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Free to carry, not consume

Council reaches compromise on Dierkes Lake booze ban

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The Twin Falls City Council agreed Monday to prohibit the consumption of alcohol — not possession — at the dock area at Shoshone Falls Park, a slight revision to an earlier decision to ban alcohol possession at Dierkes Lake.

Council members said the 6-1 vote — which followed almost an hour of debate in which they cited the number of e-mails and phone received from constituents — fixed a legal gray area while keeping their intentions intact. They said the change will allow boaters and others to transport alcohol to the docks while preserving the area as family-friendly.

Last week, the council voted 4-3 to review the April decision over concern about the amendment that added the docks area. The ban prohibited alcohol possession at the lake, but it also became illegal for people to bring alcohol to their boats from the dock area — although it remained legal to drink on the Snake River. Twin Falls County regulates the water, as well as the docks, but the area south of the docks — including an RV parking lot and small rest area — is city property.

"My concern a couple of weeks ago was we put a line in the sand that said, 'if you possess alcohol it was illegal, but once you go past that line it was legal again,'" said Councilman Don Falk, who asked for the review. "I think that was a setup for failure."

The ban at Dierkes Lake was based upon a recommendation from a residential sub-committee that reviews alcohol in parks. It found alcohol was not a problem at most parks. Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Boyser said that while Shoshone Falls Park was discussed, the docks area specifically did not surface.

Mike Siruck of Jerome, who said he is an avid Jet Ski and water-skiier, told the council that he is supported banning alcohol at the entire park because

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MEDICAL DILEMMA

Study: Idaho sees second-highest rise in health insurance premiums over past few years.

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Ryan Horsley has given up on health insurance.

Like many small-business owners, Horsley, general manager of the Twin Falls, can't afford to help his seven employees out with their medical costs. Even he and his wife go it alone, he said.

"Honestly when it boils down to it, we've found it's cheaper to go into the Physician's Office and get care when we needed it," he said.

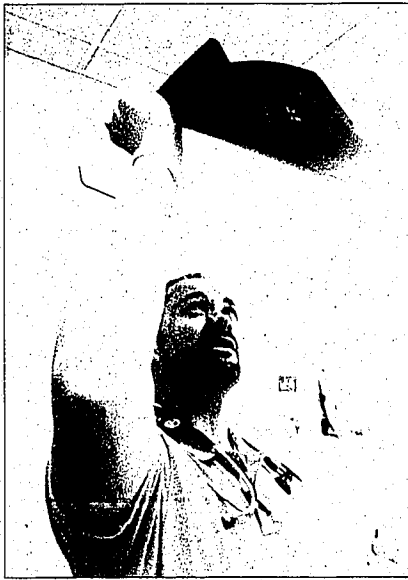
They're certainly not alone. A national study has concluded that increases in health insurance costs still far outpace any growth in income, though another study shows that growth rate is declining over time.

According to research commissioned by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest health-focused philanthropy, the amount U.S. employees pay for family coverage rose 30 percent between 2001 and 2005, while income increased just 3 percent. Premiums rose 14 percent in 2003, but only 6.1 percent in 2007, according to an annual benefits survey by The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

Idaho saw the second-largest change among all 50 states. The average premium for family coverage for employees in the private sector rose nearly 44 percent, from about \$7,200 to \$10,400. Median income only rose 8.8 percent to about \$39,000 in that same time, according to the data compiled from medical and labor surveys conducted by the federal government.

The jump is about 14 percentage points higher than the national average and is due to a number of factors, said Mike Tatko, a spokesman for private insurance provider Regence BlueShield of Idaho.

Emergency room visits, for example, can lead to expensive, unplanned tests because doctors don't always know what a patient has had



Dr. David Kelly with Family Health Services takes a quick look at an X-ray Monday afternoon at the office at 325 Martin St. in Twin Falls.

"I know (insurers) say they don't profile, but they kind of have to assess risk."

— Jan Roesser, Idaho Department of Labor regional economist

done recently, Tatko said. Patients have a broader range of tests available in the first place, he said, leading them to order all of them at once just in case. And the nation's demographics have changed, with technology allowing sick people to live for much longer than ever before.

"That's a great thing because it's keeping people alive," he said. "The issue is someone has to pay for that."

Employers are picking up more of the bill, the study found. Idaho

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Head Start crunched

Rising health costs strain local branches, cut all-day services

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Children enrolled full-time in South Central Head Start, a federally funded poverty prevention program, will soon need to leave early.

Lightened health care costs have been blamed for straining the program to the point where full-day, full-year childcare services are going to be ditched.

Head Start gives financially eligible children ages 3 to 5 structured preschool with health, dental and nutrition services, along with home visits.

Costs of health insurance benefits are expected to increase by about \$160,000 annually beginning in July, said Mary Marshall, director of South Central Head Start.

It costs about \$8,300 to educate a child part-time for a year, and about \$11,000 to provide full-day, full-year services, Marshall said.

But there are only about 39 full-time, full-day slots enrolled in South Central Head Start, she said.

"We had to look at redesigning that option," said Marshall. "It's difficult to cut."

Susan Barry, a foster mother of two children enrolled in Head Start in Twin Falls, said losing the full-time option will have a heavy impact. "I think it's going to be very hard for some parents and it's unfortunate," said Barry, a local business owner. "Head Start has such consistency in teaching and it compares to nothing else I've ever seen."

Barry's foster children will be going into kindergarten next year — as foster children they were eligible for Head Start — and she said she understands the health care crunch.

"As a business owner, we're able to offer health insurance to our employees," she said. "But it's getting harder and harder so I understand ... It's sad when even a state agency can't afford health insurance."

Cuts at Head Start could affect more than just services available to children.

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Anything but a normal hearing

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

What was previewed as just another dry hearing Monday on a high-profile murder case ended in a verbal brawl with a county prosecutor and defense attorney trading insinuations and accusations of dishonesty.

And yet when the hearing ended no client winner emerged. Fifth District Judge Randy Stoker, who refrained from intervening as one retaliatory remark spured

another, said only, "I can tell we're going to have a great number of hearings in this case." A number of other judges watched the altercation, as defense attorney and former magistrate Kevin Cassidy's face turned bright red and Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb's scuffed back from his corner.



Naranjo

Cassidy, who was privately hired to represent James Naranjo, landed the first punch.

He accused Loeb's of baiting Naranjo's co-defendant with "sweetheart deals" and warning him if he "didn't testify truthfully" against Naranjo at Naranjo's trial "he wouldn't get a deal," Cassidy argued.

That set off Loeb's, who called Cassidy's argument a "personal attack" stemming from "abundant allegations ... which he knows to be false."

INSIDE: "There were no sweetheart deals made to anybody," Loeb said repeatedly throughout the hearing case.

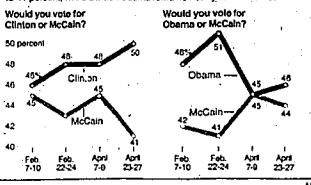
See page A4 The co-defendant in question is Reyes Duran. Duran's attorney Greg Fuller later confirmed to the *Times-News* Monday night that no deal had been made between his client and Loeb's.

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AP/IPSOS POLL

Clinton better chance of edging McCain.

In a head-to-head matchup, Hillary Clinton leads John McCain, 50 percent to 41 percent, while Barack Obama remains nearly dead on McCain.



Clinton more electable against McCain than Obama?

In latest poll, Clinton has significant lead over McCain, Obama near even with GOP leader

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton now leads John McCain by 9 points in a head-to-head presidential matchup, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll. Fifth District Judge Randy Stoker, who refrained from intervening as one retaliatory remark spured another, said only, "I can tell we're going to have a great number of hearings in this case." A number of other judges watched the altercation, as defense attorney and former magistrate Kevin Cassidy's face turned bright red and Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb's scuffed back from his corner.



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young people and seniors, Clinton gained ground this month in a hypothetical match with Sen. McCain, the GOP nominee-in-waiting. She now leads McCain 50 percent to 41 percent, while Obama remains virtually tied with McCain, 46 percent to 44 percent.

Both Democrats were roughly even with McCain in the previous poll, about three points apart.

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Most M.V. students test below state average. SEE PAGE A4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

College of Southern Idaho Madrigal Ensemble concert, includes jazz and pop music from Beatles' "Blackbird" to Barbra Streisand's "People"...

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

A Polynesian layered dinner, 5 to 8 p.m., Paul Baptist Church, free will offering, proceeds to American Cancer Society's Relay For Life...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magie Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills...

EXHIBITS

2008 Student Show, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus...

FAMILY

The Mini-Cassia Citizens Against 2nd annual Anti-Drug Seminar, featuring Larry Hedberg, retired Drug Enforcement Agency with 35 years of law enforcement experience...

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 732-4068. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl...

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Free Religion, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magie 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.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humans insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls; no cost, 308-5656.

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

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magie Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," 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, 732-6655.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 348, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0348. Deadline is one month, four days in advance of the event.

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• Avid bird watcher Zeke Watkins talks about how to watch owls and why they are so fascinating.

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CORRECTIONS

Mission begins in April, not May

Due to incorrect information given to the Times-News, the date of Derek Burgess' entrance to the Mission Training Center was wrong. Burgess will enter on Wednesday.

Child's time of death incorrect

An article about the "Rock chucks for Hannah" fundraisers that appeared on Monday's front page incorrectly states the time of Hannah Bates' death. She died Feb. 9, 2008. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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MORNING BRIEFING

You don't say ... Steve Crump



Tidal waves at Magic Reservoir? Could be

Got a call last week from a reader who had heard about "tidal waves" on Magic Reservoir and wanted to know if that's possible ... All I know if what I've heard from Betty Bever, a sometime resident of West Magie who published an essay on the subject in 2000 ... She described a summer-time incident during which boats and other watercraft were found swamped or beached at West Magie one morning ...

Bever has a nephew who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, and she pined him and asked what might have happened ... The nephew, Michael Hoernemann, speculated the cause was caused by a "seiche" (pronounced "seh-zhuh") ... It's like water sloshing around in a large dishpan, he explained ... Water heated by the sun gets lighter, staying on the surface, incoming cold water ... from the Big Wood River and Canyon Creek ... is heavier and sinks to the bottom ...

Whaddya hear?

If it's quirky, sad, funny, poignant or weird and it happens in south-central Idaho, I want to hear about it. Phone me at 735-3223, or write to me at scripm@magicvalley.com.

Water rises on one side of the lake while subsiding on another, driven by the contour of the bottom ... "Tumbling effort" ... can make the changes larger in a small area." Bever quoted Hoernemann as saying, "while a broad gentle bottom would spread the effect over a wider area ..."

Water withdraws, becoming shallow or even exposing the bottom ... The water then suddenly rises, going above the normal level ... That's bad for boats or anyone in them ... I can understand that ... The "seiche" effect is precisely why I quit giving my dogs a bath in a washbasin ...

all the time from Idaho natives — being an Idaho native isn't a matter of where you were born; it's a question of local longevity ... about newcomers (folks who moved to the Magic Valley since the Nixon administration) who don't know the proper names for local landmarks, myths and folkways ... "It's not creek, it's creek, as in Rock Creek, Riley Creek, Silver Creek, etc. ..."

appeared after Milner Darr arrived ... "It was 'Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom' that was shot in the Snake River Canyon, not 'Star Wars' ..."

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRIA

Police: Man confesses to holding daughter captive 24 years

AMSTETTEN — The children locked in the bedroom never saw the light of day for years. A retired electrician has confessed to imprisoning his daughter for 24 years and fathering seven children with her in a windowless cell sealed by an electronic keyless-entry system, police said Monday. One of the children died in infancy and another died in the furnace of what stunned Austrians, have labeled a "house of horrors," officials said. The suspect owned the gray stone apartment building, lived there with his family, and rented the other units to relatives. Austria is still scandalized by a 2006 case involving a girl who was kidnapped and imprisoned in a basement outside Vienna for more than eight years, and residents of this working class town west of the capital were puzzled as to how the latest instance could go undetected for so long. Questions were being raised as to how the suspect — identified as Josef Fritzl, 73 — deceived neighbors, social workers and police for so long. "It was possible that no one knew anything for 24 years?" asked Anita Fabian, a teacher in Amstetten. "This was not possible without accomplices."

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court rejects challenge to Indiana voter photo ID law

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that states can require voters to produce photo identification without violating their constitutional rights. The ruling, validating a Republican-inspired voter ID law, is a splintered 6-3 ruling, the court upheld Indiana's strict photo ID requirement, which Democrats and civil rights groups said would deter poor, older and minority voters from casting ballots. Its backers said it was needed to prevent fraud. It was the most important voting rights case since the

Bush v. Gore dispute that sealed the 2000 election for George W. Bush. But the voter ID ruling lacked the conservative-liberal split that marked the 2000 case. The law "is amply justified by the valid interest in protecting the integrity and reliability of the electoral process," Justice John Paul Stevens said in an opinion that was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy. Stevens was a dissenter in Bush v. Gore in 2000. Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas also agreed with the outcome, but wrote separately. Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter dissented, just as they did in 2000. — The Associated Press

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 29, the 120th day of 2008. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On April 29, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; the same day, Adolf Hitler married his fourth and last wife, Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz president. On this date: In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a French victory over the English. In 1861, Maryland's House of Delegates voted against seceding from the Union. In 1968, the counterculture musical "Hair" opened on Broadway following limited engagements off-Broadway. In 1992, deadly rioting erupted in Los Angeles after a jury in Simi Valley acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King. Ten years ago: The United States, Canada, and Mexico agreed to eliminate tariffs on items accounting for \$1 billion in trade at a meeting in the North American Free Trade Agreement. In 1968, the counter culture musical "Hair" opened on Broadway following limited engagements off-Broadway. In 1992, deadly rioting erupted in Los Angeles after a jury in Simi Valley acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King. Ten years ago: The United States, Canada, and Mexico agreed to eliminate tariffs on items accounting for \$1 billion in trade at a meeting in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF APRIL 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Self-control and self-discipline will help you make your mark as this year unfolds. During the next several weeks a tendency to rush headlong into new experiences will cause a little tension in your life. Learn to channel your energy into constructive activities and burn off excess calories at the same time through regular exercise. In July and August your friendly demeanor will draw casual acquaintances closer and through these new contacts you may be spurred to greater accomplishment. A new romance or pleasant vacation might brighten November. ARIES (March 21-April 19): All that glitters is not gold, but you might find that a reasonable facsimile at a better price will do just fine in a pinch. Investigating relative values may lead you to making a wise

and beneficial purchase. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Check it out. Sometimes previews of coming attractions are misleading and the actual event disappoints. At times like these they contain just enough tantalizing snips to tempt your appetites for more. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are in no danger of being too lenient or losing ground in a business matter. Taking a hard line might get you in the door, but you must bend the rules just a little for me. CANCER (June 21-July 22): You must work like a demon to reap angelic rewards. Your peers and partners may set a frantic pace, but it is up to your best interests to keep up. Meet your match. BEE CLOCKWORK to share in the glory. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you run into a dead end, you can always go back to the beginning and start again. By being thorough and patient you will

eventually reach your desired destination. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cream always rises to the top, but only after a period of churning. You may not receive publicity or standing ovations, but you are likely to receive recognition from important scenes. Don't overlook social events. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some self-discipline and control of your hedonistic instincts can lead to profits, recognition and more solid relationships. Flex some neglected mental muscles. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A certain someone in your life could have hidden depths and this may be an auspicious time to plan ahead. Don't ignore opportunities that are tapping at your chamber door. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A bit of cynicism and suspicion could do you a

lot and in the Ward Parkway Center in Kansas City, Mo.; the gunman, David W. Miller, shot his way through without police. An elevated section of highway that carries motorists from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to a number of freeways was destroyed after a massive truck caused part one overpass to crumple onto another. St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Josh Hancock, 29, was killed in the crash of his sport utility vehicle.

Dierkes

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It compromises safety.
"Water activities and alcohol usually don't mix too well," he said.

A security officer at Dierkes Lake found 80 percent of problems at the park stem from alcohol. Broyer had said to council members. The committee hoped a ban would improve a family atmosphere and erase an image of the park as a haven for underage drinking.

Since the ban went into effect April 19, a handful of signs have been posted at the lake and en route to the docks. Broyer told the committee that an employee monitoring the lake noticed more families last weekend — which was the point of the change.

Councilman Will Kezelo, who during the April 7 meeting added the dock area where boats enter the Snake River, said the revision was a good compromise to rid "riff raff" and would allow families to enjoy the dock area.

"I for one have started going to other parks," he said. "It's an open area. It's not like I can just hide from people boozin' it up."

As in the original vote, David E. Johnson was the only councilman in opposition. He said the amendment bypassed the committee and the council was over-regulating.

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Premiums

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employees in 2005 paid only 26 percent of premiums, and that figure fell at a time when the U.S. average rose. But through 700 more Idaho employers offered health insurance in the state — covering a potential 63,000 more employees — more than half of the state's businesses did not provide such benefits.

Like Horsley, many of them may feel that they can't afford it. Idaho is a rural state, and as such many employers are small farms or businesses who may have to choose between providing good salaries or good benefits, he guessed.

In addition, high-risk groups stand out more in smaller businesses, said Jan Roeser, a regional economist

with the Idaho Department of Labor. Younger women more likely to have children, she said, can cause premiums to skyrocket because of the possible complications that accompany pregnancy.

"I know (insurers) say they don't profile, but they kind of have to assess risk," Roeser said.

Benefits may pay off. According to the study, 78 percent of Idaho's private-sector employees in 2005 worked for employers that offered insurance. But Horsley's employees have been just fine with not getting health insurance, he said, and many other businesses in town seem to work the same way. Even if premiums became affordable, he said, keeping track of the countless plans available might still be too much of a hassle.

this shopping? Horsley asked.
Lowering premiums ultimately rests with individuals, Tuko said. It's currently developing plans that encourage employees to be

more proactive about their health, heading off more serious problems in the future.
"No one is making us drive without a seat belt," he said. "We're making these life choices."

Head Start

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Staff can also expect that their wages will be frozen.

"There will be no cost of living adjustment for Head Start staff," Marshall said.

Hours for about 16 Head Start staffers will probably divide, and some full-time

positions will likely transition to part-time, Marshall said.

Meanwhile, questions linger about how parents, dependent upon full-time Head Start services, will adapt. "It serves a population of people that are work-

ing or going to school," Marshall said. "What do they do then?"


Head Start has been on a path of funding uncertainty for much of the fiscal year.

Child classroom spots were recently on the chopping block until the

Legislature decided to continue funneling federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funding back into the program.

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Sparring

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Naranjo is charged with first-degree murder in the May 31, 2007 shooting of Vince Gonzalez, an innocent man, through the front door of his family's home in downtown Twin Falls. Two brothers and their cousin, who are of no relation to Naranjo, have either pleaded or been found guilty of accessory to murder, which carries a five-year maximum sentence.

Cassidy raised questions about the trial, in particular, Duran's testimony has been used to incriminate Naranjo at Naranjo's secret grand jury hearing, and Duran's sentence is scheduled to come after Naranjo's trial.

Cassidy suggested Duran's greater incentive in naming Naranjo as the trigger man is to keep suspicions away

from himself.
Duran "puts the gun in my client's hand," Cassidy said. "He sees him with the gun. Also, Reyes hid the gun. If somebody else shoots the gun, why do you hide the gun?"

Cassidy, appearing wrought with emotions, argued that for Loeb's to deny offering Duran a deal "flies in the face of anything genuine."

Cassidy's defense has hit two stone walls, both of which he suspects Loeb's may have helped erect.

First, the county prosecutor's office arranged a meeting between Cassidy's investigator and the victim's brothers who were at the home the night of the shooting. At the meeting, a representative of Loeb's office showed the victim's brothers a copy of their rights, including a paragraph that reminds them of their right to remain silent. Victims have the right to not help a defendant prepare his case for trial.

The brothers read the paragraph and left the room before the interview began.

Loeb's said the investigator only read the brothers their right only after they asked him about their rights.

In the past 10 days, Cassidy has run into a second wall. Despite Duran agreeing to speak with Cassidy's office, Fuller has not returned any of Cassidy's phone calls.

Cassidy successfully convinced Stoker to institute a \$20,000 material witness bond for an Idaho prisoner facing an imminent transfer to a Texas prison. That material witness, Richard Araiza, said other inmates at the Twin Falls County Jail called Duran "a rat," according to Cassidy. When Araiza asked Duran about it, Duran said, "Why would I be a rat if I was the shooter?"

In a taped phone call from the jail, Duran's sister Stella told Araiza, "The victim's brothers are after" Duran, Cassidy said.

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weeks ago.

Since then, Clinton won the Pennsylvania primary, raising questions anew about whether Obama can attract broad swaths of voters needed to triumph in such big states come the fall when the Democratic nominees will go up against McCain. At the same time, Obama was thrown on the defensive by his comment that residents of small-town America were bitter. The Illinois senator also continued to deal with the controversial remarks of his longtime Chicago pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Obama said Monday, after Wright's latest comments, "None of the voters I talk to ask about it. There may be people who are troubled by it and are polite but not asking about it. It's not what I hear."

"I have said before and will say again that some of the comments Rev. Wright has made offend me and I understand why they have offended the American people. ... Certainly what the last three days indicates is we're not coordinating with him."

Wright showed no concern for how he might be affecting the presidential race. He suggested Obama was distancing himself because of political motivations while he was trying to do what was right in the eyes of the Lord.

"I don't think there's any question that over the last three weeks Clinton's stature has improved," said Harrison Hlekman, a Democratic pollster unaffiliated in the primary. He predicted Clinton gains to people moving from the "infatuation stage" of choosing the candidate they like the most to a "decision-making stage" where they determine who would make the best president.

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Forest Service adapting So. Hills road plan

By Sven Berg
Staff writer

U.S. Forest Service Minidoka District Ranger Steve Nannenga said Monday his office is working on a plan to free up more trails for off-road vehicles while restricting use on 95 miles of roads in the South Hills.

Before the new plan can be implemented, Nannenga said, an existing plan to eliminate about 350 miles of unofficial trails must pass an appeals process launched by advocates for trail riders. Nannenga said he expects that process to be resolved by the end of May.

Trail riders and other interest

groups have opposed the Forest Service's existing plan, saying it decreases recreation opportunities and access to public lands.

"If you can't get there, you can't hunt it," said George Warrell, chairman of the Mini-Cassia chapter of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife. "We're against being so restrictive to where you're not able to recreate on public lands. What (public land agencies) need to do is focus more on working with ATV groups and sportsmen's groups and educating people."

The Forest Service has countered with claims that many trails currently in use are not sanctioned and using them is causing ecological damage. While Forest Service officials

point out many "user-created" trails have identical starting points and destinations, trail riders argue each one offers a unique experience and features.

Nannenga said the Forest Service's new plan would reinstate some of the "user-created" trails. In return, he wants to close to motor vehicles about 95 miles of roadways in the South Hills.

"There were some of those that were high quality trails," he said. "Just because of timing and the opportunity to review them on the ground, we weren't able to take a look at them."

Nannenga said a study headlined by Forest Service researcher Michael Wisdom concludes main-

taining more than 1.7 miles of road per section negatively impacts wildlife populations. The study asserts higher public access to roadways leads to increased traffic, which leads to a decrease in wildlife habitat, as well as increased noise and poaching.

Currently, Nannenga said, Forest Service land in the South Hills is home to about 1.71 miles of active road per section. The agency's new proposal would cut that number to less than 1.4 miles per section. Nannenga said most of the roads targeted are dead end outside the regular road system.

Warrell said if Wisdom's study is reliable, SPW — which regularly funds habitat improvement proj-

ects — would be glad to work with the Forest Service to encourage wildlife populations.

"We're always willing to work with the Forest Service and (the Bureau of Land Management) — and everybody — to improve the habitat for hunting and fishing," he said.

But Warrell said dead-end roads can be especially valuable to hunters.

"Those are areas that even though they're a dead end we get out and hunt," he said. "The spur roads are what rely on as hunters to access the mountain."

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M.V. airport signs new ad agency contract

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport has begun efforts to increase advertising revenue at its facility, and it recently entered a contract with a new advertising agency.

By the end of the 2008, air travelers and visitors to the airport will notice a difference in commercial advertising at the airport, said Airport Manager Bill Carberry. The airport agreed with the Elizabeth Younger Agency, based in Nevada, to assume overall advertising duties, including marketing and the building of signs.

He said the new ads are expected to be more attractive and stylish, drive up revenue and leave visitors with a positive impression of Twin Falls.

"The airport in many ways serves as a welcome mat," he said. "They've got a host of ideas to change the look and feel of the opportunities out here."

Currently, the only advertising at the airport comes through signs manufactured by Twin Falls-based Lytle Signs. Business owners sign contracts with Lytle Signs and the airport receives 40 percent of the gross revenue of what the sign company receives. The relationship with Lytle will be phased out, Carberry said.

"The sales and marketing just wasn't something they were able to embrace wholeheartedly and so we started looking for other options," he said.

Under the agreement, Carberry said, the airport will receive 20 percent of the gross revenue the first year and the ad agency will receive the rest. By the fifth year, the airport will receive 40 percent of the gross revenue. The city is helping with initial construction costs, Carberry said.

Carberry said the firm could provide a more consistent revenue-generating source for the airport, which has seen annual revenue from advertising. The airport's annual revenue from advertising is between \$6,000 and \$10,000, Carberry said. He said the goal is to raise between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in gross revenue after five years.

Carberry said possibilities include new displays and digital ads. The agency has joined the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, is making local contacts and working with Lytle to take over some existing contracts. The agency will work with several regional airports, including Boise and Eugene, Ore.

The contract was recently approved by Twin Falls County and city, which share airport ownership. They figured it'd be more effective and eventually make more money," said Twin Falls County Commissioner George Urlic, who sits on the airport advisory board. "They'll be more active and more creative."

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Most M.V. Direct Writing, Math scores trumped by state results

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Most students in public school districts across the Magic Valley scored below statewide results on Direct Writing and Math Assessment tests this academic year.

Recently released scores show that overall, Idaho's children are excelling in writing but need more help in math, according to a State Department of Education press release.

In Magic Valley, the percentage of students scoring proficient in writing was 14 percent higher than those who scored proficient in the math test. But students are lagging behind state totals for both tests. Math scores lagged behind writing scores statewide, just as they did throughout the Magic Valley.

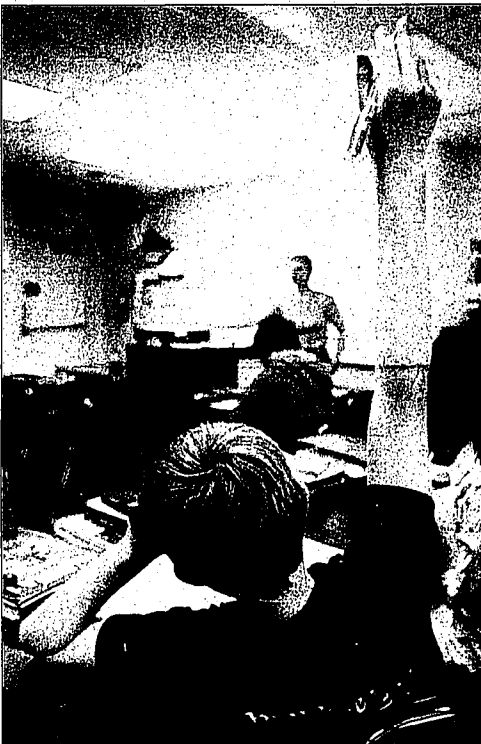
Sixteen of 20 school districts in the Magic Valley fell below the overall state's level of proficiency, which was 66 percent on the Direct Writing Assessment — a test given to students in fifth, seventh and ninth grades.

About 61 percent of 20 Magic Valley school districts were proficient on the writing test — or 4,373 students out of 7,152. That's about 5.6 percent less than the statewide total.

And 16 of 20 Magic Valley school districts also fell below the state's overall proficiency level of 53 percent on the Direct Math Assessment test — administered to children in grades four, six and eight. About 47 percent of students tested in Magic Valley school districts were proficient on the math test.

It's not immediately clear how one other specific geographical region of Idaho may have stacked up against the state. The Idaho State Department of Education only reports the results by school, individual school district and state, said Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Idaho State

Below the curve



Robert Stuart Junior High eighth-grader Connor Stubblefield asks a question Monday during his algebra class.

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To see how Magic Valley schools and districts scored on the Direct Writing and Math Assessment tests this year, go to www.magivalley.com and <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/dotacollection/dmwa/>

Department of Education.

The Department of Education is promoting a math initiative right now —

funded by \$350,000 of seed money granted by the 2007 Legislature. The initiative will culminate in recommendations to encourage authentic assessment practices are used to measure growth," according to the State Department of Education Web site.

Next school year the State Department of Education will pilot a new assessment of kindergarten through second-grade students, since many schools don't measure math performance in early grades. "The state plans to fully implement the

new assessment in the following school year if the pilot is successful," according to the State Department of Education Web site.

State Superintendent of Instruction Tom Luna wasn't surprised by this year's statewide results, according to a press release from his office.

"It is great to see Idaho students doing so well in writing, and we now have a plan to boost student achievement in math as well," Luna said in the release. "The Idaho Math Initiative will start this fall

Direct writing

The percentage of local school district grades that scored proficient on Direct Writing and Direct Math tests.

Math	4th	6th	8th
State	64	45	64
Twin Falls	69	51	57
Filer	39	74	54
Hansen	70	22	56
Murtaugh	46	23	NA
Buhl	24	30	51
Castleford	35	58	70
Kimberly	77	64	64
Jerome	56	22	40
Valley	52	28	40
Cassia	50	37	44
Minidoka	51	29	37
Blaine	67	33	49
Bliss	18	68	NA
Gooding	29	29	54
Wendell	58	53	53
Hagerman	17	42	25
Shoshone	30	26	24
Richfield	25	70	47
Dietrich	83	23	41
Glenns Ferry	60	17	46

Writing	5th	7th	9th
State	64	65	74
Twin Falls	64	58	73
Filer	66	51	72
Hansen	48	71	77
Murtaugh	50	73	NA
Buhl	51	56	74
Castleford	78	74	70
Kimberly	76	78	67
Jerome	46	56	66
Valley	43	39	56
Cassia	65	48	64
Minidoka	58	56	63
Blaine	65	59	68
Bliss	60	75	91
Gooding	32	56	63
Wendell	67	64	75
Hagerman	57	41	58
Shoshone	29	57	57
Richfield	45	12	56
Dietrich	62	73	88
Glenns Ferry	45	57	65

and help improve math education across all grades so we can ensure all students obtain the math skills they need to succeed."

The State Department of Education uses the math and writing scores to assess where students are struggling, McGrath said. Students are tested annually, but the assessment tests that are developed by teachers — and scores aren't factored into Adequate Yearly Progress requirements mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

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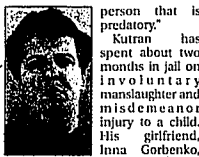
Bond lowered for suspect in T.F. fire death case

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Stepan Kutran, an inmate charged in the Feb. 19 house fire death of a child is likely to post a \$100,000 bond reduced his bond Monday from \$100,000 to \$50,000, his attorney Mike Wood said.

Wood argued for a \$10,000 bond. "You have before you a man who represents no intentional harm to this community," Wood argued.

"Quite frankly that (\$100,000) bond is the type that would be set for a



Kutran

person that is predatory." Kutran has spent about two months in jail on a \$100,000 bond. He is the son of a man and a woman, and is a father of a child. His girlfriend, Inna Gorbenko, who had been in jail on the same charges, was released earlier this month after family members in

Boise posted her \$100,000 bond. According to Wood, the couple has tremendous family support.

Gorbenko and Kutran were charged in late February after they left their children inside a home that burned Feb. 19. The manslaughter charges arose after their daughter Jasmine S. Gorbenko, 2, died later at a Salt Lake City burn center with third-degree burns covering 85 percent of her body. Twelve-month-old Emmanuel Gorbenko suffered smoke inhalation in the fire.

"I think he can" post the bond, Wood said after the hearing.

Fifth District Judge Randy Stoker said, in response to the request for a \$10,000 bond, "I think Kutran had more contact in Twin Falls than he has any Gorbenko's brother. He ordered as a condition of bond that Kutran wear an ankle monitor that controls his motion through a global-positioning system and that he submit to court compliance. Kutran must not leave Twin Falls County

Harry Loyd Hofstetter

RUPERT — Harry Loyd Hofstetter, an 81-year-old resident of Rupert, passed away Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.



Harry was born June 30, 1926, in Geneva, Ind., to Otto and Ella Matz. He graduated from Geneva High School and then joined the Army Air Force. He retired from school teaching in Glennallen, Alaska. Harry was a member of the Rupert First Baptist Church and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He conducted many military funerals in the Mini-Cassia area. He also belonged to the Declo American Legion, Rupert Lions and Rupert Citizens on Patrol. He loved collecting guns and working with them and also wood working in his shop. Harry never met a stranger and was always ready to help anyone in need. He was well liked by everyone he met and will be missed by all.

Harry is survived by his wife, Pauline Hofstetter of Rupert; daughters, Diane (Richard) Purdy of Mountain Home, Debbie (Bill) Swan of Moscow and Donetta Morgan of Nampa; sons,

Daniel Hofstetter of Burley, and Donald Hofstetter of Glennallen, Alaska; stepsons, Walter (Pat) Dunn of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Clayton (Vicki) Thompson of Wren, Ore.; daughter, Sharon Hofstetter of Burley; many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren; foster daughter, Sherry Jackson of Shidler, Okla.; and foster son, Lyle Foley of Gooding. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters, ID 83356.

In lieu of flowers, anyone who wishes may donate in his memory to Mini-Cassia DAV Rupert Chapter, Declo American Legion, or the Rupert Lions in care of Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St., Rupert, ID 83350.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Pastors Ray Herd and Dan Lovelace officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery with military rites by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Norma Eunice Burns Crapo

BOISE — Norma Eunice Burns Crapo crossed over peacefully on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. She was 65 years young.

Born on Aug. 6, 1942, in Eagle, to Norman and Hazel Burns; Norma graduated from Meridian High School in 1960. Upon graduation from Boise State in 1962, she worked for different back-country ranches throughout Idaho as well as the Boise School District. Her love for travel led her to become a truck driver and, along with her son, Norm, she crisscrossed the country for several years before settling in Jackson, Wyo., in 1987.

Norma went to work for Cactus Petes Hotel and Casino and, in 1988, she met the love of her life, Erroll. Friendship turned to love and by 1990, they were

almost inseparable. She retired from Cactus Petes in 2007 and settled into a new home with her husband in Elko, Nev. She was loved by almost everyone who knew her.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Catherine Beckley; and her brother-in-law, Edgar "Eggs" Beckley. She is survived by her husband, Erroll Crapo of Elko, Nev.; her son, Norm Williams of Boise; her stepson, Steve Crapo; and stepdaughter, Michelle Guzman, both of Elko, Nev.; her grandchildren, Mary Williams of Rogerson, Scott Crapo of Boise, and Brad, Josh and Indi Crapo of Elko, Nev.; as well as her many loving and dear friends.

A celebration of Norma's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Jay Fredrickson

RUPERT — Jay "Ken" Fredrickson, 64, of Rupert, died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Declo Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Peterson, 48, of Buhl, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Kenneth Quilici

Kenneth Quilici, 82, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at his home.

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

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Lenore Huettig

Lenore Huettig, 89, of Twin Falls and Hazelton, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.



Lenore was born Aug. 18, 1918, in Buhl, the daughter of Albert and Beata Klueder.

She married Herman Huettig on June 6, 1940, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lenore is survived by her children, Keith (Sharon) Huettig of Jerome, Carole Howell of Kimberly, Myran (Ellen) Huettig of Hazelton, Larry (Nancy) Huettig of Hazelton and Pamela (Mitch) Brus of Reno, Nev. She is also survived by her sister, Alberta McFarland of Kimberly; brother, Victor Lierman of Portland, Ore.; son-in-law, Ron Buschhorn; 22 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Herman in April 1997; her children, Inge Buschhorn and Gerald Huettig; grandson, Jeffery Huettig; sister, Irene Hiler;

two brothers, Lloyd Lierman and Kenny Lierman; and son-in-law, Tom Howell.

Lenore was dedicated to her children, grandchildren and her faith in Jesus. She led her life with grace and dignity, touching all who knew her with kindness, selflessness and generosity. Her family celebrates her life on earth and blesses her passing to eternal life. It is with love, we say goodbye to a wonderful lady who gave us so much joy and love.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at the Eden Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Don Adolph officiating. Burial will follow at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 2 to 2:45 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be given to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home of the West, in care of the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1602 E. 1100 S., Eden, ID 83325, or to the Silver and Gold Senior Center, 210 E. Wilson, Eden, ID 83325. Family and friends are invited to share your thoughts and memories at www.mem.com.

Christopher S. Edgeworth

MOUNTAIN HOME — Christopher S. Stanley Edgeworth, 55, of Mountain Home, died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at a local care center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Claude Wood

HOLLISTER — Claude Wood, 69, of Hollister, died Monday, April 27, 2008, at his home.

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

Elsie Pryor

BUHL — Elsie Pryor, 92, of Buhl, died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at the Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Buhl.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Hal S. Peterson

BUHL — Hal S. Scott

Karen Christine Ploss

BOISE — Karen Christine Ploss, 56, of Boise and formerly of Jerome, passed away Thursday, April 24, 2008, in Boise following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 18, 1949, in Wendell, the daughter of Laurel Ploss and Mildred "Mickey" Barkman Ploss. Karen was raised in Jerome, where she participated in 4-H, the Jerome Posses-Ettes and volunteered as a camp counselor. She enjoyed playing the piano. Karen graduated from Jerome High School in 1968. She spent most of her working life in home health. She

loved her family and especially enjoyed her nieces and nephews. She will be remembered as a very kind and compassionate person.



Karen is survived by her parents, Laurel and Mickey Ploss of Jerome; three brothers, Bob (Penny) Ploss of Twin Falls, Steve (Janet) Ploss and Allen (Garric) Ploss, all of Jerome. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended

family members and friends. She was preceded in death by all of her grandparents and her nephew, Erik Ploss.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, May 2, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, with Pastor Mike McManus officiating. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Karen's family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in Karen's name to the American Diabetes Association of Idaho, 1111 S. Orchard St., Boise, ID 83705-1966.

visitation from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. today at the stake center. (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

John Edward Boice of Eden, funeral at 2 p.m. today at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Edna Mae Alexander of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Buhl First Christian Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Doris D. Davls of Hammett, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the LDS Church in Glens Ferry; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today

at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Rosa B. Gomez (Labra) of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; visitation through the funeral Wednesday at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Farrel Dean Ball of Paul, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Paul Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Leonard B. Scheer of Rupert and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Farmworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Mas Kuwana of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Caroline Clegg Bench of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.;

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EDITORIAL

Jerome has the right idea

How important is early childhood education? Especially bilingual early education?

A recent report by the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs shows that Latino students in the third through eighth grades and 10th-graders scored below their non-Hispanic classmates in reading, math, language and skills on the 2006-2007 Idaho Standardized Achievement's Test.

One exception was the Jerome School District, where bilingual programs start in kindergarten and Latino test scores are much better than the average.

That's consistent with years of studies into cognitive development and bilingual education. It just stands to reason that the earlier kids adapt the language of learning, the better they'll learn.

Latinos are the state's fastest-growing and largest ethnic group. More than 35,900 Idaho students have Latino heritage — 13.4 percent of total enrollment.

Latinos have historically scored lower on tests than do all other students. Still, the commission didn't expect to find that the gap widens as students get older.

About 5 percent of Latino third-graders scored below proficiency levels in math, compared to 1.8 percent of other students who scored below proficiency levels.

In the 10th grade, 21.9 percent of Latinos scored below proficiency in math, while 8.3 percent of non-Hispanic students failed the tests.

The commission reports similar gaps in reading and language skills.

By the time a Latino student reaches 10th grade, it's almost impossible to catch up if his or her English skills are limited. That's one reason the Latino high school dropout rate is far higher than for other groups.

Students in programs like Jerome's are far better equipped to learn at a younger age. And much more likely to stay in school.

The Jerome School District has done many innovative things during the tenure of retiring Superintendent Jim Cobble, but early bilingual education may top the list.

Kids who stay in school cost taxpayers less. If every school district offered Jerome-style bilingual education, the programs would pay for themselves in lower remediation, law enforcement and prison costs.

Our view: The test scores of Idaho Latino students still lag, but the evidence is strong enough that the Jerome School District's approach of early bilingual education pays dividends.

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

Why would anyone want to run for president?

Good news for our smaller I am definitely never ever going to run for the nation's highest office. I couldn't survive the microscopic scrutiny, and I begin to wonder: Could anyone?



TOM TEEPEN

The Bushies wrecked John McCain's Straight Talk Express in 2000 with a whispering campaign that he had a black child sort of, you know, on the side. The truth? The McCain had adopted a baby from Bangladesh. Four years later, the Swift Boat Veterans for Slander turned John Kerry, an authentic Vietnam war naval hero, into a model traitor.

This year is even worse for any candidate who isn't into political correctness.

The latest rip tries to declare one William Ayers an avvil and then to throw Barack Obama overboard with Ayers around his neck. Back in the 1960s, Ayers ran with the Weathermen Underground — nee, Weathermen — which had an unfortunate tendency to blow things up, luckily without injury but with ill intent and unmistakable damage.

These days, Ayers teaches education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has been an education advisor to Mayor Richard Daley. He contributed \$20 to Obama's run for the state Legislature. He and Obama have served together on the board of a charity, the Woods Foundation, which helps the poor.

The voracious need for filler by cable TV's 24-hour news mongers keeps what used to be one-day sensations boiling for days.

So, of course, new Obama is supposed to be seen as a closet radical who might start dynamiting banks and military bases at any moment.

Right there I'd be in the soup if I ever run. In the wild '08 my wife and I hosted a fund-raising party for a local theater group. At one point I looked across the room to see Angela Davis, the radical du jour, and William Kunstler, showboat lawyer to radicals du jour, sitting on the couch. I don't know how they got there, but I'd be political roadkill for parrying with notorious lefties.

I've never made up a whooper to equal Hillary

Clinton's bravery under phantom sniper fire, but there are a few tales I tell from my life that, during the years, have been, let us say, enriched by recovered memories. I like the stories the way they are and would recant them with transparent insincerity.

And the list of shakedown fodder goes on. You know the drift: Drugs, sex, rock 'n' roll, French cooking.

The voracious need for filler by cable TV's 24-hour news mongers keeps what used to be one-day sensations boiling for days. Weeks. It is serviced by a willful refusal to understand what a candidate platform is getting at. Obama has said again and again what he believes substantive patriotism entails. He still gets ripped for not wearing a flag pin in his lapel

— a meaningless cliché gesture. Every pol who has been perp-walked from Congress to prison has worn a flag pin. There's a lot of lofty-sounding nonsense being bandied about to the effect that it is important for our candidates to be dragged through the sort of trial by fire that has scorched all those of this year's remaining claimants. Vetting them down to every personal detail is said to be necessary to judge their fitness.

I don't buy it. That's an excuse invented by voters to allay their voyeurism. The process is now so dragged out, so without self-editing and pity that the only thing it can produce for sure is damaged goods, a new president whose inattention cannot be checked unreservedly even by his or her own voters.

Tom Teepen is an Atlanta-based columnist for Cox Newspapers. Write to him at teepencolumn@earthlink.net.

Twin Falls County sheriff's budget out of whack

I would like to tell you about myself and why I'm running for Twin Falls County Sheriff.

I was born and raised in southern Idaho from 1959 to present. I have worked in numerous positions throughout my working career that have given me the skills to be a great sheriff.

Those skills are conflict resolution, business management, accounting and finances, listening skills, task management, conflict resolution, instructor, problem solver, and the ability to stay calm and sensible. I became a reserve with the sheriff's department in 1992 while working full time with Idaho Power. I enjoyed what I was doing, so when a deputy sheriff position became available, I put in for it. I was chosen for the position and became a certified Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer, Camp Resistance, Education and Training officer, advanced marine deputy, DARE mentor (instructing other police officers).

I have the skills and the desire to take the sheriff's position to the next level. I will do this by understanding the needs of the community,



READER COMMENT Ron Kirtland

the budget, the personnel and willingness to work with county commissioners and other law enforcement agencies. A serious look needs to be taken at the needs of the sheriff's department and figure how to make it run more effectively and efficiently. I'll be looking at overtime salaries, vehicle fuel and repair expenses. As sheriff, I'll be more financially responsible with taxpayers' money.

The sheriff has spent more than \$179,000 in the last three years just for administration overtime. Those are all salaried positions. For administration personnel who drive county vehicles, Tinsley has spent more than \$30,000 in fuel costs and repairs. They drive these vehicles to and from work, to the store, taking their kids to school and even to Jackpot. Next, fire entertainment. I say, "Enough is enough!"

I have looked at the sheriff's budget and jail budget

I will share with you how I plan to fix the problems at the sheriff's department.

You will know where I stand on important issues facing the people of Twin Falls County!

for 2005, 2006 and 2007. The numbers don't make sense. Vehicle expense budget for 2005 was \$142,402 and the actual was \$290,605. The next year, the sheriff budgeted \$179,339; the actual came in at \$202,393. With those two years in mind, one would think you would budget more in 2007.

Instead, for 2007, he budgeted less than the 2005 and 2006 budget. The 2007 budget came in at \$145,669; the actual was \$227,952. He did the same thing with overtime salaries. He budgeted in 2005 for \$145,000; actual was \$294,777. The 2006 budget was \$130,000; actual was \$297,341. In 2007, he budgeted \$215,831; actual was \$339,631. As you can see, we have a sheriff that either doesn't get it or comes in low on his budget, knowing he can ask commissioners to pay for his overages.

Commissioners took money away from his 2008 budget to pay for the coverage in 2007. Good for you, commissioners! We need to have a sheriff accountable for his budget!

Wednesday, May 7 and May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., I will hold a "meet the candidate" meeting at the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors office, 1162 Eastland Dr. in Twin Falls. I will share with you how I plan to fix the problems at the sheriff's department. You will know where I stand on important issues facing the people of Twin Falls County! The primary is May 27, and I would be honored if you would elect me as your next sheriff!

Ron Kirtland is seeking the Republican nomination for Twin Falls County Sheriff in the May 27 primary election.

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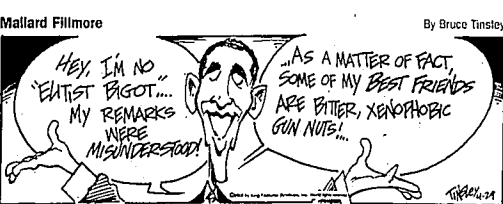
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Mallard Fillmore



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Filer bond solves overcrowding in schools

Patrons of the Filer School District will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed school bond that includes a new intermediate school building for grades 4-5 through 6th and a community and high school recreational facility. The proposal will alleviate the overcrowding in the school district and plans for the anticipated growth over the next 10 years.

The elementary school is subject to overcrowding and limited gym space for physical education classes. I currently serve as a middle school teacher. Due to a lack of classroom space, I teach my three middle school science classes in three different rooms, one of which is the cafeteria during lunch preparation. The high school also has several basketball courts due to lack of space, and the facilities, district-wide, for special needs students and staff are severely inadequate.

The bond also provides for repairs to the roof at Hollister Elementary. Hollister is integral to our district and provides small class sizes and minimizes the time students spend traveling to and from school in our expansive school district.

The community and high school recreational facility will include public restrooms, team rooms for home and visiting teams, and an emceesion stand, new bleachers and lighting will also be installed, allowing us to move the football field

About election letters

The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor from and on behalf of candidates for the May 20 school board elections and for the May 27 primary elections. Deadline for school board election letters is Thursday, May 15, at 5 p.m., and deadline for primary election letters is Wednesday, May 21, at 5 p.m. Election letters received after those dates will not be published. Deadline for letters about the May 2 Filer School District bond issue election is Tuesday, April 29, at 5 p.m. Letters must be 300 words or less, and the Times-News will publish one letter from each writer in April and one in May.

The Times-News will not publish extended, 600-word reader comments by or on behalf of candidates after April 30. That rule includes reader commentaries written in response to letters from other candidates or their supporters.

Email letters to ethomason@magicvalley.com, fax them to 734-5538, or mail them to Letters to the Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. If you have questions, phone Opinion Editor Steve Crump at 735-3223.

from its current location behind the elementary school to a site adjacent to the high school. The current football field does not have adequate locker rooms or shower and restroom facilities for the home or visiting teams. There are also no public restrooms available to spectators other than the portable toilets that are brought in every year.

As a Filer graduate and a current employee of the district, I encourage you to vote yes on the bond on May 2.

GARY MOON
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Gary Moon is a science teacher at Filer Middle School and an athletic director at Filer High School.)

Hollister Elementary does meet students' needs

As a resident of Hollister whose child's entire elementary education was received at Hollister Elementary, I am writing in response to Phil Auth's latest rant on the Filer School District. First let's clarify the amount of the bond — it is \$16 million. My understanding is that the Filer School District's tax levy rate is the lowest in the Magic Valley, other than Glens Ferry. Even with the passage of the bond, the district will be in the lower third of the districts in the Magic Valley.

This is the second time you have said there are 100

empty desks at Hollister Elementary, where are these desks? The school currently has an enrollment of 67 students. I cannot see how that school could support 167 students? They would be sitting on top of each other in the classrooms. But the real point is that there are not 100 more students within the Hollister boundaries to fill those desks. At the present time, there are only nine students attending Filer Elementary that should be going to Hollister.

You say that the school does not have a principal. It has always had a part-time principal or a head teacher. There has always been an "acting" teacher at that school. You say they do not have a local lunch program. Have you gone out and spoken with the cook out there? She prepares breakfast and lunch for all the students every day. And yes, it is a hot lunch!

The Long Range Facility Planning Committee is made up of in-district parents and patrons, including several Hollister parents. They are all in agreement that Hollister Elementary is a valuable asset and that \$100,000 of the bond be allocated to address building needs.

Too many people including parents, community volunteers and Filer District staff members have worked too hard to make Hollister Elementary a wonderful school. For you to imply that students' needs are not being met is irresponsible! CLARENCE DAVID
Hollister

AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. reminds citizens on sign policy

The city of Twin Falls is reminding people that placing signs in street right of way areas, including on stakes, street signs and power-line poles, is illegal and will be removed. The signs typically advertise insurance deals, weight loss programs, car sales or garage sales, according to the city. Officials said they remove such signs when found.

For more information, contact Sean Smith, the city's public enforcement officer, at 200-735-7278 or visit the city's Web site at www.tffid.org.

T.F. adopts new land-use plan

The Twin Falls County commissioners will unanimously Monday approve an updated comprehensive plan. The vote followed a public hearing.

The plan, which was last updated in 1995, serves as a reference for growth and development in the county. While not a legal-binding document, it allows county officials — mainly the commissioners — to cite as they make decisions on all sorts of decisions from land use to schools to law enforcement needs.

Commissioner George Urte said that when conflicts arise in the future "you can justify turning down that change ... or passing it."

County officials said the delay in adoption — the process has taken nearly three years — was due to issues with the consultant hired and the fact that every time changes were made they needed to go through public hearings.

Hundreds of residents participated in the plan's development, county officials have said. Commissioners said Monday that they believed all citizens' concerns were addressed.

The county will also have to draft ordinances now to keep county policies

consistent with the plan.

County approves grant for Safe House

The Twin Falls County commissioners voted unanimously Monday to approve a more than \$45,000 state grant for a county shelter for the county's two Safe Houses.

The original Safe House, located at Sixth Avenue North, takes in about a dozen teenagers from troubled homes or families for up to six months. The kids come from a wide-spectrum of backgrounds, including parents with drug or sex-abuse histories.

A second facility on Rose Street is under construction and expected to be finished this summer.

The counselor, who would be responsible for helping both houses, was part of the county's long-term plan for the two facilities.

— from staff reports

Bond

Continued from page A4 and, should the fee, he must waive an another hearing in an extrajudicial manner.

In the meantime, he promised to live with his wife's brother," he said through a Russian translator.

In addition to arguing that the defendant poses no risk

to society, Wood also argued that he is a low flight risk.

"Quite frankly he doesn't have the resources to flee,"

Wood said. County Deputy Prosecutor Janice Kroeger argued she believes "there is a high likelihood of conviction."

Wood disputed Kroeger's point, arguing the case is wide open.



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TEXAS

Officials say more than half of girls at sect have been pregnant

SAN ANTONIO — More than half the teen girls taken from a polygamist compound in west Texas have children or are pregnant, state officials said Monday. A total of 53 girls between the ages of 14 and 17 are in state custody after a raid 3 1/2 weeks ago at the Yearning For Zion Ranch in Eldorado. Of those girls, 31 either have children or are pregnant, said Child Protective Services spokesman Darrell Azar. Two of those are pregnant now, he said; it was unclear whether either of those two already have children.

"It shows you a pretty distinct pattern, that is pretty pervasive," he said. State officials took custody of all 463 children at the ranch controlled by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, saying a pattern of teen girls forced into underage "spiritual" marriages and sex with much older men created an unsafe environment for the sect's children.

Under Texas law, children under the age of 17 generally cannot consent to sex with an adult. A girl can get married with parental permission at 16, but none of these girls is believed to have a legal marriage under state law.

CALIFORNIA

Miley Cyrus apologizes ahead of time for racy Vanity Fair photo spread

LOS ANGELES — Miley Cyrus is taking issue with a photo of herself that's going around, and it's not another amateur, truth-or-dare Internet snapshot — it's the handiwork of Annie Leibovitz. "I took part in a photo shoot that was supposed to be 'artistic' and now, seeing the photographs and reading the story, I feel so embarrassed," Cyrus said Sunday in a statement through her publicist. "I never intended for any of this to happen and I apologize to my fans who I care so deeply about."

The photos, appearing in the upcoming issue of Vanity Fair, were taken by Leibovitz, a renowned celebrity photographer whose edgy, silver-toned portraits have included subjects such as Angelina Jolie, Scarlett Johansson and a naked, pregnant Demi Moore.

"I'm sorry that my portrait of Miley has been misinterpreted," Leibovitz said in a statement released by Vanity Fair. "Miley and I looked at fashion photographs together and we discussed the picture in that context before we shot it. The photograph is a simple, classic portrait, shot with very little makeup, and I think it is very beautiful."

The Cyrus pictures accompany an interview with the 15-year-old pop star and her father, singer Billy Ray Cyrus. One photo in particular is causing the biggest stir: the teen idol is wrapped in what appears to be a satin bedsheet, looking over her shoulder with her back exposed.

NORTH KOREA

No disruptions as Olympic torch is celebrated in N. Korea

PYONGYANG — North Korea mobilized tens of thousands of citizens on Monday to celebrate the Olympic torch relay, the flames' first visit to the authoritarian nation.

Men in their best suits and women wearing traditional high-waisted dresses waved flags and paper flowers in the capital, greeting the torch like a visiting head of state. Unlike some other parts of the relay ahead of the Beijing Olympics, everything went off without a hitch in North Korea. Only the most loyal communist elite are allowed to live in Pyongyang, a showpiece city filled with monuments to the hard-line regime.

China is North Korea's main ally and a key provider of aid, and the torch relay was used to herald their ties. North Korea has condemned disruptions of the torch relay elsewhere, and supported Beijing in its crackdown on violent protests in Tibet.

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IDAHO

Luna's brother sentenced for child molestation

CALDWELL — A Nampa man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for lewd conduct with a minor younger than 16.

James Luna, the brother of Idaho Schools Superintendent Tom Luna, admitting molesting a girl for five years, starting when she was just 9 years old. Third District Judge Thomas Ryan said James Luna would have to serve at

least seven years before he is eligible for parole. Luna had asked that he be sentenced to a community-based treatment program after a short prison stay. The maximum possible sentence for lewd conduct with a minor

under 16 is life in prison. During his sentencing hearing Monday, Luna made a tearful apology, saying he accepts full responsibility for his actions.

— The Associated Press

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NBA coaching legend Riley resigns as Heat coach

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Pat Riley's worst season as coach of the Miami Heat will be his last.

The Hall of Famer resigned as coach Monday but remains team president. Erik Spoelstra, a 37-year-old assistant, will succeed Riley and become the NBA's youngest current coach. Spoelstra has never been a head coach at any level outside the NBA's summer league.

Miami finished the season with the NBA's poorest record (15-67) and the worst of Riley's 25-year career.

As president, Riley will continue overseeing the plan to rebuild a franchise that's just two years removed from a championship, after deciding that he'd best benefit the franchise by working exclusively from the front office.

"While we are always looking for NBA talent to perform on the court,



All East action

Oriando aims to knock out Raptors and Celtics look to grab 3-1 lead over Hawks. See page B2 for the NBA playoff roundup.

the most important talent that you may find has to perform on the bench. In the locker room, late at night, watching film, motivating and executing all the responsibilities of a head coach," Riley said. "I believe Erik Spoelstra is one of the most talented young coaches to come around in a long time."

Riley's future was among many major issues awaiting Miami this offseason. The Heat could have the

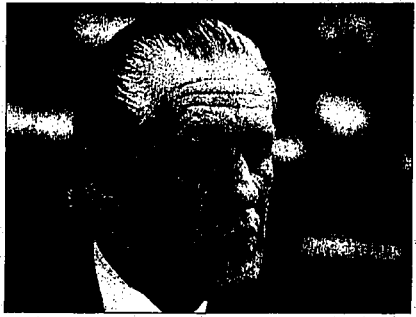
No. 1 pick in the draft, are assured a top-four pick and are certain to make moves in an effort to revamp a roster plagued by injuries.

"Pat Riley has instilled in me values that enabled me to win a championship in just three seasons," Heat guard Dwyane Wade said Monday. "I believe that with his focus on being president and his commitment to the team, we will once again become a contender."

Spoelstra indicated he would like to keep assistants Ron Rothstein, Bob McAdoo and Keith Askins.

Unless he comes back — he has once before — Riley finishes his career with 1,210 victories, third most in NBA history behind Larry Wilkens and Don Nelson. He won seven championships in all, five as a head coach, one as an assistant and one as a player, and was voted into the 2008 Hall of Fame class this month.

His induction is Sept. 5.



Pat Riley listens to a question during Monday's press conference to announce his resignation as Miami Heat head coach. Riley will remain team president.

Rivalry redux



Twin Falls pitcher Nick Yergensen, left, and Minico pitcher Cody Winmill (7) are just two of many talented players that are expected to feature in today's game.

Gawdy records, top talent, great pride: Bruins, Spartans sure to provide classic

If you love baseball but only make it to one high school game a year, check the Twin Falls-Minico match-up today at 5 p.m. at Bill Ingram Field.

Prep baseball just doesn't get any better. Minico is dominating Class 4A with a 21-1 record. The Spartans dropped the opener to Madison and haven't lost since.

Twin Falls rules the Class 5A roost with a 19-4 record and has lost only once to an Idaho team.

That team would be Minico, which broke open a tight game with a six-run sixth inning to beat the Bruins 12-7 last week. Something tells me the Bruins would like to even the score.

The coaches, Mike Federico of Twin Falls and Ben Frank of Minico, oversee programs that preach playing baseball the right way.

Their disciplined hitters work counts and hit the other way, making for long



ZACH KYLE

battles with pitchers that change speeds and hit spots with repertoires that would make some JUCO pitchers envious.

Expect to see balls crushed to the fence and batters trailing a foot ahead of curveballs for strike three.

Expect infielders to charge or wait on short-pole legions, and outfielders to take uncanny routes as they break on hard-hit flies.

Expect to see more talent on the diamond than any state tournament will offer.

Forget that who wins and losses has zero bearing in terms of conference seeding.

Twin Falls and Minico haven't played in the same

conference for several years, though they'll be lumped together when the Twin Falls school split happens for the 2009-10 school year.

But until then, this one is strictly for pride and bragging rights.

Minico already wrapped up the top seed in the Great Basin Conference West with a 6-0 record, taking care of business just as Twin Falls did in sweeping to 8-0 and the top seed in Region Four-Five-Six.

Both teams have little to gain other than staying sharp.

That's the technical assessment.

For two powerhouse programs, the opportunity to play elite competition — especially late in the season — is a gut-check when the clubs need it most.

So what if both teams regularly run-ruled conference opponents? The competition will elevate with the stakes.

Anything less than a state

championship banner will be a failure for both Minico and Twin Falls, and a gutsy, hard-fought win against the state's best will go a long way for either team.

I can't think of a better way to spend a Tuesday afternoon than planting myself in the bleachers with a hot dog, my cap shading my face from the 70-degree sunshine (finally) and watching two of the best baseball teams in the state.

If you get giddy at the sight of a perfectly executed squeeze or a throw deep from the hole at short to nail the runner, come on down to the ballpark.

I'll be the nerdy guy with a camera and a reporter's notebook taking high-school sports with whom ever will listen.

Come and say hello, if you like.

Staff writer Zach Kyle may be reached at 208-877-8763 or zkyler@southidahopress.com.

Winning Super Bowl means Giants got last pick of 2008 draft

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

Maybe Jerry Reese would like to give back the Vince Lombardi Trophy he helped the New York Giants win with, an outstanding draft last year.

"It is hard picking down at the bottom," the Giants' general manager said after concluding the 2008 draft Sunday.

"It is a great thing to be picking down at the bottom, but it is just painful to sit there and see so many good players come off the board right before your eyes. And some guys you have targeted and you see them go a couple of picks before you pick. So it is hard to do that, but it is a good problem to have."

Don't feel sorry for Reese. Just chuckle at his remarks and wonder at some of the strange things that happened in this weekend's NFL draft. Sorry, no grades. No "winners and losers." That's for three years down the line, when people will have a much better idea who won and who lost.

The best way to do that will be to check the 2010 standings. Just like the best way to evaluate 2005 is to check the standings. Guess what? The Giants won the Super Bowl

and Philadelphia used a fourth-round pick on cornerback Jack Ikegyatoru, who was hit by twin brother was arrested on charges of residential burglary and criminal trespassing in November 2006. Also, he tore two ligaments working out in January and is unlikely to play next season.

"Obviously I did my homework on that," Eagles coach Andy Reid said of the arrest. "We feel as though that will pass."

Regevguon, who like Cunningham was considered a potential first-round talent, wasn't sure he'd be drafted at all, especially since he'll miss a year.

"I was trying to go into this weekend as optimistic as much as I could. I have good people around me, so they kept my head up and I was just hoping for the best, but expecting the worst," he said.

"It's tough to hear that you have character issues and stuff like that. I had never been in trouble with the law my entire life besides that one incident. So, it's tough to hear that. But, most people that have gotten to know me and that have been around me my entire life know that I am just a happy-go-lucky kind of guy."

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everybody's eyebrows by dipping for Shirley into the troubled waters that brought them the likes of Odell Thurman and Chris Henry.

"This is a little bit of a risk, as coach Marvin Lewis acknowledged.

"But there's a lot of guys who have gone over the last two days with more substantial things hanging over their heads. At this point in the draft, we felt like his ability and potential and what was pending and so forth, that we were able to deal with it."

We've heard that before from Lewis and the Bengals, who are on a short leash with troubled players.

Other teams get the benefit of the doubt.

The Giants, who have been successful with other troubled players, had no off-field problems with Bradshaw. On Sunday, they took Mario Manningham, a potential first-round wide receiver who fell to the third round in part because he didn't tell the truth to interviewers about having used marijuana.

Reese and coach Tom Coughlin said they had done extensive homework on him, including assurances from contacts at Michigan that he'd be OK.

Philadelphia used a fourth-round pick on Cincinnati cornerback Jack Ikegyatoru, who was hit by twin brother was arrested on charges of residential burglary and criminal trespassing in November 2006. Also, he tore two ligaments working out in January and is unlikely to play next season.

"Obviously I did my homework on that," Eagles coach Andy Reid said of the arrest. "We feel as though that will pass."

Regevguon, who like Cunningham was considered a potential first-round talent, wasn't sure he'd be drafted at all, especially since he'll miss a year.

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SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders

Through 1st of 36

1. Jeff Burton	1,256
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,256
3. Tony Stewart	1,256
4. Matt Kenseth	1,256
5. Jimmie Johnson	1,256
6. Kevin Harvick	1,256
7. Clint Bowyer	1,256
8. Greg Biffle	1,256
9. Mark Martin	1,256
10. Brian Vickers	1,256
11. David Reardon	1,256
12. Jeff Green	1,256
13. Casey Mears	1,256
14. Travis Kvapil	1,256
15. Scott Wimmer	1,256
16. Mike Wallace	1,256
17. Mike Bliss	1,256
18. Mike Skinner	1,256
19. Mike McLaughlin	1,256
20. Mike Helton	1,256
21. Mike Stewart	1,256
22. Mike Jones	1,256
23. Mike Edwards	1,256
24. Mike Stewart	1,256
25. Mike Stewart	1,256

Baseball

Team	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	14	15	.484
Boston	14	16	.469
Chicago	14	17	.448
Cleveland	14	18	.438
Detroit	14	19	.425
Minnesota	14	20	.412
New York	14	21	.400
Philadelphia	14	22	.388
Pittsburgh	14	23	.377
St. Louis	14	24	.366
Texas	14	25	.355
Washington	14	26	.344
White Sox	14	27	.333
Yankees	14	28	.322

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

Burley at Pocatello, 4 p.m.
 Minico at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Burley at Kimberly, 4 p.m.
 Wood River at Community School, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS FOOTBALL

Burley at Minico, Twin Falls, Wood River at Rupert Country Club, 9 a.m.
 Buhl, Declo, Filer, Gooding, Kimberly, Marquette at Community School Field, 1 p.m.
 Castleton, Community School, Glens Falls, Kelly at Marysville, Lighthouse Creek, Oakley, Rafter Valley at Valley Christian Canyon Springs, 1 p.m.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Burley, Jerome, Minico, Twin Falls, Wood River at Rupert Country Club, 9 a.m.
 Buhl, Declo, Filer, Gooding, Kimberly, Marquette at Community School Field, 1 p.m.
 Castleton, Community School, Glens Falls, Higdon, Marysville, Lighthouse Creek, Oakley, Rafter Valley at Valley Christian Canyon Springs, 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Filer at Minico, 4 p.m.
 Twin Falls at Highland, 4 p.m.

HOCKEY

WHL PLAYOFFS

1st Round
 1. Vancouver at Portland, 7 p.m.
 2. Seattle at Portland, 7 p.m.
 3. Portland at Seattle, 7 p.m.
 4. Portland at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

NHL HOCKEY

5 p.m.
 VERMUS - Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 3, Pittsburgh at NY Rangers
 VERMUS - Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 3, Detroit at Chicago
 ESPVZ - UEFA Champions League, semifinal leg 2, Manchester United vs. Barcelona, at Manchester, England
 3 p.m.
 ESPN CLASSIC - UEFA Champions League, semifinal leg 2, Manchester United vs. Barcelona, at Manchester, England (6:45 a.m. tape)

RODEO

Pro Rodeo Leaders

1. Tom Mix, 1,256
 2. Dale Gribble, 1,256
 3. Buck Brannaman, 1,256
 4. Gene Autry, 1,256
 5. Roy Rogers, 1,256
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TENNIS

ATP Open Sabalini

1. Andre Agassi, 1,256
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BASEBALL

American League

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Baltimore	14	15	.484
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Cleveland	14	18	.438
Detroit	14	19	.425
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New York	14	21	.400
Philadelphia	14	22	.388
Pittsburgh	14	23	.377
St. Louis	14	24	.366
Texas	14	25	.355
Washington	14	26	.344
White Sox	14	27	.333
Yankees	14	28	.322

National League

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Baltimore	14	15	.484
Boston	14	16	.469
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Cleveland	14	18	.438
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FOOTBALL

Arena Football League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	14	15	.484
Boston	14	16	.469
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Cleveland	14	18	.438
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SOCCER

UEFA Champions League

Manchester United vs. Barcelona, at Manchester, England
 Tottenham vs. Arsenal, at London, England
 Liverpool vs. Chelsea, at London, England
 Real Madrid vs. Bayern Munich, at Madrid, Spain
 AC Milan vs. Inter Milan, at Milan, Italy
 Juventus vs. Fiorentina, at Turin, Italy
 Arsenal vs. Tottenham, at London, England
 Chelsea vs. Liverpool, at London, England
 Bayern Munich vs. Real Madrid, at Munich, Germany
 Inter Milan vs. AC Milan, at Milan, Italy
 Fiorentina vs. Juventus, at Florence, Italy
 Tottenham vs. Arsenal, at London, England
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NBA PLAYOFFS

Eastern Conference

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Western Conference

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Playoff Results

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1st	2	Chicago	108	Boston	105
1st	3	Boston	112	Chicago	108
1st	4	Chicago	115	Boston	112
1st	5	Boston	118	Chicago	115
1st	6	Chicago	120	Boston	118
1st	7	Boston	122	Chicago	120
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BOISE WINTER FORECAST

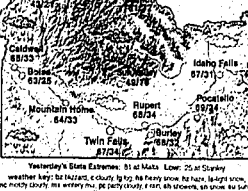
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Developing daytime rain showers and thunderstorms. Snow showers become likely tonight with accumulations likely, especially in the higher elevations. Snow showers continue on Wednesday morning.

Today Highs 40 to 48; Tonight Lows 11 to 21. BOISE Rather windy today with increasing clouds and decreasing showers and thunderstorms. Scattered rain showers tonight with accumulations likely, especially in the higher elevations. Snow showers continue on Wednesday morning.

Today Highs/Lows 61 to 68 / 33 to 39. WARM AND WINDY UTAH Warm and windy today. Brisk winds and a few scattered showers. Scattered rain and snow showers and colder on Wednesday.



Weather by State Express: In All States. Low: 20 at Starry weather key in forecast. Cloud: 100% overcast. High: 100% clear. Wind: 10 mph or less. Snow: 100% snow. © 2008, W. W. W.

TWIN FALLS: TUE-THU 10H CAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for Boise, Pocatello, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Weather statistics including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon phases: New Moon, First Qtr, Full Moon, Last Qtr.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Twin Falls.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. Index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

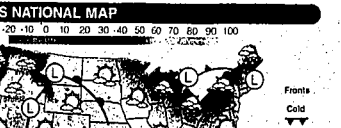
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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for international cities.



REGRESS MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Success is not a matter of any nation neither is it of any family, so you don't have an excuse for not being the impact of impact of the success of the nation on this planet.

CANADIAN FORECAST

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Stewart has plenty of reasons to leave Joe Gibbs Racing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — If winning really can be the most important thing to Tony Stewart, then he'll have had to find an acceptable reason to leave Joe Gibbs Racing.

Many of NASCAR's longtime stars have moved into the twilight of their careers, and with his brutal toughness and sharp wit, Stewart would be a natural.

But his decision to test the free agent market is based on so much more than wins and losses, and that's why Stewart might very well walk away from a team that has currently established itself as the best in NASCAR.

He under-stands cars, isn't afraid to get dirty and is more comfortable in a garage stall than he would be behind a camera. For him, NASCAR ownership is a natural fit.

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Lowbrow gossiping is topic of high interest

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Stocks change little ahead of Fed meeting

(AP) Wall Street finished little changed Monday as investors turned cautious ahead of the Federal Reserve's two-day policy meeting, which starts Tuesday.

Dow Jones Industrials 12,871.75

Nasdaq composite 2,424.40

+1.47 Standard & Poor's 500 1,396.37

-1.47 Russell 2000 725.37

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INSIDE: Unscramble today's Jumble, C5

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Not so stimulating: Rebate checks most likely to go toward food, bills

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The tax rebates starting to show up in Americans' bank accounts will likely be used for food and other basic necessities, making them less of an economic stimulus than the Bush administration hoped for.

Lower-income shoppers, squeezed by higher gasoline and food prices, are expected to use the money to play

catch-up on basic purchases like beer and paper products. Another big chunk is expected to be used to pay down debt.

"Consumers are so feeling the pinch that...they are really being forced to step away from luxury or discretionary purchases," said Jan Hoffman, managing partner of the North American retail division of Accenture. In addition to grocery chains, other major beneficiaries should be discounters like

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and clothing outlets like T.J. Maxx, she said.

Department stores and consumer electronics stores are unlikely to see a "measurable lift," Hoffman added. "The amounts are not that significant."

The government's paper checks will start going out on May 9, a week earlier than previously announced. The rebates, which are expected to reach 130 million households, range up to \$600 for an

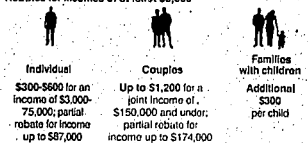
individual and \$1,200 for a couple. Families with children will get \$300 per child.

Shoppers intend to immediately spend about 25 percent to 30 percent of the \$107 billion earmarked for the stimulus checks, according to a recent survey of 2,500 consumers released by Goldman Sachs. But about 55 percent to 60 percent of the money will be used to pay down debt.

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Rebates on the way

Rebates for incomes of at least \$3,000



SOURCE: U.S. Congress

Flooded farmers

Mississippi River flood dooms promising year

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press writer

REDWOOD, Miss. — Farmers here are experiencing water torture as they wait for the flooded Mississippi River to recede and give them a chance to salvage what's left of what might have been the best season in memory.

The muddy Mississippi is at levels not seen in more than three decades, putting hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland under water. It's impossible to gauge overall agricultural losses at this point, federal and state officials say, but most agree the cost will be

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Farmer Karsten Sinnral talks about the difficulties facing farmers as they wait for the flooded Mississippi River to recede at Pig Wills' barbecue joint near Redwood, Miss. "I'll take as five years to get out of this. It's going to put people out of business," Sinnral said.

Changing rides

Motorcycle sales increase along with fuel prices

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

Jason Alderman didn't consider himself much of a motorcycle enthusiast until gas prices reached \$3.50 a gallon.

That was when the 31-year-old construction worker, who commutes as far south as Jackpot and as far north as Ketchum, decided the fuel economy of a used Yamaha DT motorcycle was well worth the absence of a roof and lumbar seats, at least in summer months.

An increasing number of people in south-central Idaho are turning to motorcycles for economical transportation as fuel prices climb.

"I would say that we've seen sales increase about 12 percent since last year," said Rob Glodowski, owner of Action Cycles 'N Sleds.

Other dealerships also report increases in sales of 10 to 15 percent.

Glodowski said many people are coming into his store for mid-sized bikes that get 50 to 60 mpg — almost twice the mileage of a standard passenger car.

Idaho motorcycle registration declined almost 20 percent, or about 11,300 fewer motorcycles, from 2005 to 2007. However, by the end of 2007 and early 2008 the number of newly registered motorcycles increased.

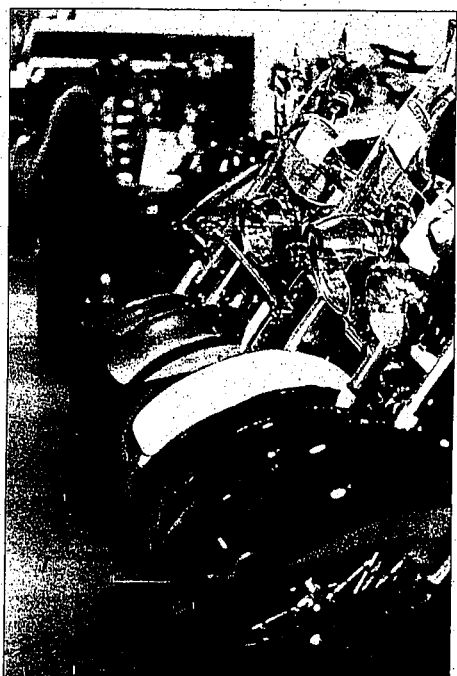
Although buying a big-ticket item seems counter-intuitive to rising costs and a slowing economy, some see a motorcycle as part of the solution.

"My wife wasn't too keen on the whole idea of buying a motorcycle," Alderman said. "But I think she warmed up to it after we sat down and figured up the numbers."

Alderman said he spent almost \$100 each week driving his truck to Hagerman for work. In comparison, he spends less than \$40 each week to drive his Yamaha the same distance.

Although most hybrid vehicles average 45 mpg on the highway, dealers say many motorcycle buyers are either unwilling or unable to buy a new car.

Officials at Idaho STAR, which



Motorcycles line the inside of Action Cycles 'N Sleds in Twin Falls Monday. Motorcycle sales have increased 10 to 15 percent since April 2007 in south-central Idaho. Dealers attribute the increase to rising fuel prices.

teaches motorcycle skills and safety, says motorcycles are likely more popular in south-central Idaho than in other parts of the state because of drier climate and shorter winters.

However, despite the rising cost of gas, motorcycle dealers say buyers still prefer larger models that are a bit less economical. And other dealerships that sell high-end motorcycles with an average price of \$15,000 say sales have remained relatively unchanged.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IDAHO Seminar to address intellectual property

POCAHELLO — The Pocahelto office of the Idaho Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) will conduct a legal clinic for entrepreneurs and small business owners May 15 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room at the center at 461 Alvin Hicken Drive in Pocahelto.

There is no admission charge but reservations are required.

Lee Dillon, I.D., external programs director for the University of Idaho College of Law will lead the program. Topics include:

- General business start-up issues.
 - Selection of constitutions.
 - Entity formation issues, such as entity types, ownership and voting rights, financial obligations and rights and admission and removal of owners.
 - Intellectual property, including general concepts, trademarks and business names, copyrights, patents and licensing and franchising.
- Reservations may be made by calling ISBDC consultant and trainer Tom Mayde at 208-232-4921 or by e-mail to maydome@st.edu.

NATION

Gas hits \$3.60, oil nears \$120 a barrel

NEW YORK — Gas prices hit \$3.60 a gallon and oil futures rose to their own record near \$120 a barrel on Monday as labor actions overseas threatened crude supplies. Oil prices retreated to close up only slightly as the dollar stabilized against foreign currencies.

At the pump, the national average price Americans pay to gas up rose 0.4 cent overnight to a record \$3.603 a gallon, according to a survey of stations by AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. While prices are 66 cents higher than a year ago, their rate of increase has slowed some since last week, when prices jumped more than 2 cents a day several times.

— from staff and wire reports

Journalism flagships show circulation increase

Online readership fueling growths

By Seth Sutel
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Top U.S. newspapers posted further declines in circulation Monday with the exception of USA Today and The Wall Street Journal, which have held up better than others as more readers go online.

Apart from those two national dailies, which eked out gains of under 1 percent each, every other

newspaper in the top 20 posted declines, according to figures released by the Audit Bureau of Circulations for the six-month period ending in March.

USA Today, owned by industry leader Gannett Co., remained the top-selling paper in the country with an average daily circulation of 2,284,219, up 0.3 percent.

The Wall Street Journal kept its No. 2 spot at 2,069,463, up 0.4 percent. Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. bought the Journal's parent company Dow Jones & Co. last December.

The New York Times was still No. 3 at 1,077,256,

but that was down 3.9 percent from the same period a year earlier. The New York Times Co. also owns The Boston Globe and International Herald Tribune.

Newspaper circulation has been on a declining trend since the 1980s, but the pace of declines has picked up in recent years as reader habits change and more people go to the Internet for news, information and entertainment.

National newspapers like USA Today and the Journal have tended to hold their ground better, as

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	22.93	▲ .02	Dell Inc.	18.87	▲ .24	Idacorp	32.17	▲ .03
Lithia Mo.	7.97	▲ .12	Micron	7.87	▲ .19	Supervalu	31.34	▲ .38

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	92.40	▲ .13	June Oil	118.75	▲ .23
May gold	892.9	▲ 5.6	May Silver	16.995	▲ .20

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What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — The Conference Board releases the Consumer Confidence Index.

WASHINGTON — Federal Open Market Committee meets to discuss interest rates, through April 30.

NEW YORK — The S&P/Cas-Shiller index of home prices is released.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Last Chg, and various fund names like American Bond, Bond Plus, etc.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of commodity prices including Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and other grains with columns for Name, Last, and Change.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities like Soybeans, Corn, and Wheat.

CHEESE

Text regarding cheese prices and market conditions.

LIVESTOCK

Text regarding livestock prices and market conditions.

METALS/MONEY

Text regarding metal and money market prices.

BEANS

Text regarding bean prices and market conditions.

GRAINS

Text regarding grain prices and market conditions.

MARKET SUMMARY

Large table summarizing market activity across NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and INDEXES, including stock prices and volume.

Rebates

Article discussing rebates on purchases, mentioning a \$1 million rebate and a \$3.2 million rebate.

Growth

Article discussing growth in the market, mentioning a \$1.4 billion increase and a \$1.2 billion increase.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the market report, detailing symbols and abbreviations used in the data.

Flood

Article about flooding in the region, mentioning a \$1.4 million loss and a \$1.2 million loss.

"I'm trying to design an exit strategy because I'm tired of it."

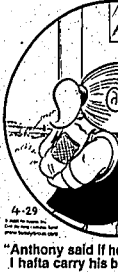
Article featuring a quote from a farmer about exit strategies, discussing market challenges and crop management.

How to read the market report

Continuation of the market report explanation, providing further details on market indicators and symbols.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keene



"Anthony said if he's my boyfriend I hafta carry his books to school."

General

GENERAL Asst'd Living Cook... Jerome family is looking for a Housekeeper to maintain the house 2X per week...

GENERAL Jerome County Allert is seeking a Part-time position on patient Maintenance and general support work...

GENERAL Licensed Spray Tech... Chas B CCL Safety DOE. Fax resume to 208-735-1939...

GENERAL Local coffee shop now hiring... Experience preferred with management experience...

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Medical

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Trades

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TRADES Experienced Dairy Construction Welders needed... Workplace. Call 208-337-9038

HVAC TECH Apply in person... 111 River Hwy 2A Twin Falls, ID 83303

TRADES Welders, Millwrights... In area and out of area jobs available.

DENTAL Dental Assistant needed... 1411 N. Fillmore St. Twin Falls, ID, 83301

COMPETITIVE WAGES... CNA's Gravoyard Shift Full or part-time.

RESTAURANT Now Hiring Full-time Cooks & Cashiers... 9 Beans and a Barrito

301 Business Opportunities... 301 Money To Earn, 302 Computer & Margins, 304 Financial Services.

MEDICAL Direct Care Staff... Physicals Assistant/ Nurse Practitioner.

MEDICAL Physician Assistant/ Nurse Practitioner... 674 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls, Idaho

MEDICAL Twin Falls Care Center... We currently have a Staff Development Coordinator position available.

EDUCATION 401 School Instruction... Public Service Message.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

The most costly of all follies is to believe passionately in the palpably true fact...

—H.L. Mencken

WEST 109 EAST 109
K 5 3
Q 4 3
A 9 6 4

South West North East
Pass 2 Pass 1
All Pass

Opening lead: Spade queen

HID WITH THE ACES

South holds: 7 9 2
K 8 5
Q 10 8 2
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South West North East
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ANSWER: I'd expect to three clubs over two spades because my values appear to be working...

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Owl outing

On the lookout for the elusive

By Erica Littlefield
Correspondent

WIENDELL — More than a dozen people gathered near a narrow trail leading into Niagara Springs State Park. Daylight was fading, and everyone was dressed for the chilly April evening — most in jeans and fleece or Carhartt jackets. They wore hats, scarves or vests, and some hung binoculars around their necks.

The group was preparing for an owl-watching outing sponsored by Prairie Falcon Audubon Society, a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. On a quest to find owls, quiet is imperative and patience is key. Zeke Watkins, a Prairie Falcon member and the leader of the outing, said owl watching can be rewarding for those willing to go the extra mile.

"Owls aren't something that people get to see all the time," Watkins said. "They're something you have to go out and find."

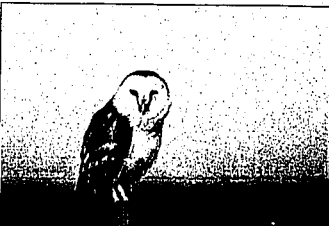
Different species of owls can be found throughout Magic Valley. Justin Barrett, a biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional office in Jerome, said you'll find barn owls in agricultural areas, while burrowing and short-eared owls prefer drier locales. In wooded areas, you'll come across Western screech owls and long-eared owls.

"We've got such a diversity of habitats, he it natural or man-made, that it supports a lot of species of owls," Barrett said.

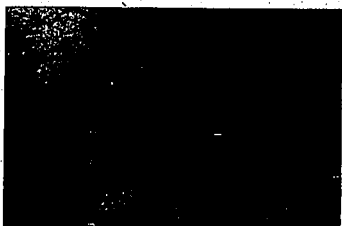
Being as quiet as possible is a cardinal rule of bird watching. Watkins, 28, who has been birding for about 12 years, said even the rustle of synthetic fabrics such as nylon jackets can make enough noise to scare off owls. At the Niagara Springs outing, the loudest sounds were the snapping of small sticks, the soft crunching of ground underneath, and occasional whispered instructions from Watkins.



Birders are bundled up for a late-night owl-watching expedition April 5 at Niagara Springs State Park north of Buhl. They were asked to wear quiet fabric because, according to group leader Zeke Watkins, quietness is of the essence when looking for owls.



A barn owl sits atop a fence post east of Castleford in October 2006. Justin Barrett, an Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologist, said you'll find barn owls in Magic Valley's agricultural areas.



Like a giant spider web, the leafless branches of Russian olive trees stretch across the night sky at Niagara Springs State Park. An owl-watching group spotted a pair of screech owls in this grove in the late hours of April 5.

Your owl watching guide

- **Bring a flashlight**, but avoid shining it directly in an owl's light-sensitive eyes. Instead, try to catch the owl in the edge of the light.
- **Go birding in groups**, and include children in the outings. Local birder Zeke Watkins believes many older children would love the experience and can gain a lot from it.
- **Use common sense.** Dress appropriately for the weather and terrain, and don't trespass on private property.
- **Don't bring pets.** They create extra noise that will scare away the birds, and pets can also run afoul of animals like skunks or porcupines.
- **Don't bird in the same area too often.** Watkins said playing recordings of their calls too much can also stress the birds. "They need to relax and raise their kids and not have to worry about people shining flashlights in their eyes," Watkins said.
- **Good places to go:** Niagara Springs State Park, Wendell; Hagerman Wildlife Management Area; Rock Creek Park, Twin Falls; South Hills.

the Prairie Falcon owl-watches are hiked about three-quarters of a mile along a narrow trail into the park. Watkins stopped



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In a video interview, Zeke Watkins talks about his love for owls and how to get started as an owl watcher.

Know what you're seeing and hearing

Birder Zeke Watkins said an owl's song is one of the easiest ways to identify its species. Here are some hints to help identify the owls you might come across in Magic Valley:

- **Western screech owls:** The Western screech's call is a series of high-pitched, staccato hoots. Watkins likens the song's rhythm to a metal ball being dropped on a table. The owls stand about 8 1/2 inches high, and their coloring is most often gray or brown with a black beak and yellow eyes.
- **Great horned owl:** The great horned has the classic low-pitched "who-who" song. Great horned owls can be identified by their ear tufts, white chest and larger size; adults are about 22 inches high.
- **Northern saw-whet owl:** The Northern saw-whet's song is a series of repetitive, high-pitched hoots. The call's even, steady rhythm can help differentiate it from the call of the Western screech. Saw-whets are smaller and are generally reddish-brown with white markings, or streaking.

Be a wise owl

- Books:
- "National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America"
 - "Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America," by David Allen Sibley
- Web sites:
- idahobirds.net
 - birdwatchersdigest.com/site/index.aspx
 - birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/
 - americanbirding.org/
 - ebird.com
 - enature.com
 - owling.com
 - groups.yahoo.com/group/fole

rence, and she believes bird watching is valuable. "Sometimes you sit there and you see something, and sometimes you don't," Randall said. "But you always have a good time."

Toward the end of their nighttime adventure, the Niagara Springs group had heard the calls of three owl species, but hadn't seen any up close. They gathered and waited in a grove of Russian olive trees. After listening to the high-pitched call of the Western screech owl on the iPod and waiting patiently, they were rewarded: A male screech owl flew into one of the tall trees, soon followed by his mate.

"Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Screech Owl," Watkins said. With a few flashlights trained on the tree, everyone looked up at the pair. The owls blinked back. After a few minutes, Watkins stood up. "OK, everyone, let's get out of here and let them get to bed."

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Horse community rallies behind one of its own



Jackie Montgomery gives a treat to Waddie, the quarter horse she co-owns with her daughter, during an April 13 rodeo event at the Stu Fly Arena in Gooding.

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

GOODING — Dependent on dialysis and hoping for another kidney transplant, Jackie Montgomery, 55, is matters-of-fact when speaking about living each day like it may be her last.

She doesn't feel terrific. But with her adult daughter Laurall Montgomery slated to participate in an April 13 pole and barrel racing event in Gooding, Jackie Montgomery makes the drive from Twin Falls.

"It helps, to be here. If I don't get to come watch they'll videotape so I can still give my opinion," says Jackie Montgomery, her eyes continually pulled to the horses and riders in the arena below. "This is my connection, my still feeling valued."

"The crowd is excited to see her."

Lend a hand

The Jackie Montgomery benefit event will begin with exhibition runs at 10 a.m. Sunday, at the Stu Fly Arena north of Gooding.

From the railroad tracks on the north end of Gooding, drive four miles north on Idaho Highway 46; turn left at the arena sign; and drive two more miles to reach the arena.

Races begin at noon with auctions held throughout the day. Information: 420-5287 or 280-1294.

"She's the best un-biological mom I could have," says White Hartless, 11, of Jackie's Fairfield. "She's the best. Jackie has taught me how to be a better rider."

"That sentiment is felt by many," says Laurall Montgomery, who lives in Turtlet.

"My mom has touched so many lives. It doesn't matter if it is a church gathering or rodeo, she has always been one to lend a helping hand," she says. "That didn't stop after she got sick. She is still a huge part of everyone's life."

Jackie Montgomery was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease in 2002 and underwent her first kidney transplant in 2004. The organ wasn't compatible with her body, and she has fought rejection ever since.

Prior to becoming ill, she was active in horse showing, cow cutting and reining. In 1994, she was ranked within the top five Idaho horse racers. She was raised in the horse community, and it is fitting that it is still her lifeblood.

"After being diagnosed I Please see HORSE, Page D3

B.C. By Johnny Hart

WHAT WOULD I NEED TO TRAP A LIVE TYRANOSAURUS REX?

A PLEA OF TEMPORARY INSANITY.

PERMITS

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

YOU'RE GONE IN A GOOD HOUR, ZOE.

WILL I SUICIDE I BE?

THE SUN IS SHINING, THE FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING.

AND MY DAD'S BROTHER JUST GOT SENT TO HIS ROOM FOR MESSING UP DAD'S TOOLS IN THE GARAGE.

TOUGHEN.

SOME DAYS ARE JUST TOO PERFECT FOR WORDS!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

SOMEONE THREW A LID ON YOUR DOOR, YOUR DESK AND YOUR JEEP!

WOW! I WONDER WHO WOULD HATE DOORS, DESKS AND JEEPS?

GREG WALKER

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

DO YOU HAVE A SMALL BOY SO I CAN TAKE THIS MEATLOAF HOME FOR A SANDWICH LATER?

HOW DO I KNOW YOU AREN'T GIVING MY SPECIAL MEATLOAF TO YOUR DOG?

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? SIGN A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT FOR SENSITIVITY?

YOU'D BETTER EAT THAT AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE I WENT THROUGH TO GET IT FOR YOU!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I NEED AN IMPROBABLE SOLUTION TO A WORK PROBLEM.

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SURE I CHARGE ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR EACH IMPROBABLE SOLUTION.

OKAY. THEN I ALSO NEED AN IMPROBABLE WAY TO GET THINGS FROM YOU FOR FREE.

STOP BREAKING MY BUSINESS MODEL.

The Elderberlies By Phil Frank and Joe Troisi

Let's see if we can find your dad, Worth.

What's your name mister?

Professor Passett.

Professor? Yes, exactly! Wow.

Well, if you work for me, someday you can be a professor, too!

No, I mean, 'Wow, you're a professor and you still thought my dad was eaten by a museum whale!'

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

MY DEAR TOMMY I OFFICIALLY DECLARED MY INTENTION TO YOUR DOTTIE.

THE MORNINGS I TOLD EVERYONE THAT BEGINNING THIS MORNING I'LL BE WORKING ON FRIDAYS ONLY.

THAT'S WONDERFUL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TALKING ABOUT THIS PEEK-A-BOO LONG.

THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE DONE AROUND HERE. WE HAD A HEART PROBLEM, NEW BIRTHDAY AND WE PROMISED APRIL WOULD BE HER RESUME IN THE BASEMENT!

OH GREAT!

I'M GOING TO STOP WORKING SO I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

RECOMBINANT DNA LAB TA-DA! THE PALINDROMEDARY!

Garfield By Jim Davis

MY NEW CELL PHONE HAS VOICE MAIL, A CALENDAR, AN ALARM CLOCK, A CAMERA, A TIP CALCULATOR, GPS SYSTEM AND IT PLAYS MP3 MUSIC FILES.

IT DOES EVERYTHING BUT RING.

THAT WOULD REQUIRE FRIENDS.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I AM YOUR KING AND I BELIEVE IN ELIMINATING FAVORITISM IN GOVERNMENT!

THEN WHY DO ALL YOUR RELATIVES LIVE IN VERY LARGE CASTLES?!

EVERYONE HAS TO LIVE SOMEWHERE.

Hi and Lois By Chance Brown

I CAN'T DECIDE WHICH CEREAL TO HAVE.

I KNOW! I'LL COMBINE THEM.

WHAT'S THAT?

CHEERINVENT-KRISPIKOCO-TRANSPY!

YOUR HEAD IS AS MIXED UP AS THAT BOWL.

Luann By Greg Evans

SOME PEOPLE THINK SCIENCE AND MAGIC AND CARTOONING ISN'T VERY MANLY HOBBIES.

REALLY? MOST DESIGNERS, ARCHITECTS AND CARTOONISTS ARE MEN!

BUT THOSE WHOSE HOBBIES ARE DULL, CAR RACING - I COULD SEW SOMETHING FUN WHEN YOU BRAG ABOUT FOR YOU?

WHY WOULD I WANT TO DRIVE IN CIRCLES WHEN I COULD SEW?

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO ANSWER TO THAT.

READY TO TRY ON MY PIG LEGS?

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

ASK YOUR DOG IF HE WANTS TO COME OUT AND CHASE RABBITS.

I THINK HE'LL DO IT IF YOU DO IT HIS WAY.

HIS WAY?

OKAY, DOWN TO THE CORNER AND ACROSS THE FIELD.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

LOOKS LIKE I GOT ANOTHER E-MAIL FROM A DEPOSED AMERICAN ASKING ME FOR MY BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER.

WHAT KIND OF FRAUD GOES AROUND Posing AS AMERICAN ROYALTY JUST TO SCAM PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR MONEY?

Meow.

Pickles By Brian Crane

YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL I LEFT THE SAGGIO OUT OF THE LASAGNA?

I'M SORRY. I GUESS MY TASTE BUDS JUST AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE.

THIS TAPACA PLODING TASTES MIGHTY GOOD, THOUGH.

THOSE ARE MASHED POTATOES.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT SHE'S GAINING?

NOT A CLUE!

LET'S JUST NOT OUR HEADS IN AGREEMENT, AND WHEN WE FEAST!

IN CONCLUSION - THE BIRD FEEDERS ARE FULL WITH BIRD FEED. NOT SQUIRRELS! SEE? SHE IS A BIRD - YOU ARE SQUIRRELS!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

SAY...NICE CARBON FOOTPRINT YOU'VE GOT THERE, RALPHA!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

EATIN' CURPUS AN' WHEY IS SCARIER THAN SOME SILLY OL' SPIDER.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

ANY CHANCE OF GETTING MY SENTENCE REVERSE?

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED WHAT THE REVERSE OF LIFE IS?

NEVER MIND.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

WHY DON'T WE HAVE TO KEEP THESE RIDICULOUS PICTURES ON THE WALL WHERE EVERYBODY CAN SEE THEM?

OF COURSE! THESE ARE OUR FAMILY PHOTOS, WHEW!

THEY'RE PROBABLY OUR MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION.

REALLY?

YOU MIGHT WANT TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER ON YOUR ACT, DUDE.

Week and a half remains in spring photo contest

Here in Country Roads, the *Times-News* showcases some of its readers' best photographs of rural topics. We don't offer prizes, but we publish our favorites along with our judges' comments.

In the current round, we're particularly interested in the stuff of spring: buds and chicks and lambs. Mud and rain and glorious sunshine.

• And just a week and a half remain for you to capture a winning image. Here's how to enter:

• Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia, or the Wood River Valley.

• Stick to recent photos, please. Nothing older than approximately one year.

• For our ease of judging, submit prints (they can be plain-paper, printouts or standard photo prints). After we choose winners, we'll ask them to e-mail high-resolution digital versions for publication.

• Identify the people in your photograph, and where and when it was taken. And,



Tanner Bingham, left, and Cooper Bingham enjoy a sunny day at their Twin Falls home in spring 2007. There was a lot of activity in their neighborhood that day as spring fever found release, said 15-year-old photographer Hayden Simmons of Twin Falls.

of course, tell us who shot the photo. (If you aren't the photographer, you must include the photographer's written permission for publication in the *Times-News*.)

If you like, include a few extra comments about the photo.

• Include your address, phone number and e-mail address.

• Mail entries to: Virginia Hutchins, Features Editor, *Times-News*, P.O. Box 540, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

• Deadline: We must receive your entries by May 9.



Big red love

Tomatoes are hot, even when Idaho's chilly.

Next week in Country Roads

Tip of the Week

Organic feeds

The Washington Post

Shrubs, trees and perennials benefit from a light application of fertilizer in the

spring. Organic feeds made with alfalfa, feather or fish meal provide gentle, long-lasting nutrients that also feed the beneficial soil life.



Shantell Whittier, left, of Ball learns to control a team of draft horses during an old-fashioned planting event this spring at Arter Station in the Snake River Canyon. She is instructed by Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association member Courtney Hohnhorst. The association will help put on a benefit for member Jackie Montgomery, who is battling polycystic kidney disease.

Show offers your chance to watch dressage

Staff report

The Magic Valley Dressage Show will be held May 17 and 18 at Thomason Arena, 57 S. 800 E. in Jerome. The show starts at 8 a.m. each day.

The object of dressage is to train a horse to be supple, calm and obedient and to be able to perform a set of maneuvers that are natural to the horse. The show will include classes for horses just starting their

training, through horses with advanced training. In each class the horse must perform certain movements in order for the judge to evaluate its level of training.

Organizers say this show is

approved by the Idaho Dressage and Eventing Association and by the U.S. Equestrian Federation. There is no charge for spectators to attend.

Information: Kathleen Thomason, 324-5129.

Sustainable gardening: A glossary of terms

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The green movement has grown dramatically in recent years, creating its own vocabulary to describe a variety of products and practices that purportedly are healthier for people and the environment. If you want to go green in your garden, here is a glossary of common terms you will encounter:

Biodegradability: The ability of organic material to be broken down by bacteria, worms, fungi, insects and other means. The end product is compost.

Biodiversity: The coexistence of a wide variety of plants and animals. Invasive species can disrupt this balance.

Bioremediation: Similar in concept to biodegradability, except that this process can apply to a broader range of substances, including oil, tires, plastic and pressure-treated lumber.

Chemical: The antithesis of green, though the term "chemical" can be confusing because all matter is made up of chemicals — organic or inorganic. Compost, for example, has a chemical formula. Through common gardening usage, "chemical" has come to refer primarily to man-made fertilizer and pesticides that, when used to excess, are bad for the environment.

Chlorophyll: A pigment that makes leaves green and, when combined with sunshine, is responsible for plant life.

Ecology: The study of the interactions of organisms in their environments and the practices we can employ to ensure biological health in the world.

Green roof: A roof that is partially or completely covered with vegetation. Traditionally they were made of mud; weeds grew on the mud and created soil that helped keep houses warm or cool.

IPM: Integrated pest management, a strategy that aims to use the least pesticide necessary.

Native plants: Those that are indigenous to a particular region and have evolved with the wildlife there.

Natural: The natural garden requires less work than tightly clipped hedges and manicured lawns. There is no such thing as a maintenance-free garden, but this style will grow full with little work. Cut back perennials once a year, prune woody shrubs only when they're growing where you don't want them, mulch and enjoy.

Organic: Any carbon-containing material that is or was alive and is often the substance that makes the difference between subsoil and topsoil. Today the term primarily concerns food labeling.

Permaculture: Virtually synonymous with sustainable landscaping, permaculture is a collection of activities each of us can do in our living spaces that, taken cumulatively, can make a difference. Under this system, resources seldom leave the property. Every element



The natural garden requires less pruning.



Wildflower meadows are usually a mix of grasses and flowers growing in sunny fields.

is reused or generated on-site. Wastewater is filtered through plants and used to irrigate vegetables. Organic material is composted. Electricity is generated. Water can be pumped by wind.

Rain garden: A saucer-shaped depression, three to six inches deep, that is planted with native grasses and perennials. The hollowed area and plants collect rain and allow it to slowly percolate into the ground instead of running off into our streams and rivers. Sustainable: Supporting our planet's

needs by conserving our water, air, soil, forests, lakes and oceans.

Wetlands: Terrain that stays wet or floods regularly. Wetlands feed aquifers that supply us with drinking water. It's important that they are protected from fertilizer and pesticide runoff, as water is a basic need for all plants and animals and a crucial habitat for both.

Wildflower meadow: Usually a mix of grasses, annuals and perennials growing in open, sunny fields, meadows can be created to mimic those found in nature. Plants are usually native. Generally started from seed, they require good timing (sow in summer) and lots of patience (at least three years) for a balanced planting that will return annually.

Wildlife habitats: Food, water and shelter are necessities for wildlife to remain in the garden. Learn the needs of the types of wildlife you wish to attract. Birds, bees, butterflies, toads, turtles, snakes, rabbits and chipmunks, deer and foxes have their own needs.

Joel M. Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md. Contact him through his Web site, www.gardener.com.

Play dates and shared interests
Local moms hook up with others online.
Sunday in Family Life

Horse

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invested in a team of mules and went with friends on wagon trails. I got a fancy team and tried chariot racing; it was a way to still get that high. It was all in good fun but I'm very, very competitive," Jackie Montgomery said, sitting with her portable oxygen tank in the Gooding arena's balcony.

Horses aside, Jackie Montgomery is the person others are drawn to. Whether it's a personal problem or a neighbor running out of hay, she can be counted on to help.

"Everyone loves her," said friend Terrell Williams of Wendell. "She's the go-to person if you have trouble with your horse. Jackie always gives good, sound advice and is dependable. People just gravitate towards her."

Williams has been friends with Jackie Montgomery since they attended high school together. "Jackie was kind of a maverick. She was one of the only woman horse trainers; it was kind of a man's world, and she stepped into it and was accepted," Williams said. "She's the kind of person who likes everyone. She points out the good things in everyone. Her positive attitude is contagious. She makes us all think we're better than we really are."

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Jackie Montgomery gave so much. Those around her thought it was time to give back.

On Sunday, a fundraising event organized by southern Idaho's horse folks will help with her mounting medical expenses. And they'll do it as

only the equine community can. The benefit event will feature barrel racing and other horse events, as well as a silent auction.

While auction items continue to come in, some expected to be on the block include a sturgeon fishing trip, whitewater rafting trip and numerous pieces of art.

"Jackie has been involved in practically every facet of the horse community," said Wendell resident Lana Parker, a member of the Southern Idaho Jackpot Rodeo Association. "She has been an icon for as long as I can remember."

From the Southern Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association to the racing crowd, this is one event that should draw in the entire horse community. The draft horse association plans on bringing its cook shack to the event, with all proceeds going towards Jackie Montgomery's continued care.

"I don't want to say that Jackie is just a great friend. She's part of our family," said Eric Lee of Twin Falls, draft horse association executive officer. "We've all known for a long time of her disease, and it saddens us to see her this way. It is really wearing on her. Jackie is a huge part of our club and we don't want to lose her."

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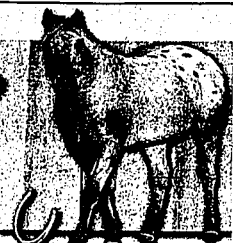
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Horse Monthly

MAY 2008 SCHEDULE

Disclaimer: The dates and times of events listed below may change.



Every Saturday (12:00 - 2 pm) Magic Valley Pony Club meetings at the Southwind Ranch in Jerome, Idaho www.magicvalleyponyclub.org; or call 324-1496 for more details.

Every Tuesday & Thursday (6pm-8pm) College of Southern Idaho Equestrian Team meetings at the CSI Expo Center or at the Arrow E Arena when the CSI Expo Center is being used for other events. www.csihats.com or call 324-1496 for more details.

Second Monday of each Month (7 pm) Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse Association meetings at Travelers Oasis Eden, ID. Contact Mike Zebarth (208) 472-3905 for more details.

Thursday Evenings (7pm) Jackpot Ranch Stuntin' & Practice Copus Cove Arena, Buhl, ID. Call 543-6695 or 731-6635.

Silver Spurs Equestrian Team, would like to welcome new members please contact Charlene Royce (208)539-5804 or Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812 for meeting details. The club has put together a fund raiser to raffie three items a saddle, saddle pad, and bridle. The drawing will take place during the T.F. county fair. Contact a member to purchase your tickets.

The Sawtooth Pony Club is bringing U.S. Riding Team Coach, Daniel Stewart, to the Wood River Valley to put on seminars and clinics. Included will be a clinic on Horse Sport Psychology, a Video Analysis Clinic, and a workshop on Symmetry & Balance using a specially built balance board for equestrians. Call for particulars. Seating is limited. Contact Wendy Jones at 208-788-1156 or email wendy@wendyjones.com. www.wendyjones.com (see reference: Stewart Clinic).

Filer Junior Riding Club, are seeking more members (ages 8-18) for 2008 riding year. Contact Karen Stoker at 308-1377 or Rick Schulz 308-4552

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen. Interested Horsepersons are invited to our membership meeting. Contact Kathy Kerley at 324-4754 or 539-7766

for more information.

April 29th -6th District National High School Rodeo Association Cutting at Schaefer's. April 30th, May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & June 4th (6pm)--Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E.)

4D Barrel Racing www.shuflyarena.com
May 2nd & 3rd--6th District National High School Rodeo Association Buley Rodeo.

May 2nd & 3rd--5th District National High School Rodeo Association Shoshone Rodeo.
May 3rd--Wrangler Team Roping Championships, Hamilton, MT. Please contact Jeff.

May 3rd--Magic Valley Reined Cowhorse Association Practice Show. Arrow E Arena in Twin Falls, ID. For more information contact Mike (208) 423-9055.

May 4th (11am-5:30pm)--Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S. Gooding, ID) 4D Barrel race Road to Reno www.shuflyarena.com. Jackie Montgomery Benefit Rope & Run Jackpot AW 4-D Barrels \$500.00 added Poles - Breakaway - Jr. 50 and over and Pee Wee Divisions Silent Auction with many nice items - Benefits to go toward Jackie's medical expenses. Call 208-536-2772 for more information.

May 9th & 10th -5th District National High School Rodeo Association Carey Rodeo.

May 9th & 10th -6th District National High School Rodeo Association Oakley Rodeo.

May 9th--May 11th (Fri. 5 pm-8 pm & Sat. & Sun. 9 am-4 pm)--Blue Ribbon Training Presents: Reining/Horsemanship School located at the Billingsley Creek Park (riding, Indoor) Arena in Hagerman, ID. To sign up or more information for the Clinic by Paul Butler, Silver Spurs Equestrian Team, Contact Charlene Royce (208)539-5804 or Luann Studer (208) 731-4311 or Rochelle Shank (208) 731-9812

May 10th--Toby Lapp's Mounted Navigating Obstacles Clinic. Stargate

Ranch, Twin Falls ID. For more information Contact Toby Lapp at (208)731-3315 or (208) 732-5557.

May 10th--Diamonds of the West Supreme Classic Horse Sale. Golden Spike Arena, Ogden, UT. Call (435) 286-2281 for more information.

May 10th (10:30am-3pm) Dummy Roping (Leading & Healing) & Horsemanship Clinic. Located at the B Bar B Ranch 762 Robert St. Picabo, ID. Cost is FREE to the participants and all Spectators (come, watch & learn). MUST RSVP to Katie at (208) 788-1464.

May 13th & 15th -6th District National High School Rodeo Association Cutting at Shu Fly Arena.

May 16th & 17th -6th District National High School Rodeo Association Rupert, ID Rodeo.

May 17th--Diamonds of the West Supreme Classic Horse Sale. Golden Spike Arena in Ogden, UT. For more information call (435) 286-2281

May 17th (9am-3pm) 1st Annual Wood River Valley Horse Barns/Business/Ranch Tour. Meet at the B Bar B Ranch 762 Robert St. Picabo, ID. The tour will be to local facilities by bus and enjoy lunch. Cost is FREE but MUST RSVP before May 12th to Sawtooth Equine Services (208)788-1465 or Katie at (208) 788-1424.

May 17th & 18th--Magic Valley Dressage Show. Located at the Thomason Arena in Jerome ID. Contact Kathleen Thomason 324-5129 for more information.

May 23rd & 24th -6th District National High School Rodeo Association Oakley II Rodeo.

May 23rd & 24th -5th District National High School Rodeo Association Jerome Rodeo (District).

May 23rd & 24th--Wrangler Team Roping Championships, Rexburg, ID. Please contact Jeff Faulkner 539-4218 for more information to enter.

May 24th- 26th - Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S. Gooding, ID) Memorial Race 5D Barrel Racing 12th Annual Memorial Weekend Rope & Run.

AW 4-D Barrels - Poles - Breakaway Roping Open - 15 and Under - 50 and Over and Pee Wee age divisions Target Race with Saddles - Stud Fees - and many other nice awards over \$10,000 in money and awards will be won!!!! Call 208-536-2772 or go to www.shuflyarena.com for entries.

May 24th & 25th (8:30 am) --The Grass Roots Cutters, which is an equestrian cutting club centrally located in Twin Falls are having a show each day at Peterson's Arena. For more information, contact Shauna Koopman by email kkoop317@yahoo.com, or our website www.grassrootcutters.com

May 27th (6 pm) --Twin Falls Livestock Comm. Co. Horse Sale (Schedule): tack, registered horses, and then grade horses)

May 30th-June 1st -Idaho Wrangler Jr. High Rodeo, Shoshone arena

May 30th-June 1st -Shu-Fly Arena (1772 E. 1400 S. Gooding, ID) American West 5D Barrel Racing www.shuflyarena.com

May 30th-June 1st --Western Days. Saddle up and join the fun. Family-oriented event featuring a carnival, two days of music, arts and crafts show, food booths and a parade. Held at the Twin Falls City Park.

June 7th & 21st --ISHSA Show Events. Shows will be held at the Zebarth Arena at the T.F. County Fairgrounds (Filer). Contact Pam Bolton at (208)734-5216 for more details or visit <http://ishsa.triworld.com> for entry forms and details.

June 6th-8th--Toby Lapp's Horsemanship Clinic. Stargate Ranch, Twin Falls ID. For more information Contact Toby Lapp at (208)731-3315 or (208) 732-5557.

June 7th- Idaho Junior Rodeo Association in Grace Idaho. Visit <http://www.idajr.org> for more details. Entries must be turned in by May 24th. June 8th- 14th -5th & 6th District National High School Rodeo Associations State in Pocatello Idaho.

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