Capitol steps. "It is with a profound sense of gratitude that we should look back and thank Idahoans that we never knew for what they did and their vision. They discharged their obligation to us and today we discharge our obligation to Idahoans we will never know."

Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, spoke after Risch, noting that lawmakers wanted to make sure the Capitol remained a working building.

"We tried to add a 100-year vision to this expansion program for the Capitol," he said. "To maintain a working office Capitol building as we have had for the last 100 years."

House Speaker Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, referred to the disagreements that were overcome leading up to the

"Those people who supported this idea were truly visionary people."

— Lt. Gov. Jim Risch

ground breaking.

"The road that we traveled to get us to this point was not always smooth," he told the crowd.

The renovation was approved before Otter took office in January. On Jan. 12, he ordered work stopped on the project, and a scaled-back version then was approved by lawmakers, reducing the size of underground wings from two stories to one.

Otter opposed the larger wings as frivolous and emblematic of big government. He argued the money would be better spent on refurbishing the old Ada

County Courthouse and Bonh Post Office buildings, located across the street.

"He has, just as all of us do, strong feelings about the process," said Risch after the ceremony. "Everyone is well intentioned and working in good faith in this and I think the governor fits in that category."

But some in the crowd were disappointed Otter didn't take part.

"I'm saddened by that because I feel this is an important thing for the state of Idaho and for the people of Idaho," said Jeanne Bronson. "I understand and I know that he's not 100 percent behind this, but I think he should be here."

Otter did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press.

The Legislature will meet in the old Ada County Courthouse during the next two years.



Dignitaries, including Idaho House Speaker Lawrence Denney, fifth from left, break ground for the restoration and expansion of the state Capitol on Friday.

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COMING SOON TO IDAHO

Boise man arrested after arson, suspected homicides

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Police found human remains in a crawl space beneath the home of a 38-year-old man they had arrested during an investigation of suspected arson.

During questioning about a fire at his home Thursday, Todd C. Hagnas gave law-enforcement officials information about two homicides that may have occurred at the home, Boise Police Department officials said in a news release.

"Detectives have uncovered what they believe at this time to be human remains in the crawl space," police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower said Friday. "Because of the seriousness of the potential crimes and the location and condition of potential evidence, the search of the crime scene will be painstakingly methodical."

Police said they had at least partial identities of the potential victims.

Both are acquaintances of Hagnas, Hightower said, adding the remains of a small

dog were also found beneath the home late Thursday.

Police and fire officials on Friday continued their search.

Hightower said the case began early Thursday when police dispatchers received an anonymous phone call around 7 a.m. telling them that they'd be busy and would need cadaver dogs.

Two hours later, firefighters responded to Hagnas' Boise home after a 911 call believed to have been made by the same man.

"They found a man sitting in a porch swing just feet from

the burning home," Hightower said. "Officers arrived moments later and forcibly removed the man, later identified as Hagnas, from the property so firefighters could put out the fire." After questioning, Hagnas was arrested.

Officers then searched the home's crawl space, finding the decaying body of the dog as well as what appeared to be freshly moved dirt.

After obtaining a search warrant, officers found what appeared to be human remains in the crawl space.

Otter considering California-style property tax system

BOISE (AP) — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is considering changing how property tax is determined in Idaho.

The system Otter described would lock assessed values at the sale price, then limit how fast the assessments could grow.

"That is something that we're studying, and we'll continue to take a look at," Otter said Thursday during a question-and-answer session on Idaho Public Television's Idaho Reports.

He said the idea is similar to California's Proposition 13, that state's landmark property tax revolt in the mid-1970s that stopped property taxes

from increasing more than 1 percent per year.

Currently in Idaho, property tax assessments are based on the estimated market value. Assessments can grow or shrink each year.

Under the change Otter is considering, recent home owners could pay more in property taxes than longtime homeowners even though the homes would be worth the same.

Tax experts said changing to the system suggested by Otter would require changing the Idaho Constitution. Doing that would require a two-

thirds majority vote in the House and Senate, plus a statewide election with the majority of voters approving.

Many Idaho voters, particularly in northern Idaho where home values have increased dramatically, have sought property tax relief.

Two years ago, lawmakers studied the state's tax system and rejected a California form of property tax out of concern it would create uneven taxes and reduce the amount of money taken in by local governments.

"That's probably not where you want to go," Senate

Assistant Majority Leader Brad Little, R-Emmett, told the Idaho Statesman. "There are always people who don't like property taxes, but most of them are pretty happy with the relief they got last year."

In a special session in August, Idaho lawmakers cut \$260 million from property taxes and raised the sales tax from 5 percent to 6 percent.

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U of I research money takes a dip

MOSCOW (AP) — The president of the University of Idaho says the school needs to ramp up how much research money it brings in after the dollars dropped below \$100 million for the first time in four years.

"While I wouldn't say that we are stagnant in our research programs, I would say that we've hit a plateau," Tim White told UI employees Thursday. The Lewiston Tribune reported. "We need to re-ignite this research engine because it is so much of what the University of Idaho is and needs to be in this nation of ours."

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Yellowstone grizzlies 'recovered,' fight over future continues

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — One of the most pristine expanses of wilderness in the lower 48 states grew even wilder over the last two decades, with the resurgence of grizzly bears across 9 million acres in and around Yellowstone National Park.

On Monday, those grizzlies will be cut loose from protection under the federal Endangered Species Act. The move is being hailed by the Bush administration as a landmark in the drive to protect the bears' vital habitat.

But a lawsuit to reverse the administration's ruling already is being drafted, illustrating the bitter fight over grizzlies — and the wild lands they roam — is far from over.

But a lawsuit to reverse the administration's ruling already is being drafted, illustrating the bitter fight over grizzlies — and the wild lands they roam — is far from over. The preservation groups behind the pending legal challenge claim the administration is delisting grizzlies as part of its agenda to expand logging, oil and gas exploration and grazing on Western lands. They also argue the administration is ignoring new perils for grizzlies, its global warming and the boom in vacation home construction that is sweeping across the West.

"This is politics pure and simple. This is an animal that needs a significant amount of habitat, and there's a lot of interest in using some of that room and some of that habitat" for other purposes, said Louisa Wilcox, who heads the Wild Bears Project for the Natural Resources Defense Council, one of eight groups preparing a joint lawsuit over Yellowstone-area grizzlies.

Federal wildlife officials and some conservation groups say the litigation could throw a cloud over the entire endangered species program, obscuring one of the program's rare success stories.

"I don't think the Endangered Species Act has to be the club to always hold over peoples' heads," said Mitch King, regional director for the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "What we need to do is run populations around, get them on the right track, and then work with states and other agencies to keep them on the right track."

Four other grizzly populations in the Northern Rockies will retain their "threatened" status.

As many as 50,000 grizzlies once ranged the western half of the United States. Adults can top 6 feet tall and reach 600 pounds — striking terror in early European settlers who routinely shot, poisoned and trapped grizzlies until they were reduced to less than 2 percent of their historic range.

The Yellowstone-area population has grown from an estimated 200 animals in 1981 to more than 600 today in parts of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Their rebound followed a lengthy effort to reduce human influences within the lush river valleys, sprawling mountain ranges and dense woodlands where bears reside.

Grazing permits for thousands of sheep were reduced. Federal agencies removed more than 1,000 miles of forest roads. Logging was decreased. Backcountry travelers were instructed to stave food and trash that could otherwise lure bears into fatal conflicts with humans.

Even then, the bear's return was painfully slow. Females reproduce on average every three years, sometimes bearing only a single cub. And grizzlies need ample room to thrive — up to 600 square miles for adult males.

After grizzlies were listed as a threatened species in 1975, conflicts with humans remained the No. 1 source of bear deaths. From poaching to rural highway collisions, human activity accounted for 303 of 414 bear deaths in the Yellowstone area from 1973 to 2004, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Federal wildlife officials say the recent habitat improvements around Yellowstone will

ensure grizzlies a permanent retreat.

U.S. Forest Service documents indicate at least 476,000 acres of the grizzly's habitat is available for future logging and 794,000 acres for oil and gas exploration. But Chris Sercheen, the biologist who led the grizzly recovery effort, said almost 80 percent of suitable bear habitat in the region is considered "secure," meaning it is away from roads and unlikely to be developed.

"These changes are institutionalized now," Sercheen said. He added that money now spent on Yellowstone grizzlies, more than \$20 million to date, would be better directed toward the four remaining threatened grizzly populations or toward other species on the endangered list.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, a past critic of the Endangered Species Act, said the delisting of grizzlies would help restore the law's credibility.

"The Endangered Species Act has gotten a bad rap. It's considered a way to lock up the



A grizzly bear wanders along in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming in this undated photo.

land and restrict human activity," he said. "If we can get an effective delisting and prove to the country the law works, I think this goes down as a success."

A spokesman for U.S. Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo, said the grizzlies' change in status would allow ranchers and others who live near the bears to resume working the land without fear of government intrusion.

But critics say Yellowstone's bears have been abandoned just as new threats to their existence emerge.

Global warming is blamed for the death of vast stands of whitebark pine trees that are a staple of the bears' diet. And mountain vacation homes are pressing ever closer to Yellowstone, increasing the potential for run-ins with humans that inevitably result in dead bears.

On April 10, an eastern Idaho man was mauled by a grizzly that was guarding a moose carcass near a rural subdivision. Five days later, game wardens captured and killed the bear.

To Wilcox, the incident underscored her contention that 9 million acres could prove too small an enclave for an animal that could be forced to look elsewhere for food as warmer weather alters its habitat.

That could prove impossible in at least in one state: Wyoming has drawn a line around occupied grizzly habitat and made clear any bears that cross it will be removed or killed.

Montana has adopted a more flexible plan, with the hope of encouraging Yellowstone grizzlies to link up with another bear population to the north, along the Continental Divide. That migration is considered key to maintaining the bears' genetic diversity. If it doesn't happen, federal biologists say they may be forced to transplant new bears into Yellowstone once a generation.

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Pentagon: al-Qaida operative captured

WASHINGTON — After being secretly held by the CIA for months, an Iraqi who was one of al-Qaida's most senior and experienced operatives has been shipped to the Guantanamo Bay military prison for terror suspects, officials said Friday.

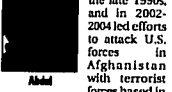
Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi is believed responsible for plotting cross-border attacks from Pakistan on U.S. forces in Afghanistan, and he led an effort to assassinate Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, and U.N. officials, the Pentagon said.

The transfer of al-Iraqi, said to have been an associate of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, makes him the 15th so-called "high-value" detainee known to be handed over to military officials at the military facility in Cuba from CIA control.

The arrangement continues to be controversial. People in the secret prisons are subject to harsh interrogation methods that human rights groups say amount to torture. The Bush administration says the methods are legal and the interrogation necessary to protect the U.S. from attack.

The Pentagon said al-Iraqi

was born in Mosul, in northern Iraq, in 1961 and served in Iraq's military. Spokesman Bryan Whitman said he was a key al-Qaida paramilitary leader in Afghanistan in the late 1990s, and in 2002-2004 led efforts to attack U.S. forces in Afghanistan with terrorist forces based in Pakistan.



Abdul Hadi al-Iraqi, a key al-Qaida operative, was captured in Pakistan.

Neither Whitman nor CIA spokesman Paul Gimigliano would say where or when al-Iraqi was captured or by whom. A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said the Iraqi man had been captured late last year in an operation that involved many people in more than one country.

CIA Director Michael Hayden wrote in a note to agency employees Friday that the capture was a significant victory and that the CIA played a key role in efforts to locate him, according to an agency official who saw the note.

In Pakistan, Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao described the arrest of al-Iraqi as a welcome development but gave no indication that Pakistan played a role in it. CIA spokesman Gimigliano called al-Iraqi "a veteran jihadist" and said the capture was good news. He said it is still an extremely dangerous group. But it is evidence of success in terms of eroding their leadership.

It wasn't until last September that President Bush first acknowledged the CIA use of secret prisons around the world. He said all 14 high-value terrorism suspects that the CIA had been holding — including a mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks — had been transferred to military custody at Guantanamo Bay for trials. Officials said Friday that al-Iraqi was captured well after that, but John Sifton of Human Rights Watch in New York said he was skeptical. After Bush's announcement, "we thought there were others who remained in CIA custody or, if they weren't, they were temporarily being held in some sort of proxy custody by someone else," Sifton said.

Iraqis favor troops staying despite U.S. politics

By Chris Kraul
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An informal poll of Iraqis suggests many think President Bush holds the upper hand in the struggle with the U.S. Congress over funding the Iraq war and doubt that Democrats can force a phased withdrawal of troops as a condition of passing a spending bill.

"Bush is a fox who knows how to play the game and turn it to his own advantage," said Razaq Hobi Karreem, a 40-year-old laborer in Baghdad, confident that Bush will get his way on the budget.

Karreem was one of 20 Iraqis in several cities interviewed Friday on the spending battle and the outcome's effect on their future. They were about four to one in favor of coalition troops staying until Iraq's security forces are ready to take over.

Muhammad Abdul-Ameer, a university lecturer in Najaf, said a U.S. withdrawal would cause a "catastrophe" because the Iraqi army and police are not ready to shoulder security. The U.S. military is here for the long haul, he

and others said, if for no other reason than to protect American economic interests and keep chaos from enveloping the region.

"After all our security has broken down and our infrastructure smashed, the Americans want to leave now? That's not going to work. They would give terrorists and militias the green light to prevail," said Dhis Saleem, a worker at a B a g h d a d restaurant.



Dhis Saleem, a worker at a Baghdad restaurant, said U.S. troops should stay until Iraq's security forces are ready to take over.

"There would be no security and regional battles would follow with outside countries interfering," said Isam Mohammed Ali, a 33-year-old merchant in Basra.

The comment came with violence rising across Iraq and after both houses of Congress passed measures setting timelines for a withdrawal of U.S. troops as a condition of funding the war effort. At a Camp David news conference Friday with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Bush reiterated

his vow to veto any such limit. Also Friday, the U.S. military command announced that three Marines were killed Thursday in combat in Iraq's al-Anbar province. The military identified one of those killed as Cpl. Willie P. Celestine Jr., 21, of Lafayette, La., from the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 11 Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Identification of the other two Marines was withheld pending notification of next of kin.

In Madrid, a Spanish judge Friday indicted three U.S. 3rd Infantry soldiers based in Fort Stewart, Ga., in connection with the death of a Spanish journalist killed when their tank opened fire at a hotel in Baghdad during the March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

The U.S.-led coalition Friday also announced the death of a security detainee who was being held in a coalition-run prison, a fatality that could fan criticisms by human-rights groups of the conditions in which thousands of suspects are being held in Iraq.

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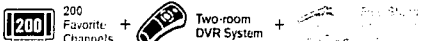


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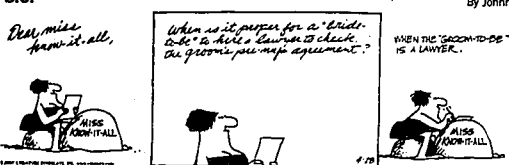
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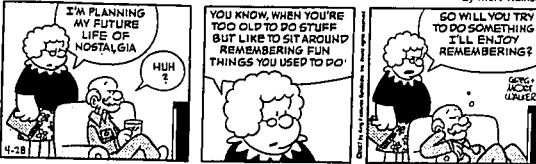
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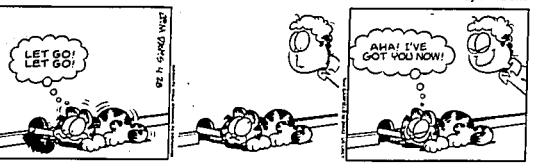
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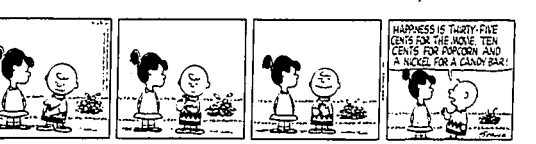
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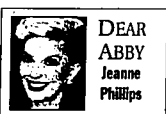


THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Girl's discipline dissolves when parents come home

DEAR ABBY: I baby-sit during the day for a family with three children — a 9-year-old girl who's in school the majority of the time, a 4-year-old boy who plays well on his own, and a 5-month-old baby girl who requires a lot of attention. I think of myself as good at my job. I do not tolerate talking back, whining, kicking, hitting or screaming, or time-outs will occur without hesitation. Needless to say, the kids are well-behaved with me.



DEAR KYLE: Perhaps. One man's trauma can be business as usual to someone else. Assuming your friends had never witnessed an accident, their experience probably was upsetting. What you witnessed was undeniably traumatic. However, it is not necessary to be right all the time. Rather than alienate your friends because you need to be right, let them heal from their "trauma" and drop the subject.

When the parents come home, however, that's another story. As I am leaving, I see the children start acting badly and even kick and hit their parents! My concern is that these parents are not doing anything about this behavior. It pains me because these poor children are allowed to act out. They are great kids, but need a little discipline when I leave the house at the end of the day. I am extremely shy, and it would be hard to confront the parents to show more discipline.

DEAR ABBY: There was an accident right behind my house. Many of my friends saw it unfold in front of them. Nobody was killed or seriously injured in the accident. All my friends did the following day was act like it had been a horribly traumatizing experience. Yet when I was 11 years old, I watched a family friend die only a few feet away from me. I told my friends that my experience was obviously more traumatizing. I explained it like this: They watched four people they didn't know get into an accident because the driver was high on marijuana. I saw someone actually die. They insist it's all the same thing, but they're blowing it out of proportion, and they're calling me insensitive. Are they right?

DEAR ABBY: Can you answer a question about cell phone etiquette? If I'm in a store, and someone near me is having what I would consider a personal conversation, should I leave that aisle, or should the other person move to a location where he or she cannot be overheard to have that conversation?

DEAR CATHY: It would not be "confronting" the parents to have a private chat with them and explain that their children don't kick and hit you, nor do they talk back or scream — and the reason is the penalty will be an immediate time-out. Those parents could use the

DEAR ABBY: It is amazing how many people using cell phones in public have selective amnesia and forget that they can be overheard. You should not have to move away to avoid hearing what is being discussed. It is the responsibility of anyone using a cell phone to safeguard the information being shared.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, April 28, the 118th day of 2007. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On April 28, 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

On this date

In 1758, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on HMS Bounty as the crew of the British ship set Capt. William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in a launch in the South Pacific.

In 1918, Gavrillo Princip, the assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and the archduke's wife, Sophie, died in prison of tuberculosis.

In 1937, former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was born in the village of al-Ojja near the desert town of Tikrit

In 1947, a six-man expedition sailed from Peru aboard a balsawood raft named the Kon-Tiki on a 101-day journey to Polynesia.

In 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty that had been signed by the United States and 47 other nations took effect.

In 1957, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali refused to be inducted into the Army, the same day Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress the U.S. "would prevail in Vietnam."

In 1987, Contra rebels in Nicaragua killed Benjamin Ernest Linder, an American engineer working on a hydroelectric project for the Sandinista government.

In 1996, a man armed with a semiautomatic rifle opened fire on tourists on the Australian island of Tasmania, killing 35 people; he was captured by police after a 12-hour standoff at a guest cottage.

Ten years ago, President Clinton and three of his predecessors — George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford — began drafting a national

army of community service volunteers during the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia.

Five years ago: Severe weather, including tornadoes in Missouri and Maryland, killed at least six people. Alexander Lebed, the gruff former general who helped defeat the 1991 hard-line Soviet coup, was killed in a helicopter crash near the Russian town of Abakan; he was 52.

One year ago: Attorneys for Ruth Limbaugh, who had been accused by Florida prosecutors of "doctor shopping" for painkillers, announced a deal under which a single prescription fraud charge against the talk show host would be dismissed after 18 months provided he stayed drug-free and did not violate any laws.

Storms battered eastern Texas with winds up to 100 mph and had the size of baseballs.

Ellen DeGeneres swept the Daytime Emmy awards, winning best talk show host for the second time and earning talk show honors for the third consecutive year.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Author Harper Lee is 81. Former Secretary of State James Baker III is 83. Singer Bette Midler is 77. Actress-singer Ann-Margret is 66. Actress Rosemary Clooney is 64. Actor Paul Strassman is 59. Actor Paul Giamatti is 58. "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 57. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 55. Actress Mary McDonnell is 54. Rock singer-musician Kim

Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 54. Rapper Too Short is 41. Actor's son Ryan Reynolds is 35. Singer Khalil Fong is 36. Actress Bridget Moynahan is 26. Actor Chris Young is 36. Rapper Big Gipp is 34. Actor Jorge Garcia is 33. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 34. Actress Penelope Cruz is 33. Actor Nate Richert is 29. Actress Jessica Alba is 26. Actress Alekha Allen is 16.

Philadelphia police shut down psychics under little-known rule

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — They never saw it coming. City inspectors shut down more than a dozen psychics, astrologers and tarot-card readers after learning about a decades-old state law that bans fortune telling for profit.

Inspectors did not make arrests or issue fines, "but they will if these people try to return to work," said Dominic E. Verdi, deputy commissioner of the city

Department of Licenses and Inspections. Verdi said the law, on the books for more than 30 years, makes fortune-telling "for gain or lure" a third-degree misdemeanor. Police alerted his department to the law a few days ago, Verdi said. "I was surprised," he said. He said inspectors have closed 16 shops since Tuesday and he expected them to close more.

THOUGHT

"It takes a long time to understand nothing." — Edward Dahlberg, American author and critic (1900-1977)

Gere apologizes for kiss scandal

NEW DELHI (AP) — Richard Gere tried to quell the storm over a public kiss he gave a Bollywood star at an AIDS awareness event, apologizing Friday for any awkwardness.

Gere's embrace and kiss of actress Shilpa Shetty sparked several noisy demonstrations by hard-line Hindu groups and a flurry of legal complaints, which ended time with a judge in the northwestern city of Jaipur issuing an arrest warrant for the two stars for violating obscenity laws.

The embrace, in front of about 4,000 truckers, in a failed parody of a move from Gere's film "Shall We Dance," and "a naive misread of Indian customs," he said.

WORLD

Saudis say terror sweep nets 172 militants, including pilots trained for oil refinery attacks

By Alshafiq Shihri and Osama Abu-Nour
Associated Press writers

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia announced Friday that an anti-terrorism sweep netted 172 Islamic extremists and stopped plans to mount air attacks on the kingdom's oil refineries, break militants out of prison and send suicide attackers to kill government officials.

An official said the plotters had completed preparations for their attacks, and all that remained to be done was to plot in motion "was to set the zero hour."

It was one of the biggest roundups since Saudi leaders began cracking down on religious extremists four years ago after militants attacked foreigners and others involved in the country's oil industry seeking to topple the monarchy for its alliance with the U.S.

But while the monthslong police operation provided a high-profile victory for the royal family, the large number of people arrested highlighted the extremism threat in the world's leading oil exporter.

The Interior Ministry said the plotters were organized into seven cells and planned to stage suicide attacks on "public figures, oil facilities, refineries ... and military zones," including some outside the kingdom. It did not identify any of the targets.

The militants also planned to storm Saudi prisons to free jailed militants, the ministry's statement said.

"They had reached an advance stage of readiness, and what remained only was to set the zero hour for their attacks," the ministry's spokesman, Brig. Mansour al-Turki, told The Associated Press in a phone call. "They had the personnel, the money, the arms. Almost all the elements for terror attacks were complete except for setting the zero hour for the attacks."

The Saudi statement said some of the detainees had been sent to other countries to study living in preparation for using them to carry out terrorist attacks inside the kingdom.

Al-Turki said he didn't know whether the militants who trained as pilots planned to fly suicide missions like those in the Sept. 11 attack on the United States or whether they intended to strike oil targets in some other way with the aircraft.

"I have no information on what they were planning to do with the airplanes, but I assume, based on the possible use of airplanes in attacks, that they planned to fly the airplanes into specific targets," he said.

The militants were detained in successive waves, with one group confessing and leading security officials to another group as well as caches of weapons, al-Turki said. He told the privately owned Al-Arabiya

television channel that some of those arrested were not Saudis.

The Interior Ministry said police seized large quantities of weapons and explosives and more than \$5.3 million in currency during the sweep.

State TV showed video of one cache dug up in the desert that included explosives, assault rifles, handguns and ammunition wrapped in plastic.

U.S. officials praised the sweep as a blow to international terrorism.

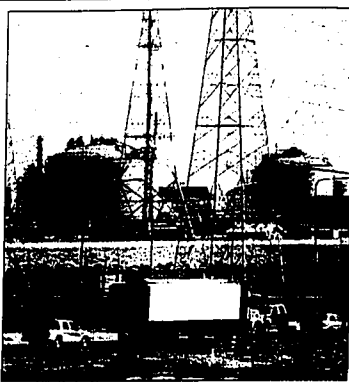
"Certainly anytime the Saudis or anyone else takes action against those involved in terrorism it's a good thing," State Department spokesman Tom Casey said. "It's something that makes the world safer and makes America safer."

Saudi Arabia's long alliance with the United States angers Saudi extremists who object to Western ways, such as Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

An austere strain of Islam known as Wahhabism is followed by the country's predominantly Sunni Muslim population, and militant groups have attracted recruits from Saudis with extremist leanings.

Fifteen of the 19 airline hijackers in the Sept. 11 attack were from here.

Militants have struck at foreigners living in Saudi Arabia and the country's oil industry, which has more than 750 billion barrels of proven oil reserves, a quarter of the world's total. Bin Laden also has urged such attacks to hurt the flow of oil to the West.



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Green divide is growing within Christian sects

God must be green. After all, God created the Earth and said it was good.

The wonder is that some Christians are not only not green, they are completely indifferent to the future of our island home.

To be sure, many evangelicals are working hard to raise environmental consciousness among their followers. As early as 1970, the National Association of Evangelicals called on all Christians to "support every legitimate effort to maintain balance in ecology, preservation of our resources and avoid cluttering our natural beauty."



STEVE GUSHEE

Christians have long insisted that God commanded man to take dominion over the Earth and, indeed, exploit it.

Last year, 86 evangelical leaders issued a call to action to address climate change, but the effort continues to be a hard sell. Convincing Christians to care about their environment means overcoming centuries of contrary theological interpretation. Many evangelicals have difficulty rewriting what they once insisted was God's inerrant word.

Christians have long insisted that God commanded man to take dominion over the Earth and, indeed, exploit it. The church used that rationale to justify despoiling the Earth during the Industrial Revolution.

Times do change theology despite those who insist it is eternally fixed. Few continue to cite Genesis in support of razing the land, but many can't be bothered hearing it.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, albeit hostile to environmentalism, said recently that global warming does not exist. He insisted that Satan and "earthism worshippers" were diverting "true evangelicals" away from the church's mission of evangelism.

Fellow travelers James Dobson of Focus on the Family and televangelist Pat Robertson accuse newly minted environmentally sensitive Christians of dividing evangelicals.

There are also Christians who long for the day when all things old are at work to bring that to pass.

End-time enthusiasts, avid fans of the "Left Behind" series of apocalyptic novels, followers of televangelist John Hagee and others who want to trigger Armageddon, are clearly not green.

They argue that God has his mind set on despoiling the world and want to help. There is no sense caring for the Earth, positioning climate change or saving the polar ice cap that amounts to rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic, according to this frightening but growing group of so-called Christians.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem as he longed for the city to be destroyed and its inhabitants to be spared. God weeps over our wanton disregard of his creation. It's hard to imagine a more obvious truth.

Steve Gushee is a retired Episcopal clergyman who writes for the Palm Beach, Fla., Post.



Judi Mellon, at left, Chris Hinton and Elaine Proost pray over National Day of Prayer postcards being sent out to churches in the Magic Valley.

Give us this day

Magic Valley Christians gear up for a National Day of Prayer

By John E. Swoyze
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Time has taught Chris Hinton some valuable lessons of faith. One of these is that the struggles of everyday life have less impact when faced with prayer.

"God's word tells us to pray without ceasing, and rather than freak out about things like I used to do," Hinton said. "And it's become more natural to turn to prayer."

Earlier this year, Hinton began working with a committee of volunteers from several Magic Valley churches to organize a communitywide celebration of the 56th National Day of Prayer. An annual event — scheduled Thursday — focuses on praying for government, media, families, schools and the church.

"We don't realize the power we have in coming together in unity and prayer," Judi Mellon, another committee member, said. "When I put aside my personal needs and pray for needs across our community, there's a blessing that splashes back and comes to me that I didn't even ask for."

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In Mini-Cassia ...

Christian churches in Minidoka and Cassia counties will hold a National Day of Prayer event from 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Riverside Amphitheater at Riverside RV Park, located behind the Chamber of Commerce office in Heyburn. The event will include contemporary worship, prayer led by pastors and lay leaders from local churches and a speaker.

Congress called for a National Day of Prayer in 1775, but it was not officially established by an act of Congress until 1952 when President Truman signed it into law. At the behest of the Reagan administration, in 1991 Congress designated the first Thursday in May as the official day of observance.

Centered around the theme of "America, United in Prayer," more than 40,000 people are expected to take place across the nation.

For the fourth consecutive year, the public is invited to join in a nondenominational prayer service at the Twin Falls City Park bandshell from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday. Worship music will be provided by Greg and Pam Fadness of

A short history of prayer

Prayer has been described as "an intimate friendship, a frequent conversation held alone with the Beloved" by St. Teresa of Avila, a 16th-century Spanish mystic.

Prayer is a universal aspect of religion, whether of primitive peoples or of modern mystics, that expresses the broad range of religious feelings and attitudes which command mankind's relations with the sacred or holy. Described by some scholars as religion's primary mode of expression, prayer is said to be to religion what rational thought is to philosophy: the very expression of living religion.

According to the American philosopher William James, without prayer there can be no question of religion. An Islamic proverb says that to pray and to be Muslim are synonymous, and Sadhu Sunder Singh, a modern Christian mystic of India, said that praying is as important as breathing.

The origin of prayer is to be found in the recognition

Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, while retired cardiologist Dr. Wayne Wright will open the noon prayer session. Those in attendance will then be encouraged to break up into small prayer groups.

"We'll also have prayer folders available so that people aren't left on their own wondering what to pray for," Hinton said. "We've usually had around 200 people come

out and join us in the last few years."

Other National Day of Prayer community events include the following:

- A Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Buhl Kiwanis Club, will be held on Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Buhl City Council chamber, 203 Broadway Ave. N. Admission is free.
- The Filer Kiwanis Club will

and invocation of the creator god, the god of heaven. Sociologists often explain prayer in terms of the religious environment, which plays a role in spiritual behavior. Though prayer supposes a personal belief, that belief is — to a great extent — provided by society. Society creates and regulates social and religious rites and liturgies to express its beliefs.

But to explain the origin of prayer solely in terms of an environmental context would be to neglect the inner, personal origins of prayer. Whence magical formulas are used to coerce the supernatural, liturgical language seeks to lead the participants into an understanding of the mystery of the divine, in the presence of such a mystery, mankind often discovers that is can only stammer or that its speech often falters. Speech with the divine is, in such cases, followed by silence before men, as one understands the inexpressible (i.e., the sacred or holy). Religious language, like silence, thus expresses the distance and inadequacy of man in relation to the divine mystery.

— Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica

Times-News correspondent John E. Swoyze lives in Filer.

More Hispanics are abandoning religion

New York Times News Service

RICHMOND, Va. — On Sunday afternoons, when the local Catholic church holds Mass for Spanish-speaking Catholics, Edgar Chillin is playing soccer in a league with hundreds of Hispanic players.

As a child in Guatemala, Chillin attended Mass every Sunday. But after immigrating to America 25 years ago, he and his family lost the churchgoing habit. "We pray to God when we feel the need to," he said, "but when we came here to America we don't feel the need." New research shows that

increasing percentages of Hispanics are abandoning church, suggesting to researchers that along with assimilation comes a measure of secularization.

Several studies show that Hispanics are just as likely as other Americans to identify themselves as having "no religion," and to not affiliate with a church. Those who describe themselves as secular are a small minority among Hispanics — as they are among Americans at large. But, in contrast to many of the non-Hispanic Americans who identify themselves as secular,

most of the Hispanics say they were once religious.

The Roman Catholic Church, the religious home of most Hispanics, is experiencing the greatest exodus. While many former Catholics join evangelical or Pentecostal churches, the recent research shows that many of them leave church altogether.

"Migrating to the U.S. means you have the freedom to create your own identity," said Keo Cavalcanti, a sociologist at James Madison University and a co-author of a recent study that found a trend toward secularization

among Hispanics in Richmond. "When people get here, they realize that maintaining that pro forma display of religiosity is not essential to doing well."

Another study of 4,000 Hispanics by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and the Pew Hispanic Center found that 6 percent of them said they had "no religion" — similar to the 11 percent in the general public.

"They come, they adopt the American way, and part of the American way is moving towards no religion," said Arleta Keysar, associate direc-

tor of the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture at Trinity College in Hartford.

Hispanics who said they had no religion represent a small subset; many more Hispanics are living rather secular lives but still identify themselves as Catholics or Christians.

Roberto Suro, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, said: "You can feel very strongly about the Virgin of Guadalupe and believe your children ought to be baptized, and still not participate in the Catholic Church or make it a major factor in your life."

RELIGION

Church of the Brethren celebrates centennial

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Church of the Brethren will celebrate its centennial next weekend.

An open house is planned on May 5 at 2 p.m., followed by a worship service and love feast. Another worship service is planned May 6 at 11 a.m., followed by a picnic on the church grounds.

Many of the former members and pastors of the church are planning on attending the celebration.

The public is welcome. In 1907, the Twin Falls congregation of the Church of the Brethren built a church on the corner of Third Avenue North and Fourth Street West; it now houses the Mauldin Dance Academy. In the fall of 1957, construction began on a new building at 461 First Ave. W. which the congregation has occupied since.

For more information, call 733-3789

Catholic women's group sets biennial convention

JEROME — Idaho Council of Catholic Women will hold its biennial convention here Friday through May 6.

Speakers will include National Council of Catholic Women president Ellen Bachman; Region I Vice-President Barbara Erickson; Planning Director Betty Koch; Marilyn Scott, director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center; Biss Borresen from 5th District Youth Court, and Patty Clark of the Magic Valley Crisis Center.

A Fun Night is planned Friday, including food and a chocolate buffet. On May 5 is the Most Rev. Michael Driscoll, bishop of the Diocese of Boise, will say Mass, followed by the announcements of ICW Woman of the Year and Cincinco de Mayo festivities.

For more information, call Anita Baretels at 324-7262 or email her at abaretel06@msn.com.

LDS church hosts dinner, open house today

KIMBERLY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host an open house and dinner with the theme, "Strengthening Families," from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 Birch St.

Dinner will be provided. Everyone in the community is invited to join the evening of friendship and fun. The event attends Sunday morning services beginning at 9 a.m.

Lay speaker Maffin will give Sunday sermon

TWIN FALLS — Charlotte Maffin of Buhl, a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church, will give the sermon Sunday, at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Her topic is "Joy."

The Community Prayer group will meet at noon Wednesday during May at the United Methodist Church.

An After School Program for Hispanic children starts at 4 p.m. Wednesdays.

Larry Morton of Pocatello and Barbara Bunsold of Ashton will lead a district lay leaders and leadership team training session from 8:30 a.m.

Should churches welcome reformed child molesters?

New York Times News Service

CARLSBAD, Calif. — On a marquee outside and on a banner inside, Pilgrim United Church of Christ proclaims, "All are welcome." Sustained by the belief that the doors of the all-comers is a living example of Christ's love, Pilgrim now faces a profound test of faith.

In late January, Mark Pilska, 53, told the congregation here that he had been in prison for molesting children, but that he sought a place to worship and liked the atmosphere at Pilgrim.

Pilska's request has plucked the close-knit congregation into a painful discussion about applying faith in a difficult real-world situation. Congregants now wonder, are all truly welcome? If they are,

Church news

to 3 p.m. May 5.

The homeless meal will be at 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church.

Hallelujah Handbells to perform 'I'll Fly Away'

TWIN FALLS — The Hallelujah Handbells will perform "I'll Fly Away" during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. The Rev. Phil Price will speak on "The Voice of the Shepherd."

Following worship, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments and to view the new Adult Ministries Bulletin Board called the "Discipleship Project."

Originally developed by a Presbyterian Church in Salem, Ore., the bulletin board is a resource center to stimulate, promote and measure adult spiritual education activity within the congregation. It will provide learning sheets both for independent and group study.

Starting Sunday and continuing through May, photos of families for a photo directory will be taken before and after worship. Please come early or stay after church to have photos taken.

Anyone who has a child graduating next year is asked to contact the church office so the students can be recognized and congratulated.

Dinner and a Movie will be at 6 p.m. Friday in the fellowship hall. The movie is "RVSP of the Penguins." Please RSVP by May 1 to Pat Kinnison at 734-5820.

The Presbyterian Women of Kendall Presbytery will meet for fellowship at 9:30 a.m. May 5 at the Hollister Presbyterian Church. A worship service and program are included. The lunches will be \$5 per person. Those planning to attend should contact Juanita Upton at 324-7280 to car pool.

On April 20, Betty Olmstead received the Honorary Life Membership Award for Presbyterian Women, a recognition to those who have served their church and community for many years. She was given a certificate from the National Presbyterian Women and a pin.

For more information, contact the church office at 733-7023.

Blake Walsh speaks on 'Witness of Peter'

Buhl — Blake Walsh will speak on "The Witness of Peter" at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Buhl First Presbyterian Church. Scripture reading is Revelations 7:9-17 and Acts 9:36-43. Coffee hour will follow worship.

Sunday school for all ages starts at 10 a.m. Nursery care is provided the meetings.

The women's group will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday for Bible study on Genesis 37:39-45, 50.

Presbyterians women will meet at 9:30 a.m. May 5 at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church.

Pastor starts series on New Testament Church

JEROME — Pastor Ronald Matheny will begin a series

on the book of Acts and the New Testament Church during worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome, 282 E. Ave. A. This week's sermon is "Renewing our Spiritual Baptism."

Sunday school begins a 9 a.m. Childcare is available for Sunday school and Worship services. For more information, call 324-2972.

Agape Foursquare celebrates 'Lord's Table'

TWIN FALLS — Agape Foursquare will celebrate the "Lord's Table" with Holy Communion during worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the church, 181 Morrison St. Pastor Gerald Nielsen sermon title is "Hey Jude," (not to be confused with a Beatles' song).

Adult Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m.; children's church starts at 11 a.m. and evening worship is at 6 p.m. Bible study and youth church are at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. A men's group meets Monday.

For more information, call 733-6255.

Annual youth potluck, pie auction set in Kimberly

KIMBERLY — The annual Youth Potluck and Pie Auction will highlight the Fifth Sunday of Lent at the Kimberly Christian Church.

The youth will lead a combined worship service at 10:45 a.m. Small-group Sunday school classes start at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Friday. Women in Faith will meet Tuesday evening at Carol Kalke's. An adult Bible study will be on Wednesday, and a non-host men's meeting will be at noon Thursday at Gerie's.

For more information, call 423-5334 between 9 a.m. and noon.

Elder will speak on 'Gift of Land' in Hollister

HOLLISTER — Elder Mark Kofler of Twin Falls will speak on "A Gift of Land" at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church. Scripture reading is Genesis 1:1-18 and Deuteronomy 6:10-25. The service includes observance of Rural Life Sunday.

Refreshments will be served after church.

Visitors are welcome.

Methodist's radio station celebrates fifth year

RUPERT — Locally owned and operated radio station KUMCIP 93.3 FM of the Rupert United Methodist Church is celebrating its fifth year of being on the air this month.

A birthday party will follow worship Sunday, with a video presentation during the hospitality time at noon. Tours of the station are available.

All are welcome.

First Christian Church hosts potato bar

TWIN FALLS — Youth of the First Christian Church will host a potato bar at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

The menu features baked potatoes with toppings including diced ham, cheese, sour

cream, green onions and cheddar. Corn bread, salad and dessert also will be served.

Cost is a freewill donation. Proceeds will help the youth attend church camp in the summer. Everyone is invited.

For worship at 10:50 a.m., Pastor Jim Tabbs will speak from Luke 10:1-20 and focus on Jesus' words that he "watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning."

Bible study is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the church. The current study topic is the Book of Revelations. Everyone is welcome.

PBS starts broadcasting series on LDS church

TWIN FALLS — The PBS "Frontline" and "American Pastor" series have combined their resources to profile a largely neglected narrative about one of the nation's fastest growing religious institutions.

"The Mormons" is a two-part, four-hour special that offers a history of this born-in-America religion and then examines the current reality of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The program airs at 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday on Idaho's Channel 4 in the Twin Falls area. Filmmaker Helen Whitney says she had access to Mormon archives and church leaders as well as to dissident elites, historians and scholars both within and outside the faith.

The first night's program looks at the early history of the faith, starting with Joseph Smith's visions and the creation of the Book of Mormon and then looks at the Mormons' confrontations with their neighbors.

On the second night, the focus moves to the contemporary realities of the Mormon Church — the 50,000-strong religious property, the entry of the church into the mainstream American culture, intricacies of Mormon theology and ritual and excommunication of those who challenge church doctrine or do not follow its teachings.

Centering Prayer takes place Wednesday in TF.

TWIN FALLS — Centering Prayer will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive.

May's discussion topic is "The Discipline of Prayer" from the Contemplative Life Program. This lesson explores different forms of prayer and how the use of intention and attention can renew and enliven an individual's commitment to prayer. A Centering Prayer practice session is included.

Admission is free. Anyone with an interest in Centering Prayer is invited.

For more information, call Janice Kelley at 734-9499 or Joyce Ballard at 733-8881.

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MISSIONARIES

Five young men from the Magic Valley area have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

Elder Tadd S. Green will serve in the West Virginia Charleston Mission.



Green

Green is the son of Kyle and Tracy Green of Carey, an Eagle Scout and is the son of an Eagle Scout and is in the Twin Falls 17th ward. He graduated from Carey High School, where he participated in football, basketball and track, and attended a semester at Boise State University. He worked for Valley Maintenance in Hialeah before his mission. He entered the Mission Training Center on April 18.

Elder Skyler B. Gardener will serve in the Texas Fort Worth Mission.



Gardener

Gardener is a 2006 graduate of Kimberly High School, an Eagle Scout and is in the Kimberly 1st Ward, which meets at the Kimberly Stake Center. His parents are Blake and Wendy Gardener of Kimberly.

Elder Tyler K. Johansen will serve in the Canada Edmonton Mission.



Johansen

Johansen graduated in 2006 from Twin Falls

High School, where he participated in live, Chamber Singers and track. He is an Eagle Scout and is in the Twin Falls 17th ward. His parents are Kevin and Tina Johansen of Twin Falls.

Elder Ryan Curt Balletero will serve in the Russia Vladivostok Mission.



Balletero

Balletero is the son of Tony and Anna Balletero of Twin Falls, an Eagle Scout and is in the Twin Falls 17th ward. He graduated as a valedictorian in 2006 from Twin Falls High School, where he was co-president of the Chamber Singers, and attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where he is on the dean's list.

Returned from serving:

Elder Paul James Stanger served in the California Fresno Mission.



Stanger

Stanger is the son of Mark and Mary Ann Stanger of Kimberly and is in the Hansen Ward. An open house to welcome him home will be held after church Sunday at the Stanger home, 3728 N. 3700 E. in Kimberly.

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Preachers are happiest workers in the whole USA

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Clergy may complain about their salaries or the blurred boundaries between their work and private lives, but apparently they are as happy as it gets.

That's according to a study on job satisfaction and general happiness by the University of Chicago, in which 87 percent of clergy polled said they were very satisfied with their jobs.

Clergy also topped the happiness scale, with 67 percent saying they were very happy. When researchers asked those questions of 27,500 randomly selected U.S. workers over nearly two decades, only 47 percent of people said they were very satisfied with their jobs and 33 percent said they were generally very happy. The survey did not show whether job satisfaction and happiness rates had changed over the years.

After clergy, the most satisfied workers were firefighters at 80 percent and physical therapists at 78 percent, according to the report released last week.

Roofers ranked last, with only 25 percent saying they

found their work satisfying.

The most satisfying professions are those that involve helping others, noted report author Tom Smith of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

Even so, he called the clergy's rankings striking, saying they were the study's single strongest finding. They are also a bit surprising, said I. Pittman McGhee, a former dean of Houston's Christ Church Cathedral who counsels both clergy and their families.

After learning of this study, McGhee asked a group of clergy their thoughts.

"They laughed out loud when I said 87 percent," he said. "They were shocked."

Out of respect for ordination, the clergy surveyed may have felt constrained to tell researchers that they were satisfied and happy in a way that other workers wouldn't, he said.

Nonetheless, McGhee said most clergy love their calling, meaning the teaching, preaching, pastoring and sacramental part of it. They aren't fond of the politics, the pay and the administrative duties.

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Surging sisters

After decades of decline, some Catholic convents see an increase in applicants

MIAMI (AP) — Twenty young women who want to become nuns will arrive this fall at the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Michigan — so many candidates that there aren't enough beds.

Helped by aggressive marketing and a new generation of conservative Roman Catholics, convents around the country say they are experiencing an increase in applicants for the first time in decades. The women are inspired by Pope John Paul II and his defense of Catholic orthodoxy and are seeking a life that draws them closer to God.

Anecdotal evidence about the increase has convinced the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, which analyzes church trends, that it should start a formal study of the growth.

"It's not a huge increase, but for a while there was hardly anybody and now there are some, so something is going on," said Mary Bendyna, executive director of CARA, based at Georgetown University. The number of U.S. nuns dropped dramatically since its peak of about 180,000 in 1965 to 66,600 in 2006, according to CARA. The numbers will continue to decline as older nuns die, even with a recruiting surge — but the decrease could slow.

Sister Jesua Visel, a 27-year-old who joined the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Ind., said, "There is a real yearning for a sense of community these days among people in general," Visel says. "We're very



Sister Margaret Lane ties up a rose bush outside her room at 'The Villa,' a two-story motel turned convent where about 25 nuns live in Miami. Helped by aggressive recruiting, media campaigns and Web site, Catholic convents around the country say they are experiencing an upturn in new nuns for the first time in decades.

separated from each other for all the communication devices we have."

Sister Mary McGlynn is among the new recruits. After college, she knew she wouldn't be happy in a typical office job. "I knew there was something more I wanted," said 23-year-old McGlynn, who joined the Dominican Sisters last fall.

McGlynn, of Tallahassee, watched a promotional DVD and visited the Dominican Sisters Web site before deciding to join.

"That helps a lot because online you can read about the community and see pictures and see what they're about,"

she said. Along with McGlynn, the other new members include a former lawyer and bartender whose average age is 24. The national average age for nuns is in the 70s, according to CARA.

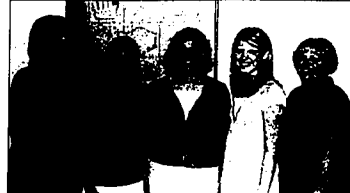
"There's time every day to be with God and not having all the distractions that are in the world that keep you from God," McGlynn said.

At 'The Villa,' a two-story motel turned convent where about 25 nuns live on the Barry University campus in Miami Shores, the nuns are also changing with the times. "Their founders would tell

them to "go to the edges," embrace technology, says Sister Arlene Scott, assistant vice president of mission at this coed Catholic school in Miami.

That attitude has helped their order, the Adrian Dominican Sisters, in Michigan attract a handful of new candidates in their 20s and 30s this year. They used billboards and hired an ad agency to research what would appeal to younger women.

"We're not selling ourselves like we're worried we're gonna die out," Scott said. "We're evolving into something else."



Three young women and two leaders in the View LDS 1st Ward received their Young Women in Excellence awards April 4. Pictured from left are Susan Anderson, Ainsley Anderson, Jileisa Stoker, Danyel Gunnell and Shauna Blauer.

Young womenhood awards go to 5 in Burley

BURLEY — Young Women in Excellence awards were presented April 4 to three girls and two women of the View 1st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The award is presented to those who set goals in seven value areas — faith, divine nature, individual worth, knowledge, choice and accountability, good works and integrity — and strive to achieve them through service and self-improvement projects.

Jileisa Stoker is the daughter of Brent and Arla Stoker. She said her favorite project was painting and decorating her bedroom because she was able to pick out her own colors and furniture and do her own design.

Danyel Gunnell, daughter of Morris and Dana Gunnell, said her favorite projects were being a "lunch buddy" and choreographing and teaching dance routines for her school's dance team.

Ainsley Anderson redecorated her bedroom for one of

her projects. She said she enjoyed this project because she got to design her own room and put the color schemes together. She is the daughter of the daughter of Jaye and Susan Anderson.

Shauna Blauer said her favorite project was working with the Extraction Program where she retrieved information from microfilm of those who have passed away. These names are then proofed in the area and then sent on to Salt Lake City, Utah, for final proofing. She is the Young Women president in the View 1st Ward.

Susan Anderson is a kindergarten teacher in Declo. For one of her projects, she implemented the "Daily Five" program in her class, which teaches the students to work independently while the teacher helps individuals or does group work. She said she appreciates this program and sees the improvement in her students. She is the Laurel adviser in the View 1st Ward.



Five young women in the Declo LDS 2nd Ward received their Young Womenhood awards April 8. To earn the award, young women set goals in seven value areas — faith, divine nature, individual worth, knowledge, choice and accountability, good works and integrity. They are required to complete a 10-hour service or self-improvement project in each area. Pictured from left are Faith Farnswell, Alina Martinez, Lucy Mangum, Brandy Durfee and Ashley Darrington.

Mother, daughter earn LDS award

BURLEY — Ida Jones and her daughter, Aubrey Jones, of the Star LDS 2nd Ward, recently received their Young Women in Excellence awards. Aubrey also attends the Parke Avenue Singles Ward.

Ida is a counselor in the Burley LDS West Stake Young Women's organization. Her projects included being a Relay for Life team member, reading the Book of Mormon in a month, being involved with the Character Education Program at Burley High School, writing a script for the



Ida Jones



Aubrey Jones

Young Women's program and serving as choir director for her ward. She enjoys doing handwork, reading, gardening, scrapbooking and walking. Her husband is

Craig Jones.

Aubrey is a graduate of Burley High School, where she served as president of the Burley Spectator Olympics Panzer Program and played volleyball. She served as Laurel president in her ward. Her projects included volunteering at Cassia Regional Medical Center, reading the Book of Mormon, making picture frames for friends, typing her father's personal history and participating in the "Adopt a Highway" program. She is attending Brigham

Young University in Provo, Utah. She enjoys cooking, scrapbooking, playing games and sports.

The Times-News welcomes news of Young Women Recognition awards. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, 102 Bar 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trina Tegan, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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FDA rejects painkiller Arcoxia

TRENTON, N.J. — The Food and Drug Administration rejected Merck & Co.'s request to market a successor to its withdrawn arthritis drug Vioxx in the United States, the drugmaker announced Friday.

The move was widely expected, after a panel of FDA advisers two weeks ago voted 20-1 against approving the drug, Arcoxia.

Arcoxia is the class of anti-inflammatory drugs called Cox-2 inhibitors, which are touted as less likely to cause stomach bleeding and other dangers but have been linked to cardiac risks. That's the same class of drugs as Vioxx, which has become a poster child for drug safety problems.

Merck pulled Vioxx from the market in September 2004 after research showed it doubled risk of heart attacks and strokes.

That triggered an avalanche of lawsuits — more than 27,000 so far — and a massive drop in Merck's stock price, which has since bounced back.

AT&T CEO Whitacre will retire June 3

SAN ANTONIO — Edward Whitacre Jr., who led AT&T Inc.'s expansion into the largest telecommunications company in the nation, announced unexpectedly Friday that he will retire as chairman and chief executive in June.

Whitacre, 65, also announced at the company's annual meeting that the board has elected Chief Operating Officer Randall Stephenson, 47, to replace him as CEO on June 3. Stephenson has been the chief operating officer since 2004.

Fundraiser planned downtown May 12 for Relay for Life

TWIN FALLS — US Bank and O'Dunkler's have joined together to raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. From 4 to 9 p.m. on May 12, the downtown bank and bar will offer live music, food, and raffles — including the chance to win a car donated by Lithium Motors at Main Avenue and Shoshone Street.

Chamber holding time-management training workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Franklin Covey Time-Management Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 16 at the Red Lion Canyon Springs, 1357 Lakes Blvd. N. The program is designed to help participants focus and achieve their highest priorities. Cost is \$250 per person to include a Franklin Planner or \$220 without the planner. Continuing and Professional Education Credits are available with this course. To register, call 733-3974.

— staff and wire reports

Incomes increase in Magic Valley

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Income increased in 2005 for residents in all but one Magic Valley county and Twin Falls County moved up in a statewide ranking of per capita income.

Per capita income in Lincoln County decreased by 5.28 percent in 2005 to \$22,318, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Blaine County recorded Idaho's highest per capita income at \$52,245, its 5.9 percent from 2004 was the biggest

Magic Valley incomes

Table with 5 columns: COUNTY, 2005, 2004, % CHG., STATE RANK. Rows include Blaine, Cassia, Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Mindock, Twin Falls.

gain in the Magic Valley.

Per capita income rose in 37 of Idaho's 44 counties in 2005 with the growth rate for rural

counties significantly below 2004, according to the federal

analysts. The figures released on

Thursday showed per capita income — total personal income divided by the state's total population — rose 3.62 percent in Twin Falls County to \$26,196. That ranked the county 13th statewide, up from 14th in the previous year.

"What these figures do show is how important financial support in our rural areas can be for improving the public facilities necessary for maintaining and expanding their economies," Idaho Commerce & Labor Director Roger B. Madsen said in a statement.

Farm labor drying up

Producers are unsure whether they'll have enough workers

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Cherries are starting to blush red in the state's warm southern reaches, but farmers are eyeing the first big summer crop with concern, unsure if they'll have enough hands for the harvest.

In recent years, growers in America's "new" bounty farmland have watched tighter border enforcement and competition from the booming construction industry threaten their labor supply.

The building bubble has burst, but will laborers come back to lower-paying, back-breaking jobs in the fields? Growers are doubtful.

"We're hoping they'll show up," said Bruce Fry, whose Bing cherries near Lodi are starting to turn from straw yellow to the first pale shades of red.

His family has worked the land since 1855, and seasonal workers have always returned for the harvest in mid-May after the long growing period when they're not needed. Fry believes he might attract enough workers, but the number of people who come by truck for jobs is dwindling. "We're taking a leap of faith," he said.

California harvests about half the nation's fruits, nuts and vegetables — a massive undertaking that requires about 225,000 workers year-round — double that during the peak summer season. More than half are immigrants who cross the Mexican border illegally and travel from field to field picking some 400 different crops that crop ripen at different times.

Last year, that seasonal migration was marked by spot worker shortages, and some



Construction worker Wenceslas Covarubias is shown April 23 in Fresno, Calif. For the past few years, tighter border enforcement and a booming construction industry combined to shrink the country's pool of farm workers, pushing farmers to call for the resumption of immigration laws.

fruit was left to rot in the fields.

President Bush's plan to secure the border relies on raising the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents from about 12,000 to 18,000 by the end of 2008, which would further limit the number of immigrant workers who can reach the farm jobs waiting for them.

The labor pool has been further diminished by the exploding Central Valley real estate market of recent years. Former farm fields have sprouted subdivisions, and tiny rural hamlets have transformed into sprawling suburbs.

But the demand for new homes cooled following a boom in foreclosures in the state's rural heartland brought on partly by the collapse of mortgage lending to homeowners with weak credit. That

fueled speculation that former field hands would gravitate back to the farm.

But Wenceslas Covarubias, who doubled his salary to \$15 a month in Shaver Lake, a town in the Sierra Nevada foothills where he's been working — Covarubias said he'll hold out for that kind of work.

Farmers realize they can't match the wages and stability that led immigrants to take 60 percent of the 1 million construction jobs created during the 2004-2006 building boom, according to U.S.

Census data analyzed by the Pew Hispanic Center.

"You get used to a certain lifestyle, a certain pay scale, and it's difficult to go back," said Henry Vega, of Yertan County, a labor contractor who grows 65 acres of strawberries and avocados and manages another 1,000 acres. "You're hot and dirty in the fields."

So far this year, there's been no measurable national shortage of farmworkers, said Phil Martin, a University of California-Davis labor economist. But growers working winter crops like strawberries said they're already feeling the pinch.

"I've been in this business for 25 years, and it's getting worse every year," Vega said. "We're just up against a real tough situation. There's a lot of production and just not enough workers."

Slow economy raises fears of recession

Main culprit? Blame the housing slump

By Jeanine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The worst economic growth in four years is raising concern that troubles in the U.S. housing market will spread and throw the country into a recession before the year is out.

The economy practically crawled at a 1.3 percent pace in the opening quarter of 2007, the Commerce Department reported Friday. That was even weaker than the sluggish 2.5 percent rate in the closing quarter of last year.

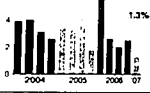
The main culprit in the slowdown: the housing slump, which made some businesses act cautiously. The bleated trade deficit also played a role.

Consumers largely carried the economy in the first quarter. But will they stay resilient in light of the troubled housing market, fallout from risky mortgages and ris-

GDP

The gross domestic product measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

Annualized quarterly change



SOURCE: Department of Commerce, AP

ing energy prices?

"The No. 1 question is can the consumer continue to play Atlas while the housing market crumbles around him?" said Richard Yoncoskie, economist at Argus Research. Others worry about businesses' appetite to spend and invest — also important ingredients for a healthy economy.

Friday's report brought some of these uncertainties to the fore. For now, though, economists believe the risk of a recession is low. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has put the

chance of a recession this year at one in three.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, however, has said he doesn't believe the economic expansion, now in its sixth year, is in danger of fizzling out. Neither does the Bush administration.

The reading on gross domestic product in the first quarter was the weakest since a 1.2 percent pace in the opening quarter of 2003. GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the best barometer of the country's economic fitness.

The performance was even weaker than the 1.8 percent economists had forecast.

"The economy went through a very soft period," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America's Investment Strategies Group. "The biggest risk to the economy is if the housing market doesn't stabilize. The biggest risk to force consumers and businesses to cut back sharply in spending. Those risks seem to be limited at this juncture," she said.

On Wall Street, blue-chip

investors took the weak GDP showing in stride. The Dow Jones Industrial rose 15.44 points to 13,120.94, the third record close in as many days.

Even though the economy slowed in the first quarter, inflation isn't dented. That could complicate the Fed's work of keeping the economy and inflation on an even keel. "This is a knife-edge scenario," observed John Silvia, chief economist at Wachovia Economics Group.

An inflation gauge tied to the GDP report and closely watched by the Fed showed that core prices — excluding food and energy — rose at a rate of 2.2 percent in the first quarter, up from 1.8 percent in the fourth quarter.

Republicans and Democrats had divergent views of the GDP report.

"We knew that the housing market would go through an adjustment. The positive news here is that our economy has been able to grow in spite of that very sharp reduction," Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutterer said in an interview with The Associated Press.

S. Korea: No fears of mad cow disease in shipment

The Associated Press

GWACHEON, South Korea — South Korea's government said Friday a shipment of U.S. beef that arrived this week was safe, clearing a key hurdle after an import absence of more than three years due to mad cow fears.

The National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service made the announcement after months of testing the beef, which arrived Monday. South Korea banned U.S. beef after mad cow disease was discovered in the United States in December 2003.

"After thorough quarantine and inspection, no problematic points were found, including bone fragments," said the statement, issued at the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry south of Seoul.

The statement also said the government would continue to conduct "thorough inspections" of U.S. beef imports.

After arduous negotiations, South Korea agreed last year to resume imports of U.S. beef, but only of boneless meat from cattle younger than 30 months old because of concerns that the brain-wasting disease is more likely to be present in bones and in older animals.

The discovery of bone fragments late last year in the separate shipments kept U.S. beef out of South Korean markets and restaurants. The last shipment arrived on Dec. 1 and was rejected both for bone fragments as well as reported trace amounts of dioxin in excess of levels allowed in South Korea.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is believed to spread when farmers feed recycled meat and bones from infected animals to cattle.

South Korean beef farmers and activist groups have strongly opposed allowing U.S. beef back into the country.

Seeds Korea said in heated negotiations last month that it would continue to reject beef containing bones or bone fragments, but agreed to reject only individual boxes containing problem beef, rather than entire shipments.

Lee Jong-kyung, president of NIERP Corp., the importer of the shipment, said earlier Friday that he had been told Thursday of the approval.

Market Watch

April 27, 2007

Table with market data including Dow Jones (+16.44), Nasdaq composite (+2.75), Standard & Poor's 500 (-0.18), Russell 2000 (-4.10), Con Agri. (-24.50), Dell Inc. (24.90), Lockheed (-34.00), Little Motors (27.44), Micron (-31.00), Supervalu (46.01).

Commodities

Table with commodity prices including June Oil (65.48), Light sweet crude (67.20), Dr. Reddy's (81.90), May gold (819.0).

For more, see page D5

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including fund names, share classes, and returns.

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COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES
Commodity High Low Change
Oil 100.00 99.00 -0.50

CHEESE
Cheddar Cheese 100.00 99.00 -0.50
Swiss Cheese 100.00 99.00 -0.50

POTATOES
Chicago 100.00 99.00 -0.50
New York 100.00 99.00 -0.50

LIVESTOCK
Cattle 100.00 99.00 -0.50
Pigs 100.00 99.00 -0.50

METALS/MONEY
Gold 100.00 99.00 -0.50
Silver 100.00 99.00 -0.50

BEANS
Soybeans 100.00 99.00 -0.50
Corn 100.00 99.00 -0.50

GRAINS
Wheat 100.00 99.00 -0.50
Rice 100.00 99.00 -0.50

Additional commodity data including various oil and metal prices.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange performance including major indices and individual stock prices.

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE MOST ACTIVE
AMEX MOST ACTIVE
NASDAQ MOST ACTIVE

Additional market summary data including volume and index changes.

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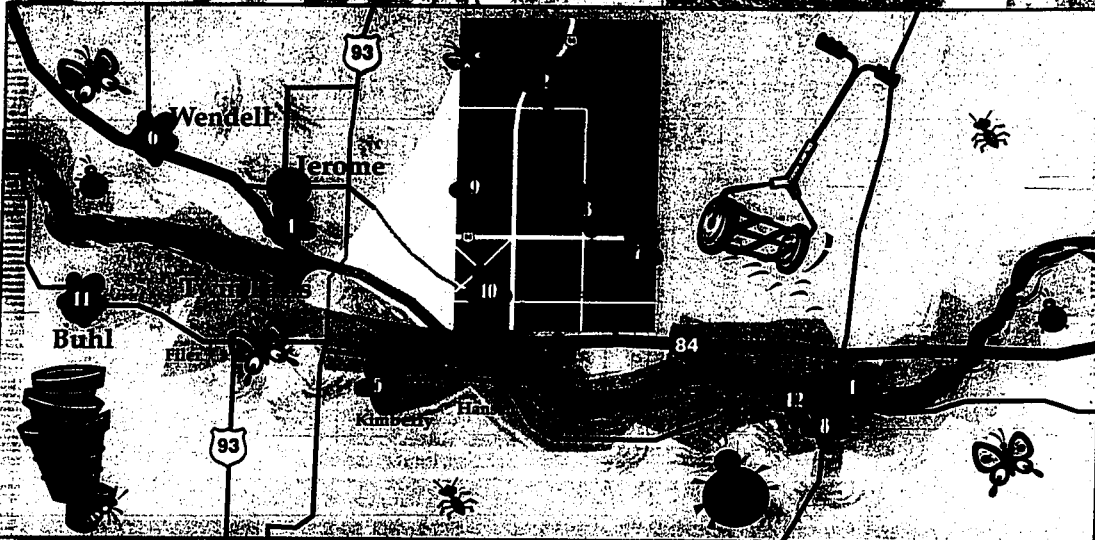
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Just new on the market. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, family room, fireplace, sunroom, deck, gas heat, central AC. Near cherry wood kitchen cabinets. Near window breakfast. Large fenced backyard. Close to South School, swimming pool. **Home cost: \$179,000 MLS#96293363**

This You've Got To See!!
Excellent buy in a great neighborhood. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, great kitchen with breakfast bar (pantry). Large fenced lot, 2 car garage. Call & let us show you now!! **\$154,900 MLS#96297281**

ENCHANTING HERITAGE TO HISTORY!
This charming vintage home is filled with nostalgia and waiting for your personal touch! Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2000 sq. ft. New carpet, white-stone, oak, fresh paint, beautiful hard wood flooring, Potomac 1.44 acre lot, great view! **\$176,000 MLS#96297018**

SHOSHONE
Lovely 3 bed/2 bath home by the river, fenced yard, very well maintained. **\$189,500 MLS#96293400**
Call Beth Tews
731-7022

NEW CONSTRUCTION
Sunrise Subdivision 5 1/2 x 1 1/2 W of Jerome. 4 bed, 2 bath on main floor & 1 bath & 1 bath with linen room upstairs. 3 car garage, central vac, double doors. Appliances: granite, tile, hardwood flooring. Too many updates to list (check out our) **\$300,000 MLS#96296959**
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NEW CONSTRUCTION
The Salmon floor plan, fully insulated garage, full sprinkler system and landscaping included. **\$133,880 MLS#96271530**

WELL MAINTAINED BRICK HOME
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. 1317 sq. ft. all on a quarter of an acre. Excellent location. This one won't last long! **\$149,999 MLS#96287539**
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NEW CONSTRUCTION
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CUTE HOME IN KIMBERLY
Walking distance to schools and shopping. **\$104,900 MLS#96291810**
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LARGE MANUFACTURED HOME ON 4.5 ACRES. 2280 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, living room, family room, dining room, breakfast, large utility room. Master in huge and hot work in case. **\$125,000 MLS#96272633**
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3 ACRES
with beautiful newer home just outside of Hagerman. 12650 fenced acre, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, fireplace, hobby vineyard, deck, living and room for horses with water shoes. **Just \$378,900 MLS#96297508**
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NEVER OCCUPIED!
Great open floor plan. Energy efficient, good care home. Lots of updates in the kitchen, wood in roof. Master room has a large garden lot. Lots of storage. Corner lot near park in quiet neighborhood. 2 car garage. **Must See! \$172,000 MLS#96294854**
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Classic craftsman-style home
Well open floor plan, hardwood trim and floors, large living room, detached and attached garage and an unfinished basement for future expansion. **\$117,000 MLS#96295532**
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GREY BUILT Built equity with some repairs. 1800 square ft. 4 bed 2 bath on 4.63 acres. Only \$128,000 MLS#96290023
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Nice older starter home
with upgraded kitchen and all new vinyl windows. Close to schools and the park. Great investment opportunity. Selling AS IS. **\$95,000 MLS#96291735**
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LOTS OF POSSIBILITY
on the acreage. Just waiting for the Gentleman Farmer, horse-person or the large family wanting to participate in 4-H. **\$249,900 MLS#96296432**
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280-0822 or Larry Urrutia 280-2197

MANUFACTURED HOME
on one acre in Burley. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath. Great location, great floor plan, room to roam. **\$79,900 MLS#96296747**
Call Suzie Richardson
420-3765

YOU WANT PEACE & QUIET?
This is the place with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large corner lot in a great town atmosphere. Almost like being in the country. **\$102,000 MLS#96296484**
Call Linda Lee 539-3458 or Amy 420-5848

Warm custom home
with granite countertops, custom cabinets, vaulted ceiling, walk in tiled shower, family room, off on one acre. Move into or 1-888-903-6339
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This is a great family home
on a large lot One side is a 3bed - 2bath with hard wood floors & the other side is a complete 1 bed unit for a grandparent or other family member & a nice handicap accessible room for a grandparent. RV parking. Close to schools & shopping. Come see the home today **\$234,000 MLS#96296992**
Call Judy 731-3141

Great rental or starter home
3 bed, 1 bath. Finished basement. **\$98,000 MLS#96290299**
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Incredible Snake River
Canyon Rim development property with fantastic view, beautiful Jerome and Twin Falls. 187 Acres for **\$2,340,000. MLS#96296204**
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BEAUTIFUL HOME
Home is in excellent condition.
in a quiet east end neighborhood. Hardwood floors, gas fireplace, warm interior, plus 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, off of private office. Very well-cared for home. Move into or 1-888-903-6339
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on over 1 acre with lots of room to play, 3 car garage, full bathroom, vaulted ceilings, great kitchen plus 3 large bedrooms and views to the north and south. Move into 1-888-903-6339
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BEAUTIFUL HOME
New large manufactured home on foundation on 1.07 acres. Has double car garage plus nice attached 2000 sq. ft. garage. **\$140,000 MLS#96293084**
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FANTASTIC PRICE!
Cute 6 1/2" bathroom Room for all your animals! one 5/2 acres with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, great kitchen, double buildings, 3 beautiful! **\$184,900 MLS#96292920**

HABLAMOS ESPANOL!
NOS FALAMOS PORTUGUES!
Japan floor plan. Home features a large living room with beautiful fireplace, kitchen with granite, master suite with walk-in closet & walk-in shower. Well cared for backyard with large shed. **\$209,000 MLS#96296281**
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GREAT LOCATION
3 bed, 2 bath, 3 car garage home on 2.06 acre between Twin Falls and Jerome. Home is located near to common one and subdivision. **Home on 2.06 acre on 2 acre. \$189,000 MLS#96290021**
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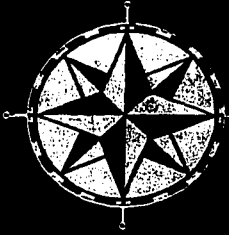
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Northern Sky



Northern Sky Subdivision is located just west of the Canyon Trails Subdivision near the corner of the Washington Street North & Federation Way Corner. Northwest Twin Falls is booming with residential and business development and is thought by most to be the future of Twin Falls. The area boasts fantastic views, trails and the convenience of being near the services Twin Falls has to offer. PNA Development LLC is currently accepting reservations for residential home sites at a pre-MI \$/discounted price.

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at the Filer Fairgrounds**

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su do ku Puzzles by Pappocom

Grid for the 'su do ku' puzzle with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved.

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

Hear the quiet! Laurel Park Apartments 176 Maurice St. Twin Falls 834-4195.

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

TWIN FALLS cute 2 bdrm bdrm apt. stove, refrigerator, water & sanitation. \$425 + \$225 dep. 208-731-6403.

Legal

PUBLIC NOTICE Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and are intended to inform you of what your government is doing.

Community Events

TWIN FALLS FINE ART EXHIBIT By Mary Smith, Dawn Pecker, Kathy Lily Field. Sunday April 29, 2007.

602 Unfurnished Homes

GOODING 1 bdrm house, \$350 month + deposit. Water paid, no pets. 834-4660.

602 Unfurnished Homes

KIMBERLY 2 bedroom, 1 bath. No pets/no smoking. \$400 month + deposit. Available May 1st. 420-6463

602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, gas and central air, no pet/smoking. \$810 mo. + 1 year lease. \$1,250 + \$173-3530

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

Kimberly Sunset Apartments now taking applications for 2 bdrm, apt. Rent based on income. Immediate move-in.

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

TWIN FALLS quiet area, garage deck very nice \$550 no smoking/pets. \$28-323 or 715-284.

Legal

ALL sealed bids must be received by 5:00 P.M., on May 24, 2007. ALL Sealed Bids will be opened at 10:30 A.M. on Monday for the Idaho Transportation Department.

Construction

CONSTRUCTION Laborers/Apprentice Must be willing to learn. Some experience helpful. Call 208-948-0581.

602 Unfurnished Homes

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602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 158 Washington St. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, all appliances, new kitchen. No smoking/pets. \$565 month + \$525 deposit + 1 year lease. Call 208-300-0480 or 208-338-8103

602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 5 bedroom, 1 bath, large fenced backyard, on lot 2 bdrm, 1 bath, air, W/D hook up, microwave, oven, dishwasher, no refrigerator. No smoking, pets ok. \$1,250 a month + \$750 deposit. 444 Meadows Lane Call 208-410-7477

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

RUPERT Superior Citizen, Handicapped & Disabled Housing. Now taking applications for 1 or 2 bedroom apartments.

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

WENDELL Welwyn, like new, quiet 2 bdrm, 1 bath, in quiet area. \$425 + \$225 dep. 208-720-7601

Legal

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid.

Construction

CLERICAL The Jerome County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for a Full-time Driver's License Administrator.

602 Unfurnished Homes

JEROME 2 bdrm, 2 bath, approx. AC, no dogs. Lincoln Court, 1010 N Lincoln Square E. \$450 + dep. Call 208-343-8256.

602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, family room, spacious fenced yard, lawn care provided. \$495 month + \$400 deposit. No pets. \$511-6844

602 Unfurnished Homes

TWIN FALLS single level town house, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$495 month + \$400 deposit. No pets. \$511-6844

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, AC, no smoking/pets. \$525 deposit. No smoking/pets. 208-735-1321

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, AC, dishwasher, no pets. \$475 + \$300 dep. \$12 Jefferson Apt A. 212-1678

Legal

LOST and Found Lost cat, white short hair female, gray tip on tail, gray patch on face, last seen Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

Construction

CONSTRUCTION Concrete Finishers & laborers. Immediate employment in Twin Falls & Burley area.

602 Unfurnished Homes

JEROME 3 bedroom 1 bath, \$650 month + \$500 dep. Available May 1st. No smoking, no pets. 280-1327

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LOST and Found Found Black Lab cross, female, found in Burley, Idaho. 326-5130 or 420-8152

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208 Drivers
 Local drivers. 4 or 2 off. Home daily. & OTR Northwest Drivers needed. Quarterly safety bonuses. Scheduled pay increases. Benefits. Sign on bonus for qualified milk haulers. Apply at Rich Thompson Trucking Inc 23 W 100 S, Jerome 208-834-3511

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 Red-Mix Drivers wanted, CDL required. Pay DOE. Full benefits. Apply at Idaho Concrete Co. 1294 Addison Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID online at www.idahooncrete.com Drug Free Workplace EOE

208 Drivers
 Reed Brothers needs experienced truck drivers for local and regional, CDL required. Excellent benefit package & 401k. Salary DOE. Please apply at 800 Elm, Buhl, Idaho or call 208-643-4306

208 Automotive
 Experienced Lube Tech. Must have own tools & salary DOE. Contact Steve Keelson at Hertz of Magic Valley 636 Pololine Rd No Phone calls Drug Free Workplace

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 The Times News has an immediate opening for a part-time Tearsheet Delivery Person. This person will be responsible for delivering newspaper pages to advertisers throughout Twin Falls, as well as mailing tear sheet copies. Hours are early morning. A vehicle is provided. Qualified applicants will have a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance, be organized and have the ability to work independently. Contact Janet Goffin Advertising Director Janet.goffin@tnews.net or mail resume to Times-News PO Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303

208 General
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 We're looking for self-motivated, upbeat kitchen workers of all experience and skill levels to spend May until the end of September in the Sawtooth Mountains. We will be taking applications for positions as breakfast cooks, line cooks, grill cooks, sauté cooks, pantry cooks, prep cooks, and dishwashers.
 Live and work at Redfish lake this summer. Wages depend on position and experience. Paid room and board is available to a limited number of qualified applicants.
 Apply online at our website: www.redfishlake.com

208 Farm
FARM
 Irrigation position for laborer at yard maintenance. Must have 2 years experience as a plus. Valid drivers license. Call 208-708-8413.

208 Farm
 Needed Tractor Operator, writing to train. Call 208-324-7148

208 Farm
 Yard work/Farm work. Crossroads Point is looking for a full-time worker. Must be 18 years old. Exp. helpful. Pay reasonable. Call Blair at 324-6644

208 Education
EDUCATION
 Kimberly Public School District #201 "NEEDS YOU" Accepting Applications for: Teachers, certified High School; Secondary Math, English & Spanish; Elementary Special Ed District Positions; Substitutes & Coaches Competitive Benefit Package. EOE. Please Apply at: 507 Idaho St. Gooding, ID 83320 208-634-4321

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 Kimberly Public Schools is seeking a Principal(s) with the proper elementary and/or secondary certification. Making sure our students are prepared for their future is the primary task. Do you understand, and are you prepared to assure that no Kimberly Child is left behind? Can you articulate clear educational expectations to staff and parents? Can you visualize students being successful at each level preschool grade 12 and in every subject? If this describes you, contact Career Cooper at (208) 423-4170 x308.

208 Education
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 Requires pre-payment prior to posting. Major credit/cash cards, and cash accepted. Check processing over the phone. 733-0631 The Times-News

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 Assistant Mill Operator needed. Full time earning \$7,500/mo. Apply at 2090 Beryl Ave. Twin Falls or call 208-733-9955

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 *No Sales Involved!
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 *Open for first time job or career!
 Please apply at 840 Meadows Dr #1 Twin Falls or please call (208) 466-6901 Walking distance from CSI

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 Seastrom Mfg. is looking for an individual that possesses experience in both Quality Assurance and Safety practices.
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 Bio-dynamic Garden Manager Must have bio-dynamic training. Greenhouse & outdoor gardening exp. Bellevue, Idaho Call 208-768-3170

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 Front Desk Supervisor FT position for busy full service hotel. Send Resumes to Box #4483 C/O Times-News PO Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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 Full-time hardworking dependable person with mechanical and people skills. To work at rental yard. Must be able to lift 50 lbs plus and have a clean driving record. \$9 per hour. Apply at Rentler Center 851 Main Ave. N. No phone calls please.

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 Immediate opening for entry level position in the Parts Department. Duties include unloading and loading trucks, furnishing supplies to welders, customer service and organization of the parts room, among other duties. Apply in person at Charming Trailers, 452 South Park Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID. A drug-free workplace.

209 HOTEL
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 Burley Lion is looking for several positions. Maintenance/Painter Housekeeping Parkers Server at shifts and Front Desk Clerk all shifts and grave yard. Pay DOE. Apply in person at front desk, 900 N Overland.

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 These positions will have the responsibility of internally coordinating the sales & customer service activities for an existing & prospective customer territory.
 Ideal candidates will demonstrate excellent communication skills, exhibit professional presentation & possess a proven track record in telephone sales.
 Sales Associates for Seastrom Manufacturing desired with customers that use our standard line of washers, spring clips and other hardware related to the automotive, aeronautical and manufacturing industries.
 Sales Associates for our Purely Custom line deal with customers that use our custom line of products for bicycles, ATVs, motorcycles and custom cars. Knowledge in these areas is important.
 Visit our website for more detailed information on the products we offer. www.purelycustom.com
 Purely Custom is a subsidiary of Seastrom Mfg.
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 Apply on-line for fastest response: www.seastrom-mfg.com or in person at: 458 Seastrom Street Twin Falls, ID 83301 ATTN: HR Department NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE Drug Free Workplace/EOE

DELIVER A BUNDLE. MAKE ONE. TOO!

Newspaper bundle-hauler needed for Twin Falls in town. Must have truck with shell or van. Make \$350 every two weeks! Times-News magivalley.com Call Any today: 735-3252

EARN EXTRA CASH BY DELIVERING THE TIMES-NEWS

No experience necessary

We are currently accepting applications for independent contractors to deliver the Times-News to our customers. Are you available between 3 and 6 am, seven days a week? See how much extra income you could make in just a few hours each week.

DO YOU LIVE NEAR ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS? IT'S AN EASY WAY TO PICK UP EXTRA CASH...

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16th St. - E 19th St. - Overland - Bennett - Hiland Ave. BURLEY	Atlantic - Birch - Fairmont - Boardwalk BURLEY	Town Routes \$400-\$450 Every 4 weeks SHOSHONE	

Call now for more information about routes available in your area!

SALES
General

Inside Advertising Sales
We have an excellent Inside Advertising Sales full-time position opportunity available with the South Idaho Press. You will love this job if you enjoy:

- Working with a variety of accounts, helping them promote and build their business
- Making recommendations and suggestions to their advertising programs
- Building relationships with current and new customers
- Working in a team environment
- Good organizational skills and attention to detail
- Fast-paced, fun environment
- Managing multiple projects and working with deadlines
- Selling and making commission!

We are looking for someone with an outgoing personality, positive, success oriented attitude and a team player. Experience preferred but is not necessary. If you want to work for one of the top newspaper organizations in the country and work in a friendly, fun filled department, please send your resume and cover letter to:

Kim Patterson
South Idaho Press
230 East Main
Burley, Idaho 83318
or email Kim.Patterson@lee.net

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"The Paper You Come Home To"
A Lee Enterprises Community Newspaper

SALES
Advertising Sales Representative

The South Idaho Press is looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated and goal-driven individual to join our advertising sales team. This individual will develop and sell advertising campaigns to existing clients and potential advertisers, service advertiser accounts, write ad copy and prepare sales presentations.

The successful applicant should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, excellent time management and organizational skills. The ability to multi-task and work with deadlines in a fast-paced environment are essential. Sales experience or a bachelors degree is preferred but will train the right candidate. Must possess a valid drivers license, reliable transportation and good driving record.

We offer an excellent benefits package which includes medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401K retirement, employee stock purchase plan, paid holidays and vacation.

To learn more about the South Idaho Press and its parent company, check out our website at www.southidahopress.com or www.lee.net.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to:

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SALES

The Times-News, media leader in Southern Idaho, has an opening for an **Advertising Sales Representative** to sell our newspaper and online advertising products. This is an outside sales position with an established account list. This rep is responsible for growing revenue from existing advertisers and prospecting for new clients.

The ideal candidate must be high energy, self-motivated, goal-oriented and have a positive attitude. He or she must be proficient at building solid business relationships and adept at providing outstanding customer service.

Excellent organizational skills and strong presentation skills are also required.

The candidate must be able to thrive in a fast-paced, deadline-driven business.

The ability to develop creative, effective advertising is a must.

This position is part of a hardworking and energetic sales team selling print and online advertising and financial marketing solutions to help our customers be successful. We are looking for an individual who is eager to build on sales experience, Internet/online savvy, and strong motivational skills to excel. Previous sales experience and a bachelors degree are preferred, previous medical, dental, vision, life insurance, 401K retirement, employee stock purchase plan, paid holidays and vacation. To learn more about the Times-News and its parent company Lee Enterprises, check out our website at www.magicvalley.com or www.lee.net.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume and references to:

Times-News,
Attn: Human Resources,
PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303
or email mary.karren@lee.net

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General

GENERAL
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PhonBase
Research Inc.
PhoneBase Research currently has immediate openings in our interviewing department. This position involves conducting public opinion polls over the telephone.

Research offers:
• Flexible evening, day and weekend hours
• \$7-\$9 an hour
• Casual working environment
• Monthly employee incentives
• Absolutely no sales or soliciting
To apply stop by our office at 840 Meadows Dr. Ste #2 in Twin Falls or call us at 208-736-2851

RESTAURANT
Shan's is currently hiring a full-time a part-time Cook. Must be able to work any shifts including graveyard. Pay DOE. Apply in person 1601 Blue Springs N Twin Falls

RESTAURANT
Taco Bando is hiring a Counter Person. Day or night shift. Call 208-731-0304

SECURITY
Spears Manufacturing is accepting applications for Part-time Security Guard. Supplemental retirement income. Prior security background a plus. Alternating weekends plus some overtime week day available at Spears Mfg Plant, Security Office 2152 S. Lincoln, Jerome Idaho, 208-234-8101 EOE

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Medical

All advertising is subject to the newspaper's standard of acceptance. The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate, decline or properly classify any ad. Receipt of copy via e-mail does not constitute final acceptance by this newspaper. The advertiser, not the newspaper, assumes full responsibility for the truthful content of their advertiser message.

SALES
Retail outlet store looking for motivated, energetic Sales Associate. Call: DDI. Drop off resume at 636 Blue Lakes Blvd

SALES
TOYOTA sales are GREAT with a superb incentive program! You'll also be selling the sharpest decline or profit in town. We offer great commissions and a great work week. If you are an experienced Automotive Salesperson who would enjoy working in a great atmosphere apply in person at

WILSON
2 to 3 Shoshone Way
Twin Falls, ID 83318

Trades
AUTOMOTIVE
Fit Lube Tech. Exp preferred. Insurance, benefits, pay DOE. Apply in person at 139 Blue Lakes South Twin Falls.

ELECTRICIAN
Journeyman Electrician needed for Roberts Electric. High end residential & commercial construction in the Sun Valley area. Full-time, year round employment. Quarterly bonus. Benefits. Incld vacation, bonus & insurance. Pride in employee ownership. Fax resume to 208-788-3273 or call 208-788-3238 for more info.

211
Medical

MEDICAL
Full-time Transcriptionist needed for busy medical clinic. 3 years experience required. Please send resume HR Department, Family Health Services, 794 Island Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, EOE.

MEDICAL
Pharmacy Tech. Working with pharmacist, ordering and receiving medications, charges, researching new drugs, maintaining formulary, and implementation of pharmacy information system. Requirements: Pharmacy Tech certificate or license, previous acute care experience preferred. Registered Dietitian For insulin administration one day a week and some call on a temporary basis. Please call: Lorraine Reinhardt at 934-8764

213
Professional

PROFESSIONAL
Fast growing, award winning Twin Falls advertising agency is looking for a Graduate Advertising Designer to add to their aggressive team of professionals. Must have skills with layout and graphics programs. Must also show communication skills and the ability to work with clients and peers. Resume required. Must show a portfolio of your work during interview. How do you think that person? Call Marketing Dept. 736-1833 between 8-5pm, Mon-Fri.

PROFESSIONAL
PSR needed. Start 5/7-18/07. Call 208-878-3350

216
Trades

HVAC Service Tech
Min. 5 yrs exp in HVAC. Wages \$15.10/hr. Area has journeyman license. Call 208-324-8903 to schedule interview

MACHINIST
and Apprentices stable, progressive company looking for machinists to set up and operation of manual machines working plant parts. Apprentices with 8 months machining or related job work experience acceptable. Competitive wages DOE and a full benefit package after a short probationary period. Drug free work place. Applications available

SALES
Plant Security Office 2152 S. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho

MECHANIC
Service Mechanic: Burley Mechanic looking to do full & short services & minor maintenance on all types of trucks & trailers. Swing shift and own tools. 100% pay. Wages depends on experience. Benefits include medical, 401K and vacation. Please call 208-878-4623 ext. 111

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Experienced Welders and Millwrights. Good wages and benefits available. Call: Shockey Sheet Metal, Paul, ID. 208-438-5055

WELDERS
Welders/fitter & Millwrights in area & out of area available. CIP required. Health, vision, dental, 401k benefits. Apply in person at 495 W. 10th St. Barclay Mechanical can call: Hwy 24, Paul, ID. 208-438-8108. All applicants subject to pre-employment drug test.

WELDING
Looking for experienced Welder Fabricator. Must have TIG, MIG and Stick Welding experience also structural steel welding. Minimum 5 years experience. Pay DOE. Please resume to L.L. LANGDON, 223 South Broadway, Burley, Idaho. By appointments only. Call 208-643-5696

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24 Savage and Friendly
25 Actor Murphy
26 Feel
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53 Narrow cut
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57 "I Remember Mama" character
60 Sea eagle

701 Livestock/ Poultry

BULLS yearling and long yearling Black Angus and Gelweh cross. Call 208-328-4484 or 328-4682

CATTLE: black, polled Limousin, trich and roman tested, put some heterogita in your herd but keep them black. Reasonable prices. Call 208-328-3494

COWS older stock cow plus. Meaty black. \$1,050/offer. You pick. 934-0770 308-3285

COWS running age with calves. 6-10 yrs old. Some tested. \$1,000. Call 208-539-6962.

HEIFER PAIRS (25) head, 1" call born 02/14. Cows & calves all worked. \$1,400 pair or best offer. Call 208-431-9192.

HOLSTEIN STEER approx. 110 lbs. live weight. 09/0c. 208-644-9004

ORGANIC grown beef. no chemicals, no hormones, grass fed, great taste. 878-8799

701 Livestock/ Poultry

ANGUS BULLS 1 and 2 years old, balanced traits for calving, weaning and growth. Call 208-533-2027

BUFFALO COWS (3) heifers. 600-900 lbs each. \$2,000/each. 208-655-4322

BULL Black Angus 2 year old registered, \$1,500. Gelding 8 years old. 200 lbs. \$1,000. 208-352-1023

BULLS Angus Calving Ease Balance Trades. Gam State Angus \$1,500-\$1,750. Call 208-731-4850

BULLS red Angus Summerall yearlings good growth, reasonably priced. Call 208-328-0586 328-0811

BULLS Reg black Angus built and growth. Call 208-886-7564.

BULLS registered Angus yearling bulls. Call Lyle Fisher at 208-734-4897

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703 Horse and Tack
ARABIAN Purebred, 8 years, broke, black, gentle, \$550. Call 208-432-5410 or 208-330-0446

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Paul Struchen Trimming
We can handle all your trimming needs.
30 years experience.
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CLASSIFIEDS

Call The Times-News to place your ad... YAMAHA P22 45 inch upright piano...

Bicycles

820 Tools & Machinery

AIR COMPRESSOR 1957M Levitt, 4 cyl. 1/2" dia. 100 psi...

AIR COMPRESSOR Ingersoll Rand, 175 CFM, diesel, low hp...

Machinery

NORTSTAR 13K hp generator, 20k watt generator, 20k watt...

822: Wanted To Buy

WANTED 2003 or newer manufactured home of 1400 sq. ft. to be moved to Nevada...

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Machinery

WELDER Miller 172 wireless, excellent condition, \$325. Call 208-333-6858

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Guns & Rifles

COLT Python 4 blue, nice, w/ scope, \$750. Ruger SP10I hammerless, new \$450. Call 208-738-0760

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RECREATION

901 ATV 902 Motorcycles 904 Campers & Sheds 905 Snowblowers & Blowers 906 Trailers 907 Utility Tractors

901 ATVs

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902 Motorcycles

BMW '01 F-650GS Dual sport. Great bike, 11,300. Great water cooled, rear hubbogs, BMW service, new new chain & sprockets and sprockets and sprockets...

902 Motorcycles

HONDA '01 Shadow 750 cc. 5,300 miles, like new condition, \$4,000. 208-886-8879 or 208-308-8071

902 Motorcycles

HONDA '02 VTX 1800, excellent condition, 12,000 miles, 118,900. Call 208-338-1900

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Thinking to buy a good used motorcycle? Check out the classifieds for the largest selection available in your area today. 7/3/07

Your Service Directory

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MACGREGOR '85 25' Boat in good condition with outboard motor and trailer. \$5,900. Call 733-5308

CAMPER SHELL 6' foot white and in good shape. \$300 or best offer. 208-324-2916

BEAVER '82 35' Class A diesel motor. Low miles. \$49,500. 308-2510-9141

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STRATOS '06 201 pro dual cone, lots of extras. 250hp Yamaha kawasaki x 125 hamsd w/gps. trim cond. \$38,000. 208-724-8887

USED SHELLS Quality. 2000-2006. Selection. 312-1526

JAMBOREE '82 26' Class A. 67K miles, excellent. Has been very well cared for. 733-2187 for details.

GENERATOR Coleman, 1650 watt generator. \$299. 208-733-0915

CHEVY '03 10m. extra cab, with shell 4x4, excellent. 208-234-4622

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TWIN FALLS Saturday 4:00-7:00. Furniture, home goods, etc. 1474 Brundage Cir.

TWIN FALLS Saturday 8:00-10:00. Multi-family sale. 318 Shoup Ave. West

KING OF THE ROAD 82' Husband and wife. \$12,000. 208-733-0915

CHEVY 04 Silverado 2500. 2500. 4x4. 4 door. local trade. \$15,700. 208-733-4731

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TWIN FALLS Saturday 8am to 2pm. Multi-family sale. 318 Shoup Ave. West

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Buhl Friday & Saturday. 8am-3pm. Buhl. 100 Maple Street

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If you try another club, the defense found at the table, it will not be a success, as the full deal so graphically demonstrates. Yes, West could probably have led a heart at trick three, since if declarer has the heart ace, he could hardly go down. And if he had the heart ace and was in need of hearts, he would surely have drawn trumps and have played hearts himself. But give credit to Bruce Rogoff for his intrepid move by playing on diamonds himself to create the chance for error.

- NORTH** 04-28-A
 ♠ Q J 8 6
 ♥ K Q 7 6
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ J 9
- WEST**
 ♠ 10 5 3
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A 8 5 3 2
- EAST**
 ♠ 2
 ♥ A 9 5 2
 ♦ A 9 8 7 4 2
 ♣ 10 7
- SOUTH**
 ♠ A K 7 4
 ♥ J 10 3
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ K Q 6 4

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2 ♣ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Spade three

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- South holds: 04-28-B
 ♠ 10 5 3
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A 8 5 3 2

- South West North East
 1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass
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ANSWER: Do you have enough to go on to game? If so, which one? I would bid four hearts, hoping partner can do something with my clubs. I would be worried about the spades in a no-trump contract. The fact that I have two key cards, as opposed to soft queens and jacks that may be worthless, persuades me to bid on, even though I am certainly not maximum for this action.

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