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Groundwater users sue to halt curtailment

Lawsuit seeks to derail proposal to dry up 33,000 acres of farmland

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — The predictions of water users statewide came true Monday when the latest battle over water became a matter for the courts.

Magic Valley groundwater users have filed suit against the state in Fifth District Court in Jerome, seeking a preliminary injunction to halt a curtailment order that could dry up

33,000 acres of southern Idaho farmland.

The lawsuit — a complaint nearly 6-inches-thick — was filed about 1 p.m. Monday by groundwater groups Snake River Irrigation District and Magic Valley Irrigation District. If a preliminary injunction is granted by Judge John Butler, it will stymie a proposal by the Idaho Department of Water Resources to shut down groundwater pumps.

The potential curtailment order would be the largest in Idaho history.

"You folks are at a crossroads," said Lucatello attorney Randy Budge, who will represent the irrigation districts in the case, to more than 100 pumpers at a meeting Monday evening. "You can take it or fight it."

The order and relating lawsuits stems from requests by surface spring-water users Clear Springs Foods' Snake River Farm and Blue Lakes Trout Farm. The aquaculture producers asked IDWR

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Dairies likely dodge water shutdown

Deal with surface-water users could shield industry

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Irrigators, municipalities and industries are slated to have their groundwater pumps shut down by the state Monday because of a pending water call.

But dairymen, who account for about half of the 771 pumpers who received curtailment

warning letters from the Idaho Department of Water Resources, could escape curtailment thanks to a pending mitigation agreement between the Idaho Dairymen's Association and the Surface Water Coalition.

IDWR Director Dave Tuttle said parties subject to curtailment who are actively involved in negotiations, including more than 300 dairymen, could escape shutdown.

"Negotiations that are being made in good faith could protect against curtailment," Tuttle said.

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YMCA buys T.F. Fitness building

By Chris Steinbach
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA of Twin Falls wanted to expand its fitness program.

The owners of Twin Falls Fitness Center were willing to sell their building at 1801

Police Lt. Brad E. as long as the new owners continued to operate it as a gym.

A deal announced Monday will meet both of their needs after the closing papers are signed on May 18,

officials from the fitness center and YMCA said.

Terms were not disclosed.

The deal, however, calls for the YMCA to buy the building and property from Craig and Connie Rencher for about half of its appraised value.

The Renchers, who have owned Twin Falls Fitness Center for 10 years, are giving the rest of the property's assessed value to the YMCA as a gift.

"It is a substantial donation," said Karen Jachimowski, chief executive of the YMCA. "We would not be able to do this unless they gave us this donation."

Connie Rencher said her family was approached last fall by the YMCA. The family has been approached in the past by suitors who wanted to convert the building into office space, a carpet store and other such uses.

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A question of safety

Dog shooting ruins tranquility of Twin Falls neighborhood

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Vicki Overacker, a real estate agent, and her husband felt safe raising their 10-year-old son in their picture-perfect Buckingham Court home.

She lived the life she sells.

Then someone shot her chocolate Labrador on the morning of May 1 in her fenced backyard while she and her husband were at work and her son was at school. The shooter also fired a .22-caliber bullet into a neighbor's window frame. The dog, Walter, is recuperating.

Police have no suspects. Three neighbors who were at home heard nothing.

Now the least-likely person to second-guess the neighborhood is doing just that.

"It's not a drive-by. It's a drive-around," Overacker said. "I sell real estate. Now I have to watch my son and I don't trust the neighborhood. I don't know how I would (promote the neighborhood) if I was to sell my house."

Overacker's husband, Don, called the police at 12:10 p.m. shortly after coming home on his lunch break.

The couple's 6-year-old chocolate Lab is normally a quiet dog. He barks only when neighborhood dogs bark, and rushes to the chest-high fence when a car pulls into the driveway. When Overacker replays the shooting in her head, that's what she imagines.

"I picture him there with his paws on the fence and wagging his tail," she said. "And that's what makes me so sick."

Walter no longer runs to the fence.

Overacker monitors her son whenever he plays outside.

Police said they will beef up patrols, but Overacker has perceived no changes.

"People need to know it happened," she said. "People need to be aware that this happens in Twin Falls in a nicer neighborhood."

Describing her personal feelings, Overacker said: "You are no longer secure. It's changed. Now you are susceptible. You are not safe."

The shooting could trigger misdemeanor charges of unlawfully or recklessly discharging a firearm within the city limits, maliciously destroying property, trespassing and cruelty to animals. If



Riley Surber, 10, plays Monday with his chocolate Lab, Walter, at his home in Twin Falls. One week ago, Walter was shot with a .22-caliber weapon while in the backyard. Surber's mother, Vicki Overacker, says they are going to invest in a higher fence to protect their dog.

someone was found to have intentionally shot the neighbor's home, the suspect could be charged with a felony for shooting into an occupied dwelling.

Reporter Cassidy Friedman can be reached at (208)735-3241 or by e-mail at cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

Twin Falls OKs deal to finish canyon rim trail

City to trade land for Evel Knievel dirt ramp site

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two of the best-known attractions in Twin Falls — the Perrine Bridge and Shoshone Falls — are one step closer to being connected.

The Twin Falls City Council approved an agreement to trade about seven acres near the canyon rim with an Oregon businessman for an equal amount of property that includes the dirt ramp Evel Knievel used in 1974.

Twin Falls is well-known for the unsuccessful rocket-jump more than three decades ago and the city has long sought to acquire the site.

Under the agreement, the city will trade a nearly seven-acre blue plus several road easements and in exchange receive an equal-size patch of land.

The decision caps months of talks with Jim Casper of Casper Southgate LLC, and is the first step in making a park, which also enhances the south side of the canyon's ongoing trail system.

Councilman Don Hall said whenever he travels and tells people where he is from, they immediately connect Twin Falls with Evel Knievel.

"It put us on the map in many respects," he said.

The agreement needs approval by the state Land Board, which could take several months.

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Twirling for your attention

'Human directionals' put new spin on promotion

By Alana Samuels
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Jeremy White was holding a sign advertising \$5 pizza deals at Little Caesars in North Hollywood when two young men stopped their white pickup truck.

After noticing his strong arms and athletic frame, they made him an instant offer. "We

can pay you \$10 an hour. Give us a call," White recalled the men saying.

A few days later, the 20-year-old met them at a North Hollywood park where coaches with clipboards barked at dozens of teenagers doing push-ups, part of a regimen preparing them to spin arrow-shaped signs for tanning salons and new homes. Four days later, White quit his Little

Caesars gig to join the men's company, Arrow Advertising of San Diego.

The payoff was immediate: \$10 an hour, almost double his previous wages. During his second day on the job, a passer-by was so impressed with his spinning that she gave him a \$250 Citron watch. Within a month, he got a raise to \$15 an hour.

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Arrow Advertising requires its 400 employees to attend monthly boot camps, where workers polish their skills.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Auditions for "Nisiel," a new one-act play with seven main lead characters produced by the Magic Valley Arts Council for the Civil Liberties Conference, 6 to 8 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Building Rectal Hall, Room 119, CSI, 734-2787.

BUSINESS

Ribbon cutting for IKON, 10:30 a.m., Hampton Inn, Twin Falls, 734-3225.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

"Moms On The Run" Christian women's group meeting, with guest speakers Paula Frey and Rhea Lanting, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tomato's Italian Grill, Twin Falls, \$8.50 (includes lunch), open to women of all ages, 735-9100.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Twin Falls Chapter closing social, 1 p.m., 4033 N. Canyon Ridge Drive, Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 734-6252.

The Snake River Weavers' Guild May meeting, hosted by Ilse Hytton, 1:30 p.m., 734-6258 or 734-5358.

The American Legion Post 7 & Auxiliary meeting, barbecue plus potluck for members, guests and prospective members, 5:30 p.m., Post Home, 447 Seastron St., Twin Falls, 733-0962 or 734-1435.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, Workshop: new dancers 7 p.m. and Plus at 8:30 p.m., El Sombrero Restaurant, 153 W. Main, Jerome, (H.O. bring finger foods), 734-4647.

EDUCATION

Twin Falls School District #411 Kindergarten registration, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bickel Elementary, 733-4116; Harrison Elementary, 733-4229; Lincoln Elementary, 733-1321; Morningside Elementary, 733-5507; Oregon Trail Elementary, 733-8480; and Perline Elementary, 733-4286.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4058.

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second, 366-7418.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4841.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-9116.

Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

Idotrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 544-2102.

Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 866-2038.

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, 737-2977.

Twin Falls American Red Cross Community Blood Drive, noon to 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Ave. N., 734-4566 for appointments.

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 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 Filer Ave. E., 736-7237 or 736-9282.

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

Read 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.

Celebrate 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.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass fiddle (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, 670-4888 or robcutts2@gmail.com.

AUSEUMS

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

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

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Spring is shearing time for alpacas

TWIN FALLS — Alpacas make two sounds, a light humming to communicate with others and a distress call that sounds, well, distressed. The latter is a rarity at Last Shaker Alpaca in Twin Falls, occurring about once a year when the pampered Hucayabred Mira is caught for her haircut.

Filer Junior Riding Club looks for new members

FILER — Since the 1950s the Filer Junior Riding Club has offered camaraderie and education to young equine enthusiasts. Every year the group performs for numerous Magic Valley parades and entertains crowds with roping drills during the Twin Falls County Fair. But with just 10 members, the group is looking for more kids to join the fun.

Dairies make deal as curtailment looms

TWIN FALLS — Irrigators, municipalities and industries are slated to have their groundwater pumps shut down by the state Monday because of a pending water call. But dairymen, who account for about half of the 771 permits who received warning letters, could escape curtailment.

YMCA makes room for a view

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA of Twin Falls wants to expand its fitness program. The owners of Twin Falls Fitness Center were willing to sell their building at 1881 Pole Line Road E. A deal announced Monday will meet both of their needs.

Jerome re-thinks LCO moratorium

JEROME — County commissioners failed to pull the trigger Monday on a resolution that would have stopped livestock operation growth in the county.

Stoker appointed to judgeship

BOISE — Gov. CL "Butch" Otter announced Monday the appointment of Twin Falls County Magistrate Randy Stoker to replace 5th District Judge John Hohenthal, who died while awaiting a lung transplant.

Parent voices safety concerns

TWIN FALLS — In the morning, parents drop their children off at school 10, sometimes 30 minutes before the bell rings. And in the afternoon, some kids are waiting to be picked up even 30 minutes after the final bell. So who's responsible for the students' safety during that gap before and after school?

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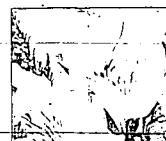
Regional business hub eyed for North Idaho

BOISE — Backers of a plan to create an "Inland Pacific Hub" in northern Idaho and eastern Washington are still optimistic even though Idaho lawmakers failed to come through with their share of the money to get it going. "Idaho is right now looking like the poor stepister," said Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene. "We're still working on what we need to do."

Supervalu CEO gets \$20.4 million package

MINNEAPOLIS — Stock options and other equity awards bestowed on Supervalu's pay for Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Noddle to a package valued at \$20.4 million during a year when the company grew into the nation's third-largest grocer. The company's proxy, filed Monday, said Noddle's pay included a base salary of \$1.1 million and stock option and restricted share grants worth \$17.7 million.

COMING TOMORROW



How to choose and display those cut beauties.

WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Twin Falls County considers its water future'

D. L. "Well, maybe it's time to stop planning for 'growth' and start planning for 'survival' for those of us already here. Maybe it's time to encourage desert landscaping for front yards, like gravel and native plants. And maybe giant water-using subdivisions aren't a good idea to put on part-time water-using farm plots. It has never made sense to me to say, 'we need the housing growth' while we pave over farm fields. People need to eat food grown on those plots more than they need a 3000 sq. foot home with 1/4 acre front yards full of grass. TIME TO PLAN FOR SMART

NATION/WORLD

White House rolls out red carpet for Queen



Spartans force second title game

WASHINGTON — In a slip of the tongue, President Bush brought rars of laughter to the White House welcoming ceremony for Queen Elizabeth II.

Suicide bombers target Sunni city of Ramadi

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suicide bombers struck twice in Ramadi on Monday, killing at least 25 people and wounding scores of others.

T.F. baseball vows to win region crown

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins baseball team was so close to a Class 5A state championship in 2006, yet it seems so far away for 2007. Before the Bruins can get there, they must once again vanquish their Region Four-Five-Six foes this week.

Bruins softball vies for return to state

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls softball team is sitting better than it was last year. The Bruins finished the conference at 7-1, dominating the five-team league with stellar pitching and solid run support. The difference this year is that they avoided a last-minute sweep to lose hosting duties, as they did against Highland in 2006.

For more comments

Each story published on Magicvalley.com has a link for readers to post comments. Comments are beneath each article.

SERVICES

Hazel Mae Wilder of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Armida M. Metcalf of Bellevue, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wed. River Chapel in Halley).

Elmer Vernon Schenk of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Karl William "Bill" McBride of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Mildred Leone Smith of Howard of Hansen, service at 1 p.m. Friday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2511 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

John Brown Storrs of Boise and formerly of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at LDS Church at 1100 N. Maple Grove in Boise; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rylee Funeral Chapel in Filer; and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Gordon H. Eichmann of Boise, funeral at 11 a.m. May 14 at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

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FROM PAGE ONE

World Bank chief Wolfowitz on short lease Lawsuit

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A special committee of the World Bank's governing board increased pressure on President Paul D. Wolfowitz to resign Monday, concluding that he went too far in arranging a job and pay raises for his companion.

The seven-member committee did not make its report public, but a bank official with ties to the panel said Wolfowitz was given only a day or two to respond. The maneuver seemed designed to force him to step down quickly, thus avoiding further public action in the controversy.

The report was characterized as a 300-page indictment of Wolfowitz's management of

the international community's premier anti-poverty institution, according to sources familiar with the document. The sources declined to be identified because they were not authorized to speak for the committee or the bank.

In a further sign of Wolfowitz's deteriorating position, one of his top aides, Kevin Kellems, resigned Monday. He had served as a senior adviser and director of external relations strategy during Wolfowitz's time at the bank.

"Given the current environment surrounding the leadership of the World Bank Group, it is very difficult to be effective in helping to advance the mission of the institution,"

Kellems said, adding that he was leaving to pursue other opportunities.

Kellems, who had worked at the Pentagon when Wolfowitz was deputy defense secretary, had been criticized by bank staffers who considered him more loyal to Bush administration policy than dedicated to the international mission of the World Bank.

Wolfowitz, who is two years into a five-year term as president, has vowed not to quit, saying he acted in accordance with bank ethics rules and did nothing wrong in making the job arrangements for his companion, Shaha Ali Raza, who was already an official at the World Bank when he became president.

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Director Dave Turtill to force groundwater pumpers to stop drawing water that they say belongs to them.

Groundwater pumpers don't dispute they owe water — it's the amount the pumpers and surface-water users can't agree on. The pumpers say there isn't enough water in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer to meet surface users' requests.

But under Idaho law, surface water users are entitled to the missing water, and Turtill has said he has no choice but to curtail if the parties can't reach an agreement.

The lawsuit indicates there

is little hope for an 11th-hour deal.

Now the question is whether the lawsuit will be put on the court calendar before Monday when the curtailment order goes into effect.

More information could become available today, when the irrigation districts say they'll issue a statement to the media.

Times-News staff writer - Matt Christensen welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.


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Dairies

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The litigation agreement — a deal between dairy pumpers and surface-water users in the coalition — is yet to be approved by Turtill. But the director said that even if he does not rule on the agreement before Monday, it's likely the dairymen won't be shut down.

The state water department announced last week that it could cut water to pumpers who owe water to spring users.

The curtailment could dry up 33,000 acres of Magic Valley farmland and send economic ripples throughout Idaho and the region.

IDA Spokesman Bob Naerobert said that all 309 dairymen on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer — the primary source of water for Magic Valley groundwater pumpers — received curtailment warning letters from IDWR.

Participation in the IDA mit-

igation agreement is voluntary for those dairymen, but Naerobert said he expects most will sign on.

Turtill said his department is still reviewing documents presented by dairymen at an informal hearing last week and could rule soon.

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

YMCA

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"We didn't want to do that," she said, adding they wanted the building to continue as a fitness center.

The YMCA is not buying the building, Jachimowski said. She said the fitness center will be operated as Canyon Rim YMCA. It will join the YMCA at 1751 Elizabeth Ave. and the swimming pool at 756 Locust St. N., which is managed by the YMCA.

"The really cool thing about what we're doing," Jachimowski said, "you get (to use) all three (facilities) for the price of one."

The more than 1,600 people who are on the books as members of Twin Falls Fitness will get to use their membership at the YMCA and the pool, she said.

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Spinners

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"I don't like to trot my own horn, but I'm one of the best out there," White said.

White is part of the competitive world of "human directional," an industry term for people who turn signs outside restaurants, businesses and new real estate subdivisions.

Street corner advertising on human billboards has existed for centuries, but Southern California — where the weather allows sign-spinners to work year-round — has endorsed the job with style.

Local spinners have cooped up hundreds of moves. There's the Helicopter, in which a spinner does a backhand on one hand while spinning a sign above his head. In the Blender, a spinner holds the sign behind his back. Spanking the Horse gets the most attention. The spinner puts the sign between his legs, slaps his own behind and giddy-ups.

employees to attend monthly boot camps, where their skills are judged and physical fitness tested over three hours.

"It's competitive," said Randy Jenks, 20, an Arrow "spin-structor." Afterward, he ran up a tree and hounded off with a back flip to pump up his students.

Arrow charges clients \$60 an hour — double the industry standard — for the services of its most skillful employees.

But Jenks, a Kingpin in the industry, commands up to \$70 an hour. Happier Snugg Dogg flew him to Atlanta to spin a sign advertising his new album at the American Music Awards.

Two years ago, Jenks won Arrow's annual nationwide competition pitting the best spinners against one another. His protégé, who happens to be his brother-in-law, won last year. Jenks was barred from entering because of his status as a spinning god.

The outdoor advertising industry said does not report a wide variety of reaching consumers, much less an art form. It regards spinning as a form of guerrilla marketing that com-

mercializes public space. Some municipalities are even beginning to make sign spinners into outlaws. In California, Riverside, Poway and El Cajon are among the cities that recently banned the practice.

"They can distract people and cause accidents," said Jim Griffin, director of community development in El Cajon. Some sidewalk sign holders try to spin when no one is looking, so Griffin hired weekend staff to catch and ticket them.

It takes a discerning eye to know when to lay down the law, he said. "If a sign is moving, they're spinning. If their legs go to sleep and they're jumping up and down, they're not."

But one person's crime is another's livelihood. Almost anyone can qualify for the job with most of the firms. Although some bring along an iPod or a cooler with drinks, the basic requirement is able to stand in a closet for six hours, you can do this job," said Jeff Triesch, a supervisor with MJAD Directionals, a San Diego company.

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Jerome County moratorium halted

Commission to rework resolution

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — County commissioners failed to pull the trigger Monday on a resolution that would have stopped livestock operation growth in the county.

Commissioners voted last week to draft a resolution to enact a moratorium on new livestock-confinement operations for the next six months. The board was to vote on the resolution Monday, but decided to table it after they could not agree on the wording.

The board's attorney, Mike Seib, told commissioners he didn't think the resolution as drafted would stand up in court. He said commissioners did not adequately make a

case that livestock operations posed an "imminent peril" to county residents, as required by law to pass a moratorium.

"You keep saying you have an imminent peril, but I don't see it in here the way it's written," Seib told commissioners during the meeting that was moved from the board's chambers to an adjacent courtroom because of a large crowd. "I just don't think this will hold up in court."

Commissioners Joe Davidson and Diana Obenauer reaffirmed their commitment to the moratorium and said they'd work together on a new draft that more clearly spells out what they consider imminent peril. But this draft will be more complex. Obenauer and Davidson must decide whether the moratorium applies to just new cows or to dairy infrastructure expansion such as new buildings and waste lagoons.

Obenauer advocates an all-out ban on any form of expansion. Davidson wants the moratorium to

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— Jerome County Commission attorney Mike Seib on the proposed moratorium

apply to cows only.

They'll have until 10:30 a.m. May 15 to work out that difference and finalize the wording. Chairman Charlie Howell, who cast the lone nay vote on drafting the resolution, has scheduled another meeting on the moratorium for that day.

But even if the board can settle on a resolution, it could still be challenged in court. The Idaho

Dairymen's Association is closely following the process, and spokesman Bob Naerebout said his group hasn't ruled out a lawsuit if the resolution passes.

Naerebout said commissioners' concerns about pathogen transfer from dairy waste to food sources and a U.S. Department of Agriculture survey that asks potato growers about their fields' proximity to dairies are "outlandish."

"One question on a survey does not deem imminent peril," Naerebout said in an interview after the meeting.

He may be right, by Seib's reasoning. Seib told commissioners they'll need to cite tangible threats to public health, safety or welfare to make the resolution a legally sound document.

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

Council struggles to find water solutions

Engineers say all water sources in city still declining

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A two-hour presentation Monday reiterated just how few options the city might have in providing water in the future.

By the end, the engineers, councilmen and city staff visited nearly every possibility as it struggled to find a solution, but agreed on little besides more exploring.

U.S. Engineers and Brockway Engineering reported that all water sources in the city continue to decline and that supply is expected to equal demand in four years.

Proposed solutions included shrinking the service area, building a \$7 million water plant or eventually issuing a water call against senior water users.

"I honestly do believe at some point we will be issuing a water call," City Manager Tom Courtney said. Given the potential for winners and losers in this fight, it's going to be very difficult for us to bring groups together and find a solution."

The firms found the city uses 270 gallons per day per person from November through April, but usage dips to 110 gallons per person when the 11 largest industrial users are removed.

They also found that Blue Lakes springs continue to lose water annually at about 4 percent and there are no signs of things changing for the better. Brockway said that if the current rate of decline continues, the city will ultimately lose six cubic feet per second and demand will equal supply in 2010, when the population is expected to reach 45,000.

The study looked at four potential well sites in southwest Twin Falls, but just two would produce enough water.

The council voted 4-3 to spend \$30,000 in studying another well in the area in hopes of getting an additional 10 cubic feet per second.

The current water right at Blue Lakes can't be exercised because the downstream users have priority, but Courtney said that water rights are expensive and finding a willing-seller is difficult.

The discussion was capped by a proposal by the city staff to shrink the city's service area by a few hundred acres and essentially provide for only those within city limits.

The proposal is intended to still provide for growth, said City Engineer Jackie Fields, but said that even curbing the service area falls short of meeting future demand.

The council decided to revisit the issue in two weeks.

Commission to discuss illegal overtime today

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

JEROME — After more than a month spent gathering legal advice, the Jerome County commissioners are scheduled to revisit today whether to try recovering nearly \$70,000 former officials received illegally.

The vote, scheduled for 11 a.m. in the county courthouse, caps almost six weeks of whirlwind discussion among the commissioners, legal experts and citizens.

At issue is whether the commissioners should try to get back money that commissioners Veronica Lierman, Alvin Chojnacky and John Floriata received from 2001 to 2005 for overtime. Lierman paid herself \$51,057 in overtime, Floriata, \$16,200 and Chojnacky, \$425.

The attorney general ruled in 2006 that the three officers were legally being compensated — the commissioners kept detailed logs of their hours — but the way the system worked was not.

Despite the decision being public and recorded in minutes with the county's legal counsel in attendance, the move was made without a written resolution and after the budget was set. Furthermore, state law requires elected officials to receive fixed salaries.

The state found that the commissioners did not act with "criminal intent" and declined to prosecute, but said the former commissioners have an "obligation" to repay the money.

All three commissioners told the Times-News they plan to keep the money, leaving any action up to the commissioners or residents.

The board decided April 3 to drop the case and commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson cited conflicts of interest, having worked with Lierman. But they were soon told they were responsible to the county and not the former officials by Dan Chadwick, an attorney, and the executive director from the Idaho Association of Counties.

That kind of clarification, as well as other advice from various attorneys, was what Howell wanted to know. He and Davidson have defended their actions for wanting to get enough information as assurance that a fair vote will be held.

Commissioner Diana Obenauer, who defeated Lierman in the 2006 primary, has been adamant about recovering the money and critical of Davidson and Howell for delaying action.

Stoker appointed 5th District judge

Times-News

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter announced Monday the appointment of Twin Falls County Magistrate Randy Stoker to replace 5th District Judge John Hohnherst, who died Feb. 3 while awaiting a lung transplant.

Stoker, of Filer, was among seven applicants for the district judgeship and one of two nominated by the Idaho Judicial Council.

The Barber native is a University of Idaho graduate and worked in private law practice, including work as a public defender, until becoming a magistrate in 2003.

Other chose Stoker over Twin Falls attorney Richard Greenwood.

Keeping kids safe



Students leave Lincoln Elementary School at the end of the day Monday in Twin Falls. A meeting is going to be held today at 5:30 p.m. at Room 11 at the school, to discuss children's safety as they are dropped off and picked up at school.

Parents, teachers to discuss children's safety at Lincoln Elementary today

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the morning, parents drop their children off at school 10, sometimes 30 minutes before the bell rings. And in the afternoon, some kids are waiting to be picked up even 30 minutes after the final bell. So who's responsible for the students' safety during that gap before and after school?

That's the question facing parents and administrators at Lincoln Elementary School.

"I just want the peace of mind of knowing that when I drop (my daughter) off, there's going to be someone there," said Jalmy Swanson, mother of two students at Lincoln Elementary, 238 Seventh St. North. Swanson was one of several parents who expressed safety concerns to the vice principal. "And after school, I'm not comfortable not knowing who's on the grounds. There are people walking all over the playground."

These issues will be the focus of a parent-teacher association meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Room 11 of Lincoln Elementary. Principal Beth Olmstead also is worried about safety loopholes. All doors lock automatically, but on Monday afternoon a student allowed a Times-News reporter in through a side door. Students are not allowed to linger outside the school in the morning, but often cluster there anyway. Fencing around the school does not close around the western side of the playground.

"Teachers don't live here," Olmstead said. "Our job has

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— Jalmy Swanson, mother of two students at Lincoln Elementary

The next step
What: Lincoln Elementary PTA meeting
Where: Room 11, Lincoln Elementary, 238 Seventh St. North
When: 5:30 p.m. today

expanded to a lot more than just educating the kids."

Beth Olmstead and Swanson hope the meeting tonight will yield innovative ways to fill these gaps. But who will monitor students in the early morning and afternoons: parents, teachers or office staff?

At 3:15 p.m. Monday, students counting the minutes line up at their classroom doors. The bell echoes through the halls and the students burst onto the playground, bouncing balls as they run or bike home, wait for their parents or catch the bus.

After-school programs would perhaps be ideal, but Olmstead believes parents don't want to wait the time it would take to sign out their kids.

"Parents want to zip by, pick up their kids and go," Olmstead said. The proof of that is parents waiting in their cars who wave for their

kids to cross Second Avenue North rather than use the crosswalk, she said.

Some safety measures have already been added.

For example, parents who enter the school beyond the lobby must get a visitor's pass.

But Swanson said at peak hours, one could easily slip down the hall, and past the office.

Trisha Velasquez arrived early at school Monday to meet with her daughter's teacher. She left the school grounds wearing a visitor's pass.

"I feel the kids are safe," Velasquez said. "There are a lot of teachers out there watching students — very protective teachers."

Because she feels like her children are under-supervised, Swanson has become more punctual.

"I keep a better eye on my kids — walk them in the door," Swanson said. "But I think this can be solved."

Olmstead said she thinks it can, too.

"We need to work as a team with parents, teachers and office staff," Olmstead said.

Cassidy Friedman is a staff writer at the Times-News. He can be reached at (208)735-3241 or by e-mail at cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

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OBITUARIES

William Thomas 'Tom' Conant

BOISE — Our beloved husband, father and best friend, William Thomas "Tom" Conant, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family Sunday, May 6, 2007, at his home in Boise, Idaho.

Tom was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 27, 1933, to Fred and Marguerite Conant. He spent his childhood in Twin Falls and attended school there. After graduating from Twin Falls High, Tom attended Idaho State College, where he met his lifelong partner and best friend, Verla Joan Askeve of Jerome, Idaho. Tom enlisted in the armed services. Due to limited leave time, Tom and Verla eloped and were married in 1954. Verla died in 1957, at 2:20 a.m. He served during the Korean Conflict as a corporal and "officer's club bartender," in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in June of 1955.

Out of their union, three beautiful daughters were born: Pamela, Terri and Cathy. Tom was promoted to manager of Reliance Credit Corporation, and in 1962, they moved to Burley, Idaho, where they spent some of the best years of their lives. They returned to Twin Falls in 1968, where Tom sold securities, investments and automobiles. After several wonderful vacations spent on a houseboat, they moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1978, where Tom pursued

real estate and property sales. Tom and Verla moved to Boise in 1983 to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. An avid golfer, his home away from home was Shadow Valley Golf Course. There were three passions in his life — his family, friends and golf, (not necessarily in that order).

His family wrote "As a husband and father, Tom was a mentor in all things. His loyalty and patriotism ran deep in his character. The flag, the nation and his love for this great country were all a part of him."

He is survived by his wife, Verla Conant; and daughters, Pam Keck and partner Rick Priest of Kuna, Idaho, Terri Later and her fiancé Gary Premeaux of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Cathy Beaumgard and her husband Jeff of Boise, Idaho; his sister, Cathy Malberg of Boise, Idaho; grandchildren, Lacey Jacobsen, April Braslier, Michael Keck, Elizabeth Beaumgard, Kelsi Later and her fiancé, and great-grandchildren, Griffen and Breanna Jacobsen.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise, followed by a military interment ceremony at 1 p.m. at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery at Dry Creek in Boise. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials or contributions to the Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman St., Boise, ID 83705. Payment for Tom's best friend for 21 years, "Annie," their pound cat.

BURLEY — Ralph Vernon "Bud" Fink, an 88-year-old resident of Burley, died Saturday, May 5, 2007, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ralph was born April 3, 1919, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Letoy and Edith Price Fink. He later moved to Malad, Idaho, where he spent most of his childhood and was baptized into the LDS Church. After graduating from Malad High School in 1937, he attended the University of Idaho in Southern Branch in



Malad, Idaho (later Idaho State University), where he began his studies in education and was a member of the school's basketball team. He continued his studies at Albion State Normal School in Albion, Idaho, in 1939, when he again joined the basketball team and obtained his teaching certificate in 1940.

Ralph had his first teaching job in Jerome from 1940 to 1943. During this time, he married Theda Harris of Malad on Dec. 21, 1940, when they eloped to Pocatello after receiving his first paycheck and selling his cow to purchase the wedding band. In 1943, Ralph was drafted into the United States Navy and trained at Camp Farago in northern Idaho, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and at Texas A&M University. He was then stationed in San Francisco and Honolulu, where he served as a radio man during World War II.

After leaving the service, he returned to Jerome, seeking employment and worked various odd jobs until being recruited by Gates Brothers of Wendell to work in their retail business and play basketball for their Outlaw League team. He later worked construction for Jerry Williams at Wendell Lumber and during this period also performed various construction jobs throughout the area. Starting in the early 1950s, he worked as a mason carpenter in Las Vegas, Nev., helping build many of the classic hotel-casinos, including the Moulin Rouge.

Ralph V. 'Bud' Fink

To help fill the need for teachers, Ralph returned to Idaho in the mid-'50s to work at Wendell Junior High, where he taught and coached. In 1961, the purchase of a real business by Ralph and his wife, Theda, brought them to Burley, where he also started teaching and coaching at Burley Junior High until his retirement in 1981. Although he taught many subjects, he preferred math above all others. In 1961, he earned his bachelor's degree from Idaho State University. Throughout his teaching career, he also received numerous grants to continue his studies at various educational institutions, including University of Idaho, College of Idaho and Colorado State University.

By the time he retired, he was respected and held in high esteem by his peers as an outstanding teacher and coach. His love of basketball was one of his passions and, in addition to his coaching, he continued to play competitively after college participating in regional Outlaw Leagues for many years. After he retired, he spent many years enjoying his vacation home with his wife and family in Sawtooth City, Idaho. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, throwing horseshoes, playing the organ and reading. Ralph's other civic activities included serving as a volunteer fireman in Wendell and as a member of the Elks.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Theda Harris Fink of Burley; daughter, Suzanne Deane (nee, LeRoy) of Spokane, Wash.; son, Letoy Fink (wife, Janice) of Burley; three grandchildren, Greg Thomason (wife, Coleen) of Elko, Nev., Stillman Zachary Fink (wife, Tracy Carver) of Los Angeles, Calif., and Gabriel Eli Fink of Boise; two great-grandchildren, Vivienne Eleanor Fink of Los Angeles, and Kenna Thomason of Elko, Nev. He was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy and Edith Price Fink; three sisters, Geneva Evans, Melba Jackson and Lucille Clark; and one brother, LeRoy Fink.

Bud was loved and respected by both his friends and his family and will be dearly missed.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Malad City Cemetery in Malad, Idaho. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the same location.

10, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. A second viewing will take place from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Friday at Horley Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N. in Malad. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

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Spencer LeMar Gerhards

BURLEY — Spencer LeMar Gerhards, a 51-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, May 3, 2007.

He was born June 21, 1955, in Tempe, Ariz., to LeMar and June Irene LeMar Gerhards. He attended schools in Rockland, American Falls and Pocatello, graduating from Pocatello High School. In his youth, Spencer worked on the farms in Rockland, pulling rye. He logged timber for a time in northern Idaho, and was also a cook at several establishments in Pocatello. For a time, he worked at the Paris 5th Avenue Truck Stop in Pocatello. Later, Spencer drove truck over much of the United States and Canada. He also worked for himself in Logan, Utah, and Burley in snow maintenance.

Spencer grew up in the Lutheran Church, but he was later baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Spencer enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding, golf, photography and reading. He loved to be outdoors and spending time with family and friends. He had a difficult journey through life with his handicap, but he never let it stop him. Although he never married and had a family of his own, his desire for family extended to his brother and sisters. He cared deeply about his nieces and nephews, as well as his aunts, uncles and grandsons. Spencer and Verla had been and happy person and made everyone around him feel at home.

He is survived by his siblings, Marty (Jeff) Elkins of Anchorage, Alaska, Mark Gerhards of Burley, and Michelle (Barry) Jorgensen of Richmond, Utah; various nieces; a nephew; and various cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop Michael James officiating. Following the memorial service, a gathering will be at the Wayside Cafe for anyone that would like to attend. An outdoor celebration of his life gathering will be held Saturday, May 12, at the home of his sister, 199 E. 300 N. in Richmond, Utah. Everyone is welcome.

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Marilyn Leona Hawes

BOISE — Marilyn Leona Hawes, age 71, passed away peacefully Jan. 27, 2007, at her home in Boise, Idaho.

Born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Aug. 12, 1935, Marilyn was one of five children born to Orel and Leona Chaney. She attended St. Edwards Elementary School and Twin Falls High School. She attended the Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she received her nursing license. She was a member of the nursing staff at her patients during her training.



Marilyn married Beland Joseph Chaney and they had five children. She moved to Bruneau, Idaho, where they had five children. Later, they moved to Boise to live in a beautiful home they designed and built. Marilyn spent much of her life giving to others. In addition to caring for five children and her husband, she was an active member of the Junior League of Boise and the Assistance League of Boise. A lifelong resident and advocate for the state of Idaho, Marilyn enjoyed her job in sales for the Boise Visitors and Convention Bureau. Marilyn will be remembered for her wit, compassion, sense of humor and vibrant energy. She was a proud tax-paying, Democratic, devout Catholic and supporter for the underprivileged and charitable causes. She enjoyed reading, travel and time spent with family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Joe Hawes of Lake Oswego, Ore., Greg Hawes of Livermore, Calif., Susan Cae of Walnut Creek, Calif., and six grandchildren; her sisters, Laurie Conway of Wilsonville, Ore., and Diane Bellaschi of Healdsburg, Calif.; and brothers, Dave Chaney of Bend, Ore., and John Chaney of Portland, Ore.

Marilyn Leona Hawes

Ore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Hawes; and her children, Brian Hawes and Theresa Hawes.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Bisen Christ Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Luke's Foundation, St. Luke's Hospice, 190 E. Bannock, Boise, ID 83712. Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

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EDITORIAL

Spring-user water calls cry for new mitigation

Call it the biggest game of chicken in Idaho water history. Curtailment or courts? Unless large political forces step into the endless showdown between surface- and ground-water users, it's looking like the state's water call is headed to a judge.

But anyone who sits to watch the clock tick is playing a reckless game with Idaho's economy. If there's time for détente, this is it.

Some 600 groundwater users face padlocked pumps by May 14. The curtailment order is in response to spring users in the aquaculture industry — Clear Springs Foods and Blue Lakes Trout Farm — and their water calls of 2005.

The heaviest pressure is being thrust upon pumpers above the Snake River and the Thousand Springs stretch. Idaho Department of Water Resources Director David Tuhill's order puts groundwater users at risk from Hagerman to Rupert to others located northwest of Carey. The director has ruled that pumpers with priority rights after 1983 are subject to curtailment in the Blue Lakes call, junior rights that come after 1975 are at risk in the Clear Springs call.

Making the standoff more difficult is the absence of any real discussion. Spring users in the Thousand Springs area await a mitigation effort by groundpumpers just above the stretch. Groundwater users say no water is available for mitigation, with the water year already plagued by scarcity.

IDWR. In the meantime, has a handful of applications for buyouts among pumpers, and a reserve of funds from the state. IDWR is also awaiting details of a deal that has long been in the works between senior spring users and members of the Idaho Dairyman's Association.

Somewhere in those details could be the guidelines for some kind of mitigation plan to take shape. For that to happen, the parties will need quick assistance from legislative leaders.

The state has around \$5 million appropriated from previous legislative sessions that can assist in mitigation buyouts. Again, mitigation funded by the state is appropriate since it was the IDWR and its flawed water models that allowed over-appropriation of the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Groundwater users are also eyeing a \$15 million chunk set aside this year by the Legislature. "That money could be used and combined for \$20 million," said Lynn Tomlinaga, executive director of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators. Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee, said that's a stretch.

"(That funding) is really far down the road," he said. "There are so many hoops you have to go through. It's not even in the realm of discussion this late in the game."

If groundwater users want that protection from the state, they'll need to volunteer the specifics of which buyouts they can put on the table. "All we're trying to do is make sure no one goes out of business because of curtailment," Tomlinaga said. "That's been our job to look at solutions, and possibilities."

As for spring users, the mitigation work being hatched with dairymen is akin to what they'd like to see from groundwater farmers.

"From our perspective that agreement is precedent-setting," said Randy MacMillan, a vice president at Clear Springs. "It is possible to mitigate for depletions. All of this gloom and doom is a lot of hype. Reasonable people can come together to agree on this."

We think that reasonable balance can be found on all sides in this standoff. But from the looks of it, this road has been traveled many times, with little finality. In that case, get ready for a summer of no answers.

"What they're stuck with is curtailment and probably fighting the curtailment," MacMillan said. "It could be pretty messy."

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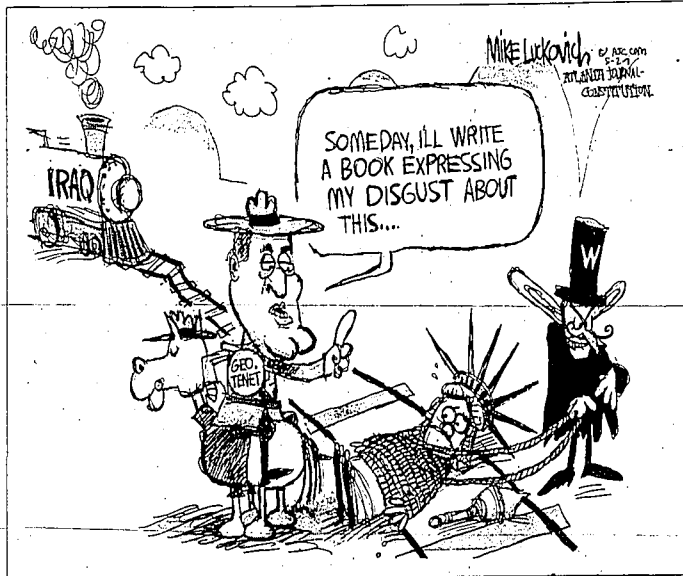
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Tenet shrinks away from his own words

George Tenet has a very mixed legacy. On the one hand, he presided over the two biggest intelligence failures of this era—9/11 and the WMD debacle in Iraq.

On the other hand, his CIA did devise and carry out brilliantly an astonishingly bold plan to overthrow the Taliban in Afghanistan. Tenet might have just left it at that, gone home with his Presidential Medal of Freedom and let history judge him.

Instead, he's decided to do some judging of his own. In his just-released book and in hawking it on television, Tenet presents himself as a pathetic victim and scapegoat of an administration that was hell-bent on going to war, slam dunk or not.

Does he think he's innocent as if he comes out on television? Tenet presents himself as a pathetic victim and scapegoat of an administration that was hell-bent on going to war, slam dunk or not.

"There was never a serious debate that I know of within the administration about the imminence of the Iraq threat."

Does he think no one remembers President Bush explicitly rejecting the imminence argument in his 2003 State of the Union address in front of just about the largest possible world audience? Said the president: "Some have said we must not act until the threat is imminent" — and he was not one of them. That in a post-9/11 world, we cannot wait for tyrants and terror-



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

ists to gentlemanly declare their intentions. Indeed, wherever in the book Tenet concedes that very point: "It was never a question of a known, imminent threat; it was about an unwillingness to risk surprise."

Tenet also makes what he thinks is a damning and sensational charge that the administration, led by Vice President Cheney, had been focusing on Iraq even before 9/11. In fact, he reports, Cheney asked for a CIA briefing on Iraq for the president even before they had been sworn in.

This is odd? This is news? For the entire decade following the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Iraq was the single greatest threat in this region and therefore the most important focus of U.S. policy. U.N. resolutions, congressional debates and foreign policy arguments were seized with the Iraq question and its many post-Gulf War complications — the WMDs, the inspection regimes, the cease-fire violations, the no-fly zones, the progressive weakening of sanctions.

Iraq was such an obsession of the Clinton administration

that Clinton ultimately ordered an air and missile attack on its WMD installations that lasted four days. This was less than two years before Bush won the presidency. Is it odd that the administration following Clinton's should share its extreme concern about Iraq and its weapons?

Tenet is not the only one to assume a generalized amnesia about the recent past. One of the major myths (or, more accurately, conspiracy theories) about the Iraq War — that it was fomented upon an unsuspecting country by a small band of neoconservatives — also lives blissfully detached from history.

The decision to go to war was made by a war Cabinet consisting of George Bush, Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and Donald Rumsfeld. No one in that room could even remotely be considered a neoconservative. Nor could the most important non-American supporter of the war to this day — Tony Blair, father of the New Labour.

The most powerful case for the war was made at the 2004 Republican convention by John McCain in a speech that was resolutely "realist." On the Democratic side, every presidential candidate running today who was in the Senate when the motion to authorize the use of force came up — Hillary Clinton,

John Edwards, Joe Biden and Chris Dodd — voted yes.

Outside of government, the case for war was made not just by the neoconservative Weekly Standard, but — to select almost randomly — the traditionally conservative National Review, the liberal New Republic and the center-right Economist. Of course, most neoconservatives supported the war, the case for which was also being made by journalists and scholars from every point on the political spectrum — from the leftist Christopher Hitchens to the liberal Tom Friedman to the center-right Zakaria to the center-right Michael Kelly to the Tory Andrew Sullivan. And the most influential tome on behalf of war was written not by any conservative, let alone neoconservative, but by Kenneth Pollack, Clinton's top Near East official on the National Security Council. The title: "The Threatening Storm: The Case for Invading Iraq." Everyone has the right to recognize past events. But not to make up that past. It is beyond brazen to think that one can get away with inventing not ancient history but what everyone saw and read with their own eyes just a few years ago. And yet sometimes brazenness works.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landscapes using too much precious water

Our government needs to learn to conserve water.

Has anyone else noticed the landscaping being installed along Pole Line Road? It looks great, but in light of the water shortage, I believe it is ill-conceived.

This landscape system is going to require extensive watering and maintenance to keep it up. In this environment where water is scarce, our government officials, both state and local, need to learn the way in setting a water conservation example by insisting and requiring public-funded projects to have landscape designs that require little or no water use. It just doesn't make sense to install landscape systems that require constant watering and constant maintenance and do this at public expense.

What kind of message does this send to the unfortunate farmers who are being mandated to stop pumping their water wells? People traveling Pole Line will see a lot of nice green grass while thousands of acres of fertile Magic Valley

farm ground will be dried up.

Another side issue: I have been told that the new high school will also have elaborate, water consuming landscape design. None of this makes sense, since there are numerous landscape options available that use minimal or no water.

JEANIE MAYER
Twin Falls

Time to make a stand with Gooding school issues

Citizens of Gooding and the Magic Valley. Can you witness the display of monumental incompetence and lack of integrity, along with many other tragic comedies playing out daily at the Gooding School District. From the recent mishandling of school funds to suspending students for the use of a cardboard cut-out gun in a senior class project, which the principal knew about all year. These are just the tip of the iceberg of what is going on at the Gooding School District.

I believe that as parents and citizens of Gooding, it is no longer acceptable for us to stand idly by and let these

things happen. I have made up my mind to do everything in my power to make sure that these people are brought to account and subsequently ejected from our school district.

If you feel the same way I do, then please let your voice be heard loudly by voting for school board members that have our children's and our community's best interest at heart — reject the "good of boys club" and stand up for our kids. Together, we do have the power to effect change.

Thank you. A very concerned Gooding parent,
BEN POOLE
Gooding

Should Idaho stop teaching abstinence? Why not?

In response to a recent article in your paper about some states eliminating public schools teaching of abstinence

Why shouldn't Idaho? We're already teaching them to stay off drugs and alcohol. Sure, there are 70,000 girls drugged a year and more than 60 percent of teen girls who drink become teen mothers. But

aren't there government agencies and grandparents to care for all those fatherless kids? Why must "we" deal with the problem? We could use the money we save to fund important things. Things that benefit society like teaching kids rap music, beach volleyball, break dancing and skateboarding.

After all, kids can always learn about sex on the street from others just as uninformed as themselves the same way we did.

Of course, the alternative — offering condoms — is like giving a kid a credit card to "Beet Is Us" and telling him not to use it when you'll be away all evening and he knows where you keep the keys to your Porsche. But hey, a condom just lets them learn what sex feels like and, sure, they'll brag about it to their friends, but then they might not like it once they've tried it.

Oh, wait a minute. I just realized that I have two teenaged granddaughters. Maybe that abstinence thing isn't such a bad idea after all.
VAUGHN PHELPS
Twin Falls

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Juanita Nicholson

TWIN FALLS — Juanita Nicholson, 80, of Twin Falls, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Sunday, May 6, 2007, at her home with her family all by her side.

Juanita was born Sept. 17, 1926, in Blooming Valley, Crawford, Pa., the daughter of Tracy A. and Grace E. Terkitts Gordon. She was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in New York. On Jan. 7, 1945, she married Kenneth Nicholson in New York; together they raised three children, Elvita, Sharon and Calvin. She and Kenneth moved to California where they owned and operated a grocery store in Ridgegrove, Calif. for 15 years. Kenneth passed away in 1980, and Juanita moved to Twin Falls to be near her family. Juanita met Lonnie Crowley, and together they have enjoyed each other's company for more than 25 years. They were both semi-retired and would travel to various shows, where they would sell their treasures such as glassware, charms, as well as a number of different items, for fun and because they could do it together. They traveled down to Quartzite, Ariz., for the winters and enjoyed the many friends there. Juanita was a great cook, especially when it came to her fudge; she enjoyed walking and crocheting.

afghans for her children and grandchildren. She was a very hard-working woman and absolutely loved being around family and friends.

Juanita is survived by her loving companion, Lonnie Crowley of Twin Falls; her two daughters, Elvita "Peach" Rodriguez of Clovis, Calif., and Sharon "Sherry" Nicholson of Boise, Idaho; as well as her two stepdaughters, Teresa Crowley Overlin of Twin Falls and Kim (Tim) Crowley, also of Twin Falls, and her three stepsons, Herb (Jackie) Crowley of Rupert, Randy (Colleen) Crowley of Hansen and Stanley (Mary) Crowley of Twin Falls. Also surviving are her five brothers, Willie (Betty) Gordon of Hemet, Calif., Charlie (Florence) Gordon of Melbourne, Fla., Lester

(Denise) Gordon of Brea, Calif., Grover (Patricia) Gordon of Twin Falls, and Jim (Mickey) Gordon of Jerome; her three sisters, Anita Whaley of Twin Falls, Shirley (Kay) Barnard of Brea, Calif., and Isabel (Jack) Biddleman of Yuma, Ariz.; 49 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren; She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth Nicholson in 1980; her son, Calvin "Bud" Nicholson—in 2005; three brothers; Quentin Gordon, Warren Gordon and baby Lewis Gordon.

A celebration of Juanita's life will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday,

May 9, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. At Juanita's request, there will be no public viewing. Private family inurement will take place at a later date. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Juanita's name to American Cancer Society. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Golf scramble planned in Burley on May 19

BURLEY — A Relay for Life Golf Scramble will be held at 10 a.m. May 19 at Ponderosa Golf Course. Cost is \$20 without a cart or \$25 with cart. Lunch is included. There is an 18 team minimum. To register, send your name, phone number, team, players, handicaps and cart preference to D.L. Evans Bank, Attn: Susan Shockey, P.O. Box 1186, Burley, ID 83318, or drop them off at any D.L. Evans Bank. Registration deadline is Saturday.

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DEATH NOTICES

Allen E. Hendrix
HAGERMAN — Allen Edmund Hendrix, 86, of Hagerman, died Sunday, May 6, 2007, at his residence. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Hagerman LDS Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Alta R. Strand
TWIN FALLS — Alta Regina Strand, 94, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 6, 2007, at The Caring Place. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.


Amanda M. Overman
JEROME — Amanda May Overman, 85, of Jerome, died Monday, May 7, 2007, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

John R. Hodgson
BURLEY — John Rodger Hodgson, 55, of Burley, died Saturday, May 5, 2007, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Jerry D. Cannon
RUPERT — Jerry Dean Cannon, 66, of Vancouver, Wash., formerly of Rupert, died Sunday, May 6, 2007, at his home after a three-month illness due to cancer. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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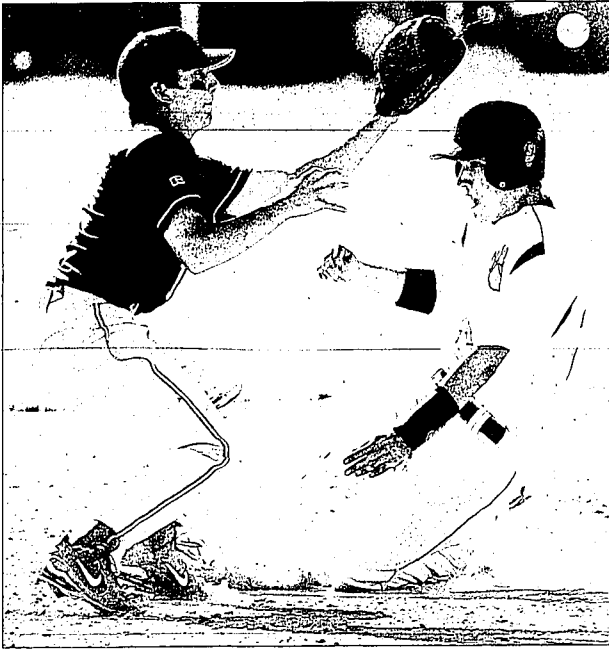
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Last week's question			
Who will win the Region 18 softball tournament?			
1. Southern Idaho	39 (51%)	4. North Idaho	7 (9%)
2. Southern Nevada	13 (17%)	5. Colorado NW	3 (4%)
3. Salt Lake	12 (16%)	6. Snow College	2 (3%)

This week's question	
Can Twin Falls win the Region Four-Five-Six Championship in both baseball and softball?	
Both - Baseball only - Softball only - Neither	

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DISTRICT IV TOURNAMENTS



Jerome's Travis Cooley slides into second base safely past Minico's Landon Barnes during the fourth inning Monday of their Great Basin West championship game in Jerome.



Jerome's Sara McEnarffer dives for the plate as Wood River's Samantha Engel attempts the tag Monday during the Great Basin Conference West Tournament in Burley.

Burley sweeps Day 1 of GBW tournament

By Chuck Nunn
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats played their hearts out to earn the right to host the Class 4A District IV softball tournament and continued that drive during opening day Monday.

"They made the most of their home field advantage, sweeping the day by defeating the Minico Spartans 8-3 and the Wood River Wolverines 2-0.

In other tournament action, Wood River defeated the Jerome Tigers 8-3 to play Burley in the winners' game, and Jerome ended the Spartans' season with a 17-3 win in five innings.

Burley 8, Minico 3

The Bobcats got an unearned run in the third inning, and with the game tied 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth, Burley began to pull away. Kaitlyn Robbins was hit by a pitch and advanced to third base on a sacrifice bunt from Carmen Prefontaine. Cynthia Rios laid down a bunt and legged it out to first base as Robbins scored the go-ahead run.

What followed was a remarkable display of base running as Kate Lyons stepped to the plate for the Bobcats and ripped a grounder right down the first base line. Not only did Rios score, but Lyons ran out the play as the Spartans struggled to collect

Class 4A Great Basin West Tournament

- At Burley Middle School
Monday, May 7
- No. 1 Burley 8, No. 4 Minico 3
 - No. 3 Wood River 0, No. 2 Jerome 3
 - Burley 2, Wood River 0
 - Jerome 17, Minico 3
- Tuesday, May 8
- Game 5: Jerome vs. Wood River, 1 p.m.
 - Game 6: Burley vs. W5, championship, 3 p.m.
 - Game 7: W6 vs. L6, if necessary, 5 p.m.

her hit — a inside-the-park home run.

Burley added a little insurance in the bottom of the fifth as Mekel Baker batted Tyannee Seale home. Baker and Carl Parish, pinch running for Robbins, scored on passed balls.

Wood River 8, Jerome 3

Samantha-Engle pitched six innings to earn the win on the mound, striking out 10 batters and walking five. Hannah Gove cleaned up in the seventh inning with a strikeout of her own.

For the Tigers, Ashley Morrell took the loss on the mound, striking out five and walking three. The Wolverines

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Spartans force another game

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — It isn't over yet. Minico and Jerome split the season series and now have split two tournament games. The next one means the Great Basin Conference West championship and a guaranteed trip to state.

Taking advantage of the opportunities presented, the Spartans avenged Friday's loss with a 7-5 victory Monday.

The teams will now face off today at 5 p.m. in Rupert for the District IV title.

Colby Anderson, the regular catcher, made just his third appearance of the season on the mound and earned the victory.

"I was nervous the whole game, but I am happy with my performance," said Anderson, who helped

Class 4A Great Basin West Tournament

- (Higher seed hosts)
- Thursday, May 7
- No. 1 Minico 11, No. 4 Burley 3
 - No. 2 Jerome 9, No. 3 Wood River 3
- Friday, May 8
- Wood River 13, Burley 2
 - Jerome 7, Minico 3
- Saturday, May 5
- Minico 10, Wood River 0
- Monday, May 7
- Minico 7, Jerome 5
- Tuesday, May 8
- At Rupert
- Game 7: Minico vs. Jerome, second championship, 5 p.m.

his cause by scoring three runs and going 2-for-4.

The Spartans didn't hit the ball

deep, rather they found the gaps in Jerome's infield all day. Anderson led off the game with a single then came home on a single by Dane Broadhead.

Jerome matched it in its half. Logan Parker singled and Nathan Bobrowski doubled. Tucker Thompson, who had three-run homers in the last two games, hit one deep to left, but it was caught allowing just a single run on the sacrifice fly. Bobrowski would be stranded at third. It would be a common theme for the Tigers.

Matt Tracy walked and scored on a single by R.J. Sald in the third to again put Minico on top for good. The Spartans increased the advantage in the fourth. Shelly Coats and Anderson singled to open the inning. Cody Winnill advanced the runners with a sacrifice bunt. With

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T.F. baseball vows to win region crown

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — So close, yet so far. It's a cliché, it's the title of an Elvis song and it's true.

The Twin Falls Bruins baseball team was so close to a Class 5A state championship in 2006, yet it seems so far away for 2007. Before the Bruins can get there, they must once again vanquish their Region Four-Five-Six foes this week at Bill Ingram Field.

A conference championship — or least runner-up for the second seed — is the next step in realizing a dream that every boy who's ever picked up a bat and pulled on a leather glove has deep in his heart. Championship.

Bruins on deck

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament

- At Bill Ingram Field, Twin Falls
- Today
- Game 1: No. 1 Twin Falls vs. No. 5 Highland, 4:30 p.m.
 - Game 2: No. 3 Skyline vs. No. 4 Madison, 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday
- Game 3: L1 vs. L2, 4:30 p.m.
 - Game 4: No. 2 Idaho Falls vs. W2, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday
- Game 5: W3 vs. L4, 4:30 p.m.
 - Game 6: W1 vs. W4, championship, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday
- Game 7: W5 vs. L6, non-runner-up and second state seed

So close, yet so far. This journey begins within the Bruins' own heart.

"If we keep competing like we can, the only person that can beat us is ourselves," pitcher Jacob Coats said. "It'll

be a good tournament if we can play to our level. The defense has proven that if we can throw strikes, they can make plays."

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Bruins softball vies for return to state

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With no time left until the Region Four-Five-Six Tournament, the Twin Falls softball team is sitting better than it was last year.

The Bruins finished the conference at 7-1, dominating the five-team league with stellar pitching and solid run support. The difference this year is that they avoided a last-minute sweep to lose hosting duties, as they did against Highland in 2006. The drop in momentum carried over into the tournament as they went two and out. The quality of play didn't falter that much, but mental lapses and defensive errors cost

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament

At Bruin Diamond, Twin Falls

- Today
- Game 1: No. 4 Highland vs. No. 5 Madison, 1 p.m.
 - Game 2: No. 2 Skyline vs. No. 3 Idaho Falls, 1 p.m.
 - Game 3: L1 vs. L2, 3 p.m.
 - Game 4: No. 1 Twin Falls vs. W1, 3 p.m.
 - Game 5: W3 vs. L4, 5 p.m.
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- Thursday
- Game 7: W5 vs. L6, 1 p.m.
 - Game 8: W6 vs. W7, championship, 3 p.m.
 - Game 9: W8 vs. L8, if necessary, 5 p.m.

them a seed to state, breaking a five-year run that began in 2001.

The Bruins are determined to not let that happen again.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to take out the little mental errors that usually end up los-

ing us games," ace pitcher Amber Petersen said.

There's no denying that the Bruins pitching staff is the pinnacle of their strength.

Petersen (8-4) and Katelyn

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Lawsuit: Judge should strike out New York City's high school metal-bat ban

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Sporting goods companies and organizations that sponsor high school baseball nationwide asked a federal court Monday to overturn a new city law that bans metal baseball bats in prep games.

A lawsuit against New York

City was filed by USA Baseball, a Raleigh, N.C.-based national governing body for several baseball associations, and The National High School Baseball Coaches Association, based in Tempe, Ariz., along with four sporting goods companies and several fathers of ballplayers.

The city law department had not yet reviewed the lawsuit and had no immediate com-

ment, spokeswoman Kate O'Brien Albers said.

Proponents of the new law — set to take effect in September — say metal bats increase the risk of injury because they cause balls to fly faster, giving young players less time to react. But an American Legion Baseball study in 2005 found no substantial scientific proof that

wooden bats are safer than

metal bats.

Similar bans are under discussion in other areas including New Jersey, where a 12-year-old boy went into cardiac arrest he was struck in the chest by a ball.

The lawsuit says New York City's law would harm high school players, coaches, schools and bat manufacturers

because it would increase costs for players and teams and would make high school baseball less enjoyable and less competitive.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg vetoed the bat ban last month, saying it was an issue for those who run youth leagues, not the government. The City Council then overrode the veto. *

*Former New York Mets relief

pitcher John Franco testified in support of the bat at a council hearing, while New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina said there was no evidence that metal bats were dangerous.

The lawsuit maintains the law is unconstitutional because it discriminates against the use of metal and composite bats — not made from wood — with out any rational basis.

SPORTS

Brewers win last 8 of 9 with shutout

MILWAUKEE — Chris Caputo struck out a season-high nine, Geoff Jenkins hit a homer and Milwaukee won for the eighth time in nine games, 3-0 over the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

The victory pushed the surging Brewers to 22-10, 5 1/2 games up on the idle Chicago Cubs in the NL Central. Washington (9-23) has lost six in a row for the second time this year.

Caputo (5-0) allowed seven hits and walked none in eight-plus innings as the Brewers improved to 7-0 in his starts this season. Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 13th save.

Dodgers 6, Marlins 1
MIAMI — Brad Penny (4-0) struck out a career-high 14 and allowed only five runners in seven shutout innings.

Matt DeSisto allowed one run and three hits in seven innings in his major league debut, making the Yankees the first major league team to play 10 starters in its first 30 games.

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Pistons punish Bulls in Game 2
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons punished the Chicago Bulls inside and out — again.

Tayshawn Prince scored 25 points on an array of mid-range shots, a dunk in traffic and 3-pointers to lead Detroit to a 108-87 victory Monday night and a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

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Softball

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Crown

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The Bruins never swept the conference, finishing 7-1 against the likes of Highland, Idaho Falls, Madison and Skyline. The Madison Bobcats have the distinction of that lone loss, a 4-2 away game in mid-April. However, the Bruins have been down this road before. In 2006, Twin Falls made the championship versus Highland, which had come around the elimination bracket to force a second championship. Despite the setback, the Bruins still took state runner-up, but it's not enough for this year's squad. They want both championships.

"I think last year, we got into a situation like 'Eh, we're in' and it was one of those deals where we didn't come to play."

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Kimberly rebounds to beat Buhl

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KIMBERLY — Mere days after dropping a stunning loss for the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament title to No. 3 Filer, the top-seeded Kimberly Bulldogs pulled themselves together to defeat the Bull Indians 10-4 Monday for the SCIC runner-up spot.

They now have to win one more game to reach the Class 3A state tournament in Ontario, Ore. They will play the District VI representative Saturday in Pocatello.

Against Buhl, the Bulldogs dominated the fourth inning with eight runs. Jergen Munnun hit a two-RBI double for some runs during that inning. The Indians rallied some in the fifth, including a solo home run from Trent Crater (4-for-4), but reliever Mitchell Dame was able to shut Buhl down the remainder of the game. Dame threw seven strikeouts and hit 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI. Nick Wright began the game and contributed four strikeouts.

"I told the kids before the game, it's not a matter of if we win, just by how much," Bulldogs head coach Darin Gonzales said.

Now the 15-8-1 Bulldogs look to the future as one more team stands in the way of the Kimberly baseball program's first trip to state.

SCIC Tournament
Kimberly 10, Buhl 4
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Pitching: Kimberly: Jergen Munnun, Dan Jelle, Mitchell Dame and Nick Wright. W: Jergen Munnun. L: Trent Crater. Save: Mitchell Dame. E: Trent Crater. Error: Jergen Munnun. 3B: Kimberly: Steve Hill. 2B: Kimberly: Steve Hill. 1B: Kimberly: Steve Hill.

Softball
SCIC Tournament
Buhl 2, Declo 0
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Kimberly shortstop Kate Harmon runs down Buhl's Trent Crater and tags him out in a squeeze play at first base during the first inning on Monday.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournaments

Table with columns for Basebal (Higher seed hosts) and Softball (Higher seed hosts), listing dates and locations for various teams.

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Spartans

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one out. Tracy came through with the clutch hit to bring both of them home.

"I got a good pitch to hit," said Tracy. "We knew we could come through with a single."

Dee Heck came in on relief and ended the Spartans rally. Jerome committed a pair of base-running errors to end rallies in the second and third.

Travis Cooley reacted on an error in the fourth and scored on a single by Mike Cummins. Tyler Goekner waked and

came home on a fielder's choice as the lead grew to four.

While the Spartans were finding ways to score, the Tigers struggled in the final two innings.

Jerome loaded the bases in the sixth with one out, but could only score a single run. In the seventh again the Tigers loaded the bases, this time with no outs. Tracy came on in relief and again only one run came across, forcing the second championship game.

"I wanted to come in and shut it down," said Tracy. Jerome coach Tom Bobrowski said it was the little things that cost them the game.

"We screwed ourselves all day and still had a chance to win it in the end," said Bobrowski. "The little things just added up. We're just going to play a little smarter."

Great Basin West Tournament
Minko 7, Jerome 6
Minko 000 000 - 7 1
Jerome 000 000 - 6 1
Pitching: Minko: Mike Cummins. W: Mike Cummins. L: Travis Cooley. Error: Mike Cummins. 2B: Mike Cummins.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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Tonight: Partly cloudy and cool. Lows in the upper 40s.
Tomorrow: A little warmer yet with a small chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

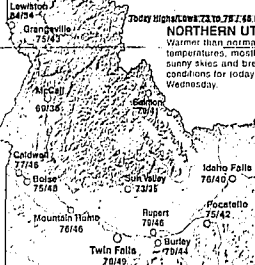
BURLEVE/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and unseasonably mild. Highs in the upper 70s to near 80 degrees.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and cool. Lows in the upper 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies, warm temperatures, and scattered thunderstorms. Highs over 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Unseasonably mild temperatures will continue for today and the next few days. The chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms will increase a little tomorrow and Wednesday. Today looks dry through

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Weather by State Extremes: 78 in Lewiston, 106 in Coeur d'Alene, 62 in Burley, 62 in Burley, 62 in Burley.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Pcp. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

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Table with 10 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset, Moon Phases, U.V. INDEX, Pollen Count.

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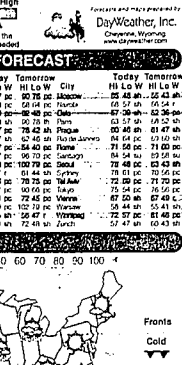
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday, Friday. Lists cities like London, Tokyo, and their forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Could we change our world, we should not only see its differently but also how it would come to be different. Life would change a change of appearance because we ourselves had undergone a change of attitude."

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday, Friday. Lists cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and their forecasts.

Jaguars waive Carroll after arrest

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars waived cornerback Ahmad Carroll on Monday, two days after he was arrested on weapon and drug charges.

Carroll was questioned by Atlanta police

Atlanta police officer James Polite said Carroll acknowledged he was carrying a 9mm pistol. Police then searched his car and found 11 pink tablets believed to be ecstasy. He was arrested and charged with carrying a weapon without a license, possession of drugs and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

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Alexander's foot may still be broken; he doesn't want to know — yet

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Shaun Alexander might still have a broken foot, something he doesn't want confirmed just yet.

The Seattle Seahawks' star running back said Monday his left foot, broken for the final four months of last season, may still be cracked as he begins the 2007 preseason.

Townsend's friend, Raymond Burgess, 27, of Pittsburgh, who was also charged in the fight. Townsend was charged after a man complained that the football player and another man punched him in the face at Margarita Mama's, a nightclub on the city's South Side, early on March 2.

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Advertisement for Royal West Carnival & Fiesta de los Latinos. Includes dates (Thursday, May 10 - Sunday, May 13) and location (Jerome County Fairgrounds).

Large advertisement for the Jerome Centennial 2007-2009. Features the Royal West Carnival & Fiesta de los Latinos and lists various activities like concessions, carnival, and train rides.

Putting the brakes on Hendrick Motorsports

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. couldn't defend Talladega from the Hendrick Motorsports domination.

Even Roush Fenway Racing, which paced NASCAR in 2005 by placing a live of its cars in the Chase for the championship, is lagging.

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Richmond fell like Las Vegas, Atlanta, Bristol, Martinsville and Phoenix being it. With a whimper from Casey Mize, a weak change from Carl Edwards and a tantrum or two from Tony Stewart.

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Greg Biffle, you're NASCAR's last hope. Please keep your hold on Darlington because, when they'll try to win your third straight race this weekend.

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Somebody has to do something to end this Hendrick onslaught, because seven wins in the last eight Nextel Cup races is hardly the parity NASCAR was looking for this season.

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"I'm real confident that I can go back to Darlington and have a chance at winning again," Biffle said Monday. "Now, they may finish first, second, third again ... but I feel like we have a good opportunity there."

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Recent statistics show otherwise. Jimmie Johnson led a Hendrick parade at Richmond International Raceway, where he scored his fourth win of the season on Sunday while leading teammate Kyle Busch across the finish line.

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Johnson's win was the third consecutive Hendrick victory, and the fourth time this season Hendrick cars finished 1-2.

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It also kept Hendrick undefeated in the four Car of Tomorrow races this season, with no sign that Sunday in Darlington will be any different.

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"I know I, I know his passion for winning and I know he's going to do whatever it takes," said rival car owner Jay Evernham, who won three championships as a Hendrick crew chief.

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Market Watch

May 7, 2007

Dow Jones Industrial	+48.25	13,312.97
Nasdaq composite	-1.20	2,570.95
Standard & Poor's 500	+3.86	1,509.48
Russell 2000	-1.01	831.87

Stocks of local interest

Stock	Change	Price
Con Agri	▲ .24	24.91
Deil Inc.	▲ .24	25.90
Idacorp	▼ .02	34.67
Lithia Motors	▼ .05	27.45
Micron	▲ .05	11.96
Supervalu	▼ .22	46.98

Commodities

Commodity	Change	Price
June Oil	▼ .16	61.47
Light sweet crude (barrel)		
Live cattle	▼ .23	91.95
June gold	▲ .7	690.4

For more, see page C2

Legal litmus test set for halting health coverage

By Lisa Giron
Los Angeles Times

A 2001 car accident that left Steven Hailey badly injured was the beginning of his continuing medical and financial calamity.

While Hailey was still recovering in his Cypress, Calif., home and with medical bills topping \$500,000, Blue Shield of California suddenly canceled his coverage. That forced the former self-employed machinist to wait so long for surgery to repair an injured urethra, he says in a lawsuit against Blue Shield, that his bladder stopped working. Since then, he has depended on an implanted catheter that drains his urine into a bag strapped to his body.

Now, Hailey says, he and his wife Cindy can afford the care he needs because Blue Shield began paying his wages to recoup more than \$104,000 it had paid for Steven's medical care before canceling him.

The outcome of the Haileys' case against Blue Shield could change the way insurers do business in California and influence reform efforts by state regulators and lawmakers. As the first case of its kind to reach an appellate court in California, it will test the legality of retroactive health policy cancellations, a controversial industrywide practice that has driven canceled consumers into debt and applications for new medical treatment.

Blue Shield contends it was within its rights to cancel the Haileys because they failed to disclose Steven's true weight or full medical history when the couple applied for coverage nearly seven years ago.

Blue Shield says it would not have covered Steven in the first place had it known that his weight was 285 pounds, not the 240 listed on the application, or that he had been treated for headaches, hypertension and other conditions.

The Haileys say that Cindy made an honest mistake when she filled out the application and that state law bars the rescission of health coverage without evidence that the policyholder intentionally misrepresented his or her medical history. Blue Shield disagrees, saying the law allows it to cancel policies for any reason, presentation, even inadvertent ones.

Whatever the 4th District Court of Appeal in Santa Ana, Calif., decides could affect hundreds of suits challenging such cancellations as illegal and unfair.



By Chris Steinbach
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The broadcast didn't exactly put the new in news Monday morning, but city leaders say it gave Twin Falls some additional publicity.

Boise-based KTVB channel 7 broadcast its newscast live from 5 to 7 a.m. Monday from Kelly's Breakfast & Lunch at 110 Main Ave. N. Meteorologist Larry Gebert and David Gale, an anchor and reporter, interviewed city and county leaders from Twin Falls and Jerome. They also helped reporters take photos of Anger Falls and other area attractions.

"It helps spread the word about what's happening in Twin Falls," said Shawn Barigar, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive. "Hopefully getting the word out about these activities will bring (people) from the Treasure Valley to Twin Falls."

During his interview, Barigar discussed events such as Jazz in the Canyon and Twin Falls Tonight and attractions such as Shoshone Falls.

Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow and Jerome County Commissioner — Chairman Charlie Howell were among the other community leaders interviewed.

Clow also hosted a free breakfast — which was paid for by the city and the chamber — during the two-hour event. About 50 people took him up on the offer.



ABOVE: Aaron Brown, left, and his son, Cody Brown, wait to eat breakfast Monday morning at Kelly's Breakfast & Lunch while Boise-based KTVB channel 7 broadcasts live from the restaurant.
TOP: Boise-based KTVB channel 7 used a satellite truck to broadcast its newscast live Monday morning from Kelly's Breakfast & Lunch at 110 Main Ave. N.

"It was actually a good turnout," Barigar said. "That's pretty good," she said. "Who gets up this early?" She said she agreed to open up a couple of hours early because she figured it would

serve the 50 breakfasts in an hour and a half. "That's pretty good," she said. "Who gets up this early?" She said she agreed to open up a couple of hours early because she figured it would

be good publicity for her restaurant and catering business. "Normally, we're out working (extra hours) in the evening," she said, because of the catering.

And the early morning eggs and potatoes were served up with a dose of humor. "I'm sorry. The 4th breakfast has to eat with his fingers," waitress Kathy Fischer told one customer.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT Passenger numbers dip in April

By Chris Steinbach
Times-News writer

Magic Valley Regional Airport passengers

TWIN FALLS — Fewer passengers used airline service in April at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport than they did in the same month of last year.

A total of 2,716 passengers boarded Skywest flights in April, according to the airport, down 2 percent from the same time last year and down 7.1 percent from April 2005.

A total of 2,670 passengers arrived at the airport last month on Skywest flights, down 7.4 percent from the same time last year and down 6.6 percent from the previous year.

The percentages are slightly misleading because the overall number of passengers is small. Bill Carberry, the airport manager, said Monday.

Historically, he said, passenger numbers at the airport have been up and down. "It

Month	Passengers leaving		
	2007	2006	2005
January	2,714	2,698	2,931
February	2,499	2,523	2,761
March	2,605	2,979	3,160
April	2,716	2,774	2,934
Total	10,534	10,971	11,786

Month	Passengers arriving		
	2007	2006	2005
January	3,026	2,454	2,340
February	3,217	2,878	2,585
March	2,695	2,743	2,585
April	2,670	2,883	2,859
Total	11,608	10,958	10,369

Source: Magic Valley Regional Airport

been leveling off over the last year or two," he said. "The same is true, he said, at airports in other small cities in the region."

Skywest, which operates five flights daily at the Twin Falls airport, next month will add a sixth flight for the summer. The added flight should help increase passenger numbers at the airport, Carberry said.

Since January, 10,534 passengers have boarded Skywest flights, according to the airport, down 4 percent from the same time last year and down 10.6 percent from 2005.

A total of 11,608 passengers have arrived at the airport since January on Skywest flights, up 6 percent from the same time last year and up 12 percent from the previous year.

Regional business hub eyed for N. Idaho area

The Associated Press

BOISE — Backers of a plan to create an "Inland Pacific Hub" in northern Idaho and eastern Washington are still optimistic even though Idaho lawmakers failed to come through with their share of the money to get it going.

"Idaho is right now looking like the poor stepchild," said Sen. John Goettle, R-Coeur d'Alene. "We're still working on what we need to do." Washington lawmakers have set aside \$250,000, the same amount of backers of the plan wanted Idaho to contribute. Goettle said it appears likely that \$500,000 in federal money will become available.

Backers of the regional hub say the area has natural advantages that would help it become a center for global commerce.

Those advantages include a 24-hour border crossing with Canada at Eastport that includes the only place where Canadian Pacific and Union Pacific railroad tracks meet, much-lower landing fees at the Spokane International Airport than at airports in larger coastal cities, an inland seaport at Lewiston, and many rail and fiber optic lines.

"There are a lot of pieces out there," Goettle told the *Spokesman-Review*.

Another advantage to the area as a regional hub is that it is within a 16-hour drive of Seattle, Portland, Ore.; San Francisco; Vancouver, British Columbia; Edmonton, Alberta; and all major trade centers.

Backers also say the hub could get products to Russia and China with an 18-hour flight, and to Europe with a 12-hour flight.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Supervalu paid CEO \$20.4 million

MINNEAPOLIS — Stock options and other equity awards boosted Supervalu's pay for Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Noddle to a package valued at \$20.4 million during a year when the company grew into the nation's third-largest grocer.

The company's proxy, filed Monday, said Noddle's pay included a base salary of \$1.1 million and stock options and restricted share grants worth \$17.7 million.

Noddle, who has run Supervalu since 2001, engineered the purchase of 1,100 Albertsons stores last year, including a store in Twin Falls. Supervalu awarded him \$3.6 million in restricted stock "to

retain his services and maintain his continued leadership" including integrating the Albertsons and Supervalu operations.

The award vests over five years, starting in 2009, but will shrink if Supervalu's share price falls to stay above \$32.77, which is where they were on the day the restricted shares were granted.

Alcoa offers to buy Alcan for cash

TORONTO — Alcoa Inc. is making a hostile bid for Canadian aluminum rival Alcan Inc. worth nearly \$27 billion after falling in almost two years of private talks to reach a negotiated deal.

Montreal-based Alcan said its board "will consider the

proposal" and advised shareholders to await its recommendation.

Alcoa said the proposed cash-and-stock deal would create a premier diversified global aluminum company which could grow faster than the two companies could on their own.

The combined company, with 108,000 employees in 67 countries, would have had revenue last year of \$54 billion and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of \$9.5 billion.

Energy drink pulled nationwide

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — An energy drink called Cocaine has been pulled from

stores nationwide amid concerns about its name, the company that produces it said Monday.

Clegg Ivey, a partner in Redux Beverages LLC of Las Vegas, said the company plans to sell the drink under a new name for now.

The Food and Drug Administration issued a warning letter last month that said Redux was illegally marketing the drink as a street drug alternative and a dietary supplement. May 4 was the deadline for the company to respond.

Ford to close Ohio plant, close another for a year

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. said Monday it will close its casting plant in Brook Park,

Ohio, near Cleveland in 2009. The plant employs 1,218 hourly and salaried workers.

The company also will shutter Cleveland Engine Plant 1 in Brook Park for at least a year starting in two weeks. It employs 577 workers. A second engine plant at the complex just west of Cleveland will remain open.

The casting plant is the 10th facility to be closed as part of Ford's "Way Forward" restructuring plan in which the company said it would close 16 facilities by 2012.

Ford, which lost \$12.7 billion last year and \$202 million in the first quarter, is in the midst of slashing thousands of jobs and rolling out new products in response to lower demand for its older vehicles. — from wire reports

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Dated this 30th Day of April, 2007

TINA KLAMT, CPPB
PURCHASING AGENT
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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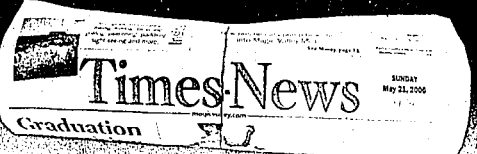
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SHAVE and a HAIRCUT



ABOVE: Are we done yet? Mira, one of about 30 alpacas on the Lost Shaker farm in Twin Falls, waits as patiently as she can for her shearing session to end.

ABOVE LEFT: Alpacas are naturally curious. Gypsy looks through a fence, trying to see the action in the barn across from the stall.



Spring means shearing time for local alpacas



Scott Kendall of Utah shears Mira while Cayleb Krear of Twin Falls assists. The blanket is the most valuable fiber from an alpaca; in its raw form the blanket is sold for about \$25.

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Alpacas make two sounds, a light humming to communicate with others and a distress call that sounds, well, distressed.

The latter is a rarity at Lost Shaker Alpacas in Twin Falls, occurring about once a year — when the pampered Huacaya-breed Mira is caught for her haircut.

Lost Shaker is owned by a husband-and-wife team of retired educators, Jack Beck and Vicki VanRoekel, who relocated to Magic Valley from Arizona in 2005. Since then, the couple has grown the herd from eight alpacas to 27. This year Beck and VanRoekel expect 14 to be born, and the herd is now large enough that they are ready to offer alpacas for sale.

Perhaps the timing is right. In the past two years, two more breeders have started in Magic Valley, and Beck and VanRoekel say it's just a matter of time before the area is truly discovered by alpaca breeders.

Shearing day at Lost Shaker was a great chance to check out this newly noticed livestock niche.

Mira "is the queen bee and wants to be treated as such,"

"Alpacas produce one of the world's finest and most luxurious natural fibers. It is soft as cashmere and warmer, lighter and stronger than wool."

— Jack Beck, owner of Lost Shaker Alpacas



Jack Beck, who owns Lost Shaker Alpacas in Twin Falls with his wife, Vicki VanRoekel, nuzzles Cassie Jean.

said Beck. "That's why we'll get her done first — get the ornery one out of the way."

It isn't that Mira is cantankerous all of the time. She just doesn't like to be tied up, sprawled out and clipped. The haircut is a necessity, and her howling doesn't last as long as the job.

"Alpacas produce one of the world's finest and most luxurious natural fibers. It is soft as

cashmere and warmer, lighter and stronger than wool," Beck said.

Shearing alpacas at the farm isn't just a yearly chore but an event. Professional shearer Scott Kendall of Utah came prepared to spend a couple of days clipping at the farm.

Kendall got his start when he and his wife bought their first alpaca around 1997.

About four years ago, demand for his services grew so much that he now travels to not only the Gem State but California, Montana, Wyoming and Arizona.

"They say this is one of the dirtiest jobs in America, but I don't think so. Alpacas don't have lamolin like sheep so you don't have the smell, and they are a lot cleaner than most animals," Kendall said.

The demand for Kendall's services mirrors growth in the alpaca business.

Alpacas, the treasured animal of the ancient Incan civilization of South America, were first imported commercially to the U.S. in 1984, according to the Alpaca Owners' and Breeders' Association. There are two breeds, Huacaya and Suri. Huacayas have fluffy, crimped fleeces and are the more common, accounting for about 90 percent of alpacas. Suris are characterized by flowing, silky fleeces.

Over the past few years, Judy Heidl of Castleford has seen a handful of farms crop up in Magic Valley. Heidl runs Magic Valley Alpacas with Cathy Walters, also of Castleford.

"When we first got our start about four years ago we were

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Equine opportunity Filer Junior Riding Club looks to expand membership

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Since the 1950s the Filer Junior Riding Club has offered camaraderie and education to young equine enthusiasts.

Every year the group performs for numerous Magic Valley parades and entertains crowds with roping drills during the Twin Falls County Fair. But with just 10 members, the group is looking for more kids to join the fun.

The club is open to ages 8 to 18, said Linda Bernier, president. The only requirements: Kids need to be in control of their horses and ready to learn.

The Filer Junior Riding Club wants you

For information, call Linda Bernier at 543-9397. Or show up at 7 p.m. Mondays at Shouse Arena at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. If weather is bad, the group meets by the merchant buildings.

"We are just a group of horse lovers giving kids an alternative to 4-H or the rodeo," said Bernier of Buhl. "We still have fun and the kids learn a lot, but it doesn't have the competitive side to it."

Cost for joining is \$45 a year,

which helps pay for insurance.

"Safety is a huge deal for the group. A parent or guardian is required to attend every function with their child, but they usually end up having as much fun as the kids do," Bernier said.

Besides teaching riding skills, the group organizes guest speakers and hosts annual vaccination clinics.

"We teach the kids the importance of taking care of their horses and all that it requires — like vaccinating the animals," Bernier said.

Vice President Lori Roudenbush said her son joined the group

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Helinda Roche of Roché Equine Veterinary Services in Twin Falls attempts to give Salteaza a vaccination while the horse's owner, Brooke Callen, 15, of Hollister holds on.

By Blair Koch
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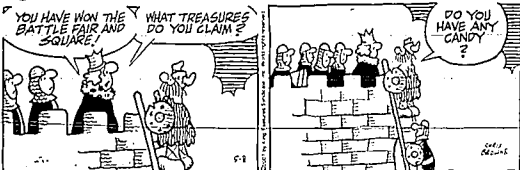
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Snack thieves are busted by creative co-workers

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't help but add my two cents to the letter... you printed from "Hungry in Madison Heights, Mich." (March 2), about the supervisor who stole everyone's food, candy, etc.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

chowing down on her personal snacks, my youngest daughter would — in full view of the room — lightly lick the top of the cookies, container of popcorn, etc. After that, they wouldn't touch it!

At my job, we had the same problem. "Dan" would open people's drawers and eat whatever he found, too. He would even go into lunch bags. It didn't matter if you were sitting there or not — if it was food, he was into it!

here's how they dealt with it:

One day a man who worked with him opened his desk drawer and realized that a tiny field mouse had gnawed through the wrapper of his candy bar and eaten part of it. He took the bar out of his desk and left it sitting there while he went to find someone to take care of the mouse. While he was gone, Dan entered his office, saw the candy, and took it and ate it! Everyone except me was upset about him eating something that a mouse had nibbled: I was glad! Needless to say, Dan never took what wasn't his again.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was plagued by a co-worker who ate treats from his desk. I told him to set out some "cookies" I had just purchased at Petco. They look exactly like human cream cookies. My husband left them out when he knew the offender would be around, and then left the office. When he returned, sure enough — the cookies were gone. Nothing was ever said, but he never raised my husband's desk again.

— GAYLE IN PORT ORCHARD, WASH.

— MAUREEN IN WEST CHICAGO
DEAR MAUREEN: When I printed that letter from "Hungry," I had no idea how pervasive the problem is. Some readers suggested that the supervisor suffered from a compulsive eating disorder or undiagnosed diabetes. Others said he was simply a jerk. And

DEAR ABBY: I have a rather naughty solution for "Hungry in Madison Heights." Place a bowl of sugar-free candy on his desk. I guarantee the supervisor won't dip into it more than once before he learns about the way sorbitol acts on one's digestive system.

— NANCY IN FOWLER, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: That letter brought back a memory that made me laugh, in order to prevent her brothers from

DEAR ABBY: That supervisor is nothing more than a bully. He's using his position as their boss to belittle them and crush their egos into submission. He's stealing from them and damaging production potential by creating a hostile workplace. Perhaps if Humpty Bosses saw the damage done in dollar signs, they would have been more helpful and paid attention to the complaints in the first place.

The afflicted workers should sign statements attesting to what he has been doing and send them en masse to the man's supervisor. If nothing is done or retaliation occurs, legal action should be set in motion.

— BULLIED ONCE IN BUFFALO

DEAR ABBY: If "Hungry" co-workers are imaginative, the next time the supervisor opens a candy box in their desk drawers, the man will find six or eight copies of your column inside.

— DALE IN EL CERRITO, CALIF.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 8, the 128th day of 2007. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's highlights:
On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

On this date:
In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier, the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican-American War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, with no clear victory for either side.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born near Lamar, Miss.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Pemberton invented the formula for Coca-Cola.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was shooed,

stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1962, the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway.

In 1970, anti-war protests took place across the United States and around the world; in New York, construction workers broke up a demonstration on Wall Street.

In 1973, militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 17 weeks surrendered.

In 1987, Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal life, including his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ten years ago, President Clinton assumed Central American leaders during a summit in Costa Rica that they need not fear mass deportations of immigrants who sought refuge in the United States during U.S.-backed conflicts. After months of railing against Democrats for taking foreign money, the Republican Party

announced it had returned \$122,400 in contributions from a Hong Kong company.

Five years ago: FBI Director Robert Mueller told a Senate committee that an FBI memo from J. Phoenix warning that several Arabs were suspiciously training at a U.S. aviation school would not have led officials to the 9/11 hijackers even if they had followed up the warning with more vigor. Eleven French engineers, their Pakistani driver and a passer-by were killed in a suicide bombing in Karachi.

One year ago: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wrote to President Bush, proposing "new solutions" to their differences in the first letter from an Iranian head of state to an American president in 27 years. Oscar Arias was sworn in as Costa Rica's president. Stunt artist David Blaine emerged weak and wrinkly from a week spent submerged within an eight-foot snow globe-like tank in the plaza of New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts — but without a world record for holding his breath.

THOUGHT

"What this country really needs is a good five-cent nickel."
— Franklin P. Adams, American journalist-humorist (1881-1960).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Comedian Don Rickles is 81. Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 81. Singer Toni Tennille is 67. Actor James Mitchum is 66. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 65. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 62. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 56. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 56. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 54. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 54. Actor David Keith is 53. Actor Stephen Furst is 53. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 43. Rock musician Dave Lombardi (Blur) is 43. Country musician Del Gray is 39. Rock singer Darren Hayes is 35. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 32. Singer Ana Maria Lombo (Eden's Crush) is 29. Actress Julia Wheelan is 22.

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COUNTRY ROADS



Cayleb Krear of Twin Falls holds Datsy steady while Scott Kendall secures her feet with a rope.

Alpaca

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the second farm in the area, and now there are about five," Heideid said. "There just seems to be more and more of us out there."

Kids are getting interested in them as well. Heideid and Walters run the Paca Kids 4-11 Club, started last year with just five participants. This year 12 youth are enrolled. "It was a huge leap for us," Heideid said. "We were really pleased to have been noticed."

Tom Verden, who owns Wolf Den Ranch in Salmon with his wife, Carol, has noticed a healthy jump in the industry, as well. He will speak at the national meeting for the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association in Louisville, Ky., later this month.

"In 1991 we were the 400th

ranch in the country. Now there are over 10,000. Idaho, due to our population, has fewer ranches, but that is changing," Verden said. "We are seeing exponential growth in Idaho. We really are on the map in terms of the number of ranches and quality of our animals."

Idaho is a great place to raise alpacas, Verden said, because of its climate and altitude. "That's the reason Buck and VanRoedel moved to Twin Falls."

"It was just too hot in Arizona. This is an amazing place to raise these amazing animals," VanRoedel said.

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Horse

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because he wanted to do more challenging things on his horse.

"He was already doing 4-11 but wanted to supplement that. This is perfect for kids wanting to work on their horsemanship skills without a lot of homework," Roudenbush said. "For the kids involved this provides a chance for some social activity with their horses."

When Brittany Schulz of

Twin Falls joined four years ago, she didn't have the confidence for trotting or loping her horse, Sundance, an aging paint.

"Now she goes 100 miles an hour. This has taught her the skills and given her the confidence to reach her riding potential," said Rick Schulz, Brittany's grandfather and the group's assistant drill coach. "We work on the kids' skills where they are; we get them comfortable with walking,

then trotting and then loping. There is always room to grow."

Brittany, 14, said that by participating in the club she is almost ready to begin working with a new horse.

"Sundance is getting old. My confidence is growing and I hope for a new horse," a younger horse," she said. "I want to get a horse that can barrel race."

Until then, Brittany plans

on bonding with fellow club members and her horse.

"Participating in the club has helped in other areas, too. I am more outgoing and more responsible. Taking care of a horse is a big responsibility. It is more than just riding — you have to feed it and take care of it," she said.

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Buy your plants from horticulture students

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Students in the College of Southern Idaho's horticulture program will sell all their remaining plants before the end of the semester.

The summer plant sale will run from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at the greenhouse, which is between the CSI Security offices and the Herret Center on the east side of the campus.

Hundreds of items will be sold, including tree and shrub seedlings, hanging baskets, patio planters, desktop plants, herbs, cacti, ivy ferns, ficuses, annual flowers, strawberry hanging baskets that are producing fruit, house plants, pots,

flats, inserts, potting soil and bags of locally-manufactured garden fertilizer. The students will also sell about 75 mother-in-law tongues, sometimes called "snake plants," in 6-inch pots for \$3.50.

Few, if any, spring bedding plants will be available. The selection will be mostly summer plants.

Professor Dave Kiesig said the program needs to sell everything so the greenhouse can be closed for the summer. Prices will range from under \$1 for small individual plants to about \$65 for large, well-developed planters. For information, contact Kiesig at 732-6431 or at dkiesig@csi.edu.

Gardening for dummies

Newsday

Written in the fun, no-nonsense style typical of the series, Steven A. Frowine's "Gardening Basics for Dummies" (Wiley, \$21.99) is packed with easy-to-follow instructions for gardening enthusiasts.

Chapters on pest control, weed management, grow-

ing fruits and vegetables, and gardening for kids accompany how-tos on annuals, perennials, bulbs, roses, lawns, trees, ponds and more.

There's a frequently-asked-question section in the back, and a "Great Sheet" inside the front cover that includes a guide to fertilizers and shade-loving plants.

Museum in Texas preserves hat collection

By Angela K. Brown Dallas-Fort Worth writer

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — For more than 50 years, Nat Fleming's western wear store didn't just sell cowboy hats — it became a shrine to them.

"The hundreds of worn hats mailed to the warehouse reflect the actual wear of a tribute to his customers — the ranch hands, wealthy oil investors and businessmen who gave him their old hats when they bought new ones. He even had one from Gene Autry, although it was stored in a glass case and on loan from the collector who owned it."

But Fleming, 85, closed the Cow Lot when he retired late last year in his North Texas city near the Oklahoma border. Now, the Museum of North Texas History wants to preserve the 511-hat collection and has raised about a third of the \$40,000 needed to build the display room.

Some, like the white hat owned by Fleming's wife, look pristine. A Kansas game warden's straw hat also appears new. Others are a bit worn, the gray or tan felt brims stained brown from sweat, dirt and oil of the farmers' and workers' hands so many decades ago.

"I'm so proud everyone we got in because everything that came in the store had a different one," Fleming said. Soon after Fleming opened

his store in 1952, his brother gave him a dark brown 10-gallon hat with a bullet hole in the back brim. So Fleming decided to hang it on the wall, never anticipating the trend he would start.

"I had no idea — I didn't dream it; I didn't imagine it; I didn't plan it," Fleming said. "Every time somebody came in, they said, 'I have one I can bring in.' And they did."

He tacked small cards bearing the owner's name to each hat. Then a few years later as more customers began bringing in their hats, he began adding each person's hometown to the laminated cards. When a hat's owner died, he placed a gold star beside the name.

"It became obvious that the collection was more popular than we were," Fleming said.

Some of the more famous owners whose hats are part of the collection are "Cowpokes" cartoonist Ace Reid; sculptor Jack Stevens and A.B. "Bucky" Whelan III, a shareholder in the famed W.T. Waggoner Estate, the 520,000-acre ranch stretching across six North Texas counties.

"It was so impressive going into the Cow Lot and seeing all the hats on those rulers," said Holly Brent, a volunteer for the museum in Wichita Falls. "You were looking at history. You go back and many hats belonged to prominent oilmen,

prominent ranchers."

The Cow Lot's location — on what used to be a main road between Oklahoma and Dallas-Fort Worth — contributed to its early success. Fleming, who also had a local AM radio show in the early 1950s, urged motorists to hook on Saturday mornings as they passed by the store.

He said his business drew folks from several hundred miles away because it specialized in cowboy boots in hard-to-find shoe sizes, as well as western clothing and quality felt and straw hats.

"A cowboy wouldn't be caught dead in a cheap wool hat because when it rains, it melts over his ears," Fleming said.

After Fleming announced his plan to close the store, several other locales expressed an interest in preserving the collection. But he wanted the hats to remain home in Wichita Falls.

"When it first got off the ground, the first thing I thought was, 'How in the world are we going to raise that much money?'" he said. "But every day it became more real. I'm going to work at it real hard."

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Plant lovers plan field trip

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HILL CITY — The LOASA Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society will hold its monthly meeting Saturday.

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