

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Wednesday Very warm Scattered clouds Chance for a late day thunderstorm High 81 Low 53 71 / 45

MINI-CASSIA Today: Mostly sunny and very warm. Highs, upper 70s to near 80. Tonight: Scattered clouds. Lows, upper 40s. Tomorrow: Increasing clouds with developing showers. Highs, mid to upper 60s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Magic Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, with induction of new officers, 11:30 a.m., Vinifera Winery, 138 Main St. S.; Twin Falls, 510, 733-1581.

Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., home of Connie Smith, Filor, 735-5214-1122.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, Workshop; non dancers 7 p.m. and Plus at 8:30 p.m., El Sombro Restaurant, 153 W. Main, Jerome, (A-G bring finger foods), 734-6467.

EDUCATION

Kimberly kindergarten registration, bring official state birth certificate and immunization records, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., office, Kimberly Elementary School, 517/520, 423-4170, ext. 6.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-0068.

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hiley, 708-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 641-2700.

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8199.

Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St., W., 886-2030.

Filor City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main, 326-5000.

Twin Falls County Historical Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Modification and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W., 733-3974.

East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting, 8 p.m., Burley NRCS office, 1361 E. 16th St., 436-4777.

HEALTH

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2937.

Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

TPS ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh-ins at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Filor Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-9282.

The Mini-Cassia Lapband Surgery Support Group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is willing to be banded or is considering the procedure, 6:30 p.m., Hoylebn Police Department conference room, 1800 J St., 431-9996.

Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., Burley, 670-2578.

Weight-Loss Surgery Support Group, for those who are preparing for surgery, have had the surgery or who have questions about it, 7 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 398 Main St., Gooding, no cost, call 924-4412.

Colorate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle In the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center, CSI campus, no cost, 732-6655.

Faulkner Planetarium, "Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, CSI campus, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB?



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COMING TOMORROW



Fresh, local produce Growers around Magic Valley prepare for market season

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



State aims to curtail groundwater users

JEROME — Hundreds of Magic Valley irrigators will have their groundwater pumps closed — May 14 unless they can come up with more water for senior-water rights holders, the Idaho Department of Water Resources has announced.

Jerome ponders livestock operation moratorium

JEROME — County commissioners did not impose a moratorium Monday on new livestock containment operations, but they came close.

Area cafes offer free grounds to gardeners

TWIN FALLS — Used coffee grounds are one of the best additives for alkaline soil like that in southern Idaho, because they increase the dirt's acidity. And, in many cases, the used grounds are free for the asking from coffee shops in and around Twin Falls.

A lot of thought goes into the farrier's art

FILOR — Imagine if you went to work every morning wondering whether the computer on your desk was going to knock you flat on your back. That's just a day in the life of a farrier. "I don't work on horses that I don't know a 51-year-old ex-farmer who is one of the few certified farriers in Idaho. Even so, you have to be careful." More veterinary technician than blacksmith anymore, farriers are in great demand — especially in horse-rich south-central Idaho.

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

U.S. deaths pass 100 for April

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck a crowd of funeral mourners Monday north of Baghdad, taking more than 30 lives at the end of one of the deadliest months of the war so far for U.S. forces. At least 104 American troops were reported killed in April.

BRITAIN

5 get life sentences for plotting terror attacks

LONDON — A former cricket team captain and a mathematics student at a suburban university were convicted along with three other men Monday and sentenced to life in prison for plotting to stage a wave of attacks against fellow Britons that would "put terror in their hearts."

VENEZUELA

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SPORTS



Terrill makes impact on youth camp

BOURLEY — The future of football in Mini-Cassia put on the pads and got a little dirty as the 2007 NFL Junior Player Development Camp kicked off Monday at Burley High School on Thursday.

Flores brothers boxing w/ top

TWIN FALLS — It was about four years ago that the Flores brothers — Miguel, Manuel and Matt — decided to take up boxing. After virtually starting from scratch — "We had no boxing knowledge other than watching on TV," said Manuel — the sibling trio has certainly come a long way.

Idaho wraps spring ball with S&G Scrimmage

MOSCOW — While no score was kept, numbers were still a big part of University of Idaho football season's Silver and Gold Scrimmage last night Friday.

Twin Falls man killed in motorcycle wreck

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Jazz down three games to two to Rockets

HOUSTON — A change of scenery was just what the Houston Rockets needed to regain control of their playoff series with Utah.

Who will win Region 18 softball tourney?

Cast your vote at online at www.magicvalley.com. The poll is on the sports front page.

Cards drop game following pitchers' death

MILWAUKEE — One day after the death of teammate Josh Lincecum, the St. Louis Cardinals lost 7-1 to Milwaukee on Monday night, straggling at the plate and in the field.

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Idaho could allow field burning, reversing decision on permits

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho could allow agricultural field burning to resume later this year, after the Environmental Protection Agency said a recent federal court ruling doesn't prevent the state from issuing burning permits.

The state had previously said it wouldn't issue such permits this year, in light of the court ruling.

Reopening debate on the controversy is a victory for farmers who grow crops such as bluegrass seed and say burning residue is necessary to promote healthy yields. They have complained Idaho hasn't done enough to protect their interests.

It's a blow to clean-air activists who argue field burning is dangerous and hurts people's health, especially those with respiratory ailments.

On Monday, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter called for farm-

ers and the activists to negotiate.

He demanded that activists who have waged a legal fight over grass burning suspend any pending litigation by Friday for talks to begin. Otter also said farmers should suspend any legal claims, but grass growers told The Associated Press they don't have any pending litigation.

"If you want a solution and are committed to the ground rules we can move forward," Otter wrote in a letter to the groups, including the Idaho Grain Growers and the Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Association, which represents field burners, and Safe Air for Everyone, which opposes burning.

Mark Warbis, a spokesman for Otter, declined to say whether the governor would allow burning permits to be issued if Safe Air for Everyone won't suspend its court fight.

"It's not going to go into hypotheticals," Warbis said. "We're hoping to find a solu-

tion that works for the long term."

On Jan. 30, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider its authorization of grass field burning in Idaho. Idaho officials interpreted the order to mean they couldn't issue burning permits while the EPA reconsidered the state's field burning rules.

As a result, the state Agriculture Department said in February it would not issue permits this year.

But on Friday, the EPA told the state in a letter that the court's ruling didn't forbid Idaho from issuing burning permits while the federal regulator reconsiders the state rules, Warbis said.

Agriculture groups hailed the EPA interpretation. Burning permits, should they be issued, could come in time for fall burning of bluegrass fields, said Nathan Blugges, president of the Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Association.

Water

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entitled to under the state's prior appropriations doctrine — which says senior rights trump junior rights in times of shortage — who can "call" on the director to shut down pumps. Curtailing junior pumps' fresh up water for senior holders.

Groundwater pumps whose priority rights are after May 10, 1983, in the Blue Lakes call and June 9, 1975, in the Clear Springs call are at risk.

Water calls are common, especially in recent dry years. But this is the first time this many right holders could be forced to shut down, Thullitt said.

Groundwater pumps have escaped curtailment the past several water years by voluntarily giving up water to senior right holders. But this year, they can't afford to give what senior users want.

"We just don't believe there's enough water in the system," said Lynn Tomlinaga, executive director of Idaho Ground Water Appropriators. "We might end up going to court or asking the director for a special hearing."

Another option: the

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program — a joint federal and state effort to reimburse farmers who follow their land. Farmers who enroll in CREP are exempt from curtailment orders.

Tomlinaga and Thullitt said enough farmers could sign up

for CREP to prevent the curtailment order, but they weren't sure how many irrigators it would take.

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Druglords

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"We have been able to seal many of the drug routes by adding technology and more agents," Soto said. "We're seeing a tremendous amount of drugs being seized."

The advent of drug-tracking extortionists along the border may also be responsible for much of the drop in illegal immigration that U.S. officials have attributed more directly to better enforcement, Mexican officials and analysts say.

The new order became clear in December when heavily armed men stopped 12 vans packed with 200 migrants on a desolate desert road just south of the border. Local officials say they ordered everyone out, doused the vehicles with gasoline and set them ablaze.

Nobody was hurt, but the charred carcasses of the vehicles remain an unmistakable message to the thousands of migrants traveling north on the border's top people-smuggling routes.

Since then, members of the powerful Sinaloa cartel have consolidated control of most of the main routes into Arizona, using teams of gunmen to set up the haggard border-crossers as decoys for U.S. and Mexican officials said.

Just south of the Arizona border, near the key people-smuggling waystation of Sasabe, armed men at a gas station stop vans full of migrants — heading north — charging them \$30 each and dictating when and where they can cross, migrants and local officials told the AP.

At times, the migrants are prodded and sent across in large numbers at one time of the day, clearing the route for a drug shipment at short time lags. Smugglers also direct migrants away from successful drug routes in hopes of minimizing the manpower U.S. authorities assign to the area.

"The drug traffickers won't allow migrants to enter because the area will heat up and the U.S. Border Patrol will be on alert," one local Mexican



A group of migrants rests at the Juan Bosco migrant shelter in the Mexican city of Nogales, on the border with Arizona, April 10.

official said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution. "They want control so they can 'cool off' the area and go in with their cargo."

While the Sinaloa cartel controls the Arizona border, its main rival, the Gulf cartel, has become involved in the people-smuggling business along the Texas border, according to Noe Ramirez, a Mexican deputy attorney general. Ramirez described the development recently as he announced the detention of five people who allegedly moved drugs and migrants into the U.S. for the Gulf cartel.

Federal police have seen the same trend. "Drug smugglers are shifting toward people- and arms-smuggling," said Patricia Padro, a top Mexican security official.

People-smuggling is only part of the cartels' new efforts to diversify.

The Mexican border is providing a less reliable profit stream for drug smugglers, analysts and law enforcement officials say. The U.S. seized 20

percent more cocaine and 28 percent more marijuana along the border in the past six months, compared with the same period a year earlier. And last month, Mexican police made the world's largest seizure of drug cash — \$207 million neatly stacked inside a Mexico City mansion — allegedly for a methamphetamine factory that would have produced 3 million pills a day for the U.S. market.

The cartels now collect protection money from all manner of businesses, much like traditional U.S. mafia organizations — fit many parts — of Mexico, the cartels now dictate everything from who shines shoes on street corners to who is chosen as police chief.

President Felipe Calderon moved two weeks ago to intensify his crackdown on the cartels in response to violence. Headless or tortured bodies

turn up in public places nearly every day, many with notes threatening local authorities.

On April 16 alone, some 20 bodies were believed to be victims of drug violence.

The border has become especially bloody, and some of the violence appears to be connected to people-smuggling. On Monday, police found the gagged and bullet-riddled bodies of two men near Sasabe. The wife of one of the victims, Enrique Sotelo Gonzalez, said he had complained of having to pay "fees" to armed men for the right to drive migrants to the border, according to state police.

Mexican officials say the violence is scaring would-be migrants.

In the 10 months since the arrival of National Guard troops, 271,195 people have been detained along the Arizona border, an 18 percent drop over the period a year ago, according to the Border Patrol.

"Now migrants are facing two sets of controls: the U.S. Border Patrol and criminals," a Mexican immigration official said on condition of anonymity. "But the criminals are scaring them away because they return to their towns and tell people how bad things were for them."

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Canoeists who pulled suicide victim to shore ticketed

Man says deputy could have used some discretion in issuing citations for having no life jackets

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dennis Bohrn paddled hard across the Snake River to get a suicide victim's body to land.

When he and three others, paddling canoes Sunday morning dragged the woman's body, they were stunned and crying — had she jumped? Had she been pushed? Had she slipped? And they were even more stunned when at the shore a deputy cited them twice for not carrying life vests in either canoe.

"The body was right there," said Bohrn, 50, of Twin Falls. "A girl deputy was trying to console everybody. Then a sergeant walked up. He said, 'I see you don't have any life jackets, so I am going to give you a citation.' It seemed a little cold."

The fine for each citation is \$85.

The deputies who arrived on the scene huddled around the four people treating them as heroes and victims. But the longer Bohrn dwelled on the actions of one, the more frustrated he became.

Bohrn thinks he may have a legal case. Inflatable cushions carried in the canoe should count for something, he said. On the other hand, there were no life jackets.

What Bohrn wants is compassion, sensitivity. He wants to know why a deputy's first choice of reaction was to enforce a citation rather than comfort a grieving group of people.

The sheriff stands by his deputy's conduct.

"(Not carrying life vests) is against the law and the deputy is doing his job," said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley. "Just because somebody helps you in one incident doesn't mean you can't take care of the other incident. Is it wrong? No, it's not wrong. Could it have been done at another time? He had a discretion."

Several deputies responded, Bohrn said. Other deputies and the paramedics "were awesome," Bohrn said, offering emotional support and recommending counseling.

The boaters who launched from the

"I think there is a time and a place. They should use common sense. Maybe his superiors could tell him, 'Next time, wait until they get to the dock and the girls aren't crying.'"

— Dennis Bohrn on being cited for not having life jackets after he and three others had pulled a woman's body from the Snake River Sunday afternoon

Centennial Park boat ramp to Shoshone Falls had scarcely begun their Sunday morning voyage when one of them saw the woman's body fall and splash 100 feet away.

Above on the bridge, a Twin Falls police officer had stopped his patrol car beside the woman, who had already climbed over the ledge. When the woman's eyes met his eyes, she jumped, Touseley said.

As they dragged the body ashore, one of the two women began sobbing. Bohrn noticed a wedding ring on the victim's finger. A second man held onto the woman's body under the water as the rest paddled and held the canoes together. When they reached the shore, a second woman began to cry.

Fifteen minutes later, deputies and paramedics arrived.

"The feelings don't hit you until it's all done," Bohrn said. "For my girlfriend, at 3

o'clock in the morning she called me crying. Amber was sobbing all the way through it. Mike and I, we were just being guys. It was something that didn't hit me until later."

Bohrn eventually began to recall the woman's face, how they covered it with a T-shirt because her eyes kept open. Bohrn now plans to contest the citations in court.

"Maybe you get kind of cold in that job," Bohrn said. "I think there is a time and a place. They should use common sense. Maybe his superiors could tell him, 'Next time, wait until they get to the dock and the girls aren't crying.'"

"He hasn't heard the last of me," Bohrn said.

— Cassidy Friedman covers crime and courts for the Times-News. He can be reached at (208)735-3241 or by e-mail at cfriedman@magic-valley.com.

Twin Falls man killed in motorcycle accident

Times-News

JEROME — A 42-year-old Twin Falls man was killed Sunday afternoon while trying to top a 35-foot hill in the Devil's Corral recreation area.

Gregory D. Hunt was riding his 2001 Yamaha motorcycle about 4:57 p.m. when he lost traction on a hill, falling and landing on his motorcycle and suffering head and internal injuries, according to a press release from the Idaho State Police.

The Devil's Corral is a recreation area north and

east of the Perrine Bridge on the canyon rim.

Hunt was pronounced dead at the scene. He was wearing his helmet. It is unknown if alcohol was a factor in the crash.

The crash is being investigated by Trooper Sean Walker with help from the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park. Family will receive visitors from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. East in Twin Falls.

TF man pleads guilty to attempting to transfer HIV

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man charged with six counts of attempting to transfer HIV to two women has pleaded guilty to two of those counts.

Matthew Milligan, 37, told police he became infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in 2002 while serving time in a Texas prison. Both women told police that Milligan never warned them about his condition before they separately had unprotected sex with him three times.

On April 19, Milligan signed a plea agreement authored by the Twin Falls County prosecutor's office. Each count represents one

of the times Milligan misled either woman into having sex with him.

The prosecutor will recommend at sentencing that Milligan serve seven to 14 years in prison, pay restitution to both women and pay fines decided by a judge.

Police began investigating on March 8, after one of the women approached police saying that four days earlier a marital friend told her that Milligan had known he carried HIV since 1998. Through her, police tracked down a second woman who told them Milligan never acknowledged he was infected until a week earlier.

The plea agreement was filed with the court on April 26.

Police recover second body at Boise home

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Police on Monday recovered a body from a hard-to-reach crawl space at a Boise home where another set of remains was found in the yard.

Todd C. Hagnas, 38, was arrested during questioning about a fire at the home last Thursday. He is being investigated for first-degree arson. Police have said he's also a suspect in what they're calling two homicides.

A preliminary hearing has been set for May 11, a 4th District Court clerk in Boise said.

Police on Sunday evening recovered one of the two bodies Hagnas alluded to during questioning last week, a news release said. An autopsy was being conducted on the body, which was recovered from the back-

yard, Boise police spokesman Lynn Hightower said.

Investigators had to cut through the side of the home where Hagnas lived in order to gain access to the second body beneath the house.

"Access has been more difficult," Hightower said. "The focus continues to be on thorough evidence gathering."

Police aren't releasing the identities of the two bodies until they've informed family members.

Last Thursday, police dispatchers received an anonymous call around 7 a.m. from a man telling them they would be busy and that they'd need to bring cadaver dogs. The man hung up without identifying himself or his location, but two hours later, dispatchers were called by the same man, now believed to be Hagnas, saying his home was ablaze.

FUN IN THE SUN



One-year-old Holton Wenworth spent the afternoon Monday enjoying the nice weather with his cousin Chylsiana Reed. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is partly cloudy conditions with a high of 81.

Mower appears in court

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man charged with robbing a convenience store, shooting Idaho State Trooper Chris Glenn and then fleeing to Nevada appeared in court Monday.

Adam Mower spent several days in a Boise hospital after crashing into a tractor-trailer rig during a high-speed chase that ended in a jackpot.

The shooting left Glenn paralyzed from the chest down.

Monday, the gashes over Mower's face clearly visible in a mug shot taken after his hospital release had all but healed. Mower suffered no broken bones or internal injuries, according to the Twin Falls County prosecutor.

Monday's pretrial conference affirmed that the case is on track to go to trial on June 12.

Mower has pleaded not guilty to charges of aggravated battery of a police officer, eluding arrest and robbery.

He is being held on a \$1 million bond.



Glenns Ferry lifts boil order

Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — It's safe to drink the water again in this Elmore County town of 1,600 people.

Since March 27, the city has advised residents to boil tap water after a wind storm blew off the dome of the city's water tank, exposing the water to contamination.

The boil order was a precaution; weekly water tests have shown no contamination and on Monday, Mayor JoAnne Lanham lifted the order.

Idaho resort wants to go from hidden to discovered

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The primitive shoreline campground where President Bush launched a private lake tour during his central Idaho vacation two years ago is slated to get a \$5 million makeover, including a 40-slip marina, tennis courts, a store, restaurant and refueling pumps for watercraft.

The Poison Creek site along Lake Cascade, a 1950s-era Payette River reservoir, still will be managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and

Recreation and owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. But the new marina will be financed and operated by Tamarack Resort, a 4-year-old ski, golf and lake resort that lured investors including tennis stars Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf.

It's all part of the sudden makeover of Idaho's Long Valley, once a remote timber-dependent region now emerging as the latest Rocky Mountain retreat to go from off-the-beaten-path to long-since-discovered.

The arrival of Tamarack —

and the August 2005 visit by President Bush, whose husband's meetings with then-Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne laid the foundations for Kempthorne's elevation to U.S. Interior secretary last year — are driving these changes.

"This area will look like Ketchum, Halley, Sun Valley or Aspen in 20 years," said George Dorris, mayor of nearby Donnelly, population 153.

"The huge amount of spin-off impact is way beyond what anybody expected."

Tamarack hopes to finalize a lease for Poison Creek shortly

after a May 23 Idaho Parks and Recreation Board meeting where the plan will be presented. The marina is due to be completed in 2009, resort officials said.

In 2006, the Idaho Legislature approved a \$2 million plan to move the 18 campsites at Poison Creek to a former YMCA campsite closer to Donnelly. The new campground will include 45 units, increased traffic from the resort had made the existing site less attractive for campers, parks director Bob Meinen said at the time.

OBITUARIES

Sharon Lee 'Shari' Tousey Burgess

TWIN FALLS — Sharon Lee "Shari" Tousey Burgess, 61, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 28, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 17, 1945, in Port Huron, Mich., the daughter of Elton "Tony" and Esther Smith Tousey. Sharon was raised in Twin Falls, where she attended schools—and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1964. She later attended Twin Falls Business College for two years. She worked for Thiesen Motors for a number of years prior to her marriage to Ralph H. Burgess on March 14, 1969. They lived in Twin Falls until 1988, when they moved to Springdale, Wash. After 38 years of marriage, they were divorced, and Sharon moved back to Twin Falls in 2004.

Sharon was a devout member of the Church of the Great God and hung tenaciously to her faith. She was a loving mother and grandmother, took great pleasure in her

many friendships and corresponded on a regular basis with many people. She enjoyed serving others, sewing, cooking and was a woman of great optimism and hope. Sharon loved all animals and would often make them special treats, while pre-sitting. She woke every day and said, "today's going to be a great day."

She is survived by her two wonderful children, Hutch (Jeanne) Burgess of Piler and Becki Burgess of Spokane; three grandchildren, James, Ryan and Luke; and three brothers, Roy (Myrna) Tousey of Mesa, Ariz., Wayne (Marsha) Tousey of Twin Falls and Terry Tousey of Phoenix, Ariz. She was also survived by her beloved kitty, Princess Black Velvet. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

A memorial service for Sharon Burgess will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 4, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."



Mary K. Mallory

PAUL — Mary Kathryn Mallory, 76, of Paul, passed away peacefully among family on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at her home in Paul after a valiant struggle with lung cancer.

Mary was born Jan. 26, 1931, in Tremonton, Utah, and was the youngest of eight children of Clarence Glenn and Lucille Lee Eldridge. Mary spent most of her childhood in the Tremonton area, and in 1947, she and her family moved from Tremonton to a farm just south of Twin Falls. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1949.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents—and by her brothers, Robert and Lee. She is survived by her loving husband, Donald Mallory of Paul; son, Jerry (Margaret) Sharp of Baton Rouge, La.; daughter, Kathy (Ed) Wall of Alberta, Canada; stepdaughter, Connie Mallory of Twin Falls; and a stepson, Wayne (Debbie) Mallory of London, Ky.

Mary has a large and close-knit family whom she truly



loved and enjoyed, including her surviving brothers and sisters, Effie Wilcox, Lou Peterson, Jennie (Bob) White, Vera (Virginia) Eldridge and Richard (Cleo) Eldridge. She was a loving grandmother who truly enjoyed her 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was an active and faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in various capacities. She also enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting and had a great love of music.

A special thanks goes to the doctors and health care workers who assisted Mary in her struggle with cancer and to those family and friends who have provided so much love and support.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Paul Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 W. Ellis St., with Bishop Douglas D. Hartley officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Paul; and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Ornetta Bailey

MURKIN — Ornetta Bailey, 87, of Murtagh, passed away April 28, 2007, surrounded by her loving family at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born July 7, 1919, in Murray, Utah, the daughter of Charles and Sylvia Meacham Randall. She served an eight-year term on the Murtagh City Council. Throughout her life, she enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening and sharing the fruits of her labors with family and friends.

But the highlight of her life was spending time with her family, especially spoiling her grandchildren. She worked for Orinda Foods for more than 25 years before retiring. Ornetta

will always be remembered as a hard worker and dedicated friend.

Surviving are her son, Larry (Sharon) Whitney of Sparks, Nev.; daughter, Vera (Bill) Rice of Murtagh; sisters, Millie Perkins of Twin Falls and Bernice Barke of Burley; along with nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Her parents, four brothers, three sisters; and son, Harold Warren, preceded her in death.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with a funeral service following at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.



Alex Roemer

TWIN FALLS — Alex Roemer passed away at Bridgeview Estates on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the age of 86.

Alex was born Dec. 6, 1910, in Sugar City, Idaho, to George and Elizabeth Kurtz Roemer, the fifth of 12 children. On Dec. 1, 1934, Alex married Ruth Bass, and together they had and raised four children. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and, through the years, served on numerous committees at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert.

From 1960 to 1972, Alex was a Minidoka County commissioner and also served as a past member and chairman of the Minidoka County Bee Growers Association. He was a member of the District Commissioner and was a member and officer of the Good Sam Club.

Alex is survived by his wife of

72 years, Ruth of Twin Falls; one brother, Harold of Rupert; and one sister, Rose of Boise, Nev. He is also survived by his children, Jim (Doris) Roemer of Greenwood, Ind.; Don (Karen) Roemer of Whidbey Island, Wash.; Karen (Chuck) Langley of Twin Falls, Idaho; and Doris (Jerry) Moersch of Ketchum, Idaho; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. His parents, four brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert, Idaho. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert, ID 83350; Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301; or a charity of choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert.



Beatrice Kay Hayden, 'Bea'

KIMBERLY — Beatrice Kay Hayden, "Bea," 51, of Kimberly, passed away April 28, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following an extended illness.

She was born April 7, 1956, in Arco, Idaho, the daughter of Merlan and Rosemary Fullmer. She was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her family. She also volunteered at the Buzz Langton Twin Falls Visitor Center, where she enjoyed meeting and assisting all those she came in contact with.

Bea enjoyed sewing for her family, especially making matching cloths for her child, drop. Even though her allergies incapacitated her, she always had a great spirit. She loved making potato salad and macaroni salad for family outings. Bea also loved to call her friends and family around 10 p.m. just to say hi or talk about issues of the day.

Surviving are her husband,



Lloyd of Kimberly; mother, Rosemary Abner of Burley; stepfather, Elgin Abner of Burley; children, Tina (Robbie) Chavez of Pocatello, Merlon Hayden of Boise and Francine (Jason) Mackay of Kimberly; brother, Tony Fullmer of Boise; stepbrother, Greg Abner of Reno, Nev.; and stepcister, Kimberly Hamilton of Burley, along with nine grandchildren, Baylee, Julia, Hadley, Emmanuel, Jason, C.J., Taylor, Hayden and Rose; and several nieces and nephews. Her father, Merlon Fullmer, predeceased her in death.

She will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho. A funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family requests memorials be made to the National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson St., Baltimore, MD 21230, or the Buzz Langton Visitors Center, 85B The Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Lee Hansford Humphries

GOODING — Lee Humphries, 80, of Gooding, Idaho, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at his home.

Lee was born May 9, 1918, and grew up in Jerome and Gooding. He was a well-known jockey. "Spiz Berry" in the early 1930s. Upon retirement as a jockey, he owned and operated the Elitric Bakery in Gooding, Idaho.

Lee is survived by one son, Kent (Barbara) Humphries of

North Little Rock, Ark.; one daughter, Kyrle (Gary) Crossman of Gooding; and two sisters, Myrtle Heyward and Ethel Gourley, both of Gooding. He was also the proud grandfather of all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At Lee's request, no funeral service will be held. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding, Idaho.

DEATH NOTICES

Gregory D. Dutt

TWIN FALLS — Gregory Dale Dutt, 42, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 29, 2007.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 5, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. The family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the Mortuary.

LuAnne Rogers

BURLEY — LuAnne Rogers, 60, of Burley, died Monday, April 30, 2007, at her home.

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

Michael Kell

BURLEY — Michael Kell, 58, of Burley, died Monday, April

30, 2007, at Park View Care and Rehab. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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Rodley 'Rod' Berry

TWIN FALLS — Rodley Berry, 75, died at his home in Twin Falls on April 26, 2007, surrounded by his loving family.

Rod was born Nov. 27, 1931, to Jarric R. and Dolly Marlena Berry in Blanche, Mo. Rod married Fern Sexton on Dec. 23, 1950, in Harding, Ark. Rod owned and operated Rod Berry's Machine Shop in Twin Falls for 32 years. Throughout his years, Rod enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, fishing, endurance horse racing and raising game fowl. Rod also enjoyed cooking for family outings. Rod helped many people who were in need.

Rod is survived by three chil-

dren, Rodley Berry Jr. of Pocatello, Ore., Rita (John) Peterson of Piler, Idaho, and Leta (Jim) Bennion of Ketchum, Idaho; two brothers, Clyde (Nellie) Berry and Neil Berry; two sisters, Harriet (Ed) Geese and Ruby (Tom) McNevin; sixteen grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dix Berry; and one son, Ronald Berry.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road. A service will be Wednesday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Dorothy Evelyn Parker Murphy

NAMPA — Dorothy Evelyn Parker Murphy passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, April 29, 2007.

She was born at Iota, Kan., on Feb. 13, 1924. She married Robert Benjamin Murphy in Champaign, Texas, on June 5, 1951. They moved to Oregon and lived there for several years, then moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where Bob died in 2003. Dorothy then moved to Nampa, Idaho, where she has lived since that time.

She will be loved and remembered by two sisters, Della Suppes of LaCrosse, Kan., and Thelma Richards of

Oceanside, Calif.; by a brother, Fred Parker of Aranda, Colo.; by two daughters, Constance Sexton of Fallon, Nev., and Kathleen Guard of Nampa; by six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren; and by many extended family and friends. All of us will miss her.

At Dorothy's request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell, Idaho.

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SERVICES

Rachel Schaeffer Kircher of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 210 E. Burton Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley)

Stanley Harry Hostetler of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551

Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Robert "Bob" Perrine of Hansen, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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EDITORIAL

Tax reform needs more than a fistful of dollars

Say the words "Prop 13" and watch the buzzards fly and the tumbleweeds roll through town.

Enter Gov. Butch Otter, with his halber drawn on high property taxes, and you've got a spaghetti-Western for tax reform.

Speaking on Idaho Public Television's "Idaho Reports" program last week, Otter said he was considering a measure for Idaho property tax reform that's similar to California's Proposition 13. Prop 13 was the landmark bill passed in the late-1970s that capped property assessments at 1 percent annual growth.

Give Otter credit for thinking outside the box. But as state lawmakers have already learned with Prop 13-styled reform, there's good, bad and ugly.

Otter's early ideas are to lock a home's assessment value to the initial sale price for the owner. Assessments thereafter would, like Prop 13, be capped at a certain percentage. The net result would be lower tax growth for residents who stay in their homes a longer time. Newer residents would be paying more since their home is more valuable with growing property values.

The idea of splitting the valuation process away from assessors has come up as recently as the past two legislative sessions. And it would indeed open the process and take the guess work out of counties.

But talks of a property tax cap are just as old. In the 1970s, Idaho voters staged their own ballot initiative — called the One Percent measure — to limit tax assessments to the same standard as California. It passed easily in the 1978 election.

And yet, it wasn't fully enforced. Many legal experts said the measure was rebound to the Idaho Legislature. That document requires "a just valuation for taxation of all property." If two equal properties had the same value, and one sold for a higher price, staking the higher tax on that sold property would run afoul of the Constitution.

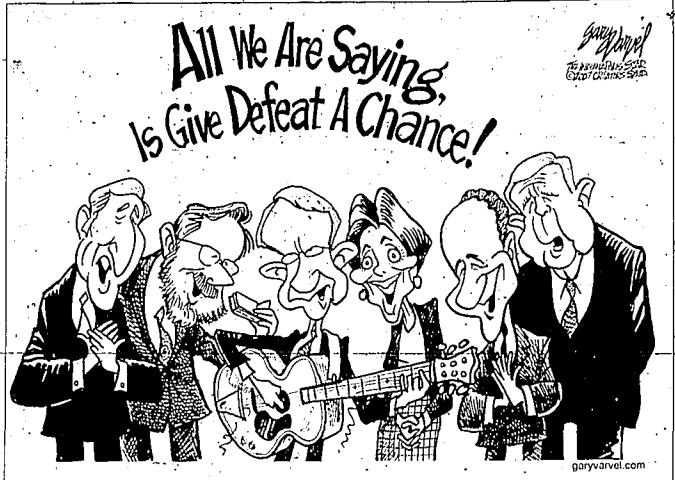
That debate unfolded three decades ago, but it resurfaced in the past few years with the revolt over booming assessments. The Legislature's interim committee on property tax reform likewise examined the possibility of a Prop 13-styled measure in 2005, but committee members hit the same legal wall.

Eventually lawmakers took two different actions in 2006. They increased the homeowner's exemption on property tax (to 50 percent of home value, or the first \$75,000 whichever is less). Then in a special session, they dropped the 3-mil levy, or the \$3 out of every \$1,000 of assessed value that goes to local schools. Those revenues shifted from property taxes over to the state's sales tax, which jumped from 5 percent to 6 percent.

Otter is probably quick to notice that the 2006 relief does little to stop the rapid increase in assessed values for property. That's precisely what a 1-percent cap would provide. There's also the philosophical opposition to property tax, which is hard on seniors and is a tax on debt for younger homeowners.

But if the state does cap property taxes, it could cause an extreme shift to the other revenue components of income tax and sales tax. Until Idaho leaders can honestly answer where it will find the correlating funds to cover local property tax limits, the idea lacks a certain firepower.

Our view:
The return of a proposal to cap property tax growth may conflict with Idaho's statutes. What do you think? We view viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



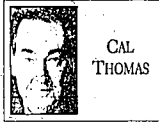
Defeat, retreat and repeat

For the sake of argument, let's say former CIA Director George Tenet is right in his book and that Vice President Dick Cheney pushed too hard with questionable or inaccurate intelligence because of a predisposition to go to war in Iraq and topple Saddam Hussein. So what? We can't go back and fix the mistakes of the past. Only two choices are available: victory or defeat.

Let us assume the Democratic left is right and we should pull U.S. forces out as early as Oct. 1, or perhaps a few months later, but certainly before the next presidential election, because the Bush administration's policy in Iraq has completely failed and in the words of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, "It's war is lost."

What next? Does the United States not suffer a loss of credibility in the world's eyes for again failing to finish a job it started? Do the millions who voted for the first elected government in Iraq conclude they risked their lives for nothing? What would be the consequences of pulling out before Iraq is stabilized sufficiently to stand on its own? And, most importantly, what would a U.S. retreat do to the confidence of the enemy that wishes to dominate the world?

We have the answer to that



last question. Statements declaring all but victory for the Islamists are posted on numerous Islamic Web sites. Various statements by American leaders critical of the war are cited as evidence that the United States is about to quit. Ubaidati Al-Saifi, who is associated with *Al-Qa'ida* in Iraq, as part of what is called "The Islamic State of Iraq," said on April 25: "The plans of the cross worshippers and their henchmen have collapsed." He quotes "House Majority Leader Harry Reid" as saying, "The Iraqi war is hopeless and the situation in Iraq is the same as it was in Vietnam." Al-Saifi declares American news is declining and "...our battle against the enemy is first and foremost the will to fight and the length of the battle does not rest with the cross worshippers." He calls for his fighters to "be patient" and Allah will give them victory. Patience is not one of America's virtues.

Do the war's opponents realize, or care, that every critical statement they make is repurposed by the enemy's media and passed on to homicide bombers and fighters to encourage them to keep killing Americans and Iraqis?

The official Palestinian Authority broadcast media have cranked up hate propaganda against America, Israel and Jews: On April 22 it — in addition to the usual scenes of "martyred" female homicide bombers clad in white and floating beneficently across the screen, viewers were treated to this: "Be certain that America is on its way to utter destruction, America is wallowing (in blood) today in Iraq and Afghanistan. America is defeated and Israel is defeated, and was defeated in Lebanon and Palestine. ... Make us victorious over the community of infidels. ... Allah, take the Jews and their allies, Allah, take the Americans and their allies ... Allah, annihilate them completely and do not leave anyone of them standing."

That's not defeat and retreat talk. That's the talk of victory and self-confidence. — In an April 26 op-ed for *The Washington Post*, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Connecticut Democrat — a lonely voice in the party because he favors victory for our side and

for Iraq's elected government — said that while progress is slow, it is visible but will take more time. It said even if Iraq's Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds were to achieve a political solution tomorrow, the threat of al-Qa'ida would not go away.

Lieberman concludes: "The challenge before us, then, is whether we respond to al-Qa'ida's barbarism by running away — as it hopes we do — abandoning the future of Iraq, the Middle East and ultimately our own security to the very people responsible for last week's atrocities — or whether we stand our ground." Lieberman has chosen to "stand and fight and win," which is better than defeat, retreat and having to repeat the battle somewhere else against a much stronger enemy, with many more casualties.

It's shameful that so many Democrats running for president appear ready to accept defeat and retreat if it advances their presidential prospects, no matter the prospect for the security of Iraq, the Middle East and the United States.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bush and gang mishandle Iraq war

Dec. 8, 1941, the U.S. Congress declared war at the request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the Empire of Japan which had attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor the day before. Two days later, Nazi Germany also declared war on the United States. President Roosevelt suddenly found himself, as commander-in-chief, at war with the two most powerful and aggressive military powers on earth. The United States, on Dec. 7, 1941, was just emerging from the Great Depression of 1929. Starting with little military might but with the total support of the American people, both were forced into unconditional surrender, their nations totally devastated. From Dec. 7, 1941, to the end of 1945, the day Japan accepted surrender) was three years and nine months. President Roosevelt accomplished this great feat from a wheelchair. Compare that to the current so-called and ill-executed "war" on Iraq, which

has just concluded its fourth year with no end in sight. Now we have the whining commander-in-chief trying to tie a guilt trip on the Democrats, the Bush Congress and the American people for refusing to extend an open-ended checkbook to that incompetent commander-in-chief. Authorizing unlimited funds to the "Bush Gang" to pursue the Iraq war and line the pockets of their "contractor friends" would be tantamount to awarding O.J. Simpson a large sum of money to facilitate Simpson's effort to find the "real killers." Basically because George Bush, Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice and a few lesser evils, such as Karl Rove and Scooter Libby. All Republicans that voted for Bush should walk around looking at their feet. EICHAID E BYRD Rogerson

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jerome commissioners won't act on overtime issue

I and others are tired of Jerome County Commissioners Howell and Davis, making a decision on some very important issues. The attorney general ruled on Dec. 12, 2006, that the \$71,000 was collected illegally and should be repaid to Jerome County. For approximately five months, commissioners have stalled on taking any action at all. On April 23, 2007, the chairman, Charlie Howell, said they would definitely "discuss it" (again) in two weeks. This to me shows they're not accepting their responsibility to the citizens (voters) of Jerome County. Charlie also said the figures on the issue collected by the *Times-News* were not correct since he knew people were voluntarily giving \$4000 times. He went on to say the people he talked to didn't want the money collected (60 percent) and only 40 percent wanted it collected! Either he transposed those figures or I wonder who he's talking to. In a profanity-laden, Charlie declared, "The attorney general is just another attorney." I just can't believe him! The commissioners are still "studying" and listening to the "experts" (some repeatedly) on the matter. They should declare a moratorium to give

them even more time to "study." I hope they will finally learn how many cows are in Jerome County. Nobody (absolutely nobody) knows. You can't determine the number of cows by the amount of milk produced. That's the way it's being done! Marv Fatten of the Idaho State Agriculture Department stated that in a previous meeting of the commissioners Jerome citizens better start thinking about what is happening here and contact the commissioners about what they think. If you can't e-mail, you can call them. They are in the phone book. And on Mondays and Tuesdays, you can find them on the second floor of the courthouse (not the annex). XENIA WILLIAMS Jerome

Twin Falls should hold vigil for Va. Tech victims

I would like to express my condolences to the families and friends of the Virginia Tech school shooting. I am a former who would like to express my feelings of loss to you two days last week. "I feel we as a nation need to understand who a boy who was hurting so bad just went on a shooting spree. I have met kids in school who were angry for being picked on." I went to Jerome High

School. There was a disturbed boy who put a fake bomb in the science lab about six years ago. He wanted to scare people. And I am sure he had. I've contacted Jerome High School while looking for the bomb. I worry when my son goes to school that he will feel safe enough to want to go to school. Or for that matter, being bullied. I am not saying bullying is bad because it's not. I just worry what other children will be hurting like the boy in Virginia. He was so hurt, he shot 32 people and hurt many others, and for that matter, how he got his hands on guns. These days, people can get their hands on guns. I don't understand how that happens. I think, as a nation, we need to be aware of what goes on in our schools and, as a parent, I think there in Twin we should have a candlelight vigil here for those who were lost in Virginia, and that we never forget. ALICIA SMITH Twin Falls

Immigrants hurt conditions in the U.S.

Immigrants come in this country and take all the jobs; some come in on green cards, visas and as illegals. These companies hire them over American citizens, and they

say there is no discrimination against American citizens. These companies, if they are found guilty of discrimination, should be fined \$100,000. If an employer should be fined \$50,000 per day. They will not speak English to make our work conditions safe. They tax our welfare system to the limits (that American citizens can't get on without a 30-day waiting period). They bring their crime rate into us, which is taxing us to the limit again. So the Americans are being flushed down the toilet but these immigrants, which are taking over our country that they have no respect for. WAYNE LEE Twin Falls

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COMMUNITY

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners:

April 2, first, Duane Schreiberger and Milo Pearson; and second, Mary Lee Pfefferle and Doris Watts.

April 3, first, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley; tied for second, Sharon Peterson and Ralph O'Harrow and Joye Astorquia and Pauline Mulliner; and fourth, Mary Lee Pfefferle and Dorothy Miller.

April 9, first, Poll and Matt Smith; second, Alice and Evan Kohls; third, Beverly Reed and Vi Crosshaw; and fourth, Betty Sabo and Doris Finney.

April 10, first, Renee Bulcher and Betty Grant; second, Max Thompson and Wilma Driscoll; third, Beverly Reed and Patricia Cooper; fourth, Kathy Rooney and David Stoker; fifth, Ralph O'Harrow and Sharon Peterson;

and sixth, Dorothy Miller and Mary Lee Pfefferle.
 April 11, first, Shirley Tschannen and Edna Pierson; second, Mary Lee Pfefferle and Madeline Sawaya; third, Joye Astorquia and Sue Skinner; fourth, Beverly Reed and Barbara Burk; fifth, Beverly Burns and Mary Klenin; sixth, Donald Rahe and Sam Smutny; and sixth, Jeanne Metzger and Pat Dearborn.
 April 16, first, Mary Lee Pfefferle and Doris Watts; second, DeAnna McMahon and Betty Jepperson; and third, Dar Wagner and Sue Cwiler.

April 17, first, Kathy Rooney and David Stoker; second, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; third, Dorothy Miller and Mary Lee Pfefferle; and fifth, Pauline Mulliner and Patricia Cooper.
 April 18, first, Riley Burton and David Stoker; second, Ruth Rahe and Wilma Driscoll; tied for third, Mary Lee Pfefferle and Madeline Sawaya and Joye Astorquia and

Jessie Lingraw; fourth, Veeta Roberts and Bonnie Aspiarte; and fifth, Robert Parish and Róben Tschackofskoe.
 April 23, first, Dee-Hado and Janet Wirth; second, Duane Schreiberger and Milo Pearson; and third, Veeta Roberts and Gladys Hartmut.

April 24, first, Riley Burton and Babette Plankey; second, Faye Kochneff and Dorothy Miller; third, Donald Rahe and Rueben Tschackofskoe; and fourth, Veeta Roberts and Betty Sabo.

April 25, first, Madeline Sawaya and Mary Lee Pfefferle; second, Renee Bulcher and Riley Burton;

third, Joye Astorquia and Betty Grant; fourth, Joyce Johnston and Doris Finney; fifth, Jessie Lingraw and Lonnie Burns; sixth, Donald and Ruth Rahe; seventh, Doris Watts and Betty Sabo; and eighth, Veeta Roberts and Gladys Hartmut.

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Local woman earns honor at BSU

Times-News

Teresa Gerrard of Eden has been awarded Business Student of the Month for March at Boise State University.

Gerrard is a senior at BSU and is majoring in human resource management. She is the daughter of Pat and Helen Maglaughlin of Burley and is a 1987 graduate of Burley High School.



GALC announces grades and perfect attendance honors

GOODING — Gooding Accelerated Learning Center announced 2006-2007 Block 4 grades and perfect attendance honors.

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Swenson to earn Eagle Scout Award

HEROME — James Swenson, 18-year-old son of Mark and Melonie Swenson of Jerome, received his Eagle Scout Award at recently at the Jerome LDS Church.

Swenson completed 29 merit badges. For his Eagle Project, he reconstructed the landscaping at the entrance to Forsyth Park in Jerome. He was assisted by Troop 130 scouts and his family. The project was supported by Dad's Telephone, Kelly's Garden Center, Delt Supply, and Gary Warr of the Jerome Recreation District.



Swenson

He has been an active member of 4-H for 10 years exhibiting market steers. In 2005, he won Grand Champion Showman and Grand Champion market beef.

Swenson is a senior at Jerome High School and has lettered two years in football. He will compete in the Shriner

Football Game in June. He also lettered four years in wrestling, was 2007 District Champion, placed sixth at the state championship, and was awarded Co-Wrestler of the Year at Jerome High School.

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Ring masters

Flores brothers boxing way to top

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was about four years ago that the Flores brothers — Miguel, Manuel and Matt — decided to take up boxing. After virtually starting from scratch — “We had no boxing knowledge other than watching on TV,” said Manuel — the sibling trio has certainly come a long way.

The journey has led to the USA Boxing National Championships/Olympic Box Off in Colorado Springs, Colo. June 1-9 where Matt Flores will compete for a spot in the Olympic games and Manuel will serve as a coach for the Pacific Northwest team.

The brothers, who own and operate Headhunter Boxing Gym in Twin Falls, have certainly accomplished more than they thought possible a few years ago. They started out training each other, but found the progress slow. That's when Manuel decided to step out of the ring and become the trainer for his brothers. The reason was simple. “I had the most kids,” said Manuel, who has attended numerous clinics to better his boxing knowledge.

With certification from USA Boxing, the national governing body for Olympic-style boxing, in hand, the brothers opened Headhunter and the successes started piling up. Lately, the brothers, who all work as mechanics at ConAgra Foods, have knocked out their highest achievements to date.

On March 10, Matt, 26, won the Idaho state title at 141 pounds. At the regional championship in Medford, Ore., he earned unanimous decisions against Oregon state champion Juan Oliva and Washington state champion:

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Matt Flores, left, spars with his brother Miguel Flores at Headhunter Boxing Gym in Twin Falls. Matt will be heading to Colorado Springs to attempt to make the Olympic team.



Manuel Flores, far left, trains both of his brothers Miguel, center, and Matt.

Idaho wraps up spring football with Silver and Gold Scrimmage

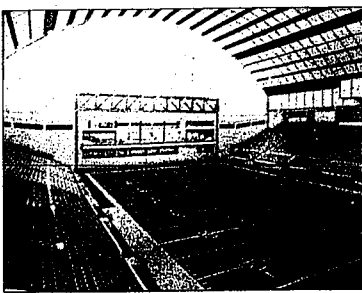
By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — While no score was kept, numbers were still a big part of University of Idaho football team's Silver and Gold Scrimmage this past Friday. With about 90 Vandal players trying to work their way up the depth chart, the spring-ending practice was an intense one before about 3,200 fans at the Kibbie Dome.

The 1979 Sister Sledge hit, “We are Family,” may be what Akey and staff are striving for with their Vandals, but it was more like a family feud once the first, second and third units tested each other for the final say in spring ball bragging rights.

Special teams took the field first, while scrimmage play followed with situational scenarios being interjected at various spots on the field.

Kimberly High School graduate J.J. Shaver continued to increase his reps at H-back and caught a pass from Luke Tracy in the red zone for a 14-yard gain.



An artist rendering shows the future of Idaho's Kibbie Dome.

to Coach Akey,” said Pete. “We like what the new staff is doing.”

The route Shaver executed kept the drive alive at the 9-yard line. Shaver played both tight end and H-back with the second unit and also blocked the corner on the field-goal and PAT attempts.

With the new NCAA rule mandating kickoff to the 30-yard line, instead of the 35, more balls will be returned this fall. Tino Amancio and Vincente Rico, veteran soccer-style kickers, reached the 15- and 10-yard lines on a consistent basis, but never reached the end zone.

Speedsters Raymond Fry, (so), Stanley Franks (str) and Thomas Quarles (redshirt fr) received the most reps in the return area. Several nice returns saw the officials tossing flags for clips and blocking below the waist. Junior T.J. Conley's punts drew several loud gasps from the crowd as they soared deep.

Both Amancio and Rico connected on all their field goals and PATs. Amancio went 4-for-4 on field goals with a long of 51 yards, while Rico went 2-for-2 with a long of 28. The two combined for 27 of the 39 offensive points for the 90-minute scrimmage.

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Akey pumps up crowd, promises to run tight ship

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — With only 109 days to go until the start of fall camp, University of Idaho head football coach Bob Akey left no doubts about what his vision of Vandal football will be.

Inside the “Dig Top” of the alumni tent where the fans and tailgaters gathered, engrossed in their pregame festivities, Akey pumped their spirits with a message most longed to hear. Like a preacher to his congregation he challenged them to take the first step.

“Come look what this joint is going to look like,” he said, pointing to pictures of the proposed upgrade of the Kibbie Dome. “It is going to be awesome. You all just come with everybody you know. We'll make it difficult for anybody coming in here.”

While congratulating the Vandal women's golf team on their recent conference championship, Akey told the Vandal faithful, “That's the first of many more WAC championships we're going to get around here.”

Perhaps the most rambunctious applause came when he stated in an emphatic tone, “And for those of you that are tired of seeing the nonsense that is going on off the field, I hope you also pay attention not doing the things we want them to do to get it done we're getting them out of here.”

Akey has dealt with close to a dozen suspensions for academic and team rules during spring ball, but he obviously was focused on Friday's arrest of defensive tackle Marvin Jones, who hasn't practiced this spring. Jones was arrested for allegedly selling cocaine to an undercover Moscow police officer. “I promise you one thing, we're here to win, but we're going to do it the right way,” Akey concluded. “It's gone.”

Seahawks' Terrill makes impact on Burley youth

By Chuck Nunn
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The future of football in Mini-Cassia put on the fields and got a little dirty, as the 2007 NFL Junior Player Development Camp kicked off behind Burley High School on Monday.

In addition to getting instruction from football coaches from area school teams, the young players also got some pointers from Seattle Seahawks defensive tackle Craig Terrill.

“Having the Seahawks show up, you know, we were nervous until they called and said they were on the way,” said Jeff Hawker, president of the Mini-Cassia Youth Contact Football League, which is in the second year of running the NFL JPD Camp in Burley. “We put our best foot forward for Burley, and Craig is from Indiana, a farm community here. He grew up backing hay, and that resonates with a lot of these kids here.”

“In 13 games during the 2006 season, Terrill recorded 14 tackles for the Seahawks, including nine solo tackles, and three sacks. But Monday, Terrill's on-field performances were in helping the young players at the JPD Camp learn the game he's turned into a career, and he took an active hand in teaching the players and helping them with their positions.

“He was out here doing hands-on stuff,” Hawker said. “He was getting into the drills, helping them with their placement and their stances and their form.”

The camp had hoped to have Terrill for two days, but the Seahawks were only willing to let him go for one situation. Terrill turned into an object lesson for the youngsters about the importance of practice.

“That coach didn't want him to miss two days of practice,” Hawker said. Terrill related to the players. “They let him miss one today. The Super Bowl is a long way away, but football is about practice and repetition and improving their skills.”

But the biggest impact Terrill's visit will have, and the most lasting, is in the inspiration he provided for the young players with whom he interacted.

“That means so much,” Hawker said. “I had a guy here, his boy was in there and he got a picture of that guy giving him a pat on the back, and he got the ball signed. You don't suppose that boy won't be watching the Super Bowl the next year?”

With the success of Terrill's visit to the JPD Camp on Monday, Hawker is looking forward to more interaction between his organization and the NFL in developing players in Mini-Cassia.

“We appreciate the NFL,” Hawker said. “We appreciate the Seattle Seahawks. It's just a big deal.”

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SPORTS

Burley HS hosts NFL junior camp

By Chuck Nunn For the Times-Herald

BURLEY: — Players and coaches from throughout Mini-Cassia converged Monday for the start of the 2007 NFL Junior Player Development Camp on Monday at Burley High School.

The camp, which is conducted locally by the Mini-Cassia Youth Contact Football League, is in its second year. While the turnout is somewhat less than what it was last year, MCVFL president Jeff Hawker was pleased with the amount of players who came out Monday.

"We're right on just about 140, about 60 less than last time," Hawker said. "Ideally they like to have 120, it's a more manageable number than it was with 200, and our retention should remain better than it was last year."

While there were some participants last year who didn't attend this time around, Hawker pointed out that those who have returned will reap a greater benefit in the long run as they progress in organized football.

"The kids who will be the furthest ahead that can get to this camp three times, do all that their coaches and schools want them to do — those will be the kids who go the farthest in school and have the best shot at scholarships," Hawker said.

Aaron Tolman, who also attended the camp last year, said he was looking forward to coming back this year.

"I like it, it improves your skill a lot," Tolman said. "It helps everybody learn more stuff. I wanted to come back out because it's fun, and I learned a bunch of stuff last year from it."

The association with the NFL and its JPD program has

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helped to make the camp a success not only for the players who attended, but also for the area coaches who are working with them.

"They put in a lot of money, paying 20 of our coaches," Hawker said of the NFL involvement. "Thousands of dollars that they're spending in raw cash, knickies and spiffs for the coaches, and ultimately that's what this is about — it's about reacting to the coaches. The kids are the by-product. But for the five high schools in this immediate area, those coaches getting this hands-on stuff is invaluable."

Among the coaches at the camp this year is Collicie Har, who was the first female to play football for Bull High School. The success of the camp last year has encouraged the NFL to continue its involvement in the development of players in Mini-Cassia.

"They took a chance on us last year," Hawker said. "Cedric Jones, head of NFL Youth Services in New York, said, 'Listen, you guys are making to be the first out-of-market one, and we want you to do good.' And we did it."

Hawker gives credit for the camp's success last year and its strong start this year to its vice-president, Shane Goodfellow.

"This is his baby," Hawker said of Goodfellow. "He stepped up to the plate last year and did this. He didn't hit a home run — he hit a grand slam. We still remain, as far as I know, the only out-of-market NFL camp. And that says a lot about how Shane did last year."

Fleming, Webb top all-around

By Diane Phiblin Times-Herald writer

JEROME — Jori Fleming of Wendell put some distance between herself and Cheyanne Robinson of Gooding in the girls all-around and Beth Webb of Wendell took over the top spot in the boys standings after the District VI meet in Jerome.

On Saturday, Fleming won the goat tying with a time of 9.71 seconds followed by Katie Hall of Valley and Robinson finished third. Fleming's time was third in poles and ninth in barrels.

Other winners on the girls side included Kassandra Hall of Valley winning breakaway at 5.21 seconds and Chancee Awson of Hagerman picking up her second win in barrels with a time of 17.668. A time of 22.229 by Mackenzie Stevens of Gooding was the fastest in pole bending.

For the boys, Webb turned in the best time of the season at 24.2 seconds for Wendell took the lead riding with his partner, Jake Ruby of Jerome, finished seventh in team roping.

Jay Gebauer of Valley matched his score of 51 points on Friday to win the saddle bronc riding, while Steve Wrensting, the top time of 5.04 seconds by Jack Stevens of Gooding nudged out the 5.66 run of Dusty Vader of Hagerman.

In team roping, Halley

Turner of Gooding and Kade Smith of Wood River recanted a time of 8.99 seconds to beat the time of 9.88 by the event leaders, Tyler Vines and Jack Stevens of Gooding.

There were no qualified riders on Saturday in bareback and bull riding.

Discipline and discipline to Shoshone for its third stop this weekend. The Friday performance begins at 7 p.m., while action Saturday starts at 5 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Lists winners for various events like Barrel Race, Pole Bending, etc.

Pilots beat Wolverines

Times-Herald

HALLEY — The Glenns Ferry Pilots softball team ended the regular season on a high note Monday with a 12-0 run-run win over Wood River.

Fitcher Rachel Anestegui threw a one-hitter in the five-inning game while her teammate, pitcher, provided solid support. Ashley Gramkow hit a triple and knocked in a run. Ashley Ingals hit a double with three RBIs. Crystal Bait backed

in three and Amber Acord recorded a pair of RBIs. The Pilots' 11-13 best Wendell Saturday for the Canyon Conference's lone seed to the Class 2A state tournament.

The teams will play a best-of-three series.

Glenns Ferry 12, Wood River 0. Five Innings. Glenns Ferry: 1. Rachel Anestegui, 2. Amber Acord, 3. Ashley Gramkow, 4. Ashley Ingals, 5. Crystal Bait, 6. Kaitlyn Johnson, 7. Kaitlyn Johnson, 8. Kaitlyn Johnson, 9. Kaitlyn Johnson, 10. Kaitlyn Johnson, 11. Kaitlyn Johnson, 12. Kaitlyn Johnson.

Rockets rock Jazz to take lead

HOUSTON — A change of scenery was just what the Houston Rockets needed to regain control of their playoff Series against Utah.

Tracy McGrady had 26 points and a career-high 16 assists, and the Rockets beat the Jazz 96-92 on Monday night to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven series.

Yao Ming scored 21 points, sealing the victory with two free throws with 11 seconds left. Yao also grabbed 15 rebounds, the last one in the closing seconds after Deron Williams missed a desperation 3-pointer.

Back home after two lopsided losses in Utah, the Rockets rediscovered their shooting touch, going 45-for-75 from the field (37 percent) and 12-for-24 from 3-point range. They also outrebounded Utah 42-39.

The Rockets can clinch their first postseason series victory since 1997 in Game 6 on Thursday in Utah. Utah dominated the first two games there and hasn't lost to Houston at home since March 7, 2005.

Carlos Boozer scored 26 points but had only eight



Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady (11) goes up for a shot as teammate Yao Ming (11) and Utah Jazz's Carlos Boozer (5) watch during the fourth quarter of Game 5 of first-round playoffs Monday in Houston.

rebounds, denied a double-double for the first time in the series. Derek Fisher added 17 and Williams had 13 for the Jazz, who've lost three straight Game 6s. McGrady's last win in a Game 6 was a 103-100 victory over Houston in the 1997 Western Conference finals.

Cavs 97, Wizards 90

WASHINGTON — A year ago, winning a playoff series by any means was cause for major celebration by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Cardinals drop game following Hancock's death

MILWAUKEE — One day after the death of teammate Josh Hancock, the St. Louis Cardinals lost 7-1 to Milwaukee on Monday night, struggling at the plate and in the field.

Starter Rip Wells (1-5) walked in a run in the second inning and gave up seven runs over six innings. Adam Kennedy was thrown out trying to stretch a single into a double in the fourth, and shortstop David Eckstein was left fooling the ball with

an error. In the second run crossed the plate after a triple by Milwaukee's Kevin Mench in the sixth.

Jeff Suppan (4-2), a former Cardinal and teammate of Hancock's, gave up one run and eight hits for the Brewers in his 19th career complete game.

The 26-year-old Hancock was killed shortly after midnight Sunday when his SUV struck the rear of a haberdashery truck on St. Louis highway.

The Cardinals' scheduled home game against Chicago on Sunday night was postponed. Hancock is the second active major leaguer to die in the last six months. Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle died in a plane crash in October.

Pirates 3, Cubs 2

PITTSBURGH — Jason Bay hit a one-out homer in the eighth, an inning after Pittsburgh had tied the game on Jonny Pauldin's double.

Bay's homer, an opposite-field shot off Michael Wertz (0-1) that barely reached the right-field bleachers, was his fourth of the season and his 100th with the Pirates.

Braves 5, Phillies 2

ATLANTA — Andrew Jones hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning for Atlanta.

Pitching with a "11" on the front of his jersey, Braves' starter Hudson allowed only four hits over eight innings though he didn't get a decision. Hudson was good friends with Josh Hancock, the St. Louis pitcher who died early Sunday in a car crash. The two played together at Auburn in 1997.

In the ninth, Kelly Johnson led off with a single. Chipper Jones walked and Andrew Jones hit a towering drive into the left-field seats off Antonio Alfonseca (1-1).

Chipper Jones also homered for the Braves.

Marlins 9, Mets 6

MIAMI — Hanley Ramirez homered, Miguel Cabrera drove in two runs and Florida chased emergency New York starter Cim Hoo Park early.

Alfredo Amezaga also homered and Josh Willingham had a two-run single during Florida's five-run rally in the third inning, which started with a two-out single by pitcher Scott Olsen (3-1), who gave up four runs — two earned — and 10 hits in six-plus innings.

Angels 3, Royals 1

TOBONO — Roy Halladay threw a five-hitter and Aaron Hill hit a two-run homer for Toronto.

Troy Glaus and rookie Adam Lind also homered for the Blue Jays (13-12). Halladay (4-0) struck out eight and walked none in his second complete game of the season. He went 10 innings in his first, leading Toronto to a 2-1 victory over Detroit on April 13. Halladay has worked at least seven innings in each of his past five starts.

Angels 3, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Vladimir Guerrero doubled home two runs in the first inning and John Lackey pitched into the seventh to lead the Angels.

Heggie Willis and Orlando Cabrera hit one-out singles off Odalis Perez (2-3) and Guerrero, who has 23 RBIs in 24 games, doubled high off the wall in straightaway center, missing a homer by about 18 inches.

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Idaho

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The offensive packages guided by coordinator Steve Axman would find the going tough from start to finish. It was Mark Criner's defense that set the tone with quickness and a biting spirit that was not seen in the first three scrimmages. The defense was particularly stalwart in the red zone.

The offensive tone was vocalized by senior defensive lineman Gene DeWitt as he hammered running back Denae Jackson out of bounds at the six. "No, no, no. You ain't getting in!"

Linebacker Brandon Ogletree (four tackles) was pleased with the physical play of his unit. "We can't get together. Once you get down in the red zone we stick together. We executed and did our job," he said.

A pleased Criner added, "From Day 1 to Day 15, we got a lot better. We can build off the red-zone mentality. We've got to compete all the time. That's a positive. We can't settle the offense and stop the defense."

Senior David Vohara led the team in tackles with six. "The frustration on the offensive side was fueled by false starts, dropped balls and missed blocks, countering aggressive stunts and blitzes. An early pass interception pushed off by wide receiver Max Kombs resulted in a 55-yard pass from quarterback Nathan Enderle and sparked some groans from the crowd.

Success was finally found in several 'slot back' reverses. Fry caught the defense biting on the fake and scampered from the 46 down to the 14. This success settled the offense and stop the three-and-outs.

Enderle, a redshirt freshman, continues to hold his own. The 1-spot at quarterback, but junior college transfer Lake Tracy's performance may have 'Akey' reassessing that in the days to come.

"Coming in, it was Enderle No. 1, Tracy No. 2 and (Brian) Nony No. 3. I'm going to challenge each one of them to work their tails off this summer to beat out the other two guys. And we're going to start fall camp that way."

Enderle threw two interceptions. Sophomore safety Shiloh Keo read a quick out at midfield the very first series for a pick. Enderle's second interception came in the red zone after he engineered a nice drive. The pass bound off several players in the end zone before senior safety Lee Jones came away with the theft.

"I definitely think it could have played better," said Enderle. "As far as making my reads, I missed a few things, but overall it was a learning experience."

The quarterback backs were sacked four times. But after settling down from the early impact of the swarming defense, the group passed for 284 yards on 33 attempts.

A nice timing pass of 19 yards to wide receiver Lee Smith broke in the scrimmage game Enderle that elusive touchdown. He ended up with 87 yards passing, completing 7-of-15 attempts. Tracy found seat back Tracy Ford curling out off the backfield for the offense's other passing touchdown. The 21-yard TD pass highlighted Tracy's day as he went 4-for-6 with 109 yards. Tracy had the longest connection of the night, a 40-yard pass to freshman Steven Brown.

A dozen different receivers caught passes, including Los Angeles product Cary Jensen-Midison with three. Backup freshman Daniel Hardy connected at 400 feet. Sheffield watched the drive sail into the

yard on 15 attempts, but netted only 9 yards on the crosses. Junior Jason Bird had 21 yards on five carries as the running backs combined for just 77 net yards on 37 rushes.

Jackson, whose uncle is St. Louis lam Steven Jackson, was quick to give all the backs credit for their efforts.

"We all have a different style of running," he said. "The rotation is a good thing. We all can help the team. I'm a speed type of guy. I like to get to the corner."

Jackson, who hails from Warren, Ark., won the praise of Akey. "I like the spring that Deonte has had. He's really done a nice job. He moves well. He can make the plays. He comes out and practices hard every single day."

Akey said positives of Friday's scrimmage outweighed the negatives. He said that commitment between now and fall practice will be essential to molding a successful program. Three more junior college recruits and 17 true freshmen will join the Vandals roster. Akey is counting on his recruiting class to come in and shore up the depth concerns and even challenge for starting spots.

"We have our basic stuff in on both sides of the ball," said Akey. "We'll have 29 practices in fall camp to get ready for Southeastern."

Notes: Senior linebacker Art Arlis transferred the team together a proposed to his girlfriend Keosha Moses at the close of the scrimmage... Idaho opens play on Sept. 1 at the University of Southern California, a team projected by most media outlets to be ranked No. 1 team in the nation. Athletic director Will Spear has agreed to a new five-year contract according to president Tim White.

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nextel Cup Leaders
April 29

1. Jeff Gordon, 1521.2, Jeff Gordon, 1521.2
2. Jimmie Johnson, 1272.4, Jimmie Johnson, 1272.4
3. Tony Stewart, 1189.9, Tony Stewart, 1189.9
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1187.5, Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1187.5
5. Kevin Harvick, 1021.1, Kevin Harvick, 1021.1
6. Matt Kenseth, 1011.1, Matt Kenseth, 1011.1
7. Mark Martin, 999.1, Mark Martin, 999.1
8. Brian Vickers, 991.1, Brian Vickers, 991.1
9. Scott Speed, 981.1, Scott Speed, 981.1
10. Casey Mears, 971.1, Casey Mears, 971.1
11. Mike Wallace, 961.1, Mike Wallace, 961.1
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BASEBALL

American League
All Times ET

Team	W	L	GB
Boston	11	8	6A1
Tampa Bay	11	11	3A1
Toronto	11	14	3A2
Seattle	11	14	4A
Minnesota	11	15	4A
Chicago	11	16	5A
Detroit	11	17	5A
Los Angeles	11	17	6A
San Diego	11	18	6A
Texas	11	20	7A

National League

National League
All Times ET

Team	W	L	GB
Atlanta	16	9	6A1
St. Louis	16	10	6A2
Philadelphia	16	11	7A
San Diego	16	11	7A
Arizona	16	12	8A
Colorado	16	13	8A
San Francisco	16	14	9A
Los Angeles	16	15	9A
Chicago	16	16	10A
Washington	16	17	10A
Florida	16	18	11A
Montreal	16	19	11A
Pittsburgh	16	20	12A
Cincinnati	16	21	12A
San Pedro	16	22	13A
Braves	16	23	13A
Reds	16	24	14A
Padres	16	25	14A
Mariners	16	26	15A
Yankees	16	27	15A
Giants	16	28	16A
Astros	16	29	16A
Indians	16	30	17A
White Sox	16	31	17A
Rockies	16	32	18A
Mets	16	33	18A
Twins	16	34	19A
Blue Jays	16	35	19A
Braves	16	36	20A
Reds	16	37	20A
Padres	16	38	21A
Mariners	16	39	21A
Yankees	16	40	22A
Giants	16	41	22A
Astros	16	42	23A
Indians	16	43	23A
White Sox	16	44	24A
Rockies	16	45	24A
Mets	16	46	25A
Twins	16	47	25A
Blue Jays	16	48	26A
Braves	16	49	26A
Reds	16	50	27A
Padres	16	51	27A
Mariners	16	52	28A
Yankees	16	53	28A
Giants	16	54	29A
Astros	16	55	29A
Indians	16	56	30A
White Sox	16	57	30A
Rockies	16	58	31A
Mets	16	59	31A
Twins	16	60	32A
Blue Jays	16	61	32A
Braves	16	62	33A
Reds	16	63	33A
Padres	16	64	34A
Mariners	16	65	34A
Yankees	16	66	35A
Giants	16	67	35A
Astros	16	68	36A
Indians	16	69	36A
White Sox	16	70	37A
Rockies	16	71	37A
Mets	16	72	38A
Twins	16	73	38A
Blue Jays	16	74	39A
Braves	16	75	39A
Reds	16	76	40A
Padres	16	77	40A
Mariners	16	78	41A
Yankees	16	79	41A
Giants	16	80	42A
Astros	16	81	42A
Indians	16	82	43A
White Sox	16	83	43A
Rockies	16	84	44A
Mets	16	85	44A
Twins	16	86	45A
Blue Jays	16	87	45A
Braves	16	88	46A
Reds	16	89	46A
Padres	16	90	47A
Mariners	16	91	47A
Yankees	16	92	48A
Giants	16	93	48A
Astros	16	94	49A
Indians	16	95	49A
White Sox	16	96	50A
Rockies	16	97	50A
Mets	16	98	51A
Twins	16	99	51A
Blue Jays	16	100	52A

GAME PLAN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Kimberly at FHS, 4 p.m.
Buhl at Magic Valley, 4 p.m.
Jerome at Woodrow, 4:30 p.m.
Burley at Twin Falls, 5:30 p.m.

GOAL
Midway, Burley, Twin Falls plays at Woodrow River, Woodrow, Ketchikan, 10 a.m.
Minimo, Burley, Twin Falls plays at Woodrow River, Valley City, 10 a.m.

Kimberly at Burley, 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Kimberly at FHS, 4 p.m.
Pocatello at Burley, 4 p.m.
Twin Falls at Highland, 4 p.m.

MINIMO at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.
Jerome at Minimo, 4:30 p.m.

TENNIS
Pocatello at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Burley, 3:30 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

LOCAL TV SCHEDULE
NBA BASKETBALL
THU - Finals, 8 p.m.
Friday, 8 p.m. (Tuesdays at Toronto)
SAT - 7:30 p.m.
THU - Playoffs, last round; game 5, Golden State at Dallas
NHL HOCKEY
THU - Playoffs, last round; game 5, Golden State at Dallas
FRI - Playoffs, last round; game 5, Golden State at Dallas
SAT - Playoffs, last round; game 5, Golden State at Dallas
SUN - Playoffs, last round; game 5, Golden State at Dallas

PGA TOUR

PGA TOUR FedExCup
April 29

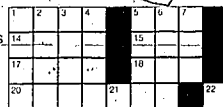
Player	Score	YTD
1. Tiger Woods	-13	1,000
2. Matt Kuchar	-12	750
3. Bubba Watson	-11	600
4. Adam Scott	-10	450
5. Zach Johnson	-9	300
6. Sergio Garcia	-8	150
7. Phil Mickel	-7	100
8. Jason Day	-6	75
9. Matt Jones	-5	50
10. Ryan Moore	-4	25
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CHAMPIONS TOUR

Champions Tour Money Leaders
April 29

Player	Score	YTD
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2. Matt Kuchar	-12	750
3. Bubba Watson	-11	600
4. Adam Scott	-10	450
5. Zach Johnson	-9	300
6. Sergio Garcia	-8	150
7. Phil Mickel	-7	100
8. Jason Day	-6	75
9. Matt Jones	-5	50
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INSIDE: Have fun with today's crossword puzzle, C7



INSIDE: Stocks and commodities, C2 | Classifieds, C3-8 | Sudoku, C3 | Service directory, C6 | Aces on Bridge, C8

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Times-News sees growth in circulation

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News is bucking a national trend, according to figures released Monday.

Weekday circulation at the Times-News increased 4.7 percent to 21,465 in the six-month period that ended March 31. The newspaper's Sunday circulation increased 0.8 percent during the same period to 23,646, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Nationwide, weekday circulation at daily newspapers fell 2.1 percent in the latest six-month reporting period.

Comparable figures for Sunday newspapers fell 3.1 percent, according to the Newspaper Association of America.

Marketing workshop Saturday at CSI

TWIN FALLS — An all-day workshop at the College of Southern Idaho will help participants explore and discover the marketing strategies that will work for their business.

The workshop is sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center.

Sherry Rust, training facilitator at the center, says CSI Business Professor Dennis Heiner will teach those who take the class to see competition as an exciting element of business.

The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in room C39 of CSI's Evergreen building. The \$20 cost per person includes lunch and all materials.

For more information or to register, call Rust at 732-6455 or Heiner at 732-6411.

Seminar today on customer ID security

TWIN FALLS — The Better Business Bureau will hold a seminar from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today on security and privacy. It will be held at the KMVT Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Participants will learn guidelines to help protect their customers' security and privacy from identity theft and fraud.

For information on the free seminar, call Beve Bryant at 947-2107.

Relay for Life fundraiser Thursday

TWIN FALLS — D.L. Evans Bank will host an "Enchanting Evening and Delightful Desserts" from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Turf Club.

This fundraiser will benefit Relay for Life of the Magic Valley. There will be belly-dancing entertainment, dessert sampling and a no-host bar.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door or any D.L. Evans Bank.

Verizon earnings fall 8.4% in quarter

NEW YORK — Verizon Communications Inc.'s first-quarter earnings fell 8.4 percent to \$1.5 billion as strong showings in the cell phone business and the crucial FiOS Internet and TV initiatives were offset by the loss of lifetime farm assets the company sold over the past year.

The profit reported Monday also was hurt by a larger-than-expected loss of traditional telephone customers to cable TV companies and other rival providers.

The profit for the first three months of 2007 amounted to 51 cents per share, in the same period last year, Verizon's earnings declined. Business and another asset sale combined totaled \$1.63 billion, or 56 cents per share.

— staff and wire reports

Delta waves goodbye to bankruptcy

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines waved farewell to bankruptcy protection Monday and put down a welcome mat for a redesigned logo after surviving a hostile takeover bid during a 19 1/2-month reorganization that saw it shed billions in costs.

The board of directors of the Atlanta-based company will now turn its attention to picking a new leader to replace outgoing Chief Executive Gerald Grinstein and deciding whether to sell or spin off regional feeder carrier Contair.

Grinstein, 74, said in an interview during a bankruptcy exit celebration at Delta's headquarters that he expects choosing a successor for him to be the first priority for the

board. He said he believes the board, which consists of seven new members, will spend May getting acquainted with the candidates and make a decision sometime after that.

"That's the most important decision the board can make," said Grinstein, who will step down once his replacement is appointed.

The top internal candidates for CEO are Chief Financial Officer Ed Bastian and Chief Operating Officer James Whitehurst. Bastian said he will stay on with Delta even if he isn't picked as the new CEO. Whitehurst said he has chatted informally with some of the board members, but hasn't had an interview.

"The important thing is it be an internal person," Bastian said.

No external candidates

have been mentioned. As for Contair, which also emerged from bankruptcy Monday, senior Delta executives said there has been no timetable set on making a decision whether to shed it. Some analysts have suggested Delta will definitely sell Contair, and sell it quickly.

Whitehurst said "it's not a foregone conclusion" that Contair will be sold.

Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, also unveiled Monday plans for a new paint job for its planes, featuring the company's three-dimensional red logo flying across a blue background on the tail of aircraft. The new logo will appear on more than 900 Delta and Delta Connection planes, at airports and on Delta advertising. The primary color of the new logo is a



Delta Airlines unveiled details in Atlanta, Monday, of a rebounding effort that includes a new paint job for its planes featuring the company's three-dimensional red logo flying across a blue background. The unveiling was during a celebratory event for employees at Delta's Atlanta headquarters in Atlanta as they emerged from bankruptcy.

solid red instead of the familiar red-and-blue color scheme. It will take four years to put the new livery on all Delta and

Delta Connection planes, spokeswoman Chris Kelly said. "Planes will get the new design as they come in for scheduled maintenance."

Old is new again



Shella Easterday, right, is manager of Highland Outlet. The 3-year-old store opened last month in a new location at 2487 Kimberly Road. Easterday works at the store with Karen Bridge center, and Peggy Saba.

Store with old-time feel opens in new location

By Chris Steinbach
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The "few hundred" customers who Shella Easterday says shop each day at Highland Outlet take a step back in time each time they turn into the store's parking lot.

The 3-year-old store opened last month in a new location at 2487 Kimberly Road. It features the combination of groceries and general merchandise that were once common in small-town general stores.

"I can get anything," Easterday, the store's manager, said Monday. "If there's something someone wants, I can get it."

In addition to groceries, the more than 2,000 items sold at

certified-organic hot Italian sausage. Beef used to make the sausage was pasture-raised and fed organic grain at Parrott Organic Farms, Stennett said.

After putting the meat in a freezer and having a huddle with the store's two employees, Easterday decided to sell the sausage for \$5.99 a pound.

The store is owned by Easterday's father-in-law, Lalfay Easterday of Buhl. She said the family, which also owns Twin Falls Storage at 330 Eastland Drive S., where Highland Outlet was previously located, opened the store after visiting a similar business in Elko, Nev.

"It was so hidden over there," Shella Easterday said of the former location. "We needed a different place."

What: Highland Outlet
Where: 2487 Kimberly Road
Why in the news: The store, which opened in 2004, has moved to a new location and is holding its grand opening during May.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
Phone: 735-5191.

the 2,200-square-foot store include tools, clothing, toys, health and beauty products, sporting goods, housewares, gift items, pet supplies, electronics, baby items, shoes, and exercise equipment. The store even sells coffee and cappuccino.

Monday, Carole Stennett, a partner in Desert Edge Organics in Berger, was in the store selling

U.S. spending sluggish amid high energy costs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer spending rose at the weakest pace in five months in March as a surge in gasoline prices left shoppers with little left over for other items.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that consumer spending on all items was up 0.3 percent last month, the slowest increase since a similar rise in October. That lackluster gain came even though personal income rose by a healthy 0.7 percent last month.

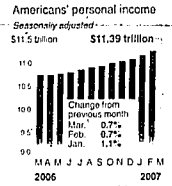
The spending performance in March was even weaker when the effects of higher gasoline prices were removed. After adjusting for price increases, consumer spending actually fell by 0.2 percent in March, the poorest showing since September 2005 when the economy was suffering the aftershocks of Hurricane Katrina.

"People spent more in March but may be enjoying it less as the rising price of energy is cutting into what they actually take home," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, a private consulting firm.

The weaker-than-expected consumer spending added to worries that the economy could be in danger of stalling out if consumer confidence filters further in the face of rising gasoline prices and a slumping housing market.

"Unless spending posts unusually large gains in May, the second-quarter consumption number is practically guaranteed to be awful," said Stephen Stanley, chief economist at HBS Greenwich Capital. He predicted that consumer spending will rise at an annual rate of around 1 percent, far below the 3.8 percent rate of spending growth in the January-March quarter.

Stanley said such a sluggish growth rate for consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, will translate into overall economic growth as measured by the gross domestic product of slightly above 2 percent in the current April-June quarter.



Offshore drilling off Alaska, Virginia and in Gulf expanding

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department announced a major expansion of offshore oil and gas development Monday with proposed lease sales covering 49 million new acres off Alaska, in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and in the central Atlantic off Virginia.

The 3 million acres that are 50 miles off Virginia's coast would require Congress to lift a long-standing drilling moratorium that has covered most ocean waters outside the western Gulf of Mexico for decades. The Democratic-controlled Congress has given no indication it is willing to lift the long-standing moratorium.

Despite concerns from many environmentalists, Interior Secretary Dick Kempthorne said he was convinced the oil and gas development could proceed and still assure "the highest environ-

mental standards" are met. He said no leases would be issued without further environmental review and that in some cases environmentally sensitive areas would be off limits.

But Kempthorne said the 21 lease sales planned in coastal waters over the next five years could produce 10 billion barrels of oil and 45 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

"This energy production will create jobs, provide greater economic and energy security for America and can be accomplished in a safe and environmentally sound manner," said Kempthorne at a news conference.

The Interior Department had said last year it was considering opening new waters off Alaska in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and — if Congress goes along — off Virginia where energy companies believe there are significant amounts of natural gas.

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Department to make available 8.3 million acres in the eastern Gulf that long had been off limits and, begin issuing leases within a year. The department's five-year plan mirrors essentially the congressional directive in the Gulf of Mexico, assuring no drilling within 125 miles of Florida's coast.

The five-year plan calls for a lease sale for the first time in Bristol Bay off Alaska, an area of 5.6 million acres that until earlier this year had been off limits to energy development by presidential directive. Environmentalists and many commercial fishermen

have argued the bay, which has huge annual catches of salmon, cod, king crab and herring, should be protected from oil and gas drilling.

President Bush in January lifted a presidential ban on drilling in Bristol Bay, foreshadowing the likely lease sale. The Sierra Club in a statement Monday declared the decision to open Bristol Bay to oil and gas companies, fearing that energy development posed a threat to "one of the largest wild salmon runs in the world" as well as the habitat of an array of marine life from stellar sea lions to endangered whale.

Market Watch

April 30, 2007

Dow Jones Industrial	-58.93
Nasdaq composite	-32.12
Standard & Poor's 500	-1.48237
Russell 2000	-15.19
	814.57

Stocks of local interest

Stock	close	change
Con Agra	24.58	▼ .01
Dell Inc.	25.21	▼ .02
Idacorp	34.45	▼ .20
Litton Motors	26.95	▼ .49
Micron	18.17	▼ .22
Supervalu	45.90	▼ .11

Commodities

Commodity	close	change
June Oil	65.71	▼ .75
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	97.28	▲ 0.8
June gold	683.5	▲ 1.7

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SIDING TOOLS will sell individually or as a package
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WANTED Airframe trailer in good condition
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WANTED Old metal table
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WANTED Tractor/Generator/Generator

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WHEELCHAIR with chair, Walker, Yard Cart
Musical Instruments
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For want of a nail

"It's a big animal on tiny feet. We have two feet and 10 toes to support our weight. A horse has just one toe at the end of each leg."

— Farrier Bob Hansing

What a farrier does

A farrier is a specialist in equine hoof care, including the trimming and balancing of a horse's hoof to fit metal shoes. A farrier is a combination blacksmith and veterinary technician, fabricating, adapting and adjusting metal shoes and using his knowledge of the physiology of the horse's leg to care for the horse's feet.

A farrier's routine work is primarily hoof trimming and shoeing. In ordinary cases it's important to trim each hoof to keep proper orientation to the ground. If the animal has a heavy work load, works on abrasive footing, needs additional traction or has pathological changes in the foot, then shoes may be required. Additional tasks for the farrier include dealing with injured or diseased hooves and application of special shoes for racing, training or cosmetic purposes. With certain diseases or injuries, special repair procedures may be needed for the hooves, then specially constructed shoes.

Sources: Wikipedia, American Farrier's Association

Blacksmithing: a short history

Blacksmithing began with the Iron Age, when somebody noticed that a certain type of rock yielded iron when heated by the coals of a very hot fire. Blacksmithing is the art of crafting that crude metal into a useable implement. Early iron smelters were small furnaces built from rocks that could withstand repeated heating. To create enough heat to smelt iron, smiths pumped air from a bellows through a nozzle. The furnace was filled with charcoal and iron ore, and the charcoal was set afire. When the temperature rises above 2,800 degrees, the iron flows from the ore and forms blooms.

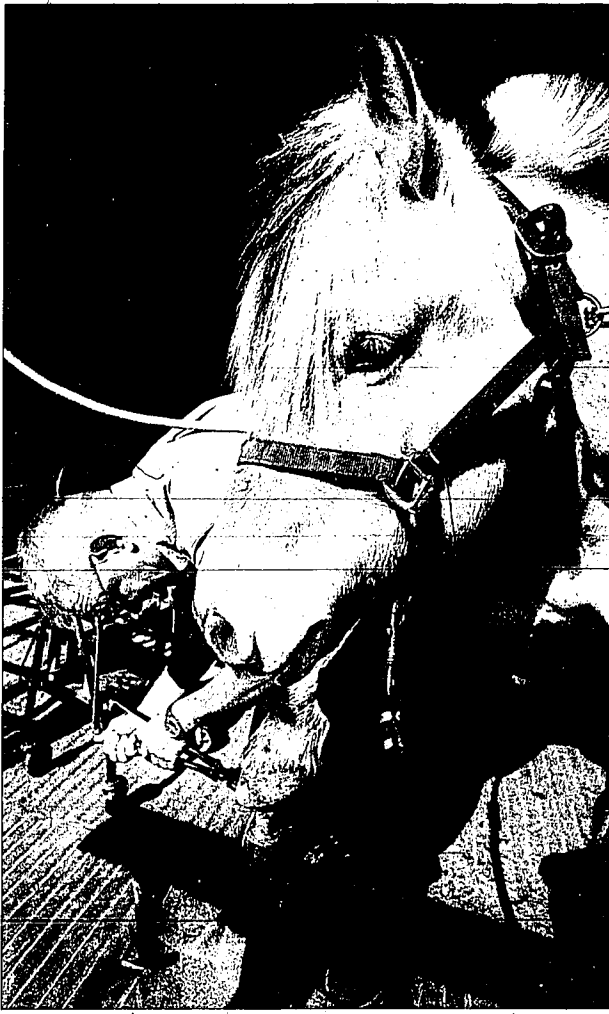
Using large tongs, the blooms of iron were pulled from the oven and placed on an anvil. A sledgehammered the lumpy piece of raw iron into a flat, rectangular bar. The bar was folded and hammered again. This process continued several times until most impurities had been driven from the ingot. The finished ingot, bearing the layers of the folding process, was called "wrought iron."

As the Iron Industry evolved, blacksmithing became an umbrella for several specialties: the armorer, bladesmith, locksmith and gunsmith. The blacksmith who shod horses was a farrier. Over the centuries, blacksmiths experimented with iron and other metals in their search for a more durable metal. Hardening and tempering processes were invented. They also learned ways to modify the carbon content of iron, allowing iron to be used for more purposes.

A blacksmith needed so many tools with differing hardness that he tinkered with ways to improve the properties of available iron. Furnaces needed to be hard but not brittle. Hammers needed to hold an edge but not be so hard that it took a long time to sharpen them. All of this led to development of the tool steels and alloyed metals we have today.

Blacksmithing in America prospered until the Industrial Age made small enterprises almost obsolete. By the late 1800s, the railroads had led the country and hardware was manufactured at plants and sold in hardware stores. Then came the automobile, and the days of the wagon makers ended by World War I.

Sources: Appalachian Blacksmith's Association



Farrier Bob Hansing re-shoes Tolle, a 10-year-old Norwegian fjord horse, on Friday morning at the Nelson residence in Kimberly. This job would be really easy if all the horses were like him, Hansing says of Tolle's easy disposition.

See it online
Watch a slide show
of photos
of Bob Hansing
at work, at
Magicalvalley.com.

There's as much mind as muscle in the art of the farrier

"For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for the want of a horse the rider was lost, being overtaken and slain by the enemy, all for the want of care about a horseshoe nail."

— Benjamin Franklin

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FILER — Imagine if you went to work every morning wondering whether the computer on your desk was going to knock you flat on your back.

That's just a day in the life of a farrier.

"I don't work on horses that I don't know anymore," said Bob Hansing, a 51-year-old ex-farmer who is one of the few certified farriers in Idaho. "Even so, you have to be careful. I have kind of a deep voice and it carries, and sometimes even that can spook a horse."

More veterinary technician than blacksmith anymore, farriers are in great demand — especially in horse-mad south-central Idaho. You don't have to have a license or any formal training to hammer shoes onto horses, but Hansing and a few other farriers have gone through the certification process of the American Farrier's Association — a grueling series of specialized practical and written tests.

There are probably only about a dozen certified farriers in Idaho, said Hansing, who is a graduate of a farrier training program at Montana State University.

The ultimate achievement is earning the status of AFA-certified journeyman farrier. Tom Riney of Bellevue is one of the few Idahoans to have been awarded that distinction.

"It's a job that requires specialized knowledge, but experience is important," Hansing said. "You get to the point where you can look at a horse and kind of tell what's wrong."

"To begin with, farriers must understand the physics of a horse's locomotion."

"Horses have basically the same bone structure as humans do," Hansing said. "But they're a large animal walking on the equivalent of our index fingers."

And the physical demands are extraordinary. "Barrel (racing) horses, roping horses, quarter horses, jumpers — their feet are all under stress in different ways," he said.

And all require different kinds of hoof care — shoeing and trimming. "If you get a young horse that's been racing and you take the racing plates off its feet, the feet are going to expand," Hansing said. It's something akin to the old Chinese prac-

... of binding women's feet, he said.

"It's a big animal on tiny feet," he said. "We have two feet and 10 toes to support our weight. A horse has just one toe at the end of each leg."

Hooves are made of keratin — the same type of protein found in human fingernails and toenails — and 20 times harder than bone. But

like human toenails, horses' feet can still crack.

Hooves are made of dead tissue and can't heal themselves, so any crack that reaches inside to living tissue can cause a life-threatening infection.

As with human toenails, horses' hooves keep growing. Hence the importance of regular trimming.

And re-shoeing. The physiology of a horse is such that ill-fitting shoes can alter the animal's motion — potentially disastrous for a spindly-legged behemoth.

"Most of the horses that I work on I see every five to six weeks," Hansing said.

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Growing up from the (coffee) grounds

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What could be better on a crisp spring afternoon than a hot mug of coffee and a garden full of flowers to admire? Many gardeners may not realize these two things are connected, or could be.

Used coffee grounds are one of the best additives for alkaline soil like that in southern Idaho, because they increase the dirt's acidity. And, in many cases, the used grounds are free for the asking, from coffee shops in and around Twin Falls.

"In Idaho we have a high pH of at least 6; most plants do better with a pH below 7," said Albert Wapstra, nursery manager at

Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls. Used coffee, Wapstra said, can be used to reduce that pH. "It's a natural product. It's an acidifier."

Wapstra cautions gardeners to be careful how they use coffee grounds, because if the grounds are fresh their acidity can cause damage. "The main thing people don't understand is they just dump them haphazardly, they use them fresh," he said. "When you make a fresh pot of coffee, the product is what we call 'hot.' It's going to give you an adverse effect as opposed to the benefit you're looking for."

If you don't drink coffee at home, just drive by your neighborhood coffee shop. In Twin Falls, all three Starbucks stores

(in Target, Fred Meyer and Barnes & Noble), Java on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, The Divine Grind on Shoshone Street and Caffe Nocha on Addison Avenue, West, have grounds available. Other shops may, as well — just ask your favorite barista.

Though none of the local coffee shops the Times-News contacted said they have been asked for used grounds, all said they would be happy to give them free to customers upon request.

Gardeners who wish to increase the acidity of their soil can add used coffee grounds to compost, which over time will create a useful mixture that isn't too hot to add to the roots of plants.

After composting — when the mixture becomes like dark soil — Wapstra recommends adding the coffee compost directly around plants as you mulch.

"You may not be able to change the pH level very much in your whole garden," he said. "That's why we concentrate on zones around new plantings."

Plants that grow best in acidic soil include blueberries, azalea, garlic chives, Manzanita, wild ginger, camellia, dogwood, huckleberry, blueberry, tulip tree, prickly pear cactus, many ferns, spruce and balloon flower, among others.

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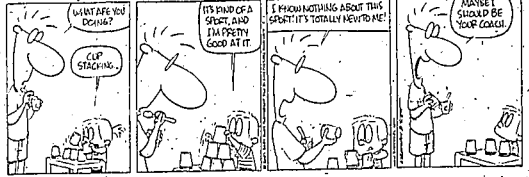
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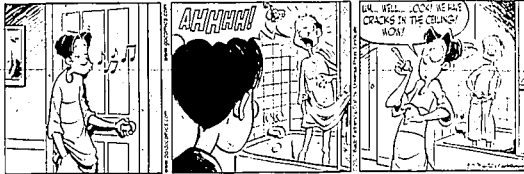
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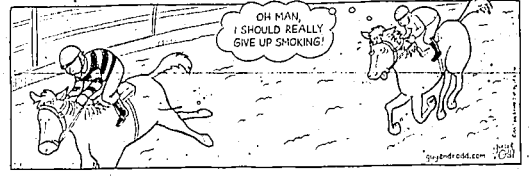
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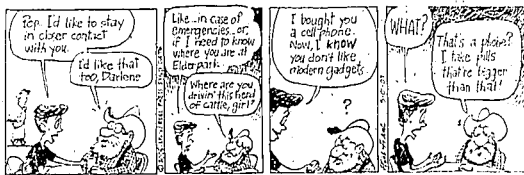
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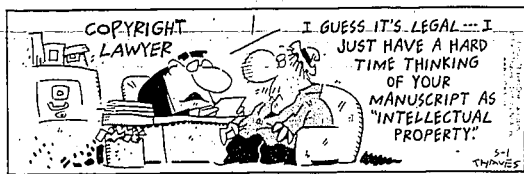
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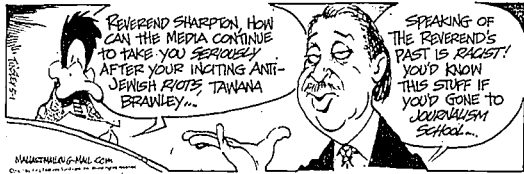
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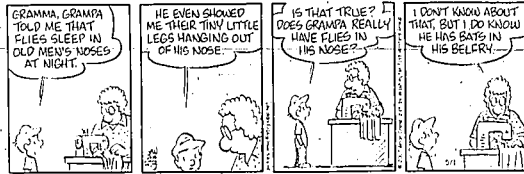
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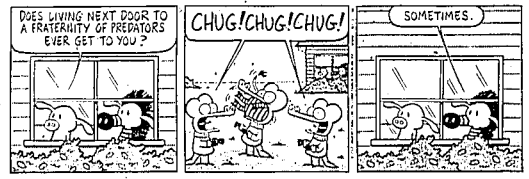
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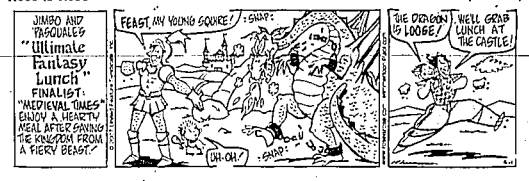
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By Pat Brady



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Strange Brew

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Respect the needs of others, Scorpio

IF MAY 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are likely to get by with a little help from your friends in the year ahead. July might start out on a sour note, but keep your eyes peeled for a helpful opportunity or offer that can improve your prospects. You seem to have a question about watching over you in August who will steer you clear of trouble, but don't be arrogant about your good luck or make sudden changes in September. That is a poor time to make job changes or get involved in a new romance.

JAMES (March 21-April 19): Make love, not war. Avoid conflict over certain toxic subjects such as religion and politics. You might be totally in synch with another person if you pay attention to things you have in common.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Absorb knowledge like a sponge. Learn as much as you can about the people in your vicinity. The more genuine interest you show in others, the more likely they will hold you in high regard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Strokes of genius make money. Use facts and knowledge to make decisions, but don't rely upon biased opinions. With Venus in

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

your sign, you are more appealing and attractive than ever.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you believe others are intelligent, they will appear to act intelligently if you already possess a preconceived notion about people. Give every action a second thought before you act.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be accountable for words and actions. That poetic archer who shot an arrow into the air and didn't know where it landed was highly inconsistent. Spend quality time with a significant other.

VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Respect the rights and opinions of others. You might not agree, but you can still be tolerant of differences. There is world enough and time for everyone to come to a happy agreement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Acceptance makes the heart grow fonder. Sure, it creates a minor clash of opinions cause distance. A good relationship will outlast a temporary skirmish.

GEMINI (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Respect the needs of others. Subtle differences and private opinions are allowable. You might be surprised to find out how well someone understands and sympathizes with your needs, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't challenge other people's opinions. It's tempting to "challenge an opinion" because you can't predict what tender hidden feelings you might tread upon. Be considerate and gentle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let others find their own way. It's tempting to make a connection extra space and assume that he or she is smart enough to figure things out. You can't control everyone's lives.

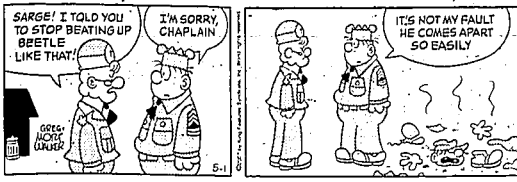
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The more you know, the more you can share. Keep relationships fresh and relevant by having plenty to discuss. Be prepared to enjoy a spontaneous amorous interlude at the drop of the hat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid tossing the dice. There is no good reason to take a chance or throw your weight around. Things will fall delightfully into place if you simply accept whatever occurs with good grace.

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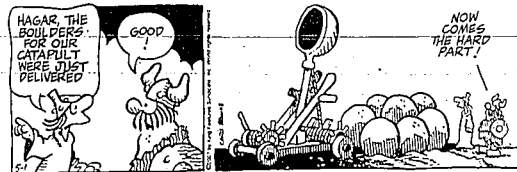
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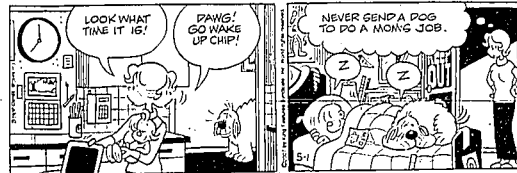
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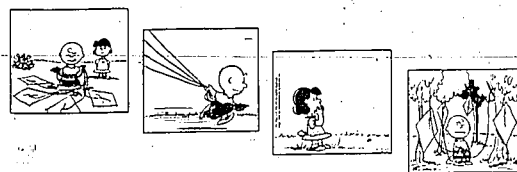
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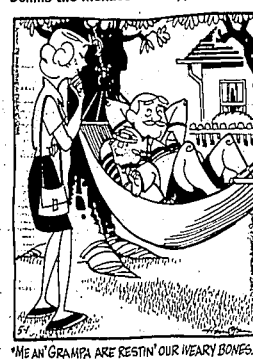
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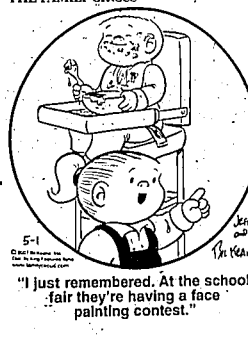
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Mother-in-law's busy hands actually a blessing in disguise

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Dirty Family Laundry" (Feb. 24), who asked you how to stop her mother-in-law from doing her laundry. Would you please ask her to send her mother-in-law to my house? She'd be greatly appreciated.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

owes her mother-in-law a hug and a thank-you, not criticism. —WISH MY MOM-IN-LAW WAS STILL WITH US

DEAR ABBY: I have lived with the same problem for 16 years. My suggestion? Stop regarding her helpfulness as criticism.

I used to think it was my mother-in-law's way of telling me I wasn't doing my job properly. Maybe it was. Maybe it was a control issue. Or perhaps she only wants to be helpful. Who cares? Hide any clothes that need special attention where she won't find them. Then write 100 times on a piece of paper, "She did the laundry so I don't have to." Say it so what if her sons. Rattann underwear are in his sock drawer? She'll find them eventually. —TINA IN VIRGINIA BEACH

I used to be picky about how laundry got done and where the dishes were put away. But now that I live 4,000 miles from all family, and have a baby and a 3-year-old to take care of AND mending chores to do, I would love the help.

—TIED IN ILLINOIS
DEAR TIED: Your sentiments were echoed in the majority of the responses I received from readers about that letter. Most of them felt she should stop "sweating the small stuff" and be grateful to have a mother-in-law who is willing to help out any way she can. Read on:

My mother-in-law has since had a stroke that has left her paralyzed, so she doesn't visit anymore. What we wouldn't do to have her whole again.

—WHAT'S TWO DAYS EVERY NOW AND THEN?

DEAR ABBY: Her mother-in-law does her laundry while she's baby-sitting? And instead of being grateful for the help, she criticizes the way it is done? That woman needs a reality check about what is important in life — the generosity of someone who is willing to do her housework and watch her kids, or whether her laundry is done to her specifications. She

After about six of her visits, she's assembling under our bed. After she left, my husband and I decided that this would become the ritual and turned it into a treasure hunt to recapture our kitchen.

DEAR ABBY: Not only is the writer of that letter "ungrateful," but also ungrateful. Life is too short to look for things to complain about. Let it go, dear. So when it she doesn't do the laundry just right? It can all be replaced, and sooner or later you will find whatever item she has misplaced. It really isn't worth getting upset about. I am truly grateful that my daughter-in-law overlooks my mistakes and loves me in spite of them. —LINDA IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law used to come to our house for weekend visits. My husband and I would work and come home to a "clean" kitchen. The only problem was she couldn't see very well, and all of the dishes were still dirty and put in the wrong cupboard. The stove and countertops were also covered with an inch of soap film. Everything had to be washed all over again.

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DEAR ABBY: Years ago, my mother would come to visit our young, busy family. She would bring out the ironing board and tinkle my overflowing laundry baskets. At first I was embarrassed, then upset. It wasn't until I realized that Mom felt this was her contribution to our family that I got smart and became thankful. I would leave a small basket for her to work on and hide the rest.

Now, whenever I'm standing over that same ironing board, I can feel my mom smiling down and saying, "Do you want help with that?" —MISSING MAMA IN MILFORD, MASS.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 1, the 121st day of 2007. There are 243 days left in the year.

History highlight:
On May 1, 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

On this date:
In 1707, the Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.
In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna, Austria.
In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition opened to the public in Chicago.
In 1907, singer Kate Smith

was born in Washington, D.C. In 1931, New York's 192-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

In 1945, a day after Adolf Hitler committed suicide, Admiral Karl Doenitz effectively became sole leader of the Third Reich with the suicide of Hitler's propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane near Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu in Las Vegas (they divorced in 1973).

In 1967, Anastasio Somoza Debayle became president of Nicaragua.

In 1982, the 1992 World's Fair opened in Knoxville, Tenn.

Ten years ago, Britons went to the polls in a national election that gave the Labour party a resounding victory over the ruling Conservatives. John and Patsy Ramsey, the parents of

slain child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey, publicly declared their innocence, and asked for the public's help in finding the killer of their 6-year-old daughter.

Five years ago, Israeli armored vehicles began leaving Yasser Arafat's battered West Bank compound, ending his five months of confinement. Well over a million people across France marched against far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, four days before Le Pen was soundly defeated by President Jacques Chirac in a runoff.

One year ago, hundreds of thousands of mostly Hispanic immigrants in the U.S. skipped work and took to the streets, flexing their economic muscle in a nationwide boycott.

U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Anna Nicole Smith could pursue part of her late husband's oil fortune. Liberal President Evo Morales nationalized the country's natural gas industry.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

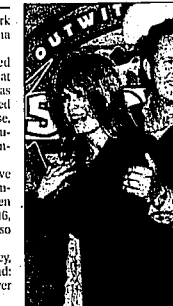
Former astronaut Scott Carpenter is 82. Country singer Sonny James is 78. Singer Judy Collins is 68. Actor Stephen Macht is 65. Singer Rita Coolidge is 62. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 58. Actor Danni Florek is 56. Singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 53. Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cauthen is 47. Actress Maia Morgenstern is 45. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 42. Rock musician Johnny Colt is 41. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 41. Country singer Tim McGraw is 40. Rock musician D'Arcy is 39. Movie director Wes Anderson is 39. Country singer Cary Marrow is 35. Actor Darius McCrary is 31.

THOUGHT

"Any man who has the brains to think and the nerve to act for the benefit of the people of the country is considered a radical by those who are content with stagnation and willing to endure disaster."
— William Randolph Hearst, American newspaper publisher (1863-1951).

Reality TV producer Mark Burnett marries 'Touched by an Angel' actress Roma Downey

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — "Survivor" producer Mark Burnett and "Angel" Roma Downey have tied the knot. The couple were married Saturday in a private ceremony at their home. The ceremony was officiated by Downey's "Touched by an Angel" co-star Della Reese, an ordained minister, the couple's publicist, Jim Dowd, confirmed Monday. "It was wonderful to have shared our big day with our family, Roma, myself, our children and our parents," Burnett, 46, told People magazine. "It was so meaningful and so intimate." A small plane hired by Downey, 47, towed a banner that read: "...and they lived happily ever after."



Reality show producer Mark Burnett and actress Roma Downey pose for photographers in New York in May 2005. The couple were wed at their Malibu, Calif., home Saturday, the couple's publicist said.

COUNTRY ROADS

Heavy watering, improper fertilizing a no-no for maples

By Jessica Damiano
Newsday

Question: I have a 30-year-old Japanese red maple planted in a 9-by-9-foot railroad tie planter. I have never had any trouble with this tree, but a few weeks ago it started to drop most of its leaves. I have fertilized it with water-soluble Miracle-Gro and have watered it heavily. Any suggestions?

Answer: Watering heavily and using Miracle-Gro could actually make the problem worse, says Janice Johnson, a Japanese-maple specialist at Mountain Maples, a nursery in 19400 Valley, Calif., who grows more than 200 cultivars of Acer palmatum, or Japanese maple.

Synthetic fertilizers such as Miracle-Gro contain urea, a mineral salt that provides nitrogen. Unfortunately, urea also stresses the larger roots of trees and kills the smaller ones, causing leaves to drop. "If the leaves are dropping from the top of the tree, that would indicate drought, and the tree would recover first

from that," Johnson says. "But if leaves drop from the lower part of the tree, then it's likely to be caused by wet, soggy roots." Another indication of wet roots is black, splotchy patches that flake and peel on the bark near and near the crown. Super Thive, which is widely available at garden centers, is a closely guarded formula of hormones and vitamins that is effective in helping roots regenerate.

If sure to follow directions carefully, Johnson warns, as more is not better.

Phyton 27 (available from Source Technology, 800-356-8733) is a copper-based broad-spectrum fungicide and bactericide used to prevent damage to already-stressed trees.

Q: We have a 3-year-old Japanese maple tree. Only a couple of the branches have lost foliage, and the center of the tree has a split. The rest of the tree has new growth. We've gotten two different opinions from local nurseries. One has said to water two hours a day, and the other has said to fertilize and trim the

dead branches. Which is the better approach, or do you have a different suggestion? A: Again, heavy watering and fertilizing are no-nos. But that may not be your problem. It sounds like you must have purchased a damaged tree. "Sometimes, the people who dig them up come to close and cut away part of the wide root system," Johnson says. "The damage might not be noticed until after the tree has been purchased and planted."

If the tree is grafted, the split might have something to do with a graft that didn't take properly, Johnson says. If that's the case, she suggests cutting away the dead wood. "If the part of the tree that's still healthy is above the graft, then you can save what's healthy, and the tree should recover. If the new growth is below the graft, the tree will never be the same. For instance, if it's weeping tree, it will become upright," she says.

For more information on Japanese maples, visit www.mountainmaples.com.

Book explores quest for perfect lawn

Newsday

"American Green: The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Lawn," by Ted Steinberg (Norton, \$16.95).

This enjoyable and funny tour de force sheds an unusual light on American suburbia and the strange fanaticism it has with lush green lawns. Steinberg writes about this preoccupation not only to indict homeowners, but also the turf-care industry and the U.S. government,

among others. The author also includes recommendations for natural fertilization methods and grass-care techniques.

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Manual gives info on going organic

Newsday

"The Organic Lawn Care Manual: A Natural, Low-Maintenance System for a Beautiful, Safe Lawn," by Paul Tukey (Storey, \$19.95).

This comprehensive lawn-

care manual is written in an easy-to-read narrative style and provides much-needed information for going organic. While the author warns that a lawn's appearance might suffer at first, he promises beautiful grass will be achieved over

time. Tukey advocates the sound practice of caring for the soil first, maintaining that healthy soil makes for healthy grass.

And he shows lots of ways this can be done without the use of chemicals.

Farrier

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Working on a horse's feet involves picking them up. Not all horses put up with that.

"I've been kicked a few times," he said. "Once I got hit pretty hard in the chest and cracked some ribs. I was out of work for a while."

For that reason, most of Hansing's clients are reluctant to refer other horse owners to him.

"They know that if I get hurt, I don't have an income," he said. "And I can't take care of their horses."

Farriers have to hang onto a horse's foot while they crunch or squish. That can be ticky.

"When you first start out, it's hard," Hansing said. "But when you get the hang of it, you can do it in a few minutes."

Proper foot care for a horse costs about \$350 a year, Hansing said, but the price of skipping can be high.

"Because of the nature of their anatomy, neglecting the feet can cause serious injuries," he said. "I don't work on horses that don't see regularly."

Hansing plans to work as a farrier for a few more years, then retire to his blacksmith shop.

"Because of the nature of the business, I don't do much ironwork anymore, but I love it," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting back into it."

Hansing grew up on a farm around horses, but he didn't have his own until he was 19.

"My dad lived on a farm at the corner of Washington and Falls in Twin Falls," he said. "That was in the '30s and '40s, and he saw a young girl killed on a horse out in front of his

place. So he didn't want to take a chance with us kids."

Hansing and his wife rode regularly when he farmed, and he still has horses on his place that belong to his daughters.

"After I retire, I'll probably get back into riding a little bit more, but I haven't been on a

horse for five years or so," he said. "I work with them all day, so when I get home I want to do something else."

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