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Jerome pastor Matheney agrees to misdemeanor guilty plea

Four felony charges dropped

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

Jerome — All the people who might have been shocked by the Rev. Ron Matheney suddenly pleading guilty to a misdemeanor Thursday morning were absent from the courtroom. More than that, they were unaware any such hearing

was taking place. On Wednesday evening, the pastor reached a deal to plead guilty to a misdemeanor battery charge, just days before his trial was to begin on four felony charges involving violence against his wife.

The deal was finalized in court just hours later on Thursday morning. As a result of the quick action, not even Matheney's wife knew about the hearing or the plea agreement, county deputy prosecutor Paul Kroeger said. Kroeger told the judge that

the victim, Darlene Matheney, had entrusted him to make appropriate decisions, and she knew a plea bargain deal was on the table. But Kroeger declined to say why he agreed to drop the charges.

"I think there was evidence there, but there are different reasons to plead cases," Kroeger said. "Lots of things happened during the course of this case." Matheney, pastor of Jerome's First Presbyterian Church, Please see PASTOR, Page A3

SUM-SUM-SUMMERTIME



Fred Maticek works in his Twin Falls garden Thursday afternoon. Maticek says he waited for the high winds to die down before planting, but also wanted to avoid the high temperatures forecast for this weekend.

Twin Falls prepares for summer weather

By Sean Breslin
Staff writer

Summer's still more than a month away, but it's going to feel like it has arrived this weekend, as temperatures are expected to reach the big 80.

According to the National Weather Service, temperatures

should hit 90 degrees Fahrenheit both Saturday and Sunday, the highest it's been so far this year. Although the NWS Boise office doesn't have official historic averages for the area, the average temperature for the past 20 years for May 17 is 70 degrees, said Megan Thilmes, a NWS meteorologist in Boise.

For May 18, it's 71. Those high temperatures are likely to coax more people outdoors.

"We just know our parks are going to be a lot busier," said Dennis Bowyer, director of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation.

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Better sense of self

Health trust board, attorney determine funds from hospital sale is public money

By Neta Poppino
Staff writer

After 15 months, the Twin Falls County Health Initiatives Trust may finally have an identity.

A resolution approved by the trust's board Thursday evening established the trust as a public entity handling public money, a decision made upon the advice of the board's attorney, Twin Falls lawyer Tom Robertson. As a result, the trust's current funds

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and all future payments from St. Luke's will be kept in a sub-account of a state investment pool operated by the state treasurer until the board decides whether to place them in other accounts allowed under Idaho law.

"I think this answers a lot of the questions that we had," board member and Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikesell said.

Settling that issue allowed the board to move on to its next discussion: a review and approval of topics raised during its May 6 strategic planning session. The session hammered out a tentative schedule for the trust, with the goal of issuing its first grant payments by the end of the calendar year.

The board had a timeline once before, originally planning to approve grants by this spring. With their most recent issues worked out, board members said they were confident this timeline would work.

"We really believe that that's possible," member James Schroeder said, referring to the end-of-the-year goal.

Initially funded with \$15 million from the sale of the formerly county-owned hospital, the trust will gain \$5 million more over a 10-year period. The grant money will be the income from

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Five indicted in southwest Idaho mortgage fraud case

The Associated Press

BOISE — A federal grand jury has indicted five people, accusing them of operating a construction loan and kickback scheme that prosecutors say defrauded a southwestern Idaho bank of \$1 million.

The U.S. attorney's office in Boise said Thursday that three of the defendants had reached plea agreements.

Federal prosecutors say Zions First National Bank in Eagle, which employed two of the people indicted, was defrauded of \$1 million between 2004 and 2006, the height of the residential building boom in the region.

In the 32-count indictment released Wednesday, prosecutors allege the five conspired to use "straw borrowers" to obtain 49 residential construction loans from the bank totaling \$20 million, the *Idaho Statesman* reported.

Charged were:

• Christopher A. Upchurch, a Nampa building contractor, accused of bank fraud and payment of commissions for procuring loans.

• Barbara L. Cobos, a loan officer at the bank, accused of bank fraud.

• Nicholas R. Gossel, a bank employee and later a mortgage broker, charged with bank fraud, mail fraud and making false statements.

• Nicholas R. Coats, employed as a real estate agent between January and April 2005, charged with theft from a financial institution.

• Max Reich, whose occupation was not given in the indictment, charged with theft from a financial institution.

Cobos, Reich and Coats have reached plea agreements, U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Jean McNeil said.

McNeil said Cobos has agreed to plead guilty.

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McCain outlines vision of Iraq victory

By Glen Johnson
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Republican John McCain declared for the first time Thursday he believes the Iraq war can be won by 2013, although he rejected suggestions that his talk of a timetable put him on the same side as Democrats clamoring for full-scale troop withdrawals.

The Republican presidential contender, in a mystical speech that also envisioned Osama bin Laden dead or captured, and Americans with the choice of paying a simple flat tax or following their standard 1040 form, said only a small number of troops would remain in Iraq by the end of a prospective first term because al-Qaida will have been defeated and Iraq's government will be functioning on its own.

"By January 2013, America has welcomed home most of the servicemen and women who have sacrificed terribly so that America might be secure in her freedom. The Iraq War has been won," McCain told an audience of several hundred here in the capital city of a general election battleground state.



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio, Thursday.

Later, as the Arizona senator drove to the airport on his "Straight Talk Express" campaign bus, McCain was peppered by reporters with questions about the timetable. He and his aides insisted there was a difference between ending the war and bringing troops home and, as they criticize the Democrats, announcing a withdrawal upfront without regard for the military endgame.

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John McCain's predictions for the year 2013:

- The U.S. will have won the Iraq War.
- Al-Qaida will be defeated in Iraq.
- Osama bin Laden will be captured or dead.
- Americans will have a choice between a flat tax or following their standard 1040 form.
- Weekly news conferences will be held with British-style question periods with joint meetings of Congress.

"It's not a timetable: It's victory. It's victory, which I have always predicted. I didn't know when we were going."

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Centre Stage Studios annual dance recitals, with jazz company dancers performing competition routines. 7 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, 88, 678-3970.
A Tribute to Broadway, songs from Broadway productions presented by Buhl High School Drama Department and West End Theatre Company and featuring the Xavler Charter School choir. 7:30 p.m., Buhl High School auditorium, \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens, 490-1992.

The 5-6-7-8 Dance Company spring recital, includes preschool and elementary dancers, 8:30 p.m., doors open and 7 p.m. performance, auditorium, Minnie High School, Rupert, \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to 12, no cost age 3 and younger, (save tonight's ticket to attend Saturday's performance with \$3 more), 678-7800.
Friday Night Live, outdoor celebration with live music by a local Magic Valley band, food, and spirits, 7 to 10 p.m., Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, public invited, 734-8400 or www.snakehd.com.

"15 Reasons Not to Be in a Play," presented by Magic Valley High School students, 7:30 p.m., Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, \$3 (no cost for children under age 11), 733-8823.

"The Saga of Dead Dog Gulch," presented by Poppewell Elementary School fifth-grade students, 7:30 p.m., at the school, 200 N. Sixth St., Buhl, \$2, 543-9225.
The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Recycled Treasures Sale, includes furniture, microwave, TV, window air conditioner, men's and women's clothes, books, household items and more, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Buhl United Methodist Church, 908 Maple St., proceeds for Outreach and church mission projects, 543-2102.
The 27th annual Idaho Youth Ranch Golf Benefit, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Burley Municipal Golf Course, Burley, (208) 817-8441.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jaker's, 1598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.

FAMILY

Open House for Independent Growth, Inc., service coordinator for children and adults with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury or emotional problems, 1 to 4 p.m., 2173 Overland Ave., Burley, no cost, refreshments, (208) 678-9165.
Youth Options, activities for young people ages 13-19 only, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, 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.
Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.
AI-Aron/Alatene family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Blow Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m., and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 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.

OPEN HOUSE

Burley Care Center open house, includes variety of ethnic foods for sale and raffle for 30-plus prizes, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the center, 1729 Miller Ave., Burley, raffle tickets: five for \$1, 678-9474.

CORRECTIONS

Lighthouse Christian's Karavedas misquoted
Due to an editing error, a quote from Lighthouse Christian Athletic Director Nick Karavedas in Thursday's paper included an incorrect percentage related to the school's proposed sports team activities per year.

The quote should have read, "We were asking for five home games and another seven events a total of 12 nights until 10 p.m. which is about 60 hours out of 8,000 hours in a year. That's 68 percent of the year."

Measles article gave incorrect information
Thursday's story about measles vaccinations gave incorrect information about the history of the vaccine. The vaccine was not created in 1957, but rather health workers told adults born after 1957 to check their immunization status. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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MORNING BRIEFING

The truth is out there ... right next to Hub Butte

It's a little yellow square on a big green map, but the name is hard to miss ...

"Twin Falls Military Reservation" ... It's 1,100 acres near 4,616-foot-tall Hub Butte, Twin Falls County's old landfill site nine miles south of Twin Falls ... Mostly deserted and featureless except for a large, obviously man-made berm, it seems the perfect spot for Idaho's version of Nevada's half-secret, legendarily spooky Area 51, linked by "The X-Files" and other science fiction to extraterrestrial contact ...

"That would make a good story," Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Tom Mikessel told me this week ... "But it's really just the sheriff's shooting range" ...

It's county-controlled property surrendered on three occasions to the Federal Bureau of Management Land, but it's not all contiguous ... "There are a few acres here and there separated from the main property," Mikessel said ... "The (Magic Valley) Aeromodelers (a radio-controlled model

airplane club) use a site out there." ... The Twin Falls Military Reservation has been in existence for years, the commissioner said ... "I've been here a long time," said Mikessel, who's served on the county commission for 5 1/2 years ...

Nothing much besides target practice goes on at the Twin Falls Military Reservation, according to Mikessel ... "Well, we did dig a well out there." ...

DIE-HARD GOLFERS: At age 89, Bill Bolster finally had to give up golf for health reasons ...

It was a tough call: He started playing in 1934, at age 15. "Bill" has been known to toss a club after a bad shot now and then, but fortunately, with age, the club does not fly as far as it used to, said Tom Burnikel, a friend and golf partner ... "He is also a past member of 'Old Blue,' another

group of golfers who have been golfing since the 1960s and take an annual golf vacation to Southern California every February."

Burnikel explained that after retiring from John Deere, Bolster began teeing it up at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course weekdays at 11 a.m. and continued to play for more than 20 years ... "The die-hard avid golfers" in his group include a stroke survivor and several World War II veterans, including 90-year-old Roy Hutchins and 88-year-old Roy Glick ...

"They will play on windy days, cold days, cold windy days, rainy days, very hot days," Burnikel said ... "The weather is not a factor to this group ... If they can get to the golf course, they will play." ... "The nicer the day, the larger the group, myself included," he said ... "Guess where they'll be today? The forecast high is 84 ..."

Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE NATION

GEORGIA

Health officials urge people over 60 to get one-time shingles shot

ATLANTA — People 60 and older should get a one-time shingles shot that can help prevent the painful rash for some people, and health officials are recommending. There's a 50-50 chance the shot will prevent shingles for those 60 and up, though the odds get worse the older you get. But shingles can be severe for some people, and the government believes it's worth the \$160-per-dose cost.

Caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox, shingles is a blistering skin rash most common in older people. It usually ends after four weeks, but one in five victims develop long-term nerve pain. Other complications include scarring and loss of vision or hearing.

The chickenpox infects about 95 percent of Americans, although some suffer mild illness and may not even know they had it. Many as one in three infected people develop shingles later in life. Even those who have already had shingles should get the shot if they are over 60, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The vaccination was recommended by an influential government advisory panel in 2006. The CDC officially adopted the recommendation this week.

TEXAS

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AUSTIN — Lawyers for the state said in court Thursday that a woman from the West Texas polygamist sect who gave birth this week while in the state's custody is not a minor.

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ranch near San Angelo into custody on grounds that they were in imminent danger of abuse. Sect members have denied any abuse.

Dan Jessop had sought the Thursday hearing in Austin on behalf of his wife, Louisa, and their three children, hoping to have his family reunited.

But State District Judge Darlene Byrne ruled that her court had no jurisdiction in the matter because a judge in San Angelo had already ruled that the state could keep custody of the children while the investigation continues into conditions at the West Texas compound.

Jessop said he is relieved that his children are being kept together with their mother.

— The Associated Press

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HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

IF MAY 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be wasting your time and energy on something that isn't worth while this month, but the people you meet while involved in this frivolous project can become valuable allies. Your best month for business success and respect in the work place is September. In December, you may meet people who are especially good for you or be offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will have major financial results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Hard work is often its own reward. You may take pride in a job well done and precise attention to detail with existing projects. Starting something new may entail unexpected responsibilities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A cool, calm and collected manner will earn the most beneficial results. Exercise patience and restrain your wildest impulses, as people will see the value of your spending and dependable you are today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Self-discipline is in great demand. Write down your goals and follow through the exercise as it disciplines your mind. You have a grasp of what is marketable and what will appeal to Mr. Everyman.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Build up your confidence in your life. While you can control what you do — through a diet or by setting up a budget or schedule, for instance — you can't dictate what others do. Develop healthy habits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relationships that are tried and true are your best bet. You are like Aesop's tortoise; slow and steady wins the race. Keep a hard shell wrapped around feelings so that misunderstandings bounce right off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When life hands you lemons, make lemonade. You may be asked to toe the line or temporarily take on heavy responsibilities. Maintain a low profile and don't make decisions about your love life right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do not limit yourself. Just because you are working diligently to achieve a pet goal and are chained to a routine does not mean you must deny yourself the possibility of future improvements or changes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Those who can do. With your adaptable genius, you can fulfill deadlines effortlessly, even though much effort is put forth. Lead the way and show everyone just how quick on your feet you are.

career initiatives on hold. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Never complain, never apologize. A temporary dip in the desire to compete may result in a disadvantage and a demand for perfection from others may illuminate your flaws with a harsh, glaring light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your feet firmly planted on the straight and narrow path. It might be tempting to make changes to experiment with new ideas, but you will lose ground if you do so right now. Stick to what you know.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may not realize just how sexy and desirable you are. Others find you scrumptious. By unbending just a little bit, help others will flock to your side. Put new

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Pastor

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Church, was accused of walking Darlene in the middle of the night on Aug. 14 and forcing her to have sex, beating her and preventing her from calling police. Matheny countered that his wife was the aggressor and threw the first punch, although he admitted hitting her twice during the fight, according to a county sheriff's affidavit.



Matheny

Until Thursday morning, he was charged with domestic battery, attempted strangulation, rape and sexual penetration with a foreign object — all felonies. He was also charged with a misdemeanor, alleging he destroyed the phone line while she tried to call authorities.

Many members of Matheny's flock rallied in support of their pastor, a response that Darlene Matheny's father said caused him great distress. Kroeger said the couple is now in the middle of divorce proceedings.

Ron Matheny declined comment after leaving Thursday's hearing with his

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— Rev. Ron Matheny

attorney Lisa Barini-Garcia. Speaking months ago in beginning of the case, he swore he would prove his innocence in court. "It sounds bad," Matheny said at the time. "I believe that if the truth is told, it will be dropped, that is, if politics don't become involved."

It was unclear Thursday if the conviction would affect his position in the Presbyterian church. Donna Falasco of Idaho Falls, chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, did not return calls to the *Times-News* Thursday evening.

In the plea agreement, Matheny made an Alford plea, meaning he does not admit to committing the crime but he agrees that a jury may find him guilty.

Kroeger went further than simply dropping the felony charges against the pastor.

He assured Matheny that he would not oppose the pastor in seeking a withheld judgment at a July 1 sentencing hearing.

Kroeger also conceded that with good conduct, he would not interfere with the pastor's attempts to expunge his record after a probationary period, according to court records. The maximum sentence for simple battery is six months in jail.

Kroeger said he has factored into his sentencing previous domestic violence charges filed against Matheny in other states. In 1992, Matheny received a withheld judgment in Florida on a domestic case and another charge was dismissed against the pastor in New Jersey, Kroeger said.

Another condition of the plea agreement is that Matheny must submit to a domestic violence evaluation before his sentence. Kroeger said he expects the evaluation will answer whether Matheny has a pattern of domestic violence.

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Weather

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Bowyer said his department hasn't made any specific preparations for the likely influx of people out to soak up the sun, but said he'll be making sure park facilities are clean for the weekend. "Additionally, pavilions that will receive some special attention, he said.

Bowyer encouraged people who are planning to enjoy the weather to bring water and sunscreen. He also reminded dog owners to keep dogs leashed and clean up after them.

"Probably the biggest complaint we get is what dogs leave behind," he said.

Despite the high temperatures, fire dangers shouldn't be too high due to this year's dense snowpack, said Alicia Bennett, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Forest Service.

"For the short term, our fire danger is low," Bennett said. "We're dealing with a fairly wet scenario." However, Bennett encouraged people to take basic precautions with campfires and other open flames.

But the high snow pack could cause some problems.

"Some of the roads are going to be difficult because they're very wet," Bennett said. She said most trails in

the Ketchum area were closed due to snow and mud. Additionally, the Baumgartner campground, located 11 miles east of Featherville in the Sawtooth National Forest, is closed for maintenance.

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Trust

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investing the total amount.

According to the board's community plan, funds will be distributed annually following the calendar year. Individual grants will be limited to 20 percent of the available funds each year, with multi-year grants possible. Ten percent of each year's earnings will stay invested to help grow the fund. No grant money could be used to supplement or replace an organization's existing program funding.

At least \$600,000 should be available for grants this year, Mikesell said. Robert Valentine, chairman of the trust's finance committee, said the trust money has produced \$986,000 in the 15 months it's been invested, all of which would be eligible to spend.

A sliver of that money is already being spent: \$25 an hour for a part-time assistant and \$5,800 in legal fees for Robertson. Mikesell characterized the latter sum as "reasonable" considering

how often he'd consulted Robertson during the past two months.

A series of community surveys conducted by the board resulted in a 26-item needs assessment. The list — including such items as the cost of care, a lack of health care professionals and the effect of poverty on access to care — largely confirmed similar input received from health care providers, board Chairman Curtis Eaton said.

Six categories, including services, the population tar-

geted and the type of organization, will factor into a point-based scoring matrix used to select grants, said Schroeder, chairman of the programs committee. The grants themselves will be targeted at four priority areas: education and prevention; access and affordability of care; workforce, and the economically disadvantaged.

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McCain

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to win World War II; I just knew we were going to win," McCain said.

The Vietnam veteran added: "I know from experience, you set a day for surrender — which is basically what you do when you say you are withdrawing — and you will pay a much a heavier price later on."

In the primary campaign, McCain had criticized former Republican rival Mitt Romney for hinting at a timetable.

Democrats challenged McCain's comments, led by presidential contender Hillary Rodham Clinton. In a statement, the New York senator dismissed McCain and said he "promises more of the same Bush policies that have weakened our national security and our standing in the world." The Barack Obama campaign said that while the candidate agrees with some of McCain's sentiments, "you cannot combine the destructive policies and divisive political tactics of George Bush and still offer yourself as a candidate of healing and change."

Other Democrats equated McCain's comment with President Bush's May 1, 2003, speech on the deck of an aircraft carrier displaying a "Mission Accomplished" banner.

In his remarks, McCain passed through a crystal ball to 2013 and envisioned an era of bipartisanship driven by weekly news conferences and 'British-style' question periods with joint meetings of Congress. The senator conceded he

cannot make the changes alone, but said he wanted to outline a specific governing style to show the accomplishments it can achieve. He backed up his remarks with a Web ad featuring similar content.

"I'm not interested in partisanship that serves no other purpose than to gain a temporary advantage over our opponents. This mindless, paralyzing rancor must come to an end. We belong to different parties, not different countries," McCain said. "There is a time to campaign, and a time to govern. If I'm elected president, the era of the permanent campaign will end; the era of problem-solving will begin."

To the disdain of some fellow Republicans, the likely GOP nominee has worked with Democrats on legislation aimed at overhauling campaign finance regulations, redrafting immigration rules and regulations and implementing government spending controls.

While that has earned him a maverick image for McCain, the Arizona senator has also been accused of exhibiting a nasty temper — swearing even at fellow lawmakers from his own party and unabashed partisanship.

In particular, McCain has clashed with the leading Democratic presidential contender, Barack Obama. After tangling with the Illinois senator on lobbying reforms, McCain questioned Obama's integrity in a publicly released 2006 letter.

McCain wrote he had thought Obama's interest in

ethics legislation "was genuine and admirable," before adding: "Thank you for disabusing me of such notions." He accused Obama of "partisanship posing."

In outlining other potential achievements of a first term in his speech, the 71-year-old McCain implicitly was suggesting he would seek a second term, an attempt to mute suggestions he would serve only four years after being the

oldest president elected. In particular, he sees a world in which the Taliban threat in Afghanistan has been greatly reduced.

He added: "The increase in actionable intelligence that the counterinsurgency produced led to the capture or death of Osama bin Laden, and his chief lieutenants. ... There still has not been a major terrorist attack in the United States since Sept. 11, 2001."

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to plead guilty to bank fraud. She faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. Coats and Relch have each agreed to plead guilty to one count of theft from a financial institution, and each face up to a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Prosecutors say personal information of straw borrowers was used as cover for the banking transactions. Some of the straw borrowers were willing participants according to the indictment. But it's unclear if all of them took part willingly, said McNeil.

The indictment alleges Upchurch gave kickbacks to some of the borrowers in exchange for allowing him to use their identities to obtain construction loans ranging from \$140,000 to \$676,000.

Upchurch paid Cobos, the bank loan officer, \$125,000 between March 2005 and March 2006 to make sure the loans were approved, prosecutors say.

The indictment says Upchurch paid Coats about \$49,500 and Relch about \$67,500 to find straw borrowers, and paid Gossi finder fees through Inline Construction for the same purpose.

It says that Upchurch had some borrowers give him authorization to withdraw the loan money, but that he "diverted a substantial amount of the loan proceeds to his own personal benefit."

The indictment said Upchurch made about 30 withdrawals for nearly \$1 million. Richard Rubin, Cobos' attorney, and Bob Wallace, Gossi's attorney, declined to comment, while William Morrow, Upchurch's attorney, and Philip Gordon, the attorney for Coats and Relch, did not return calls from The Associated Press on Thursday.

Upchurch and Gossi are scheduled to appear in federal court Wednesday.

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House rejects bill funding Iraq, Afghanistan wars

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's Iraq war funding request collapsed in the House Thursday as anti-war Democrats and Republicans unhappy about added domestic funding combined to kill — for now — \$163 billion to support U.S. troops overseas.

The unlikely coalition formed when Republicans expected to provide the winning margin for the Iraq and Afghanistan funding instead sat out the vote in protest.

The GOP revolt was a response to Democratic strong-arm tactics in advancing the must-pass measure, as well as their efforts to add money for the unemployed and an expansion of GI education benefits.

The defeat of the Iraq funding measure came on a 149-141 tally. Nearly two-thirds of the House's Democrats voted against continuing to fund the war as 132 Republicans sat out the vote in protest.

Democrats then forced through a nonbinding plan seeking an exit from Iraq by December of next year. The 227-196 vote on the measure broke mostly along party lines.

Thirty-two Republicans joined Democrats on a 256-166 vote to sharply boost education benefits for Iraq-Afghanistan veterans under the GI Bill — despite an accompanying tax surcharge on the wealthy and small businesses — and voted to provide a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits.

The practical effect of the GOP protest is likely to be minimal. While it kills the war funding component of the bill for now, the Senate is sure to revive it next week.

The White House weighed in again Thursday with a promise to veto the bill over the non-war spending, the new tax surcharge and restrictions on Bush's ability to conduct the war in Iraq.

Republicans said the strategy by Democrats to load the war funding measure with non-war provisions like extending unemployment benefits unnecessarily delays getting funding to troops in the field.

But some Senate Republicans didn't get the message.

Conservatives Larry Craig, R-Idaho and Richard Shelby, R-Ala., for example, sent out numerous news releases crowing about domestic additions such as \$450 million to combat Western wildfires and \$75 million to help commercial fishermen in a substantially more expensive Senate companion measure that cleared the Appropriations panel Thursday afternoon.

In the House, each side accused the other of using the must-pass troop funding bill for political advantage.

"We're playing political games on the backs of our troops — you know it," said Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio. "All this bill's going to do is delay the process for weeks and weeks while we play political games."

The GOP revolt came two days after the party suffered a devastating loss in a Mississippi special election that left Republicans saying big changes in party message are needed in order to connect with voters. Thursday's moves were not orchestrated by party leaders and whether they were politically savvy was not at all clear.

"With today's vote, the Republicans have shown that they are confused and are in disarray," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "House Republicans refused to pay for a war they support, and by voting against the GI bill, they refused to support our veterans when they come home."

House action on the bill

was the first act in a complicated legislative dance that promises to spill over into June, when the Pentagon will have to send out warnings of possible furloughs to civilian employees and contract workers.

Democrats engineered the three-vote minutet to allow

anti-war liberals to vote against funding the Iraq war.

The add-ons for the unemployed and the new college benefits under the GI Bill represented the price demanded by Democrats for approving Bush's long-stalled request for additional war funding.



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EDITORIAL

Gannon merits nomination for 4th term in state Senate

For health reasons, Sen. Tom Gannon hasn't always answered the bell for his sprawling Twin Falls and Owyhee county district in the Legislature.

Buhl is the better candidate in the May 27 primary in District 23.

He's being challenged by Doran Parkins, a 65-year-old farmer and retired educator from Marsing. The winner will face Buhl Democrat Bill Chisholm in the November general election.

Gannon, the chairman of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee and the fourth-ranking Republican on the Education Committee, has been beset by a variety of medical issues over the past couple of years. A prostate cancer survivor, Gannon underwent surgery Thursday on a blocked bile duct.

Health is our only reservation about endorsing the 62-year-old Gannon for a fourth term. His missed some important votes during past session and senators' wife Jeanne had to finish the last two weeks of the legislative session on his behalf because of illness.

Well-liked by senators on both sides of the aisle, the retired Navy officer is an able advocate for Magic Valley agriculture — and particularly of bringing the state's new dairy research center to south-central Idaho — and a progressive on education issues. We admire his unflinching support for state involvement in early childhood education and his insistence on accountability by the embattled State Board of Education.

Parkins, former director of the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Boise and for a time superintendent and elementary school principal in the Mackay School District, seems a much more predictable conservative. Although he's vague on a number of issues, Parkins opposes any state involvement in early childhood education.

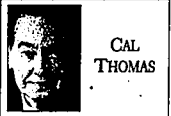
By nominating Parkins, District 23 would be giving up an experienced, influential legislator who thinks for himself and isn't afraid to buck the party line.

Despite lingering unease about Gannon's health, it's not worth the trade.

Our view: Despite our concerns about his health, state Sen. Tom Gannon is a better choice for the Republican nomination in District 23 than Marsing farmer Doran Parkins. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

McCain cozies up to Dems on climate change

In an effort to win over those "moderates" who believe that global warming is about to destroy the planet, Republican presidential candidate John McCain spoke Monday at a Portland, Ore., training facility for Vestas Wind Technology. He claimed, "The facts of global warming demand our urgent attention, especially in Washington."

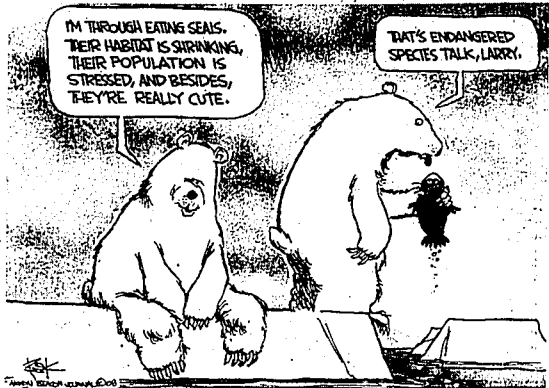


CAL THOMAS

There certainly is more "hot air" on this and a lot of other subjects in Washington, but that isn't what I mean. The era of big government is so not over, as Bill Clinton claimed it was in 1996. It is just beginning and increasingly the political contests seem to be about who will manage its growth, not who will reduce its size, cost and reach.

Despite a recent Wall Street Journal editorial characterizing his position on global warming as "Obama lie," McCain asserted, "We stand warned by serious and credible scientists across the world that time is short and the dangers are great. The most relevant question now is whether our own government is equal to the challenge." No, the most relevant question is whether global warming is true. Cuts in ignore evidence and facts contrary to their blind faith. Science should never be blind to opposing views, but the apostle of global warming, Al Gore, and his new disciple, John McCain, want us to believe in a 2008 version of the Pete Seeger anti-war lyric: "we were — knee deep in (carbon monoxide) and the big fool said to push on."

McCain would have done better to push back against



the global warming cult and conduct a raid on the cultists similar to what Texas authorities did to the FLDS polygamists. Instead of buying into the claims of global warming alarmists who seek more control over our lives through big government intrusion, McCain should demand a debate on the issue. Global warming cult leaders won't debate. Al Gore has refused every debate challenge, asserting the facts are undeniable and that global warming is real. That's another mark of a cult leader; he will tolerate no doubters.

Growing numbers of atmospheric scientists and others with related expertise are emerging from the global warming cult and testifying to their conversions. They are mostly ignored by the media and by politicians who have embraced the cultists' faith.

Two years ago, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held hearings and produced a document quoting anti-global warming scientists. Among the conclusions was this: "Earlier this year, a group of prominent scientists came forward to question the so-called 'consensus' that the Earth faces a 'climate emergency.' On April 6, 2006, 60 scientists wrote a letter to the Canadian prime minister asserting that the science is deteriorating from underneath global warming alarmists: 'Observational evidence does not support today's computer climate models, so there is little reason to trust model predictions of the future. ... Significant (scientific) advances have been made since the (Kyoto) protocol was created, many of which are taking us away from a concern about increasing greenhouse gases. If, back in the mid-1990s, we knew what we know today about climate, Kyoto would almost certainly not exist, because we would have concluded it was not necessary.'"

Among the noted converts is Claude Allegre, a member of the French Socialist Party and a former minister of national education. Allegre is also a member of the French

and U.S. Academy of Sciences. He once was a believer in the "science" behind global warming, but no more. He, too, wants a debate and his ranks are growing.

If global warming alarmists are right, they will only strengthen their position by having robust debates, not between politicians who seek votes, but among scientists who seek truth. The issue is too important to allow politicians to decide it for us because it has the potential to drastically change the way we live.

Sen. McCain may win a few votes from some "moderates," who mostly are uneasy about having convictions about anything that matters, but if he persists in embracing the global warming cultists, he risks experiencing a temperature drop from the conservative base that could cast him out in the cold when the weather and his election prospects turn chilly in November.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Obenauer takes right steps to solve cow crisis

Commissioner Obenauer has made an honest effort to bring reason to the development process in Jerome. Unfortunately she has been recently demonized by those who seem oblivious to the drastic, overdevelopment of conventional animal feeding operations.

I offer this suggestion to any thinking person: Take a tour of Jerome and view the pathetic conditions (and I'm sure you will take note of the overwhelming aroma). I think you will

agree with my opinion that there are better looking war zones!

It appears to me that the cow-friendly forces are consolidating their effort to replace Commissioner Obenauer in the upcoming election.

If you value quality of life over greed-driven special interests, you won't let this happen.

I suggest you retain Commissioner Obenauer — the only positive ray of hope on the Jerome County Commission in recent history.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School board elections are important; be sure to vote

The Twin Falls School Board holds one of the most important elected positions in this town. Members of this board are responsible for overseeing the many decisions that the school district must make.

On Tuesday, May 20, patrons of Morningside Elementary, as well as some patrons of Oregon Trail Elementary, will have an opportunity to elect a new board member. There are two very capable candidates running, and I am asking the patrons to support these gentlemen by going to the polls to vote.

The polls will be open from noon until 6 p.m. at Morningside Elementary School.

STEVE HOY Twin Falls (Editor's note: Steve Hoy is the principal at Morningside Elementary School.)

Crowley would come to board with open mind

I am writing to support Richard Crowley as a candi-

Primary election letters deadline May 21

The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor from all persons. Letters should be sent to the editor at 735-3223. Letters must be received by the deadline of May 21, at 5 p.m. Election letters received after these dates will not be published.

Letters must be 300 words or less, and the Times-News will publish one letter from each writer only.

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

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Richard would help students

Richard is a third-generation resident of Twin Falls. I have known Richard for 10 years and believe he has the skills to be a positive influence for the students in the Twin Falls School District. He is very much a team player and is well respected by those who know him.

Richard would come to the board with an open mind and a commitment to what is best for the students.

He has a broad background that would help him to be effective. I have observed Richard to be a very good listener, an effective communicator, and a creative problem solver.

Richard has worked for a large corporation prior to returning to Twin Falls, managed his own small business and has been actively involved in promoting downtown Twin Falls. He has the ability to see the big picture, which is critical when

serving on any board.

As a graduate of Twin Falls High School who participated in extracurricular activities, he would be a proponent of the best possible academic experience for students, along with opportunities in sports and the fine arts.

Please vote for Richard Crowley on Tuesday, May 20. ROB ATKINS Twin Falls

Fox's experience, training, make him best candidate

I am writing to support Jeff Fox as the Zone 5 candidate for the trustee position in Twin Falls School District 411.

Jeff has been an English professor at the College of Southern Idaho for many years and recently received his Ph.D. in educational leadership. Jeff listens and communicates well, is a clear thinker and a consensus builder.

Jeff's experience, training and educational skills make him the best choice for trustee for Zone 5 in School District 411.

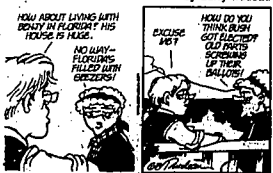
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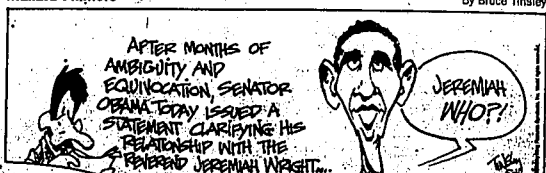


By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Observer will be writing to lead a listening ear

In April 2007, I took part in an e-mail discussion concerning the appropriateness of posting the Jerome County Commission meeting agendas on its Web site. Although none of the commissioners took an active role in the e-mail discussion, Diana Obenaus supported the idea as a contemporary method to increase citizen involvement in local governance and had proposed the idea to the other board members. Charlie Howell held the position it was not required to do so, therefore he saw no reason to do it.

Since the county commissioners reserve the right to make last-minute changes to their meeting agendas, I mentioned it could be a hardship for a person to take time from work to attend a meeting, only to find the agenda had changed and was no longer relevant to their specific interest. I viewed the posting of agendas on the county Web site as the best method to inform the public of last-minute changes. I also felt a Web posting of the agenda would reflect courtesy and respect for Jerome County citizens, as well as being supportive of democracy.

More than 100 people were listed as copied recipients of this e-mail thread, including Cathy Roemer. She replied to me, "Please remove me from your e-mail list. I have no idea who you are."

I erroneously made the assumption Ms. Roemer was interested in any concerns and constructive ideas about governance the public might have, since she was the vice chairman of the county's Republican Committee. My assumption was reinforced by my experience with Diana Obenaus, who was willing to lend me an ear when she had no idea who I was.

My question to the good citizens of Jerome County, "Will Cathy Roemer be willing to hear your voice if she has no idea who you are?" JIM SYLVA Hansen

Howell sets great example on leadership

How does a person show leadership? Charles Howell does it by setting a good example!

I have had the pleasure of knowing Charlie and his family for many years and can honestly say that I don't know a better person for the job of Jerome County commissioner. Charlie is knowledgeable,

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honest, hard-working and a great listener. Above all, he follows the law.

Sometimes we don't like the rules, but we have to follow them anyway. With Charlie, what you see is what you get. If you ask him a question, you get a logical, honest answer. If he doesn't know something, he will find out for you.

I know he really cares about the future and growth of Jerome County. For example, he consistently demonstrates his concern for the quality and quantity of water in our area with his involvement and support of the Mid-Snake Water Commission.

Like many of us, Charlie has children and grandchildren that live in the Magic Valley. He wants them to grow up with the same opportunities that he had.

If you truly care about the future of Jerome County, please join me and vote for Charles Howell for Jerome

County Commissioner in District 2. DAN SUHR Jerome

Bryan will work hard for Buhl's Precinct 5

Elizabeth (Beth) Bryan is a candidate for precinct committee person for Buhl Precinct 5. I met Beth recently and was so impressed with her enthusiasm and dedication to the Republican principles that I am writing to tell you about her qualifications and urge those in Buhl Precinct 5 to vote for her on May 27 at the Buhl Christian Church on Broadway.

Beth has supported the Republican Party and Republican candidates her whole life. In fact, she was way ahead in the race for a seat in the State Senate in Oregon when her husband's electronics firm transferred him to Lebanon. After their time abroad, Beth and her family returned to the states, and she has been active supporting Republican candidates in numerous campaigns since then.

Beth chose Buhl as the place to retire and bought a house on Broadway. She loves the area and the friendly people of Buhl. Beth will work hard to support Republican candidates and to represent the people of Precinct 5 in Buhl on the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee.

Please vote for Elizabeth Bryan for precinct committee person on May 27. KATHLEEN NOH Kimberley

Howell, Roemer shed light on difficult issues

"It was the best of times, it

was the worst of times. It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness ..."

Charles Dickens' famous words are applicable to Jerome County today. We have a thriving agricultural economic base, yet very real concerns about the cost of such prosperity in terms of human health and quality of life.

We have the opportunity to remedy contentious issues such as threatened air and water quality, yet some wish to denigrate the motives of those striving to establish a local dairy research center. Instead of cooperation and understanding between the agricultural community and non-ag residents, we have endless litigation.

As a scientist, I support the efforts of the Commission. I also support elected officials who exhibit wisdom, demonstrate belief in the fundamental benefits of agriculture and shed light on difficult issues.

I urge Jerome residents to vote for incumbent Charlie Howell and aspiring commissioner Cathy Roemer on May 27.

PAUL BIAGOTTI Jerome

Schmidt is the one to solve Jerome's leadership crisis

As a Jerome County resident and banker for nearly 25 years in the Magic Valley, I have been actively involved in the business community and have had the privilege of meeting and working closely with business associates including the elected and appointed Jerome city and county government officials.

Many have served with great integrity and selflessness while making a significant difference in their respective roles.

Looking back, I cannot remember a time when the Jerome County Commission operated anywhere near the current level of dysfunction. By now, it should be clear to Jerome County residents as well as the surrounding communities that professionalism, civility and well-intentioned negotiations do not currently reside in the Jerome County Commissioners chambers.

It is a new experience for me to state my perspective on local politics in this manner. However, I feel strongly about the current lack of effective Jerome County leadership, and that enough is enough.

We have an extraordinary opportunity to help bring about an end to this futility on May 27 and to elect a person who is profoundly qualified to direct the affairs of Jerome County. That person is Marjorie Schmidt. She has an outstanding record of community service, a vision for the future of Jerome County through collaborative negotiations and should be a compelling consideration for your vote.

LARRY GOOLSBY Jerome

Let's look at facts regarding Cranney, Roark

The Times-News bellows out jeers to randy old Bill Clinton and supports it with the hallowed conversion of farmer Mike Cranney from Democrat to Republican. Then to top it off, Idaho Democratic Party Chairman Roark chimes in and blames Clinton's eel comments for

endangering the Democrats as a species in Idaho. After this media and bipartisan indictment of Clinton, the Times-News invokes a healthy religious right "Amen to that!" Now that we have the stage set with a new Republican and a whimpering spineless Democratic chairman, let's look at the real facts.

Assuming Mike Cranney is the Michael Cranney of the Cranney Brothers clan, the IFWG Farm Subsidy Data Web site indicates that over the last few years, the Cranney Brothers have taken more than \$5.1 million in taxpayer-funded federal subsidies. I guess an Idaho Republican is someone who has attended a land-grant university long enough to learn how to sign a taxpayer-funded subsidy check and Democrats practice law in Sun Valley?

This appears to make this Cranney Democrat converted to Republican just about the biggest welfare recipient in the state of Idaho. Do you know how long the illegal aliens and I have to work to fund this with our federal taxes at minimum wage?

When I hear someone who is taking millions in public welfare money say they are "conservative," it is "akin to fingernails on a chalkboard." When the chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party is so lap-danced that instead of pointing this out, he rolls over and capitulates maybe it is he and not Bill Clinton who is responsible for the decline of the Democratic Party in Idaho.

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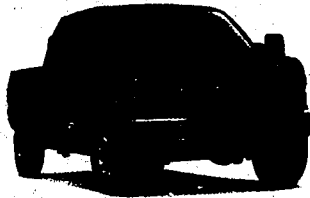


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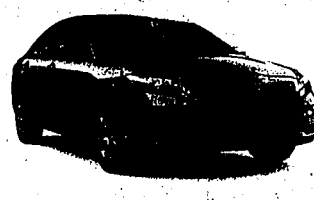


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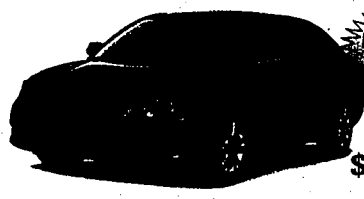


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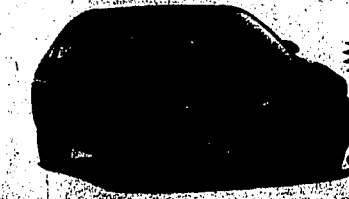


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Burley, Wood River suffer close losses at 4A state softball tourney.

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Kimberly suffers first loss at 3A softball tourney; Bühl advances.

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CSI shows split personality in Florida

Golden Eagles 1-1 after Day 1 of nationals

By Eric Larsen
Staff writer

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Hours after showcasing its best, the College of Southern Idaho softball team played arguably its worst, most frustrating game of the season Thursday evening at the NCAA Division I National Championships in Plant City, Fla.

With their first national tournament win under their belts after beating Texas McLennan Community College 5-2, the Golden Eagles looked to cement a spot in the championship quarterfinals with a win over Iowa Western Community College. Instead, CSI booted and threw away its best shot at a national title,

committing seven errors in a 10-4 loss to the Reivers at the expansive Plant City Stadium.

Thursday's loss had little to do with the grandeur of the stage, however, as CSI lost less on jitters and more on failed execution.

"There's really not a lot you can do," said Stephanie Holmes, who hit a home run and drove in all of CSI's four runs in the loss. "If you're not going to come ready to play, there's not a lot you can do because you don't have anything to build on."

Holmes and starting pitcher Desi

Thomson allowed only one earned run each. The CSI infield was to blame for the rest. Jenna Dell hit Thomson for a three-run homer in the first, only after

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The College of Southern Idaho's Cassi Merrill bunts against McLennan Community College during the 2008 NCAA Division I National Championships at the Randy L. Larson Softball Four-Flex in Plant City, Fla. on Thursday.

Photo by SCOTT HARRISON/The Ledger



Bruin baseball falls at 5A state

By John Derr
Staff writer

BOISE — It was all about opportunistic hits. Lake City got them. The Bruins did not.

Twin Falls dropped its opening game of the Class 5A state tournament 6-1 to the Timberwolves Thursday afternoon at Borah High School in Boise.

"We didn't play bad, we just played a good team and they beat us," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federico. "Their kid pitched great and we made a couple mistakes."

In other first round scores, Boise blanked Madison 9-0 while Lewiston topped Eagle 9-5. In the late game, Timberline and Borah battled for the last spot in the semifinals.

The Bruins will look to avoid a repeat of last year's two-and-out state experience as they take on the loser between Timberline and Boise at 1 p.m., today.

Donned in Mohawk haircuts, the Bruins recorded the first hit of the game. After two

fly outs to center, Remington Pullin smacked a short hit to the gap in right center, then moved to second on a passed ball. But he wound up stranded, something that would become a recurring theme.

"We just didn't get started. They got the momentum and we didn't," said Pullin, who went 2-for-3 on the day. "I just tried to relax and keep my hands inside. That is the main thing, staying relaxed."

The Timberwolves threatened in the third, getting a pair of hits and loading the bases with one out, but a 1-2-3 double play ended the threat. They would not miss another opportunity.

Lake City would change everything in the fourth. With two outs, first baseman Dylan Collinson blasted a line drive to left that kept climbing over the fence.

Then things got out of control in the sixth. A two-run double by Nick Combo, along with RBI singles from

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Twin Falls first baseman Bo Follings goes down to catch a ball during the Bruins' loss to Lake City at the Class 5A state tournament in Boise.



Twin Falls sophomore Sunshine Martinecz (3) gets a hug from senior Kelli Roemer after beating Lewiston Thursday in extra innings during the Class 5A state softball tournament in Idaho Falls.

Extra effort lifts Bruins

Twin Falls softball edges Lewison in eighth inning

By David Bashore
Staff writer

IDAHO FALLS — Last season, Twin Falls opened the state tournament with a 1-0 loss, and the morale dropped as the club struggled to a 1-2 finish at state.

This year, the shoe's already on the other foot, and the Bruins are happy to start dreaming of going all the way.

Brianna Bishop's eighth-inning sacrifice fly plated Sam Spencer from third base, lifting Twin Falls to a 1-0, extra-inning win over Lewiston in the opening round of the Class 5A state softball tournament at Community Park on Thursday.

It was a fitting end to a defensive struggle. Because of the extra-inning rule that puts a runner on second base to start the inning, the Bruins (26-1) scored the only run of the game without managing a hit in the inning.

Both teams mustered just two base knocks in the game, courtesy of solid pitching by Bruin ace Amber Petersen (22-0), who fanned 11 batters, and Lewiston hurler Jessica Ulrich. Twin Falls coach Ken Johnson said the game was close in no small part because of first-game jitters.

"I just think the girls were antsy and wanted to go out there and win it," Johnson said. "But Lewiston impressed me. They were the No. 4 seed in their district ... they're good. We needed to change our approach, shorten our swings and put the ball in play rather than have long swings and try to crush the ball against the wind. The wind

was insane."

Once the game settled into extra innings, the Bruins seemed to ease off a little bit, knowing that as long as their outs were productive, they could still win the game after Petersen fanned the side in the top half of the eighth to stymie Lewiston (13-13).

In the bottom half, Spencer started out at second base, and was bunted to third by Kim Dolecheck, who reached first base after the throw was wide of first and took second on the catcher's indifference two pitches later. Bishop followed with a well-struck ball to center field, and Spencer in her excitement to score the winning run nearly forgot to tag up.

It was a true hearts-in-throats moment for the Twin Falls faithful, but she raced back to the bag and came

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Minico advances in thriller

Spartans win on walk-off RBI single

By Zach Kyle
Staff writer

NAMPA — Sometimes sports become a matter of will, when the great teams and players find some way out of whatever hole they've dug themselves into and emerge victorious.

That moment came for the Minico Spartans, who escaped

from the opening round of the Class 4A state baseball tournament with a 5-4 come-from-behind win against Mountain Home in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Dane Broadhead smoked an RBI single up the middle to score Chris Joyce and tie the game at 4-4 in the final inning. Mountain Home elected to walk R.J. Salvi, setting up a potential game-saving double play and bringing Bubba Christiansen to the plate.

Christiansen roped a single, keeping home Broadhead and bringing Minico's tide, dreams alive.

"I'm not going to lie," Christiansen said. "I was pretty

nervous up there. But that's what you want as a baseball player, you want the game on the line. You want that in your hands."

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Wood River baseball wins again
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"I was nervous, but I kept my composure and put a good swing on the ball." Minico entered the game with a 25-2 record and hadn't lost to a 4A club all year. But their season was almost derailed by Mountain Home's two infield singles in the top of the seventh. Alex Hoffman ripped a hard single to right, scoring two runs and giving Mountain Home a 4-3 lead. Somehow, however, the Spartans managed to come back.

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2008 Idaho State Baseball Championships

Class 6A
At Boise, Boise
 Thursday, May 15
 Game 1: Boise 8, Madison 0
 Game 2: Lewiston 9, Eagle 5
 Game 3: Lake City 6, Twin Falls 1
 Game 4: Timberline 7, Borah 4
 Friday, May 16
 Game 5: Madison vs. Eagle, 10 a.m.
 Game 6: Twin Falls vs. Borah, 1 p.m.
 Game 7: Boise vs. Lewiston, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 8: Lake City vs. Timberline, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
 Game 9: Consolation, Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 10 a.m.
 Game 10: Third place, Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 1 p.m.
 Game 11: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 7 p.m.

Class 4A
At Rodeo Park, Nampa
 Thursday, May 15
 Game 1: Wood River 4, Lander 0
 Game 2: Bishop Kelly 1, Pocatello 0
 Game 3: Rigby vs. Skyview, late
 Game 4: Minico 5, Mountain Home 4
 Friday, May 16
 Game 5: Lakeland vs. Pocatello, 10 a.m.
 Game 6: Loser 3 vs. Mountain Home 1 p.m.
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Class 3A
At Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore.
 Thursday, May 15
 Game 1: Bear Lake 15, Bonanza 7, 1st innings
 Game 2: Payette 16, Buhl 10
 Game 3: Sugar-Salem 12, St. Maries 10
 Game 4: Fruitland def. South Fremont
 Friday, May 16
 Game 5: Bonners Ferry vs. Buhl, 10 a.m.
 Game 6: St. Maries vs. South Fremont, 1 p.m.
 Game 7: Bear Lake vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 8: Sugar-Salem vs. Fruitland, 7:15 p.m.
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 Game 10: Third place, Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 1 p.m.
 Game 11: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 4 p.m.

Class 2A
At Orofino
 Thursday, May 15
 Game 1: Nampa Christian 12, West Jefferson 6
 Game 2: Wendell 3, Grangeville 2
 Game 3: Malad 15, New Plymouth 6
 Game 4: Orofino 26, Soda Springs 1
 Friday, May 16
 Game 5: West Jefferson vs. Grangeville, 10:30 a.m.
 Game 6: New Plymouth vs. Soda Springs, 1 p.m.
 Game 7: Nampa Christian vs. Wendell, 3:30 p.m.
 Game 8: Malad vs. Orofino, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
 Game 9: Consolation, Winner 5 vs. Winner 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Game 10: Third place, Loser 7 vs. Loser 8, 1 p.m.
 Game 11: Championship, Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 3:30 p.m.

Class 1A
At Pocatello
 Thursday, May 15
 Game 1: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 2: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 3: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 4: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 5: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 6: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 7: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 8: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 9: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 10: Pocatello 10, Arden 0
 Game 11: Pocatello 10, Arden 0

Kramer's blast sends W.R. into 4A semis



Wood River's Pat Patterson pitches during the Wolverines' win over Lakeland at the Class 4A state baseball tournament in Nampa on Thursday.

Wolverines blank Lakeland in rout

By Zach Kyle Staff writer

NAMPA — The Wood River Wolverines just keep winning big games. Their 4-0 win in the Class 4A state baseball opener over Lakeland makes the Wolverines 10-18 on the season. But four of those wins came when the games mattered — two in Great Basin West tournament play, the next in a state play-in game, and now in Nampa to advance to the semifinals of the state tournament.

Senior Danny Kramer delivered a three-run home run in the first inning to put the Wolverines up 3-0. Senior pitcher Pat Patterson did the rest, striking out 14 batters in a one-hit shutout.

Kramer said Wood River is out to earn some respect.

"Nobody thought we would be

here. There's 15 kids that thought we'd be here, and that's our team," Kramer said.

Now that Wood River has adjusted to playing hops off the grass and chasing flies in the sun, the Wolverines are up to speed and winning games.

"We wanted to prove everybody wrong," Patterson said. "We want the whole state to know that we deserve to be here. We knew we deserved to be here. Our record doesn't really show it, but at the start of the season we had a lot of snow that kept us from getting outside. Now we know what we need to do."

Patterson dominated Lakeland. He walked only three batters, and the lone hit he gave up was a single to Lakeland's No. 9 hitter. In two innings, he faced

situations where errors and walks put two Lakeland runners on, but each time he struck out batters to end the threat.

"I was just throwing hard," Patterson said. "I was feeling that zip today. I felt great. No one really touched it, and when they did, we got a great play by Tyler Israel at second base in the first inning. That gave me a big boost along with the home run."

Kramer's first inning Jack could have been a predictor for a high-scoring game, but as it stood as one of Wood River's five hits, the three runs proved to be the difference.

Kramer's first home run of the season came at an opportune time. He said the bat has felt good in his hands of late.

"I hit five (home runs) in practice this week," Kramer said. "I've just been feeling it."

Wood River plays at 4:30 p.m. today at Rodeo Park in Nampa against either Bishop Kelly or Pocatello.

Tribe gives up lead, shot at title

Buhl falls to Payette at 3A state tourney

By Dustin Lapray Correspondent

ONTARIO, Ore. — A big lead does not always constitute a big win.

The Buhl Indians proved that Thursday at Elks Memorial Field in Ontario, Ore., where they gave up a 10-4 lead in the late innings of their first-round matchup against Payette and lost 16-10 to the Pirates at the Class 3A state tournament.

"I think we got out to that big lead and I think we tightened up more," Buhl head coach Troy Ruhter said. "We hit the ball solid, scored runs in the first four innings, but I think when we jumped out to that big lead, we got a little uncomfortable."

The Tribe now has to settle for the battle of consolation. Buhl plays Bonners Ferry at 10 a.m. today. The Badgers suffered a 15-1 loss in five innings to two-time defending state champ Bear Lake.

Payette scored five runs on three straight hits in the fifth inning, added three more runs in the sixth and put the game out of reach in the top of the seventh with a bases-clearing double by sophomore Travis Blackwell. He went 3-for-5 in the game with six RBIs.

"They started getting to our pitcher and Gaige (Owen) got a little bit tired," Ruhter said. "They're a good team. They are here for a reason. They hit the ball well and strung some hits together."

Buhl built its 10-4 lead with big bats in the first and second innings. Senior Brad Twiss hit a two-run double to get things going in the first,



Buhl's Mitch Carter shows his disappointment during the Indians' loss to Payette at the Class 3A state tournament in Ontario, Ore., Thursday.

then hammered a two-RBI triple in the second to finish a rally.

The free contact of the early innings disappeared for the Tribe as the game wore on and the heat of the May sun came to life.

"These guys, their first time here, they kind of felt that pressure," Ruhter said. "I think they surprised themselves by getting up early."

This was anything but a pitchers' duel, but it felt like one. Owen, the standout on the bump for Buhl, got

"The goal is always the state championship, but now we have ... change our goals a little bit."

— Buhl coach Troy Ruhter, on his team's 16-10 loss to Payette at the 3A state tournament

"We still had a chance," Owen said. "We hit pretty good. We have the kids to do this game. I feel like I blew it. We were in the spot we wanted to be in."

Owen can pitch Saturday if the team advances, or he could pitch two innings today.

Payette starting pitcher Brad Pollock got hammered in the early innings, then settled down and held Buhl scoreless over the final three to get the win.

For this young Tribe, the loss counts as a lesson learned. Half of the starters for Buhl are either freshman or sophomores.

"When you give a game like that in the first round it hurts you a lot," Ruhter said. "I have faith in these guys. I told them from day one we were going to state. These guys were prepared for it."

Buhl now sets its sights on the consolation title.

"The goal is always the state championship, but now we have to look for that consolation, change our goals a little bit," Ruhter said.

Trojans get past Bulldogs in opener

Staff report

Grangeville won't be winning a third straight Class 2A baseball title. The Wendell Trojans made sure of that on Friday, edging the Bulldogs 3-2 in the opening round of state play in Orofino.

Trailing 2-1, Wendell used a double play to end the bottom of the fifth. The play came with the bases loaded.

Riding that momentum, the Trojans opened the sixth inning with a pair of singles. Miguel Orozco advanced the runners on a bunt and Nolan Stouder's grounder, coupled with a Grangeville error, allowed two runs to score.

"It feels good to win," said Wendell coach Jesse Koopman. "We're excited."

Joey Rocha got the win for Wendell, striking out 11 and walking five in what Koopman called a "gutsy performance."

After struggling in the middle innings, Rocha shut the door on Grangeville late to seal the win.

The win means a chance for the Trojans to avenge their only loss to a 2A team all spring. Wendell will meet Nampa Christian at 3:30 p.m. today in the state semifinals. Wendell lost to Nampa Christian at the Glensys Ferry Tournament in April.

Spartans

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Spartans found a way to get out their most exciting — and most important — win of the season.

Minico coach Ben Frank said a loss due to two infield singles — after Broadhead struck out the first two batters of the inning — would have been demoralizing.

"That would have been a tough one to swallow. Dane did everything right. He got infield ground balls," Frank said.

Minico is no stranger to playing from behind, but this was the Spartans' toughest hurdle yet.

"It goes back to us being battle-tested," Broadhead said. "We kept our composure and came back and ended up with a win."

Broadhead, who improved to 10-0 on the season, struck out seven and walked two. Leadoff hitter Chris Joyce batted 2-for-3 with the pivotal walk in the seventh inning, and Christiansen finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs and, of course, the game winner.

As far as postseason scripts go, Frank said this nip-and-

Twin Falls

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Chris Combo and Tobin Broesch put the Bruins in a five-run deficit. A great catch of a fly ball along the fence by Bo Folkling ended the inning, but the damage was done.

Sophomore Zac Slotten and Pullin laced singles to center, while Kasey Jeroue reached on an error. In the sixth, he led to the Bruins' comeback.

But Twin Falls could not come up with big hit at the right time.

Winning pitcher Zach Clanton did the final damage, helping his cause with a seventh-inning home run.

Things got interesting again in the bottom of the seventh as Trevor Evans walked and Zeb Sneed, who took over pitching duties in the sixth, singled to left with no outs.

Brandon Box would finally put the Bruins on the board with a sacrifice fly to left to score Evans.

"We got the leadoff hitter on twice and loaded the bases, but got just one run," added Pullin. "We just need to play hard like we did today."

The Bruin defense was solid, playing error free com-

Class 5, Mountain Home 4

Photo by Scott MacKenzie

Minico's Landon Barnes tags out Mountain Home's Cal Viver, who tried to leap over Barnes after getting caught in a rundown.

Photo by Scott MacKenzie

Twin Falls catcher Trevor Evans throws the ball during the Bruins' game against Lake City at the 5A state tournament in Boise.

Photo by Scott MacKenzie

pared to a couple miscues by Lake City. But the Timberwolves tasted nine hits to Twin Falls' four.

"You are not going to win many game with three or four hits," Federico added.

Pilots fall to Soda Springs in 2A softball opener

Glenns Ferry faces Orofino today



Glenns Ferry's Crystal Laib slides into home plate as Soda Springs' catcher awaits the throw Thursday during the Class 2A softball tournament at OK Ward Park in Pocatello.

By Mark Liptak
Correspondent

POCATELLO — Timing is everything. Soda Springs proved that true on Thursday as it scored numerous clutch runs in beating Glenns Ferry 13-7 in the opening round of the Class 2A state softball tournament at OK Ward Park in Pocatello.

season and gave up eight runs with two out in extra innings to lose the game.

Glenns Ferry started the tournament by committing three errors in the first inning, allowing two unearned runs. The Pilots, who took third at state last year, tied the game thanks to some Soda Springs miscues in the second inning.

Ferry broke from third unexpectedly, getting caught in a rundown. The result was, third out basically ended any hopes of a late comeback.

McHone understands the fine line her senior pitcher was walking. "We always tell the girls to be aggressive, but sometimes you just have to be more cautious. She just made a mistake on the bases."

Glenns Ferry's leadoff hitter Crystal Laib had a fine effort in the losing game. She had three singles, drove in a run and stole a base.

With the loss, Glenns Ferry now drops to an elimination game this morning. They will face Orofino, an 11-1 loser to West Jefferson, at 10 a.m.

Soda Springs 13, Glenns Ferry 7
Soda Springs
Glenns Ferry
Jodynn Ferry and Crystal Laib, L/R

CLASS 4A STATE SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Wood River and Burley suffer narrow losses on opening day

By Diane Phibbin
Staff writer

Talk about a hard-luck loss. In a pitchers duel between Wood River's Samantha Engel and Mountain Home's Nikayla Skinner, both threw one-hitters at the opposition in the opening game of the Class 4A state softball tournament.

But it was Engel who walked off the diamond with a 2-0 loss after giving up her only hit to Skinner. The Tiger sophomore drove an Engel pitch over the left-center field fence for a game-winning two-run homer.

"(Skinner) is a hitter," said Engel. "She really got a hold of it. It wasn't one of my better games, but I was hitting my spots and throwing hard. Our defense performed well and I know that I can always depend on the defense."

Even missing about a month of the season with an injury and returning only a week before the district tournament, the senior looked strong and in control. She recorded three strikeouts and walked two.

"It was a great softball game," said Wood River coach Dale Martin. "Both pitchers were on. We had our opportunities but she (Skinner) bore down. The girls really hung in there and I'm proud of them. We don't feel as though we lost, but we just got beat."

The only offense for both teams came in the fourth inning.

Wood River sent five batters to the plate in the inning and threatened to score after two Mountain Home errors put runners on second and third with no outs. But Skinner and the Tigers were able to get out of the jam with a ground-out to first followed by a pair of strikeouts. In the home half of the inning, the Tigers combined a leadoff walk to Arlene Futch and the two-out blast by Skinner.

"We left a lot of runners on base but it was a ball game," said Dani Stone, who had the lone Wood River hit off Skinner. "We are happy Burley is here, they deserved it. But we don't want to go home and we'll come out with some fire against them."

Mountain home coach Chris Asbury was happy to just get the win.

"Any win is beautiful," said Asbury. "It wasn't one of our most stellar performances. We are a better team than we showed today. Sometimes we can come out and really crush the ball for maybe 15 hits."

LAKELAND 4, BURLEY 2
It was another pitching battle as Lakeland's Jamie Klopatek and Molly Mills of Burley squared off. But it was Klopatek and the Hawks coming out



Above: Wood River's Hannah Gore keeps her eye on the ball while on first base during Class 4A state softball against Mountain Home Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls. Below: Burley's Molly Mills pitches during Class 4A state softball against Lakeland Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls.

with the 4-2 win over Mills and the Bobcats.

Trailing 2-1 in the home-half of the sixth, Lakeland put three runs on the board with the help of two Burley errors and three hits. The big blow for Lakeland was an RBI double by Jordan Thomas.

Burley trailed 1-0 after six innings but came back to take the lead using hits by Cinthia Rios and Dyanne Steele, and taking advantage of two Lakeland errors to score two runs.

Lakeland's early lead came courtesy an infield single by Alyana Watson and two throwing errors by the Burley defense.

"Their first run was unearned," said Burley coach Tim Campbell. "We just chased her home. I can't take away from our aggressiveness, but you just have to make the plays."

Burley committed five errors. "Lakeland took advantage of the errors and grouped good hits together," said Campbell.

Klopatek recorded 11 strikeouts and Mills had eight.

"We were just looking at too many pitches and taking third strikes," said Campbell.

Shari Hoskins was 2-for-3 including a double to lead Burley at the plate and Jordan Thomas was also 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI for Lakeland.

Burley and Wood River will now face each other at 10 a.m. this morning in a loser-out game.



"It should be a fun match up," said Campbell.

Class 4A state tournament
Wood River Mountain Home 2, Wood River 0
000 000 0-2 1-3
Samantha Engel and K.D. Price, Mountain Home and Ashley Christiansen, W. Skansen L Right
Lakeland 4, Burley 2
Burley
Lakeland
Molly Mills and Courtney Sharpe, Jamie Klopatek and Eric O'Hara, W. Hoskins, L Right
Lakeland hits: RB, Mountain Home, Skinner, Jordan Thomas.

2008 Idaho State Softball Championships

Class 5A
At Idaho Falls
Thursday, May 15
Game 1: Eagle 9, Skyline 1
Game 2: Coeur d'Alene 3, Mountain View 0
Game 3: Twin Falls 1, Lewiston 0
Game 4: Timberline 1, Centennial 0
Friday, May 16
Game 5: Skyline vs. Mountain View, 10 a.m.
Game 6: Lewiston vs. Centennial, 10 a.m.
Game 7: Eagle vs. Coeur d'Alene, noon
Game 8: Twin Falls vs. Timberline, noon
Game 9: Winner 5 vs. Loser 8, 3 p.m.
Game 10: Winner 6 vs. Loser 7, 3 p.m.
Game 11: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8, 5 p.m.
Game 12: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10 (loser is fourth place), 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
Game 13: Winner 12 vs. Loser 11 (loser is third place), 10 a.m.
Game 14: Championship, Winner 11 vs. Winner 13, noon
Game 15: Second championship, if necessary, 2 p.m.

Class 2A
At Pocatello
Thursday, May 15
Game 1: Soda Springs 13, Glenns Ferry 7
Game 2: West Jefferson 11, Orofino 2
Game 3: Melba 4, Grangeville 0
Game 4: Malad 8, New Plymouth 0
Friday, May 16
Game 5: Glenns Ferry vs. Orofino, 10 a.m.
Game 6: Grangeville vs. New Plymouth, 10 a.m.
Game 7: Soda Springs vs. West Jefferson, noon
Game 8: Melba vs. Malad, noon
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Class 3A
At Coeur d'Alene
Thursday, May 15
Game 1: Homedale 2, Bear

Note: For updated tournament results from today's games, visit Magicvalley.com

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Kimberly upset; Buhl advances at Class 3A state tourney



Kimberly High School sophomore Jandy Altamero slides safely into third base Thursday during State 3A Softball Championship play in Coeur d'Alene.

Staff report

They struggled to hit the ball. They stranded 10 base runners. They lost for the first time in 2008. The Kimberly softball team came into the Class 3A state softball tournament unbeaten and looking to repeat as state champions. Marsh Valley made the task considerably harder with a 2-1 win Thursday in Coeur d'Alene.

The Bulldogs (26-1) can still come back around the loser's bracket and claim the title, but it's a long road. Thursday's loss came after Kimberly struggled to get their bats going.

"We just didn't come through with hits when we needed to," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop.

Nellie Makings struck out 10 batters, but Marsh Valley managed two runs in the fourth inning. Only two of Marsh Valley's six hits left the infield, accord-

ing to Bishop, but just enough damage was done.

The Bulldogs take the field again at 10 a.m. today against Payette. They'll be on the field plenty in the next two days if they want to win another championship trophy.

"We have the girls and the talent to do it," said Bishop. "Now it's just up to the girls to decide they want to hit well."

BUHL 6, PAYETTE 3
Buhl's Leslie Hunter pitched a solid game, and she and her sister Katherine came up with key hits as the Indians beat Payette in the first round of the Class 3A state tournament.

Leslie Hunter struck out four without issuing and walk and added a two-run double in the third inning. Katherine Hunter connected for a

two-RBI triple in the seventh inning. "We're extremely happy with the day," said Buhl coach Shelly Hart. "The girls played well tonight. They came out aggressive."

While Buhl committed four errors, the Indians didn't allow those to snowball, according to Hart. "I think the maturity is starting to hit," she said.

The Indians face Marsh Valley at noon today in the first of at least two Friday games for the Tribe.

Class 3A state tournament
Marsh Valley 6, Payette 3
Marsh Valley
Payette
Leslie Hunter and Katherine Hunter, Nellie Makings and Arlene Schroeder, Emily-hess hits - RB, Buhl: Holly Steiner, Leslie Hunter 3B, Burt, Katherine Hunter.

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Twin Falls squads start strong at regional track meet

Staff reports

The Twin Falls boys and girls got off to strong starts at the Region 10 track meet Thursday in Madison. Individual winners for the Bruin girls included Amanda Ward in the 3,200 meter race, Chelzie Williams in the triple jump and Sierra Clark in the shot put. The quarter of Danielle Bower, Madi Worst, Brianna Bower and Danielle Keating won the medley relay.

The Twin Falls boys won the sprint medley as Kyle Lincoln, Chase Gomez, Levi Lancaster and Ryan Seastrom outran the field. Braden Casperon took top honors in the pole vault, clearing 14 feet.

The top four in each individual event and the top two in each relay are listed in the Class 5A state meet May 22-24 in Boise.

The region meet concludes today with field events beginning at 2 p.m. and running events starting at 4 p.m.

Jerome boys and girls sweep District IV-V track meet

The Jerome boys and girls swept the District IV-V track titles Friday behind a number of solid individual showings.

Tigers boys totaled 174 points to best second-place Pocatello (148) and the rest of the seven-team field. Jerome's girls were even more dominant, piling up 202 points, 69 more than second-place Preston.

Aaron Jackson led the way for Jerome's boys, winning the 100- and 200-meter races. Jerome's Curtis Peterson won the pole vault and Brian Wickham claimed the discus title.

Tinley Garey's shot put won led the Jerome girls. Minico won the 4x200 relay, while Diana Brubaker claimed top honors in the high jump.

The five individuals in each event advance to the Class 4A state meet, slated for May 22-24 at Bronco Stadium in Boise. The top two squads in each relay also qualify for state.

Declo boys, Buhl girls shine at districts

The Declo boys and Buhl girls claimed District IV titles at the Class 3A meet at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind on Thursday.

Declo's Matt Jones swept the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter races at the state-qualifying meet.

Kimberly's boys won all three relays.

BuHll's Lori Gomer won the 100 meters to pace the team. Qualifying athletes will compete in the 3A state track meet May 22-24 in Boise.

Valley dominates District IV track meets

The Valley Vikings boys and girls track teams won their district meets Thursday thanks to more than a dozen first-place finishes. While the boys spread about the medal spots, the girls were dominated by Z'oea Nelson in the sprints and Lisa Romer in the distance races.

Nelson won the 100-, 200- and 400-meter races while Romer won at 1,600 and 3,200 meters.

At the Class 1A District IV meet, the O'Fallon boys won in team points even without the aid of winning multiple events. District's Xena Stockstad swept the sprints.

The BuHll girls took the top team spot. Tina Sally Hansen won the 100-meter dash, the triple jump and led the 200-meter dash with teammate Nicole Harper.

Class 5A state track meet

500 meters: 1. Jerome, 5:19.30; 2. Preston, 5:21.00; 3. Pocatello, 5:23.00; 4. Burley, 5:27.00.

100 meters: 1. Jackson, 1:18.00; 2. Jerome, 1:20.00; 3. Pocatello, 1:22.00; 4. Burley, 1:25.00.

200 meters: 1. Jackson, 2:35.00; 2. Jerome, 2:38.00; 3. Pocatello, 2:42.00; 4. Burley, 2:48.00.

400 meters: 1. Jackson, 5:15.00; 2. Jerome, 5:20.00; 3. Pocatello, 5:25.00; 4. Burley, 5:35.00.

800 meters: 1. Jones, 1:55.00; 2. Jerome, 1:58.00; 3. Pocatello, 2:02.00; 4. Burley, 2:08.00.

1,600 meters: 1. Jones, 3:55.00; 2. Jerome, 4:00.00; 3. Pocatello, 4:05.00; 4. Burley, 4:15.00.

3,200 meters: 1. Jones, 7:55.00; 2. Jerome, 8:00.00; 3. Pocatello, 8:05.00; 4. Burley, 8:15.00.

1 mile: 1. Jones, 16:00.00; 2. Jerome, 16:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 16:20.00; 4. Burley, 16:35.00.

2 mile: 1. Jones, 32:00.00; 2. Jerome, 32:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 32:20.00; 4. Burley, 32:40.00.

3 mile: 1. Jones, 48:00.00; 2. Jerome, 48:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 48:20.00; 4. Burley, 48:40.00.

4 mile: 1. Jones, 64:00.00; 2. Jerome, 64:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 64:20.00; 4. Burley, 64:40.00.

5 mile: 1. Jones, 80:00.00; 2. Jerome, 80:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 80:20.00; 4. Burley, 80:40.00.

6 mile: 1. Jones, 96:00.00; 2. Jerome, 96:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 96:20.00; 4. Burley, 96:40.00.

7 mile: 1. Jones, 112:00.00; 2. Jerome, 112:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 112:20.00; 4. Burley, 112:40.00.

8 mile: 1. Jones, 128:00.00; 2. Jerome, 128:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 128:20.00; 4. Burley, 128:40.00.

9 mile: 1. Jones, 144:00.00; 2. Jerome, 144:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 144:20.00; 4. Burley, 144:40.00.

10 mile: 1. Jones, 160:00.00; 2. Jerome, 160:10.00; 3. Pocatello, 160:20.00; 4. Burley, 160:40.00.

Class 3A District IV meet

100 meters: 1. Declo, 1:21.00; 2. Kimberly, 1:23.00; 3. Buhl, 1:25.00; 4. Jerome, 1:28.00.

200 meters: 1. Declo, 2:45.00; 2. Kimberly, 2:50.00; 3. Buhl, 2:55.00; 4. Jerome, 3:00.00.

400 meters: 1. Declo, 5:50.00; 2. Kimberly, 6:00.00; 3. Buhl, 6:10.00; 4. Jerome, 6:20.00.

800 meters: 1. Declo, 12:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 12:10.00; 3. Buhl, 12:20.00; 4. Jerome, 12:30.00.

1,600 meters: 1. Declo, 24:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 24:10.00; 3. Buhl, 24:20.00; 4. Jerome, 24:30.00.

3,200 meters: 1. Declo, 48:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 48:10.00; 3. Buhl, 48:20.00; 4. Jerome, 48:30.00.

1 mile: 1. Declo, 10:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 10:10.00; 3. Buhl, 10:20.00; 4. Jerome, 10:30.00.

2 mile: 1. Declo, 20:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 20:10.00; 3. Buhl, 20:20.00; 4. Jerome, 20:30.00.

3 mile: 1. Declo, 30:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 30:10.00; 3. Buhl, 30:20.00; 4. Jerome, 30:30.00.

4 mile: 1. Declo, 40:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 40:10.00; 3. Buhl, 40:20.00; 4. Jerome, 40:30.00.

5 mile: 1. Declo, 50:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 50:10.00; 3. Buhl, 50:20.00; 4. Jerome, 50:30.00.

6 mile: 1. Declo, 60:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 60:10.00; 3. Buhl, 60:20.00; 4. Jerome, 60:30.00.

7 mile: 1. Declo, 70:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 70:10.00; 3. Buhl, 70:20.00; 4. Jerome, 70:30.00.

8 mile: 1. Declo, 80:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 80:10.00; 3. Buhl, 80:20.00; 4. Jerome, 80:30.00.

9 mile: 1. Declo, 90:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 90:10.00; 3. Buhl, 90:20.00; 4. Jerome, 90:30.00.

10 mile: 1. Declo, 100:00.00; 2. Kimberly, 100:10.00; 3. Buhl, 100:20.00; 4. Jerome, 100:30.00.

Class 1A District IV meet

100 meters: 1. O'Fallon, 1:15.00; 2. Valley, 1:18.00; 3. Jerome, 1:22.00; 4. Declo, 1:25.00.

200 meters: 1. O'Fallon, 2:30.00; 2. Valley, 2:35.00; 3. Jerome, 2:40.00; 4. Declo, 2:45.00.

400 meters: 1. O'Fallon, 5:30.00; 2. Valley, 5:40.00; 3. Jerome, 5:50.00; 4. Declo, 6:00.00.

800 meters: 1. O'Fallon, 11:00.00; 2. Valley, 11:10.00; 3. Jerome, 11:20.00; 4. Declo, 11:30.00.

1,600 meters: 1. O'Fallon, 22:00.00; 2. Valley, 22:10.00; 3. Jerome, 22:20.00; 4. Declo, 22:30.00.

3,200 meters: 1. O'Fallon, 44:00.00; 2. Valley, 44:10.00; 3. Jerome, 44:20.00; 4. Declo, 44:30.00.

1 mile: 1. O'Fallon, 9:00.00; 2. Valley, 9:10.00; 3. Jerome, 9:20.00; 4. Declo, 9:30.00.

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Class 2A District IV meet

100 meters: 1. Valley, 1:18.00; 2. Jerome, 1:22.00; 3. Declo, 1:25.00; 4. O'Fallon, 1:28.00.

200 meters: 1. Valley, 2:35.00; 2. Jerome, 2:40.00; 3. Declo, 2:45.00; 4. O'Fallon, 2:50.00.

400 meters: 1. Valley, 5:40.00; 2. Jerome, 5:50.00; 3. Declo, 6:00.00; 4. O'Fallon, 6:10.00.

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3 mile: 1. Valley, 28:00.00; 2. Jerome, 28:10.00; 3. Declo, 28:20.00; 4. O'Fallon, 28:30.00.

4 mile: 1. Valley, 37:20.00; 2. Jerome, 37:30.00; 3. Declo, 37:40.00; 4. O'Fallon, 37:50.00.

5 mile: 1. Valley, 46:40.00; 2. Jerome, 46:50.00; 3. Declo, 47:00.00; 4. O'Fallon, 47:10.00.

6 mile: 1. Valley, 56:00.00; 2. Jerome, 56:10.00; 3. Declo, 56:20.00; 4. O'Fallon, 56:30.00.

7 mile: 1. Valley, 65:20.00; 2. Jerome, 65:30.00; 3. Declo, 65:40.00; 4. O'Fallon, 65:50.00.

8 mile: 1. Valley, 74:40.00; 2. Jerome, 74:50.00; 3. Declo, 75:00.00; 4. O'Fallon, 75:10.00.

9 mile: 1. Valley, 84:00.00; 2. Jerome, 84:10.00; 3. Declo, 84:20.00; 4. O'Fallon, 84:30.00.

10 mile: 1. Valley, 93:20.00; 2. Jerome, 93:30.00; 3. Declo, 93:40.00; 4. O'Fallon, 93:50.00.

Class 4A State Track Meet

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Class 4A State Track Meet

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Barkley says he'll pay huge gambling debt off

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Charles Barkley acknowledged he owes a \$400,000 gambling debt to a Las Vegas Strip casino and promised Thursday to repay it after a prosecutor said the retired NBA star faced criminal charges.

"My mistake," Barkley said in an interview at a pro-am golf tournament in Hoover, Ala. "I'm not broke, and I'm going to take care of it."

Barkley was responding to comments by Clark County District Attorney David Roger, who said the prosecutor would file a criminal complaint if he did not pay the debt.

Barkley is at the Wynn Las Vegas resort. "He'll have an opportunity like anybody else to make restitution to the hotel," Roger said.

The casino alleged in a civil complaint filed Wednesday that Barkley failed to repay four \$100,000 casino markers, or loans, received last Oct. 18 and 19.

To date, and despite repeated demands, Barkley has refused to repay the \$400,000, the complaint said.

In a radio interview with sports station WJOX in Birmingham, Ala., Barkley repeatedly blamed himself for letting the debt lapse.

He told radio interviewers and a reporter at the golf tournament that the debt stemmed from a wager on the 2008 Super Bowl. He did not explain why Wynn named the loans were made in October.

"I've been gambling 20 years. I've never had this happen before," the 45-year-old Barkley told WJOX. "It's my fault. I let the time lapse. I sleep away."

Barkley, now a basketball analyst for Turner Network Television, denied any personal financial problems, and said the casino didn't call him before filing the complaint.

A Wynn Las Vegas spokesman said he would not directly respond to Barkley's comments. A hotel official earlier declined comment on the court case, citing ongoing litigation.

Barkley could be granted up to six months to pay if he agrees to the standard district attorney's office restitution program, bad check unit chief Bernie Zadrowski said. He would be responsible for the \$400,000 plus a 10 percent program fee totaling \$40,000.

Roger said that if the case remains unresolved, as many as four felony theft or four felony bad check charges could be filed. The possible penalty for each theft conviction is one to 10 years in state prison. But a conviction on a felony bad check charge could carry a one-to-four-year term.

Barkley played 16 NBA seasons for the Philadelphia 76ers, Phoenix Suns and Houston Rockets. He was named league MVP in 1993 and was an 11-time NBA All-Star. Barkley also played on the USA Olympic "Dream Team" in 1992 and 1996.

Barkley has made no secret of his gambling over the years. But estimated during a May 2006 interview with ESPN that he'd gambled away about \$10 million over the years.

"Do I have a gambling problem? Yeah, I do have a gambling problem," Barkley said. "But I don't consider it a problem because I can afford to gamble."

"He said he never bet on basketball, and only bet in casinos. He called it a bad habit, but said he intended to continue."



Barkley

NBA PLAYOFFS Ginobili, Duncan lead Spurs to Game 6 win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs' Big Three came through. Now they have to win one on the road to keep their title defense alive.

Manu Ginobili scored 25 points, Tim Duncan had 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Tony Parker added 15 points in the Spurs' 95-80 victory over the New Orleans Hornets in Game 6 on Thursday night.

The win forced a seventh game in the Western Conference semifinals on Monday in New Orleans. Home teams are 20-1 in the second round.

Chris Paul led the Hornets with 21 points and Tyson Chandler scored 14. David West had 10 points before leaving the game early in the fourth quarter after apparently aggravating a back injury.

The aging defending champions said the injury forced them to spend days of rest before playing Game 7.

"I have confidence," Parker said. "We've won a lot of big games on the road."

Despite the closeness of the series, Game 6, like the five before it, was won by double digits. It was also won, like those before it, in the third quarter, when the Spurs outscored the Hornets 20-12.

"I don't know what to say," Paul said. "That third quarter was ugly."

The Spurs took the lead for good after Parker's jumper with 4:27 left in the first quarter broke a 17-all tie. They led by as many as 24.

The Spurs hit 11 of 21 3-pointers, led by six from Ginobili. The Hornets had just two 3s. But the Hornets had 48 points in the paint to just 28 from the Spurs.

The Spurs shot 49 percent from the field (36-of-77) to the Hornets' 41 percent (33-of-80) and outboarded them 45-40. The Spurs had 28 assists and the Hornets had 13.

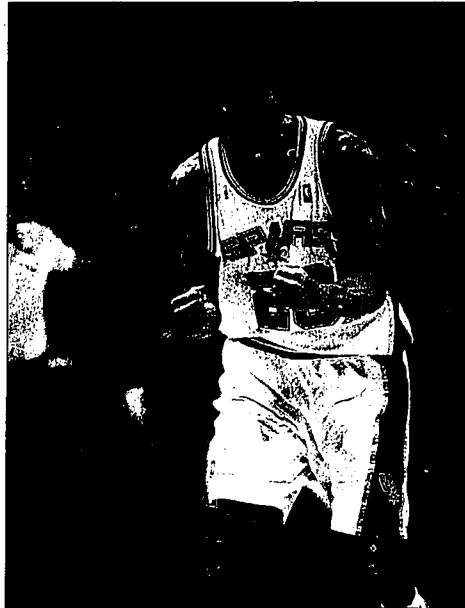
"Thank God we got to go back to New Orleans for Game 7," Paul said.

The Spurs came out with desperate energy, shooting 71 percent in the first quarter. They led by as many as 13 in the opening period after Bruce Bowen's 3-pointer made it 36-23. The Spurs took a 36-24 lead into the second quarter.

In the second period it was the Hornets who led, albeit to a lesser extent. Paul scored 10 points in the quarter, though Ginobili countered with three 3s.

The Spurs maintained a double-digit lead early in the second period before the Hornets started chipping away.

Chandler's dunk off an alley-oop pass from Paul brought New Orleans within 46-41 with 5:35 to play. The



San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, of Argentina, celebrates after scoring a basket during the third quarter in Game 6 of an NBA Western Conference semifinal basketball series against the New Orleans Hornets, Thursday in San Antonio.

NBA Playoffs

Thursday's scores

San Antonio 99, New Orleans 80
Friday's games
Boston at Cleveland, ESPN, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Utah, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

Hornets got within 55-49 and the Spurs were up 58-51 at halftime.

In the third — the quarter that has been pivotal in just about every game in this series — the Hornets got into quick foul trouble. Paul picked up consecutive offensive fouls, his third and fourth, and West picked up his second and third, all in a span of 1:05.

Then West picked up his fourth foul and, visibly upset about it, also got a technical with 8:44 to play.

West did not score again in the quarter, but Paul kept his composure, hitting another layup and jumper and feeding Chandler for two more dunks.

After Chandler's second slam, which brought the Hornets within 71-63, they didn't score for the last 4:44 of the period and the Spurs pulled away.

Duncan sank a shot over Chandler, then hit a layup and pumped his fist after Ime Udoka blocked Paul's layup attempt. Duncan was fouled but couldn't convert the three-point play.

It didn't matter. The Spurs were firmly in control and Ginobili's back-to-back 3s to start the fourth quarter gave San Antonio an 84-63 lead and put away the game.

With 10:11 left in the game, West left the court after aggravating a back injury.

Jazz don't want to stay home after Game 6

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Happy to be home, the Utah Jazz are desperate for another chance on the road.

Utah hosts Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals Friday night against the Los Angeles Lakers, who lead 3-2 and can wrap it up by becoming the first road team to win in the series.

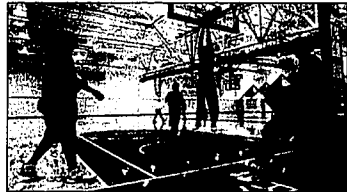
Los Angeles won at home 111-104 Wednesday night to take a 3-1 lead in a series of clinching. The Jazz had their most competitive road performance of the series, but still couldn't overcome the Lakers — even as Kobe Bryant played conservatively.

The Jazz lost Friday, they won't get another chance.

"If we lose, we go home," forward Matt Harper said. "We certainly don't want to lose on our home court the last game of the year. No way."

The Lakers have the advantage of knowing a loss won't end their season. They also know that eventually Bryant's back will be healthy enough for him to drive to the back again. But the best thing for Bryant's back would be ending this series as soon as possible and letting him rest up before the Western Conference finals.

Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson said Bryant and three other starters sat out Thursday instead of practicing. He added that Bryant, Lamar Odom, Derek Fisher and Pau Gasol already know what they need to do Friday night in Utah, where the Jazz are 4-1 in the playoffs



Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, right, and C.J. Miles chat as Jarrod Collins hangs from the basket during practice for their Western Conference semifinal playoff game against the Los Angeles Lakers, Thursday in Salt Lake City.

and went 37-4 in the regular season.

"The message is being under control. It's about execution at this point. It's about winning the game," Jackson said. "There's a lot of intensity. We probably have to play 10 points better than we did last night to win it."

Bryant was not available to reporters Thursday afternoon.

Odom said Bryant's performance in Game 5 was an example for the rest of the Lakers. The league MVP's back stiffened up in the fourth quarter and he did not attempt a field goal in the period, but still finished with 29 points, seven assists and six rebounds.

The Jazz were pretty relaxed at practice Thursday morning, although still unhappy about Gasol's offensive rebound and dunk to put the Lakers up 107-102 with 20 seconds remaining

and looking back on it, it's definitely frustrating. You put the pressure on the home team if you get the lead."

Boozer said he and guard Deron Williams watched video from the game on the flight home. As difficult as it was, he said the Jazz showed they could hang with the Lakers in Los Angeles and would be confident playing a Game 7 there.

Now they just have to force one.

After making the Western Conference finals a year ago, the Jazz face getting knocked out one round earlier.

The Jazz are 1-1 when hosting a Game 6 and trailing 3-2 in the last 10 years. The victory came in the first round a year ago when the Jazz beat the Rockets in Utah, then won the seventh game on the road.

Williams has been averaging nearly 23 points and 11 assists in this series. He scored 27 on Wednesday and had 10 assists.

The rest of the Jazz haven't been as consistent. Sloan said he was disappointed in some outside shots his players took quickly Wednesday night instead of setting up the offense and giving the inside players a chance at the rebound.

But he said overall, the Jazz's offense has improved each game.

Utah forward Andrei Kirilenko missed practice Thursday to deal with visa details for a summer trip to France, but he is expected to play Friday.

Big Brown's got new shoes on for Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Before anointing Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown the coming of Secretariat, consider this: The colt enters Saturday's Preakness off a two-week turnaround, the shortest of his career; he's got, problem front and there, are 12 horses with connections eager to show Big Brown can be beaten.

None of those factors has dimmed trainer Rick Dutrow Jr.'s massive confidence on him.

Big Brown delivered on Dutrow's pre-Derby boasting with a 43-length victory nearly two weeks ago. The colt will try to take another step toward history by winning the Preakness in just his fifth career start.

Twenty-one of the last 23 Preakness winners did so off a two-week rest. Big Brown is the early 1-2 favorite, the lowest odds Pimlico officials can recall. Undefeated Preakness winners Majestic Prince (3-5 in 1959), Seattle Slew (3-5 in 1977) and Smarty Jones (2-5 in 2004) went off low odds, too.

Dutrow has loudly proclaimed his dislike of the quick turnaround between races. He prefers either short breaks (up to five days) or long ones (up to 40 days) between races.

"But that's just me," he said. "That doesn't mean that Big Brown won't like it. Since he's come out of the Derby up, 'til this minute, I'm very happy with the horse. He's just doing everything that you would want a horse to do when they're coming out of a race like that — he hasn't missed an out, he's aggressive, with his gallops."

Big Brown stepped onto Pimlico's track for the first time Thursday morning, galloping 1 1/2 miles. He was tracked by dozens of video, and still cameras, and a horde of people followed him, as he walked out to the track, and back to the barn.

But he never flinched with all the attention. He turned his head toward the sound of clicking cameras and looked around as though he was checking out the new scenery.

"He just does not get excited," Dutrow said. "That's a good thing because you need that kind of mental thing when you go into your races, especially the big races with the big crowds."

Big Brown's resume is impressive, but limited. He took the month after, after winning his debut race on the turf at Saratoga in September because of problems with vertical cracks in his front hooves. The so-called quarter cracks can bleed and, in some cases, lame. Movement and stress on the hooves can spread the crack and prevent it from healing.

Quarter cracks can come from a genetic disposition that causes a thin hoof wall. Like thousands of U.S. thoroughbred horses, Big Brown is a descendant of Native Dancer, who had trouble with his feet. Native Dancer lost the 1953 Kentucky Derby by a head, then won the Preakness and Belmont.

Dutrow's hoof repair boss Ian McKinlay says he and Big Brown's feet. The colt was rocking a new pair of glued-on shoes Thursday afternoon, outside his barn, unfazed by McKinlay's handiwork.

Not quite Jimmy Choos, says Ian McKinlay, are Sarah Wanjau Parker and Oprah Winfrey take notes; these babies cost \$550 a pair. A regular set of four shoes runs about \$150.

Unlike the aluminum plates glued on most horses, the glue-ons are made of a pliable synthetic rubber. Usually only horses with foot problems wear the pricey shoes for comfort and protection, and only on their front feet.

First-place Rays drop Yankees

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Scott Kazmir sparked in his first start since agreeing to a \$28.5 million contract extension, and the surprising Tampa Bay Rays dropped the New York Yankees into last place with a 5-2 victory Thursday.

Kazmir (2-1) allowed three singles in six scoreless innings, and Akinori Iwamura and Shawn Rickard homered off Ian Kennedy for the AL East-leading Rays.

Tampa Bay (24-17), which started play in 1998, has been alone atop the division standings for three consecutive days for the first time. The Rays won three of four from New York and have captured six of seven series in building the best record in the AL.

"The Yankees have lost six of nine and got another poor pitching performance from King (0-3), who was recalled," Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes Barre for his sixth start of the season.

ROYALS 8, TIGERS 4
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jose Guillen homered and, drove in three runs. Gil Meche pitched seven solid innings and the Royals completed another three-game sweep of the Tigers.

Kansas City won its season-best fourth straight and improved to 6-0 this season against Detroit, which has lost four straight and 10 of 12 while falling into last in the AL Central.

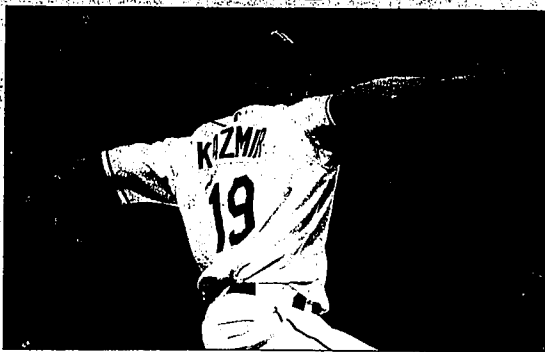
Billy Butler's two-run double keyed a three-run first inning. Tigers left-hander Kenny Rogers (3-4), Miguel Olivo doubled home Butler with the final run of the inning.

INDIANS 4, ATHLETICS 2
CLEVELAND — An unrelenting rain against Aaron Laffey doused the Athletics, throwing error ended the scoreless streak by Cleveland starters at 4:13 innings but didn't interrupt their string of dominant outings.

Laffey (2-2) allowed just the unearned run and five hits in seven innings, striking out six and walking one while filling in for the injured Jake Westbrook.

"He lowered his ERA to 1.35 and has gone seven innings in each of his last three starts without giving up an earned run."

The scoreless streak, which began last Friday, ended in the second when Laffey charged. Rob Bowen's ground ball and threw it out right field, allowing Bobby



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Scott Kazmir throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees on Thursday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Crosby to score from second.

BLUE JAYS 3, TWINS 2, 11 INNINGS
MINNEAPOLIS — Pinch-hitter Joe Inglett sliced a two-out, bases-loaded single through the infield in the 11th inning, helping Toronto complete a three-game sweep of the Twins.

Scott Rolen started the 11th against Steve Crain (1-2) with a double into the right-field corner that Michael Cuddyer couldn't quite catch. Lyle Overbay was walked intentionally with two outs, and pinch-hitter Gregg Zaun drew a walk.

Then Inglett called up last weekend from Triple-A Syracuse, batted for Jorge Velazquez and his hit just out of shortstop Adam Everett's reach.

NATIONAL LEAGUE NATIONALS 1, METS 0
NEW YORK — Willie Harris' diving catch in the ninth saved the Washington Nationals, who beat the New York Mets 1-0 Thursday behind Jason Bergmann's fantastic pitching performance.

Washington won an unlikely duel between Bergmann and Mike Pelfrey, who carried a no-hit bid into the seventh. Harris' bunt set up Felipe Lopez's sacrifice fly in the eighth, helping the Nationals take three of four at Shea Stadium.

Pelfrey (2-4) held out the punchless Padres until Boone's leadoff single in the seventh. He allowed one run and three hits in 7 2-3 innings, the longest outing of his career.

DODGERS 7, BREWERS 2
MILWAUKEE — Andrew

Bones, Jeff Kent and Gary Bennett homered during a six-run seventh inning, leading Chad Billingsley and the Dodgers past Milwaukee.

After Jones and Kent hit solo shots, Bennett capped the burst with a three-run homer.

Billingsley (3-5) didn't allow a hit until Brewers starter Ben Sheets, a career .078 hitter, singled with two outs in the fifth. Billingsley gave up three hits and struck out five.

PIRATES 11, CARDINALS 5
ST. LOUIS — Pinch-hitter Jason Bay's three-run homer off Jason Lirnghausen snapped an eighth-inning tie and capped Pittsburgh's rally from an early four-run deficit.

Nate McLouth added his 11th homer for the Pirates, who outscored the sagging Cardinals 10-0 the last five innings to take two of three in the series.

Lirnghausen (1-5) was demoted from the closer's role last week and was serving as the setup man for Ryan Franklin, but ended up with his sixth blown save in 17 chances.

CUBS 4, PADRES 0
CHICAGO — Ryan Dempster struck out a career-high 12 and hit a go-ahead single against Greg Maddux during a four-run fifth inning, leading Chicago over the punchless Padres.

Jim Edmonds singled in his debut with the Cubs, who won three of four from the team with the worst record in the major leagues (15-27). NL Central-leading Chicago has won six of seven.

Dempster (5-1) allowed six

hits in 8 1-3 innings and walked one, leaving after 115 pitches. He retired 15 straight batters after a first-inning single by Brian Giles, who had three hits.

ASTROS 8, GIANTS 7
SAN FRANCISCO — Lance Berkman splashed his major league-leading 15th home run into McCovey Cove, breaking a ninth-inning tie and helping Houston rally past the Giants.

Houston came back from a 6-0 deficit to take three of four from the Giants, its first series win at San Francisco since a three-game sweep in September 2001.

Pinch-hitter Darin Erstad hit a tying, three-run homer in the eighth and Carlos Lee also homered in the inning off Tyler Walker, who faltered on his 32nd birthday. Berkman connected off Vinnie Chulk (0-2) for the first splash-hit homer by an Astro.

PHILLIES 5, BRAVES 0
PHILADELPHIA — Cole Hamels pitched his first career shutout, Ryan Howard homered and the Phillies moved within a game of the NL East-leading Florida Marlins.

Pedro Feliz and Shane Victorino also homered and drove in two runs each for the Phillies, who lead the major leagues with 59 home runs. Florida has hit 58.

Hamels (5-3) gave up just four hits, struck out six and walked two in his first complete game of the season. Only two runners reached second base against Hamels, who has lasted at least seven innings in eight of his nine starts this season.

— The Associated Press

Qualified drivers, non-qualified drivers get work done at Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A group of antsy drivers got their wish Thursday, with a dry track allowing them to finally get some work done at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

After rain the previous day washed out all but about an hour of the opening day of the second week of practice for the May 25 Indianapolis 500, 35 drivers took advantage of the cool, dry afternoon to get on track. Despite sometimes gusty wind, they turned a total of 2,628 incident-free laps on the 2 1/2-mile oval, making it the busiest day since the track opened for practice May 7.

Eleven drivers who qualified last Saturday spent Thursday working on their race-day setups. Everyone else tried to find the right combination of speed and grip for the track.

Already qualified drivers, led by Team Penske's Ryan Briscoe and Danica Patrick, were the slowest qualifier with a four-lap average of 218.92 and some observers are guessing it's going to be closer to 220 this year.

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Vickers' team wins Pit Crew Challenge

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Brian Vickers' team kicked off NASCAR's All-Star week activities by winning the Sprint Pit Crew Challenge on Thursday night, beating Danny Hamilton's team in a battle of Toyotas in the final round.

Vickers' crew, which includes a former college football player and two former college hockey players, changed four tires, filled the car with fuel and pushed it 40 yards in 22.902 seconds to collect the \$70,000 first prize.

Vickers' team just edged Hamilton's team, which crossed the line in 23.011 seconds, giving Vickers' team its choice of pit boxes for Saturday's NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

In keeping with the trend to recruit athletes for its pit teams, Vickers' crew includes Mike Metcalfe, a former fullback at Appalachian State. Front tire changer Brian Hunsaid and Jackman Shaun Feeley played college hockey. The rest of the team includes gas man Doug Newell, front tire

changer Aaron Schields, rear tire changer Danny Kincaid, and rear tire changer Jake Brzezowski.

The race also included individual prizes of \$10,000 each to crew members for completing their tasks the fastest in the early rounds.

Caleb Hurd, Jeff Gordon's gas man and a former hold-over on the Virginia Tech football team, combined with catch-can man Jamie Frady to shatter the competition's record by filling 10 gallons in 10.031 seconds.

Kasey Kahne's jackman, Eric Wilson, set a record by lifting both sides of the car in 5.431 seconds. Other winners included Nick Odell and Brad Donaghy, front tire changer and Kyle Carter for points leader Kasey Busch, and Dave Smith and Jason Blayner, rear tire changer and carrier for Matt Kenseth.

The team competition included 24 crews, with the top eight in the Sprint Cup standings getting a bye into the second round. The teams faced each other in head-to-head, single-elimination steps.

Sorenstam shares lead at Sybase Classic

CLIFTON, N.J. — The Annika Sorenstam goodbye tour got off to a great start.

Two days after announcing this would be her final season on the LPGA Tour, Sorenstam shot a 5-under 67 on Thursday for a share of this first-round lead in the Sybase Classic. Two-time defending champion Lorenna Ochoa was a stroke back.

The 37-year-old Hall of Famer came into the \$2 million tournament off a dominating seven-stroke victory in the Michelob Ultra Open last weekend, and she was just as good getting around the Upper Montclair Country Club course in the shadow of New York City. The Swede had five birdies in a bogey-free round.

"Song-Hye Kim, a second-year player from South Korea who has two top-10 finishes this year, also was at 67 along with Australia's Rachel Hetherington, which claimed three of eight cuts and finished no better than a tie for 24th this year.

Perry survives bad weather with good shots at AT&T Classic

DULUTH, Ga. — Kenny



Perry sloshed through the water-logged fairways, ducking under an umbrella every chance he got.

He also hit plenty of good shots on a miserable day at the TPC Sugarloaf.

Coming off a final-round meltdown at The Players Championship, Perry endured a steady — and occasionally dings rain — to claim a share of the first-round lead with a 6-under 66 at the AT&T Classic. The other leaders — Jonathan Kaye, Ryan Palmer, Jonathan Byrd and Parker McLaughlin — all tied off in the morning before a huge weather system engulfed the suburban Atlanta course.

Two tie for Irish Open first round

ADARE, Ireland — Australia's Richard Green and India's Jeev Milkha Singh shot 6-under 66s to share the first-round lead in the Irish Open.

— The Associated Press

Wales' Bradley Dredge was two stroke back along with Marcel Slem, Johan Edfors and Michael Lorenzo-Vera. Irish stars Padraig Harrington and Darren Clarke opened with 72s.

— The Associated Press

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

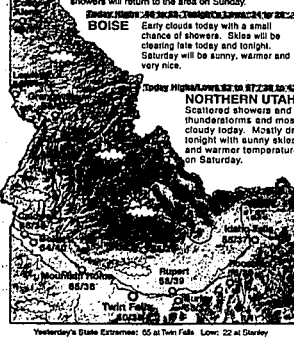
Today: Mostly cloudy skies, mild temperatures and scattered showers. Highs near 60.
Tonight: Clearing skies and cool temperatures. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Warmer and mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s, lows near 40.

BOISE FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers. Highs in the upper 50s.
Tonight: Partly clearing skies and cool temperatures. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies and mild temperatures. Highs in the lower 60s, lows middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will be found in the region today. Tonight and Saturday look warmer and mostly sunny. A chance of scattered showers will return to the area on Sunday.



Weather Key: 0=clear, 1=partly cloudy, 2=cloudy, 3=rain, 4=heavy rain, 5=thunder, 6=thunder with rain, 7=thunder with heavy rain, 8=thunder with heavy rain and hail, 9=thunder with heavy rain and hail and lightning.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
Your eyes, focused on what you can do, not back on what you've chosen.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Table with 6 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

ATMANAC TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes icons for sun, clouds, rain, and snow.

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset, and Moon Phases. Includes moon icons for different phases.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Large table listing weather forecasts for various cities across Idaho and surrounding regions, including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing yesterday's weather conditions, including high/low temperatures, wind speed/direction, and precipitation.

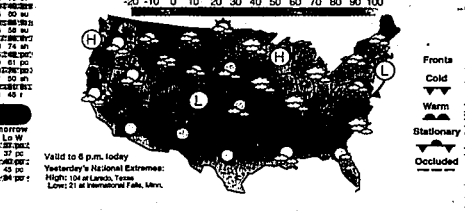
Table showing barometric pressure trends and sunrise/sunset times for various locations.

Table showing U.V. Index and Moonrise and Moonset times.

NATIONAL FORECAST

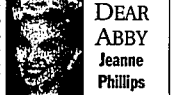
Table providing weather forecasts for major cities across the United States, including New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Some basic rules when visiting a terminally ill patient

DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from visiting a close friend in the next town. She was exhausted from caring for her husband, who has terminal cancer...



- Go healthy. Remember, the terminally ill patient is often at their best when they are healthy.
• Provide your own transportation. Stay in a motel unless the home is large and the hostess has asked you to stay.
• Keep visits short and positive. Long conversations are exhausting.
• Provide food, preferably ready-cooked for simplicity, and do the cleanup.
• Leave the house for periods of time (even a day or two) to allow the family to resume their medical routine.
• Change the bed if you stay in the home. Remember, there is no maid service.
• And last, require nothing of the family. There is nothing left for them to give.

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Idaho Power seeks to expand efficiency programs

Enrollment key to managing grid, officials say

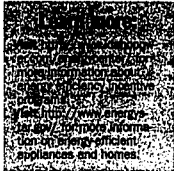
By Mike Poppino
Staff writer

Idaho Power officials have mentioned it repeatedly: Last summer, they almost couldn't keep up with demand.

To head off future problems, the power utility is encouraging its customers to sign up for a series of energy efficiency programs that saved 91 million kilowatt-hours of energy last year. Aimed at all three of its major customer groups — residential, commercial and irrigation — the options include

incentives for everything from purchasing energy-efficient appliances to incorporating low-energy designs into construction projects.

Participation in the programs has jumped in the past few years, said Theresa Drake, manager of customer relations and energy efficiency. The savings themselves are four times what they were in 2004. At a meeting Thursday at the *Times-News*, Drake and other Idaho Power representatives said such programs are the cheapest way to keep up with spikes in demand.



Growth in the state and a change in the number of electric appliances, combined
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A field is irrigated Thursday south of Twin Falls. Irrigators are one group of customers targeted by Idaho Power's energy efficiency program, which offers incentives for occasionally turning off pumps and installing new, more efficient systems.

T.F. Relay For Life begins today

By William Strange
Correspondent

Put on your walking shoes — the 17th annual Twin Falls Relay For Life begins today.

The 20-hour event, which goes from 4 p.m. today to 12 p.m. Saturday, will be held at the Filer High School track with a goal of raising \$200,000 for the American Cancer Society.

By Thursday afternoon

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Relay for Life events

- 4 p.m. — Start signing up: survivors
- 5:15 p.m. — Pigeon release
- 6 p.m. — National Anthem
- 6:10 p.m. — Announce survivors
- 6:30 p.m. — Survivors lap
- 7 p.m. — Entertainment
- 8 p.m. — Quilt auction
- 9 p.m. — Entertainment; tent site judging
- 10 a.m. — Luminary ceremony
- 10:30 p.m. — Chill feed; entertainment
- 11:30 — Songs, chicken dance
- 12 a.m. — All-night activities
- 6 a.m. — Wake up song
- 7 a.m. — Activities
- 8 a.m. — Road to Recovery; entertainment
- 9 a.m. — Wacky Fashion Show; entertainment
- 10 a.m. — Kids King for a Mile (lap around track for kids)
- 11:30 a.m. — Final lap; closing ceremony
- 12 p.m. — Ends

'Mock' reaction



Bobbi Pyle, a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Magic Valley Leadership coordinator, takes a picture of the response to a mock accident Thursday afternoon on the airstrip at the Twin Falls airport.

Emergency drill demonstrates response

By Sean Breslin
Staff writer

Two people sit inside a blue Cadillac, waiting for help to arrive. Suddenly a lime green fire engine roared around a turn, tilting sharply to the driver's side before righting itself as it approached the sedan. A red fire truck followed close behind.

Firefighters rushed to the car, showing wooden supports underneath to prevent the vehicle from moving as they began to tear it apart. But the two people in the car weren't in any danger. Rather, they were volunteers in a mock emergency demonstration put on by local emergency services for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Magic Valley Leadership Group. The event showed the coordinated efforts of the Twin

"After a major incident, we go back to the station and say, 'What did we do right, and what can we improve on?'"

— Jack Barnes, a battalion chief with the Twin Falls Fire Department

Falls Fire Department, Magic Valley Paramedics and Air St. Luke's, which capped off the event with a helicopter airlift from the scene.

"It's a real team effort between the fire department and EMS," said Stephanie Hillius, an operations supervisor with Magic Valley Paramedics.

While two firefighters worked to remove the driver side door from the car, others covered the "victims" in blankets to protect them from broken glass and other debris. Using a hand-

saw, the crew cut at the windshield until it could be peeled back in one piece. While other windows can be broken out, windshields have a layer of plastic sandwiched between two layers of glass, said Jack Barnes, a battalion chief with the Twin Falls Fire Department.

Coordinating a response between different departments takes a lot of time and effort, Hillius said. Different responders are needed at different

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Cassia P&Z approves dairy application

By Sven Berg
Staff writer

BURLEY — Cassia County Planning and Zoning commissioners on Thursday approved an application from Oak Valley Dairy to change the proposed footprint of a 10,000-animal-unit dairy operation.

The dairy, located at 500 S. 800 W., will soon undergo the second phase of its construction. The most significant change to the proposed footprint will be housing for the dairy's animals. Instead of a yard to confine them, cows will be held in free stalls that protect them from weather.

Oak Valley's representative Matt Thompson said the free-stall system, while costing more upfront, could significantly lower operating costs. Because cows are not as exposed to the elements, they tend to eat less food and may drink less water. Also, keeping cows comfortable in their stalls can raise the volume and quality of their milk production.

Thompson said bedding is another concern. Prices for straw — used for the cows' bedding — have risen in recent years. In free stalls, straw is not as likely to be blown away by high winds as in more exposed settings.

After hearing Thompson's presentation, commissioners said they were in agreement that Oak Valley's amendment request would actually decrease the dairy's ambient and environmental impacts.

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Dems have a choice in 2nd district congressional race

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The two candidates for the Democratic nomination in Idaho's 2nd congressional district reveal the very divisions within the Democratic Party.

Debbie Holmes, a trained chemist and Realtor from Boise, casts herself as a progressive candidate, upset with President Bush and inspired by presidential candidate Barack Obama. Her opponent, Boise developer David Sneddon, says he doesn't cater to the party line and calls himself a Blue Dog Democrat who would join their congressional caucus.

The winner faces the victor of a three-way Republican race for the seat held by Rep. Mike Simpson. The primary election is May 27. Holmes, who decided to run after

her son encouraged her to funnel her frustration into a political race, said her priorities include expanding health care, fixing climate change and restoring prosperity to people.

"Are you better off than you were eight years ago? I'm not. Was the world better off? The sales, noting her support for Obama. "I'm angry. I'm really angry. We Americans are really getting the shaft."

Holmes said she lived in Belgium where universal health care was successful and free of long waits. She said Medicare and Medicaid are already successful examples of socialized medicine, so the pro-

grams should extend to all Americans.

"I know people are afraid of socialized medicine but I have lived where people have had it," she said.

She said immigration policy need to be enforced but that people need to understand that illegal immigrants are here whether people want them to be or not. She wants guest worker programs to be more efficient.

She wants troop withdrawal from Iraq to be complete in less than two years. She called it an "illegal war in which the president lied to Americans, Congress and other nations.



For video interviews with the candidates, go to MagicValley.com, and for more local and national election news hit the Election 2008 button.

"If we don't like what they (Iraqis) choose, we're going to have to live with that because ... that's what democracy is all about."

She said Sneddon is not a "mainstream" Democrat who doesn't participate in party events, isn't progressive enough and represents too many Republican values.

But Sneddon, who said his roots stem from mining, logging, small

towns and unions, said Holmes is inexperienced and represents liberal Boise Democrats — not the rest of the 2nd district.

"Times have changed," said Sneddon. "The party has changed. We have more traditionalists that are no longer ... the majority. But we do exist. These are Reagan Democrats. It's OK to be a conservative and be Democrat."

He wants to be pro-active in bringing jobs to Idaho and acquire new sources of energy — including domestic drilling, nuclear and coal gasification.

"In order for us to be prosperous, in order for people to have jobs, we have got to find a way to lower our energy costs and it's right in front of us," he said.

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Scott Earl Brown

Scott Earl Brown, 62, died Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at home. He was nursed and attended to by his wife, sisters and all of his children.



Scott was born and raised in Idaho at a home on Buhl High School and Boise State College. Scott was employed by Sterling Battery Company for 32 years. He was adamant about working hard and being true to his word. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved the horse races. Scott also served his country in the Idaho National Guard. Scott's great love of life was his family in the lives of his family. He leaves behind his wife, Gaybeth, married 30 years; sons, Colby Brown, Scott Forman, Shane Chavers, Rex Edinger, and Bob May; daughters, Bekah May, Jackie Edinger, Amy Brown

and Michelle Chavers; grandchildren, Jessica Edinger, Kaycee Chavers, Colton Chavers, Taylor May, Alexandra May, Benjamin May, Leanna Brown, Landon Brown, Meghan Forman and Hunter Forman; sisters, Pat Benkula and Judy Brown; and brother, Mac Brown. His surviving family includes his grandchildren, Cody Chavers, whom he raised as his son was known to all who knew Scott. Scott was a man of few words and abundant love. He was most content at his home surrounded by his children and grandchildren for whom he spent many evenings cooking barbecue dinners.

Scott was respected by everyone he knew and he touched the lives of many people with his honesty, kind heart and zest for life. Scott's soul has gone to be with our Lord Jesus Christ in paradise.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Nora Patricia Jones

DENTON, Texas — Nora Patricia Jones, 82, of Denton, Texas, was formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 11, 2008, in Denton, Texas.

Nora was born March 22, 1926, in Ririe, to Robert E. and Hazel Ker Miller. She grew up and graduated from high school in Ririe and then attended the University of Idaho. On Aug. 8, 1948, Nora married Dr. Robert Damlan Jones in Idaho Falls. They lived in Porterville for many years before retiring in the 1980s in Denton, Texas. Nora was a member of St. Edward, the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls. She enjoyed singing, knitting and playing the piano and especially loved the 1950s.

Nora is survived by her children, Shannon (Bruce) Goodheart of Santa Anna, Texas, and Michael Damian (Frankie) Jones of Corinth,

Texas. She is also survived by her two grandchildren, Robert Goodheart of Chicago, Ill., and Dara Goodheart of Berkeley, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert, who died Nov. 12, 1981; and by her daughter, Debra Callum.

A celebration of Nora's life will be held as a graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Twin Falls Cemetery, with Father Melina Schallberg officiating. Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Nora's name to the Twin Falls Idaho 500 Cont. donations may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Bill (William H.) Whitten Sr.

William H. Whitten Sr., 79, of Twin Falls, passed away Tuesday May 13, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center after a brief illness with his devoted family at his side.



He was born May 4, 1929, in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif., to Ralph and Bernice Whitten. He graduated from San Diego High School in 1948. Upon graduation, he was drafted in the United States Army, serving two years in Korea and, upon returning to the United States, he was honorably discharged. He then worked for Convair in San Diego, Calif. In 1953, he married Carol, a Lloyd Lee Walker, Ariz., moving to Twin Falls the following year. To this union were born four children, Bill, Linda, Talyn and Cynthia.

Bill was employed for 35 years with the Twin Falls Highway District. When he retired, he chose to spend his time wintering in Arizona.

He enjoyed fishing, traveling, hunting, carpentry, motorcycles, making nostalgic bird houses with Carol, feeding the birds and taking his friends to take peanuts from his hand. He always tried to grow the first tomato of the season to share with his friends. He was a member of the VFW and Idaho Motorcycle Club. He is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Bill (Karen) Whitten Jr. of Burley, Talyn (Kris) Klemmeston of Twin Falls and Cynthia A. (Dennis) West of Twin Falls; grandchildren, Travis Whitten, Sierra (Shane) Koyle, Matthew West and Ethan Whitten; great-grandchildren, Tristan Whitten, Kaiter Whitten and Annika Koyle. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Linda Diane; and 10 siblings.

A memorial service will be held 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Cremation and private inurnment under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

We will miss you, Poppy!

George B. Walker

BURLEY — George B. Walker, age 68, of Burley, passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

George was born Oct. 7, 1939, to Lloyd Lee Walker and Henrietta Marie Butler. George attended school in Declo and Hazelton, as well as attending trade school in Washington State.

He married Sherry Ann Kiser on June 3, 1966. George was employed by Lockwood Farm Equipment, Kechter Brothers and Logan Farm Equipment.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. George worked with the Seattle Street Ministry Team feeding the homeless.

He could often be found taking pictures of his grandsons, nieces and nephews

sports activities. George had a love of cars, motorcycles and computers.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry of Burley; one son, Joseph Walker; his beloved daughter, Audrey Budry; sisters, Jane (Walt) Harper and JoDee (Jim) Twiss; and brother, Lindsey Walker. He was preceded in death by his parents, two children, a sister and one brother.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church, 327 W. 27th St. in Burley.

The family has requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made in George's memory. Arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

90TH BIRTHDAY



Aila I. Von Bergen of Twin Falls celebrated her 90th birthday April 30 with relatives. Sons, Mick Von Bergen of Madison, Wis., and William A. Von Bergen of Sacramento, Calif., also attended the celebration. She is pictured on the left next to her daughter, Becky Walker; granddaughter, Jordan Jensen, and great-granddaughter, Natasha Jensen, who all reside in San Diego, Calif. She has 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ARTS COUNCIL HONOR



Kurt Ereszen was recently honored with Oakley Valley Arts Council's Annual Distinguished Service Award by Kurt Severa, president. Ereszen currently serves on the council board and has donated his talents acting, directing, painting set, building and much more.

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"From my perspective, this is going to be a cleaner, nicer setup," Commission Chairman Jim Paskett said. "It's going to be better for our county in the end."

Also on Thursday, commissioners voted to recommend a zoning change for a parcel of land located at 400 W. 1150 S. between Burley and Oakley. If county commissioners ratify planning and zoning's recommendation, the parcel's zoning designation will shift from

prime-agricultural to multiple-use.

Zane Gillette of Gillette Sharp Corp said his company plans to develop the parcel — an abandoned gravel pit — as a storage and distribution base for its inventory of stones. He said a multiple-use designation makes more sense in that area, because it is populated with inactive gravel pits — not a typical use for prime-agricultural ground.

Stacy Gillette, also of Gillette Sharp Corp, pointed

out that a multiple-use designation would make room for a wider variety of uses, but would exclude industrial farming operations. That, she said, would likely drive up property values.

"Basically, it would open up a little more of what I guess I would call your heavy commercial (uses)," County Administrator Kerry McMurray said.

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Dems

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He also wants to stop earmarks where individual appropriations are tacked onto spending bills. Sneadon said he'd take a small percentage of the overall federal budget and allow each member of Congress to receive a set amount. He said a lawmaker could bring in \$10 million to \$80 million annually.

In 2000, Sneadon lost a race for Legislature, and in

2002 he ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. Sneadon wants immigration policies enacted, but would quicken guest work or programs. He is also opposed to immediate troop withdrawal from Iraq and said decisions reside with a president.

Dems need to be united as a nation. We don't need to divide ourselves," he said. "While we have troops in the field I will support the

administration."

Like Holmes, Sneadon leans toward the health care plan proposed by Clinton, but he expressed skepticism toward universal health care.

He said there's already government assistance to Americans who need it most, but would create clinics with tax incentives.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Gooding County

ARRAIGNMENTS

Lindsay Lynette Bunger, 28, no driver's license; no insurance. Brian B. Burk, 35, no insurance. Ashley A. Locke, 14, minor consumption of alcohol; open container. Lorie Winnick, 39, grand theft.

SUMMONINGS

Brent W. Boyer, 55, DUI. Driver's license suspended 180 days; fined \$530.50; 180 days jail time. 17B suspended, one day served; one year supervised probation. Lindsay Lynette Bunger, 28, petit

theft. Fined \$210.50; 90 days jail time. 89 suspended, one served; one year supervised probation.

Hormino Garcia-Rojas, 28, DUI. Driver's license suspended 180 days; fined \$535.10; 180 days jail time. 17B suspended; one year supervised probation. Joshua David Grimes, 34, DUI. Driver's license suspended 180 days; fined \$125.50; 180 days jail time. 152 suspended, 28 served; one year supervised probation. Chase N. Harburg, 22, DUI. Judgment withheld one year; driver's

license suspended 180 days; 17C suspended, one served; one year supervised probation.

George Hunt, 31, driver's license violation. Fined \$144. Justin Scott Myers, 25, DUI. Driver's license suspended 180 days; fined \$525.50; 180 days jail time. 17B suspended, one served; one year supervised probation.

MARRIAGES

May 3: Dennis Ray Manson and Rhina Ann Bivins. May 3: Jake Cyrus Gold and Seara Lynn Payne.

DEATH NOTICES

Rev. Albert E. Allen

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Rev. Albert Edward Allen of Portland, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 11265 SW

Cabot St. in Beaverton, Ore.

Shawna M. Pagan

Shawna Marie Luvena Pagan, 17, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 15, 2008, at her home.

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

SERVICES

Almon Lewis (Al) Taylor of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 Third Ave. E. in Jerome; visitation from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the mortuary.

Robert Lingle Rounsefell of Wendell, open house at 11 a.m. today at the Rounsefell residence, 510 Second Ave. W. in Wendell (Demary Funeral Service in Wendell).

John Aspirtare of Gooding, memorial graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Nora Patricia Jones of

Denton, Texas, and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Alvin William Strand of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Genevieve Gillett of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS 8th Ward Church, 667 Harrison St. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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Portion of Hankins Road will be closed until June 1

The section of Hankins Road from Stadium Boulevard to Falls Avenue in northwest Twin Falls will be closed to through traffic until June 1.

Drivers should use alternate routes. Access to the LDS church building on Hankins Road is available via Stadium Boulevard and access to the Boy Scouts of America council office is available off of Falls Avenue.

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Students at the Bountiful Elementary-Secondary School play basketball on April 28 at the polygamist community of Bountiful near Creston, British Columbia. The community has two independent schools.

B.C. polygamist sect under pressure from government

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press writer

LISTER, British Columbia — Fluorescent lights cast a yellow-green pall on the posted student artwork. Children's voices recite lessons behind closed doors. A group of seventh-grade girls giggle and whisper as they wander back to class.

But instead of a smiling portrait of an elected official, Bountiful Elementary-Secondary School displays a photograph of a smiling Warren Jeffs — the leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who is doing time in a Utah prison, convicted of being an accomplice to rape.

many are related or have same last name, members of the two groups are not allowed to talk with each other.

Wary of outsiders — one Bountiful woman grabbed two children and ran into her home when approached by an AP reporter — these believers say authorities "kidnapped" children in Texas, confirming their worst fears about the broader world they deliberately avoid.

"It's always in the back of our mind," said Bountiful Elementary-Secondary School principal, Morris Palmer. "How would you feel if the police could come to your home and take your children? We have that hanging over us all the time."

From the fact that we fund the schools, we provide their health care. Our doctors and nurses — they see the fathers in the hospital, they sign the birth certificates — everyone knows what's going on out there."

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"Canadian officials don't dare look very far from the windows of the capital to see people who are carrying on relationships with more than one woman at the same time, which is polygamy. For them to target us would be nothing more than religious persecution," said Winston Blackmore, the former bishop, who has said he has more than two dozen wives and more than 100 children.

The principal puts an affectionate arm around a youthful and happy second-grade teacher, a mother of 12. She's one of his wives.

The students and the teachers are dressed in hand-sewn clothes, mostly cut from the same few bolts of pastel fabric. The girls wear their hair in long, elaborate French braids, some with exaggerated pompadours above their foreheads.

One of his wives, teacher Alpha Palmer — wearing the standard ankle-length dress, its plink puffy sleeves covering her arms — said she now warns children that "the police, the authorities, these are people to be feared."

Bountiful residents have reason to worry. Just like in Texas, polygamy is illegal in Canada.

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School rules, posted near the front door, say: "Obey sweetly and promptly."

Local authorities raided a thickly walled polygamist compound and took custody of 463 children in Texas last month, child welfare officials said the beliefs practiced there left girls at risk of sexual abuse and encouraged boys to become sexual perpetrators.

But instead of responding to a direct complaint of sexual abuse, Oppal would be reacting to two decades of unannounced pressure from the Canadian government do something about these families who practice plural marriages with impunity.

The pressure has been growing since the Texas raid. A national report last month found nearly two-thirds of Canadians want Bountiful residents who break the law by practicing polygamy to be prosecuted.

The FLDS, with an estimated 10,000 members, is headquartered in Colorado City, Ariz., and Hildale, Utah. In 1947, a small group moved across the Canadian border into Lister. The newcomers dubbed the pristine spot at the base of a snowy mountain range Bountiful.

In addition to an estimated 1,000 Canadians who live here, the U.S. Embassy estimates there are about 300 Americans loyal to Blackmore, and another 200 who follow Jeffs.

British Columbia's Attorney General Wally Oppal told The Associated Press he plans to arrest someone on a polygamy charge or ask the courts to weigh in on Bountiful's legal standing within the month.

"Something must be done," he said. "I personally feel, and our government feels, that it would be inappropriate to do nothing."

Bountiful, just north of the U.S. border, is already splintered: some follow Jeffs, others follow his excommunicated former bishop, Winston Blackmore. Even though

But two Canadian laws stand in contradiction: Polygamy is banned, and religious freedoms are firmly protected.

In repeated investigations, the more troubling questions of sexual abuse, human trafficking and forced marriages also have been investigated. As part of a three-year review launched in 2004, detectives spent three months in the community. No charges were brought, but the legal age of sexual consent in Canada increased to 16 from 14 on May 1.

"To me it is so offensive that nothing's been done," said Daphne Branham, who has published a book about Canada's polygamist renegade Mormon sect. "Everything about the community is so unbelievable,

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Relay

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66 teams comprised of 12 to 15 members had signed up for the relay, said Justin Ash, co-chairman of the 25-person relay committee. "Rules require that at least one member of a team must be walking the track at all times," he said. "Teams are drawn from hospitals, businesses, high schools, junior high schools and other organizations."

According to Vickie Cole, lead community relations manager with the American Cancer Society, Twin Falls is a popular fundraising venue for the event. "I oversee three other similar events in Manti-Casselton, Pocatello and Idaho Springs." And Twi Quins, she said, "raises more money than any other city in the state."

Funds raised by the cancer society are used in at least four different ways,

Cole said: To fund research for cures and better treatments of the disease; to lobby Medicare and Congress for assistance with more kinds of treatments; for outpatient services to help cancer victims deal with the disease; and to further educate the public about the early detection of cancer.

"It would be impossible for ACS to directly assist cancer victims financially with the monetary burden caused by the disease," Cole said. "There are just too many of them and there is no way to equitably choose who should receive aid."

Jerome resident Billy Quins knows all too well the importance of regular health screenings for early detection. Quin, who is undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer, said he doesn't consider himself a

survivor just yet.

"I'm still on chemo and my doctor gives me a 50/50 chance," he said. "I'm not giving up and I think I'll make it. If I'd taken my doctor's advice over the last 15 years and had colonoscopy like he said I should, I probably wouldn't be having this problem. I don't know why, but it just seemed too embarrassing. It seems silly now because it didn't hurt. I know now that the earlier cancer is detected, the better the chances are of beating it."

Concerning today's relay, Ash said: "This is really an event for everyone, aside from the more than 1,000 participants in the relays, hundreds of spectators and many families with children attend."

William Strange may be reached at 208-944-0060.

Response

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places, sometimes at the same time. The fire department and ambulance crews are in constant communication, even sharing the same radio frequency so they can talk to each other.

After the victims were removed from the vehicles, a firefighter began taking pictures of the scene. Though this was only a demonstration, Barnes said pictures sometimes serve a valuable purpose.

"After a major incident, we

go back to the station and say, 'What did we do right, what can we improve on?'" Barnes said.

Within half an hour of the initial call being made, Air St. Luke's took off. Hillius said while response time may vary depending on how far away an emergency is, the time at the scene should be very short.

"The important thing is on-scene time limited to 10 minutes," she said.

"It's good to have that support in the community," said

Richard Evans of D.L. Evans Bank, who watched the demonstration with the leadership group.

Carolyn White, a member of the leadership group and also with the Magic Valley Arts Council, agreed, emphasizing the importance of Air St. Luke's response.

"It's really vital because we're in such a rural area," she said.

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Energy

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with a notably dry year in 2007, all current plans to set five new records for total demand on the utility's system. While the water forecast has been better this year — providing more power from the company's solar plants — the company is still searching for ways to lower the burden.

"We really need to get the public's support in these programs," Drake said.

Most of the programs — the said, produce notable savings for little in exchange. A program in which irrigators briefly shut off their pumps during peak hours took 37 megawatts off the grid last year when shifted among 950 pumps. A similar program that may reach the Magic Valley soon saved 11 megawatts from 13,000 customers who volunteered to

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Report: Northwest energy conservation hits high in 2007.

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shut off their air conditioning, saving \$7 a month for three months in return. One megawatt is enough to power about 700 average-sized homes during the non-summer months and 350 average-sized homes during summer. Idaho Power's current summer record is 3,200 megawatts at once.

There's always the chance that record could be broken this summer, said Karl E. Bokenkamp, general manager of new supply operations and planning. The alternative to the efficiency programs is building more facilities to cover the peaks,

which are usually brief, he said.

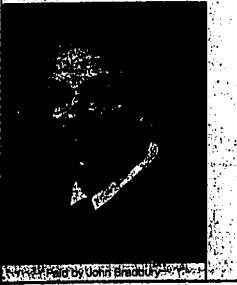
"You wind up building facilities to handle these few hours during the year," he said.

The company is taking other steps, preparing to build a large natural gas plant at a site by expanding its use of solar power. But given the nationwide rise in energy costs — particularly for sources such as natural gas — the efficiency programs are becoming more cost-effective for both the company and its customers, Bokenkamp said.

"As prices continue to rise, we will see more and more opportunities ... that make economic sense for people."

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Marine who died in cross-state police chase wrote of war stress

By Arthur H. Rotstein
Associated Press writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — A decorated Marine Corps staff sergeant who apparently fatally shot his brother before killing himself at the end of a long police chase had served multiple tours in Iraq and written about coping with post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Pinal County Sheriff's spokesman Mike Minter said no motive has been established for why Travis N. "T-Bo" Twigg, 36, killed his 38-year-old brother Willard J. "Will" Twigg and then himself on Wednesday.

Nor is it known why both brothers earlier in the week may have tried to commit suicide by attempting to drive their car into the Grand Canyon.

Reached at home in Louisiana Thursday, the father of both men declined to talk to a reporter, and their stepmother did not return a phone call.

Travis Twigg's wife, Kellee, told KATV-TV in Phoenix that her husband was on various medications and couldn't sleep at times.

"He was a really good person, and a great Marine," she said.

Staff Sgt. Travis Twigg, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1993, wrote a widely article in the January issue of the Marine Corps



A U.S. Border Patrol agent stands next to a vehicle that led law enforcement agents on a 130-mile pursuit on Interstate 8 Wednesday morning south of Stanfield, Ariz. Two men were found dead after the car was disabled, and authorities said it appeared to be a murder-suicide.

Gazette detailing his efforts to deal with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Twigg served three tours of combat duty in Iraq and one in Afghanistan and held the combat action ribbon. He wrote that he "began to notice 'changes' in myself" after returning from his second duty tour. Those changes included being "more irritable, paranoid for no reason, unable to sleep" and having trouble focusing when he was around other people, he said.

His symptoms disappeared when he decided to return for a third tour, but returned on coming back home again which is when a sergeant and major recognized that he was suffering from PTSD. Twigg described subsequent treatment with med-

ications and his efforts to circumvent them, including his use of alcohol.

The symptoms disappeared yet again when he returned to Iraq for his fourth tour, he wrote, but worsened when he came home again. "All of my symptoms were back, and now I was in the process of destroying my family," he wrote.

He described going through hospital detoxification, experiencing psychosis

in a locked ward and a stay in a PTSD program at a Department of Veterans Affairs.

"My only regrets are how I let my command down after they had put so much trust in me and how I let my family down by pushing them away," he wrote.

Twigg urged others suffering from similar problems to seek assistance and offered to help "anyone in need" himself.

UI president tapped for UC chancellor job

By Leslie Bonner
Associated Press writer

BOISE — University of Idaho President Tim White, who helped lead the Moscow campus through one of its most turbulent periods, has been named the new chancellor of the University of California-Riverside.

The University of California Board of Regents voted to hire White on Thursday and approved a compensation package that will pay him an annual base salary of \$325,000, up from the \$291,912 he is being paid in his fourth year leading Idaho's oldest public university.

The University of Idaho confirmed his resignation will take effect June 30. State Board of Education officials say they will meet next week in Moscow to name an interim president and begin a national search for his replacement.

"I'm deeply thrilled by this opportunity, this privilege," White told the California regents after his appointment was announced.

White is taking his duties at UC-Riverside Sept. 1. The campus is about 55 miles east of Los Angeles and has an enrollment of about 17,000 students.

California regents voted to approve White as chancellor in a closed meeting in Los Angeles on Thursday. Afterward announcing their decision, regents said they liked White's commitment to

diversity, his understanding of land-grant institutions and an entrepreneurial spirit that could infuse new energy to the Riverside campus.

In addition to his salary, White will receive university housing, an \$8,800 annual vehicle allowance and \$25,000 for relocation expenses. His package at Idaho also included a vehicle stipend and housing.

White was named Idaho's president in 2004 after the school endured budget cuts, faculty turnover, and a financial scandal from a failed expansion project in Boise.

He is one of four men who has served as president of the university since 2002.

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VA disavows doctor who limited stress diagnoses

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The physician in charge of the post-traumatic stress disorder program at a medical facility for veterans in Texas told staff members to refrain from diagnosing PTSD because so many veterans were seeking government disability payments for the condition.

"Given that we are having more and more compensation-seeking veterans, I'd like to suggest that you refrain from giving a diagnosis of PTSD straight out," Norma Perez wrote in a March 20 e-mail to mental-health specialists and social workers at the Department of Veterans Affairs' Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center in Temple, Texas. Instead, she recommended that they "consider a diagnosis of Adjustment Disorder ..."

VA staff members "really don't or (sic) have time to do the extensive testing that should be done to deter-

mine PTSD," Perez wrote. Adjustment disorder is a less severe reaction to stress than PTSD and has a shorter duration, usually no longer than six months, said Anthony Ng, a psychiatrist in charge of Mental Health America, a nonprofit professional association.

Veterans diagnosed with PTSD can be eligible for disability compensation of up to \$2,527 a month, depending on the severity of the condition, said Alison Alkole, a VA spokeswoman. Those found to have adjustment disorder generally are not offered such payments, though veterans can receive medical treatment for either condition.

Perez's e-mail was obtained and released Thursday by VoteVets.org, a veterans group that has been critical of the Bush administration's policies in Iraq and Afghanistan and Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a nonprofit government watchdog group.

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Group cites growing threats to cultural sites in U.S. forests

By Judith Kohler
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Indian pueblos, Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields and trails used by Lewis and Clark are in jeopardy because the Forest Service lacks the means to protect them, a prominent preservation group said Thursday.

The nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation released a report saying the U.S. Forest Service lacks a clear legal mandate and the financial ability to protect thousands of historic sites and buildings on national forest lands from development, vandalism and other threats.

Richard Moe, trust president, said in a news conference in Denver that only about 1,900 of 325,000 Forest Service sites identified as historically or culturally significant are on the National Register of Historic Places.

"It's estimated that more than 2 million sites of cultural and historical significance

may be out there on Forest Service land," Moe said.

At-risk treasures include American Indian pueblos and sacred sites, petroglyphs, Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields, trails used by the Lewis and Clark expedition and Forest Service look-out towers.

About 80 percent of the 193 million acres the agency manages in 44 states and Puerto Rico haven't been surveyed for such sites, according to the Washington, D.C.-based trust.

"The National Forest System: Cultural Resources at Risk" says the Forest Service, unlike other federal land management agencies, has no statute that specifically mandates historic or archaeological preservation as part of its mission.

Other threats are off-road vehicle use, oil and gas development, grazing, logging and a resurgence in uranium, gold and other hard-rock mining, Moe said.

A 2005 report by the group



An aeriad photo shows the Sal Mountain lookout in the Challis National Forest near Salmon, Idaho. The lookout is one of the historic sites and buildings in national forests that the National Trust for Historic Preservation says is endangered by the U.S. Forest Service's lack of a clear legal mandate to protect the sites.

said the federal government's push to develop energy on millions of acres of land overseen by the Bureau of Land Management was leaving natural and cultural resources at peril.

A big issue for the Forest Service is funding. Less than 1 percent of its \$4.4 billion budget goes to heritage resource programs, according to the new report.

"The Forest Service is

understaffed and underfunded," Moe said.

This group has called for doubling the Forest Service's \$14.5 million budget for heritage programs.

Joel Holtrap, deputy chief of

the National Forest System, said the agency could do more with more money, but that could mean diverting funds from somewhere else.

"It's likely going to happen at the expense of something else," Holtrap said.

Nearly half of the Forest Service's budget is spent on fires, including fire suppression and decreasing wildfire risk. Forest Service officials have said the increase in the number, frequency and complexity of wildfires because of encroaching development are driving up costs.

Budget constraints are stretching Forest Service staff, Moe said. He noted that Forest Service personnel recently discovered a 10-foot-tall painting of the cartoon character SpongeBob SquarePants on the chimney of a historic cabin in central Colorado's Pike National Forest.

"Vandalism is increasing because there aren't enough forest rangers to protect these places," Moe said.

Report: Northwest energy conservation hits high in 2007

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Last year was a record year for energy conservation in the Pacific Northwest.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council says the energy saved was equivalent to the electricity used by 146,000 homes.

The 200 average megawatts saved in 2007 marked a record gain in a steady series of energy efficiency improvements the Pacific Northwest has been making since 1978, officials said.

Overall, the region has saved about 3,700 average megawatts in the last 30 years, or enough power for all of Idaho and western Montana.

New energy efficiency standards for major appliances like washing machines, dryers and dishwashers should help save even more electricity in the future, said Bill Booth, chairman of the regional council that oversees energy development and conservation in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington state.

"Consumers are struggling with energy prices that seem to never stop rising, but here is some good news," Booth said.

The efficiency efforts pay off in lower electric bills and help the environment, he said.

The Northwest Power Act approved by Congress in

1980 made energy conservation the top priority for meeting demand for power in the region.

The cost of efficiency improvements remains two to three times less expensive than the cost of building new power plants fueled by natural gas or coal, according to the Portland-based council.

The 2007 report on energy conservation was released this week at a council meeting in Walla Walla, Wash.

The annual survey reports on achievements by individual groups — residential, commercial, industrial, agriculture and irrigation, and low-income weatherization programs.

Wolf illegally shot in northwest Wyoming

By Bob Moen
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A wolf shot to death in northwest Wyoming is the first known illegal killing in the state since the animals lost federal protection, and state showed it is serious about taking over wolf management by offering a \$3,000 reward.

"Compliance with state laws related to wolves is an important component of successful wolf management in Wyoming," Wyoming Chief Game Warden Jay Lawson said.

Wyoming, Idaho and Montana took over management of wolves within their respective borders when the animals were removed from federal protection under the Endangered Species Act on March 28.

Environmental groups have been critical of the decision to remove the wolf from federal protection and have sued to put them back on the endangered species list. An estimated 1,500 wolves roam the three states. There were illegal wolf killings before the delisting.

Sixteen wolves have been killed legally in Wyoming since then because they were shot outside protected zones in northwest Wyoming.

On April 21, a U.S. Forest Service employee reported finding a dead wolf just off a highway east of Grand Teton National Park, Game and Fish spokesman Eric Kessler said Thursday. A necropsy determined the wolf had been shot.

The death occurred in a protected zone where wolves can only be shot with a state-

issued hunting license. Wyoming has not yet established a license hunting season for wolves, Kessler said.

The type of weapon used was not known, he said.

Those responsible for the shooting could face a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to a year in jail if convicted.

Franz Camenzind, a biologist and executive director of the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, said the Game and Fish Department's response is a good sign that the agency considers the case to be a serious crime.

"It should send a message to would-be wolf killers that it doesn't matter whether it's the feds or the state, you're going to be ... investigated, hopefully prosecuted," Camenzind said.

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Bush appeasement jab brings quick Obama retort

By Liz Sideri
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama accused President Bush of "a false political attack" Thursday after Bush warned in Israel against appeasing terrorists — early salvos in a general election campaign that's already blazing even as the Democratic front-runner tries to seal up his party's nomination.

The White House defied Bush had targeted Obama, who said the Republican commander in chief's intent was obvious.

In short order, the controversy spilled across the presidential campaign.

John McCain, the Republican nominee in waiting, said Obama was showing "naivete and inexperience and lack of judgment" in his willingness to meet with U.S. foes.

Hillary Rodham Clinton then called Bush's original comments "offensive and outrageous, especially in light of his failures in foreign policy."

As the workday began statewide, Bush gave a speech to Israel's Knesset in which he spoke of the president of Iran, who has called for the destruction of the U.S. ally. Then, the president said: "Some seem to believe that we should negotiate with the terrorists and radicals, as if some ingenious argument will persuade them they have been wrong all along."

"We have heard this fool-

ish delusion before. As Nazi tanks crossed into Poland in 1939, an American senator declared: 'Lord, if I could only have talked to Hitler, all this might have been avoided.' We have an obligation to call this what it is — the false comfort of appeasement, which has been repeatedly discredited by history," Bush added.

With the president abroad and those seeking to help succeed him campaigning at home, the transatlantic rift signaled the early direction of the general election. Bush seemed to assume the traditional lame-duck presidential role in trying to help McCain play his political card as well in tandem with Obama, not for two White House hopefuls who are campaigning for a bipartisan governing approach free of the often divisive discourse in Washington.

By tradition, partisan politics comes to a halt when a U.S. president is on foreign soil, and Bush's remarks led Obama to quickly cry foul. The first-term Illinois senator responded to the comments as if they were criticism of his position that as president he would be willing to personally meet with Iran's leaders and those of other regimes the United States has deemed rogue.

"It is sad that President Bush would use a speech to the Knesset on the 60th anniversary of Israel's independence to launch a false political attack," Obama said in a statement his aides distributed.

GOP abandons Bush on food, energy

By Mary Clare Iacobucci
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's calls for fiscal responsibility received scant notice this week on Capitol Hill. Fellow Republicans had something bigger on their minds — high prices for groceries and gasoline in an election year that is looking increasingly bleak for their party.

Both the House and Senate bucked his veto threats with lopsided votes to boost food stamps and farm subsidies. Those votes came after Congress ordered Bush to quit pouring oil into the nation's emergency reserves.

Republicans abandoned Bush just days after the party's third straight special election loss to Democrats of a long-held GOP seat. The three House districts, in Illinois, Louisiana and Mississippi, include rural farm areas.

"I think the fact that they've lost three House seats in a row, people are thinking, 'Gee, do I really want to stand with the president? It looks like this ship's going down,'" said Sen. Ken Claitor, D-N.D.

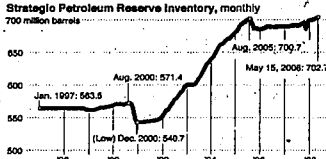
Democrats' strong opposition, 35 of the Senate's 49 Republicans voted Thursday with Democrats to pass and send to the White House a \$250 billion farm bill that will increase food aid for the needy as well as subsidies for farmers enjoying record high incomes. In the House, 100 Republicans voted the same way Wednesday.

Lawmakers also overwhelmingly voted to temporarily halt daily shipments of 70,000 barrels of oil to the nation's emergency reserve held in underground salt domes along the Gulf coast. It is a move that Democrats have sought for the past year to increase supplies available for consumers. The Senate sent that measure to the president Wednesday night without a single GOP objection.

"If you're running for office this year, obviously you want

Stocking up on emergency oil

The U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which contains emergency stockpiles of government-owned crude oil, has reached nearly 700 million barrels of its 1 billion barrel capacity.



NOTE: The Strategic Petroleum Reserve allows the U.S. to maintain stockpiles in the event a disruption in commercial oil supplies threatens the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Department of Energy

to demonstrate that you can put up a record of accomplishment that's based upon working with both sides of the political aisle," said GOP Sen. John Thune of South Dakota. "I think people, even those who don't necessarily represent farm states, also want to do something about energy and they want to do something about the high cost of food."

In the farm bill, rising food costs put political pressure on lawmakers to boost money for food stamps and other nutrition programs. The bill's fate appeared bleak until House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., intervened and forced farm-state negotiators to divert money from farm subsidies to food programs.

That brought the support of not only urban Democrats but also Republicans from all areas, many of whom are growing more nervous about their re-election prospects in November.

Pelosi said before the House vote that she was not satisfied that the bill does enough to reduce subsidies, but "if there is one reason for you to vote for this bill, it would be because of the nutrition piece of it."

On the oil reserve vote, Democrats also easily won as key Republicans came along. Republican presidential candidate John McCain recently joined Democrats on

line has fundamentally changed the equation," Domenici said this week.

Bush has refused to halt the shipment of about 70,000 barrels of oil a day into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, saying it was such a small amount that it had no impact on gasoline or crude oil prices.

Lawmakers acknowledged in debate on the issue this week that suspending the deliveries into the stockpile was a small step in response to oil prices of nearly \$125 a barrel and gasoline threatening to go to \$4 a gallon.

Nevertheless, the Senate on Tuesday voted 97-1 to suspend the deliveries and the House followed hours later by a vote of 385-25. It's one of the few energy issues on which Democrats and Republicans have been able to agree.

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Polygamist sect's finances appear murky

Questions about source of FLDS money have been swirling since Texas raid

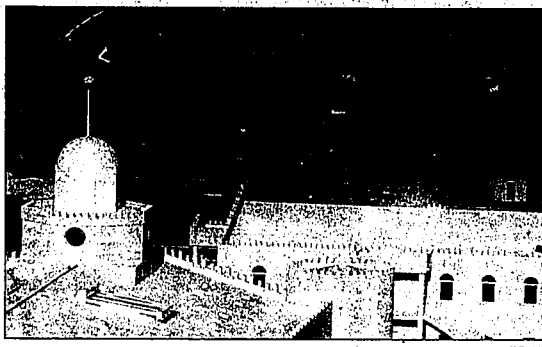
By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press Writer

ELDORADO, Texas — In just five years, the West Texas polygamist sect transformed 1,700 acres of scrubland purchased for \$700,000 into a bustling ranch with a blazing-white limestone temple, sprawling three-story log cabins, woodworking shops and a dairy.

Assessed value of the property now: \$20.5 million.

How did members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints do it?

Sweat equity was clearly one factor. The men quarried limestone themselves from the hard ground and built the enormous ranch with their own hands, using skills learned at construction companies close to the sect's main base of operations, on the Arizona-Utah line. But as for where they got



The steeple on the main temple looks over residential structures April 8 on the grounds of the Yearning Farm on Zion Ranch, home of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, near Eldorado, Texas. In five years, the West Texas polygamist sect transformed 1,700 acres of scrub land purchased for \$700,000 into a bustling ranch with a limestone temple, sprawling three-story log cabins, woodworking shops and a dairy.

the money for building materials, dump trucks, rock-cutting equipment and other supplies, that is still something of a mystery.

"Who funded it? We're investigating. That's for dang sure," said Jeff Shields, a court-appointed lawyer studying the sect's finances.

Some suspect the FLDS supplied money to Eldorado on a \$114 million trust fund that once included all the homes and land in the side-by-side FLDS towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz. Money may also have come from construction businesses and other ven-

tures run by sect members, including an aircraft wheel and brake manufacturer in Nevada that holds a \$1.2 million Pentagon contract, and an engineering firm that landed \$11.3 million in work from Las Vegas water authorities.

Questions about the source

of the sect's money have been swirling around the FLDS since Texas authorities raided their Yearning for Zion ranch last month and seized more than 460 youngsters because of evidence that the sect has been marrying off underage girls to older men.

The renegade Mormon splinter group bought the property for \$412 an acre in 2003 and rapidly turned it into a self-contained home for roughly 700 people, with rows of planted vegetables and other farming enterprises, a dairy that produces milk and cheese, and shops for cabinetmaking and other woodworking — all to supply the ranch, not to turn a profit on the outside.

Enormous homes went up in a matter of weeks, and at least 200 men swarmed to the property to cut rock from the soil and assemble the gleaming 80-foot house of worship, said J.D. Doyle, a pilot who has taken hundreds of photos of the ranch's development from his small plane. With the natural clay soil useless for farming, sect members brought in black dirt to grow vegetables.

"They worked around the clock. They can put up a 21,000-square-foot house in 2 1/2 weeks. Move in and have

it perfect," Doyle said. "It was amazing to us to watch them do this."

The sect paid \$424,000 in property taxes last year, or about 18 percent of Schleicher County's annual revenue. It is the third-biggest taxpayer in the county, behind two pieces of land that produce oil. Although FLDS is a church, it never sought tax-exempt status in Texas or in other South-west states in which it operates.

Judge Johnny Griffin, the county's chief executive, said that as far as he knows, ranch residents paid their tax bill on time and without complaint. FLDS spokesman and attorney Ron Parker said he doesn't know how the ranch and equipment were purchased or why the insular group never sought tax-exempt status.

The four men listed on Yearning for Zion corporate documents have no listed phone numbers in Texas, and the numbers for the Utah businesses controlled by David S. Allred, the member who scooped out the property first, have been disconnected.

Court-appointed accountants are trying to figure out if some of the money came from a trust fund now under government control.



Gay rights supporters wear a California state flag, left, and a gay pride flag outside of the California State Supreme Court building in San Francisco, Thursday after the court ruled in favor of the right of same-sex couples to wed.

California's top court legalizes gay marriage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California's Supreme Court declared gay couples in the nation's biggest state can marry — a monumental but perhaps short-lived victory for the gay rights movement.

Thursday that was greeted with tears, hugs, kisses and at least one instant proposal of matrimony. Same-sex couples could tie the knot in as little as a month. But the window could close soon after — religious and social conservatives are pressing to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November that would undo the Supreme Court ruling and ban gay marriages. "Essentially, this boils down to love. We love each other. We now have equal rights under the law," declared a jubilant Robin Tyler, a plaintiff in the case along with her partner. She added: "We're going to get married. No Tupperware, please."

A crowd of people raised their fists in triumph inside City Hall, and people wrapped themselves in rainbow-colored gay-pride flag outside the courthouse. In the Castro, the historic center of the gay community in San Francisco, Tim Oviatt wept as he watched the news on TV.

"I've been waiting for this all my life. This is a life-affirming moment," he said. By the afternoon, gay and lesbian couples had already started lining up at San Francisco City Hall to make appointments to get married. In West Hollywood, supporters were planning to serve "wedding cake" at an evening celebration.

James Dobson, chairman of the conservative Christian group Focus on the Family, called the ruling an "outrage." "It will be up to the people

of California to preserve traditional marriage by passing a constitutional amendment. ... Only then can they protect themselves from this latest example of judicial tyranny," he said in an e-mail statement.

In its 4-3 ruling, the Republican-dominated high court struck down state laws against same-sex marriage and sold domestic partnerships that provide many of the rights and benefits of matrimony are not enough.

"In contrast to earlier times, our state now recognizes that an individual's capacity to establish a loving and long-term committed relationship with another person and responsibly to care for and raise children does not depend upon the individual's sexual orientation," Chief Justice Ronald George wrote for the majority in ringing language that delighted gay rights activists.

Massachusetts is the only other state to legalize gay marriage, something it did in 2004. The California ruling is considered monumental by virtue of the state's size — 38 million out of a U.S. population of 302 million — and its historic role in the vanguard of the many social and cultural changes that have swept the country since World War II.

California has an estimated 92,000 same-sex couples. "It's about human dignity. It's about human rights. It's about time in California," San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom pumping his fist in the air, told a roaring crowd at City Hall.

Unlike Massachusetts, California has no residency requirement for obtaining a marriage license, meaning gays from around the country are likely to flock to the state to wed, said Jennifer Pizer, a gay-rights attorney who worked on the case.

Woman indicted in MySpace suicide case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Missouri woman was indicted Thursday for her alleged role in perpetrating a hoax on the online social network MySpace against a 13-year-old neighbor who committed suicide.

Lori Drew of suburban St. Louis, who allegedly helped create a MySpace account in the name of someone who didn't exist to convince Megan Meier she was chatting with a 16-year-old boy named Josh Evans, was charged with conspiracy and fraudulently gaining access to someone else's computer.

Megan hanged herself at home in October 2006, allegedly after receiving a dozen or more cruel messages, including one stating that she would be better off without her. Salvador Hernandez, assistant agent in charge of the Los Angeles FBI office, called the case heart-rending.

"The Internet is a world unto itself. People must

know how far they can go before they must stop. They exploited young girl's weaknesses," Hernandez said. "Whether the defendant could have foreseen the results, she's responsible for her actions."

Drew was indicted by a federal grand jury on six counts of conspiracy and three counts of accessing protected computers without authorization to get information used to inflict emotional distress on the girl.

Drew has denied creating the account or sending messages to Megan. Her attorney, Jim Briscoe, did not immediately return messages seeking comment on Thursday.

A man who opened the door at the Drew family home in Dardene Prairie, Mo., on Thursday said the family had no comment.

Megan's mother, Tina Meier, told The Associated Press she believed media reports and public outrage

helped move the case forward for prosecution.

"It's chilling that this woman is going to face charges that she has needed to face since the day we found out what was going on, and since the day she decided to be a part of this entire ridiculous stunt," she said.

Megan's father, Ron Meier, 38, said he began to cry "tears of joy" when he heard of the indictment. The parents are

now separated, which Tina Meier has said stemmed from the circumstances of their daughter's death.

Tina Meier has acknowledged Megan was too young to have a MySpace account under the Web site's guidelines, but she said she had been able to closely monitor her daughter's MySpace account, she has also acknowledged that Megan was also sending mean messages before her death.

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Vitamin D may help curb breast cancer, study finds

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

Breast cancer patients with low levels of vitamin D were much more likely to die of the disease or have it spread than patients getting enough of the nutrient, a study found — adding to evidence the “sunshine vitamin” has anti-cancer benefits.

The results are sure to renew arguments about whether a little more sunshine is a good thing.

The skin makes vitamin D from ultraviolet light. Too much sunlight can raise the risk of skin cancer, but small amounts — 15 minutes or so a few times a week without sunscreen — may be beneficial, many doctors believe.

While the vitamin is found in certain foods and supplements, most don't contain the best form. D-3, and have only a modest effect on blood levels of the nutrient. That's what matters, the Canadian study found.

Only 24 percent of women in the study had sufficient blood levels of D at the time they were first diagnosed with breast cancer. Those who were deficient were nearly twice as likely to have their cancer recur or spread over the next 10 years, and 73 percent more likely to die of the disease.

“These are pretty big differences,” said study leader Dr. Pamela Goodwin of Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. “It's the first time that vitamin D has been linked to breast cancer progression.”

But people shouldn't start downing supplements, she warned. Experts don't agree on how much vitamin D people need or the best way to get it, and too much can be harmful. They also don't know whether getting more vitamin D can help when someone already has cancer.

“We have no idea whether correcting a vitamin D deficiency will in any way alter these outcomes,” said Dr. Julie Gralow, a cancer specialist at the University of Washington in Seattle.

The study was released Thursday by the American Society of Clinical Oncology and will be presented at the group's annual meeting later this month.

Lots of earlier research suggests vitamin D may help prevent prostate, breast and especially colon cancer. In lab and animal tests, vitamin D stifles abnormal cell growth, curbs formation of blood vessels that feed tumors and has many other anti-cancer effects.

Other evidence: People who live in northern regions of the world have higher cancer rates than those living closer to the equator, possibly because of less sunshine and vitamin D.

The Canadian researchers wanted to see whether it made a difference in survival. They took blood from 512 women at three University of Toronto hospitals between

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1989 and 1995, when the women were first diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer.

A decade later, 83 percent of those who had had adequate vitamin D blood levels were alive without extensive spread of their cancer, versus 79 percent of those whose vitamin D levels were insufficient and 69 percent of those who were deficient, as defined by widely used medical standards for measuring intake.

One red flag: The few women with the very highest levels of vitamin D seemed to have worse survival.

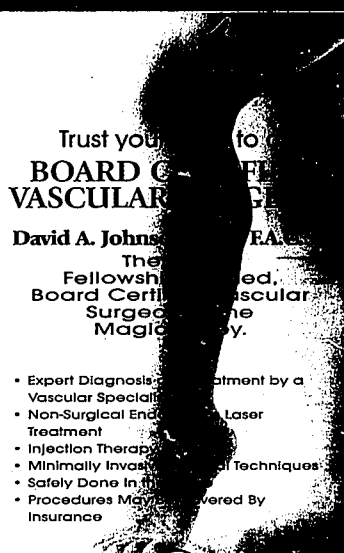
Though the study was too small and those results were not conclusive, “there may be an optimal level of vitamin D in women with breast cancer and it may be possible to take

too much,” Goodwin said. The federal government says up to 2,000 international units of vitamin D a day seems OK. Taking 800 units per day will, on average, raise blood levels to the middle of the range that seems best for bone and general health, Goodwin said.

Vitamin D is in salmon and other oily fish, and milk is routinely fortified with it, but dietary sources account for little of the amount circulating in the blood, experts say.

“It's very hard to make a recommendation” because, how much difference a supplement makes depends on someone's baseline level, which also can be affected by sunlight, skin type and time of year, she explained.

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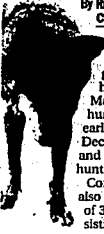
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Wolf hunting closes

By Rusty Tenn
Correspondent



JEROME — The Nevada Department of Fish and Game is gearing up for its first wolf hunting season this fall. Through May 16, the department is asking hunters if they want seasons to start early (Aug. 31), late (Oct. 10) and end Dec. 31 or extend into March 2009. If those seasons should vary by hunting area.

Comments on harvest quotas also are being solicited. A statewide quota of 328 wolf mortalities for 2008 consisting of all wolf deaths from depredation on livestock is being set.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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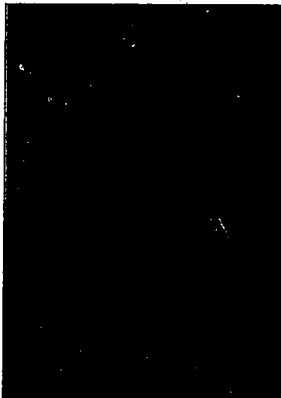
Salmon Falls Creek Canyon:
From Jackpot to the dam

By Lawrence P. Growney
Correspondent

ROGERSON — It's no secret that a stream will continue to cut downward to create a canyon as long as it is able to do so. But it is often difficult to actually re-create in our minds the specific meanders and pathways created by the flowing stream over time. The Salmon Falls Creek Canyon, from its beginning south of Jackpot to Salmon Falls Dam west of Rogerson, provides numerous examples of the complexity of canyon development.

The extensive, layered rhyolite ashflows through which the stream cuts complicate this process of re-creating past stream behavior and channel development. If a stream cuts through sediment, it creates a series of terraces that chart its relative location over time. But when dealing with the solid layers of rhyolite of the canyon around the Nevada border, no clear stream-carved terraces can be easily identified. The stream reestablished its channel across the rhyolite after the massive eruptions, so clearly the creek has occupied many levels over time.

There are a number of accesses from



Photos by Lawrence P. Growney
An ornately fluted hillside rises above the Salmon Falls Fish Facility.

Highway 93 to the canyon; however, to view much of the canyon will require a decent amount of walking. Sturdy footwear is essential, as is plenty of water. Always be aware of snakes when the weather is warmer. Take binoculars for the best viewing from the rim, and a camera with a telephoto or zoom lens. Antelope and deer are often seen along the rim, and golden eagles, hawks, and rare bald eagles might be seen above the canyon.

The Salmon Falls Fish Facility

One good access that takes you down to stream level can be found at the Idaho/Nevada line. Take Highway 93 to Jackpot, turning right off the road about halfway down the final grade before town. At this location, a BLM sign alerts travelers to the Salmon Falls Creek access available at this location. Take this dirt road about 1.5 miles to a water tank and park around this location. The road beyond this point becomes impassible within a half mile. From this point, hike down the road another 1.5 miles into a deepening canyon through the rhyolite.

Discover local history at the Salmon Falls Fish Facility.

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Jimi the perfect 'un-wallet' for treks

Small and translucent, rigid and smooth, the Jimi is "the wallet for people who hate wallets." That's according to Mike O'Neill, the San Francisco cyclist and entrepreneur who founded Mr. Smith Inc., to create this plastic money holder a couple years back.

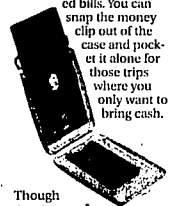
O'Neill's creation — a slim and unobtrusive case that holds credit cards, your driver's license and some cash — is made in the USA and constructed of recycled polypropylene. It measures 4.25 inches high by 2.6 inches wide, just slightly taller and wider than a Visa card.



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The case is a clamshell design, opening on its integrated plastic hinges, which the company says will withstand up to one million opens and closes. Inside there is a slot for four credit cards on one half and a money clip on the other half — the essential and nothing more.

The removable money clip, which is made of polycarbonate, holds a single card and three double-folded bills. You can snap the money clip out of the case and pocket it alone for those trips where you only want to bring cash.



Though not water-proof, the Jimi (<http://www.thejimi.com>) clicks shut and seals off your important stuff inside from moisture. O'Neill developed the un-wallet to stash in his bike jersey while riding. "If you get a bit frisky and sweat through your shirt, your cash will not get soggy," he said.

Available in nine colors, from clear to a deep ruby red, the Jimi costs \$14.95. It is about 9/16 of an inch thick and strong enough to withstand the abuse a wallet might typically take: Sit on it and the case will not likely crack.

But while you can put it in your back pocket, O'Neill recommends keeping the Jimi up front in a hip pocket. A lanyard hole on top lets you don the Jimi on a loop of string around your neck if desired.

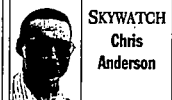
For me, the Jimi works for

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Mercury holds new mysteries to be solved

In January the MESSENGER probe became the first spacecraft to visit Mercury in thirty-three years. It imaged about half of Mercury's previously unseen side, and made some intriguing discoveries.

In the mid-70s, the Mariner 10 spacecraft photographed roughly half the planet, including a huge impact feature known as the Caloris Basin.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Mariner only saw part of the basin, whose diameter astronomers estimated at 800 miles wide.

MESSENGER's images captured the entire basin, which now appears to be about 960 miles wide, making it one of the largest impact structures known. Near its center is a crater surrounded by radiating trenches, nicknamed the "Spider." The crater is called Apollodorus, and the "legs" have been named Pantheon fossae (trenches).

This radial pattern of flat-floored trenches (known to geologists as "graben") is unique. Graben are cracks that form when the crust is uplifted. I'm no geologist, but to me the central crater resembles Oregon's Crater Lake. Most of the radial trenches are flat-floored and maintain a fairly constant width along their lengths. But the largest one appears to start at a breach in the crater wall, overlies several of the smaller ones, and narrows as the farther it gets from the crater. I wonder if, unlike the other trenches, it might actually be an outflow channel, where a lava lake that once filled the crater burst through the wall. Could the lava have originated from a fishing manta chamber beneath Mercury's crust which was punctured by the impact that formed Apollodorus? The answer may have to wait until MESSENGER goes into orbit around Mercury in 2011.

It's fun to speculate about such things whether you're looking at MESSENGER's images or seeing Mercury in the sky. It's currently very low in the west-northwest at 10 p.m., and looks like a moderately bright star.

Next week: Predicting the return of the sun's spots.

Chris Anderson is a production specialist and observatory manager for the Falkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho.

Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Jupiter; S, low
One hour after sunset:
Mercury; VNW, very low
Mars; W, mid-sky
Saturn; SW, high
Moon: Full moon Monday, 8:11 p.m. (Smallest full moon of 2008.)

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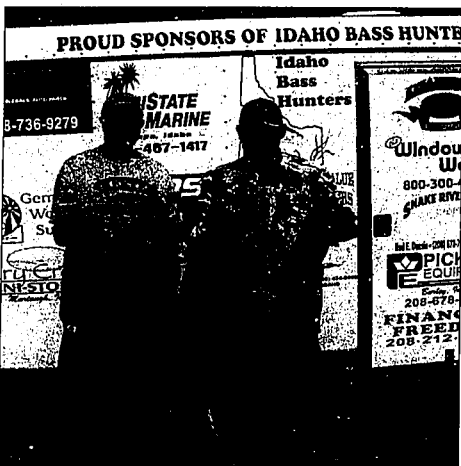
You could be in the Outdoors section

Share your outdoors tales or photos and you could be the talk of the town in next week's issue. *Times-News* Outdoors accepts the following:

- photos of big game/fish catches
- first-hand accounts (please keep these to 500 words maximum if possible) of hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. adventures
- suggestions for possible story ideas

All submissions should be sent to outdoors editor David Bashore at dbashore@magicvalley.com, or at *Times-News*; P.O. Box 548; Twin Falls, ID 83303. Alternatively, photos may be brought to the *Times-News* at 132 Fairfield St. W.

WINNING CATCHES



Low Probasco and Ted Weiland stand with their winning catch of 14.77 pounds and big fish 5.37 pounds, caught in Anderson Reach Reservoir at the Bass Hunters Club Tournament last Saturday.

GETTING THEIR LIMIT



Twin Falls resident Dick Carr stands with a limit of walleyes caught May 2 in Blinnack, N.D. Carr and fellow Twin Falls resident, Don Cogger caught the fish, all between 18 and 22 inches in length, in two hours of fishing with crank baits on the Missouri River.



The South Hills Strutters, pictured with a pair of national awards won earlier this year, will hold a sporting shoot later this month.

Strutters holding clays shoot

The South Hills Strutters will hold a sporting clays shoot for "Wheelin' Sportsmen" at the Jerome Rod and Gun Club on May 31. Registration is at 9 a.m., with shooting starting at 10 a.m. This is a 100-target

shoot. Cost is \$40 if paid by May 24, or \$50 at the shoot. Raffle tickets will be sold, and awards and lunch will follow. For more information contact Waylon Klundt at 734-5711.

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Parks and Rec offers a host of opportunities

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is offering a number of outdoor opportunities for enthusiasts to participate in.

Parks and Rec will host an introduction to SCUBA diving at the YMCA pool on Saturday, a scenic boat trip from Centennial Waterfront Park to Pillar Falls on May 23 and 30, a whitewater rafting trip on the Hagerman stretch of the Snake River on May 24 and 31, and a five-hour canoe trip from Banbury Hot Springs to Silgars Resort on May 25.

Contact Parks and Rec at 736-2265 for information, registration, and a fee schedule.

Bowmen's Spring Fling this weekend

Minidoka Bowmen Present the Minidoka Dam Spring Fling Shoot and Sunday at the Minidoka Dam.

Registration is from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Scores will be posted by 3 p.m. Lunch will be available from Smokey Joe's BBQ. Shooting fees are \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 7-11 or \$30 per family. Children under 7 are free.

For more information, call Matt Fetzer at 219-0736, Brice Beck at 654-2643, Jeff Williams at 436-5709 or Melissa Fetzer at 219-0526.

Trap-shoot fundraiser Saturday

A Relay For Life Trap Shoot fundraiser will be held Saturday at the Burley Trap Range, 850 W. 50 S. Registration will be at 10 a.m. and the event will begin at 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 per shoot. Events include Beginner Trap, Beginner Continental, Shooter Continental, Beginner Five Stand and Shooter Five Stand.

Food and beverages will be available. The event is sponsored by the Burley Trap Club and the Tots to Teens Relay For Life Team. Proceeds from the event will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

For more information, call Dawn at 436-4141.

Free boat inspections Sunday

National Safe Boating Week is May 18-22.

To recognize the event, the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office, along with Idaho State Parks and Recreation, will be offering a free boat inspection day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Lake Walcott. The Park will be open free of charge to any boaters that would like to have their boats inspected for the 2008 boating season. There will be Marine Deputies at the boat ramp to answer boating questions and new boating laws.

For more information, call the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office at 434-2320.

Fairfield area campground opening late

Baumgartner Campground, located on the Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, will not open until May 21 due to scheduled campground maintenance.

Baumgartner Campground is located 11 miles east of Featherhills, along the South Fork of the Boise River and it is 55 miles northwest of Fairfield.

Please contact the Fairfield Ranger District if you have additional questions, at 764-3202.

TFCG to host doubles league

The Twin Falls Gun Club will start the annual doubles league on May 22. Signups and shooting will begin that day, and continue for six weeks. The cost for the league is \$60 per shooter.

There will be five classes, with the possibility of a rookie class if enough rookie shooters — someone who has never shot in the doubles league or any registered targets — sign up. For more information call 734-0639.

Little Camas shoot June 7

Little Camas Reservoir will play host to a shoot on June 7-8. Registration is from 7-11 a.m. both days. For more information contact Gene Briggs at 587-0925.

DirT Series Bike Camp headed to Sun Valley

The team at Startus Bike Shop in Sun Valley/Ketchum is excited to announce that the Rocky Mountain DirT Series Women's MTB Cycling Camp will be returning to the Wood River Valley June 21-22. The camp is open to 40

women who are looking to improve their skill and confidence on all types of mountain trails.

The camp is a two-day format with skills sessions in the morning and a trail ride in the afternoon to practice new-found expertise.

For the morning skills sessions, the DirT Series travels with a truck load of obstacles to help riders get proficient with basic front wheel lifts, switchback techniques, high speed cornering, wheel drops, manuals and bunny hops.

Body protection will be available for the novice or inhibited.

Complete area information can be found at www.visitsunvalley.com. Cost is \$325 per person. Lunch is provided each day. For complete camp information and registration, visit www.dirTseries.com.

SIHA to host forum series

The Idaho Humanities Council, the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has awarded a grant to the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association (SIHA) to support the Sawtooth Forum and Lunch in previous years.

Beginning on June 20 and continuing through Aug. 29, on Friday afternoons SIHA will host speakers, lecturers, authors, and performers from around the West.

Participation is free.

City of Rocks looking for YCC members

This summer, youth between the ages of 15 and 18 have the opportunity to learn about the conservation profession while working in City of Rocks National Reserve.

Each year, the National Park Service provides funding to the Reserve to develop a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

YCC members participate in natural resource management projects and surveys. They work alongside university students, researchers, and park employees to inventory and monitor the natural environment. Participants also maintain campsites, control noxious weeds, and restore landscapes in the Reserve.

YCC members are employed from June 9 through Aug. 1, weekdays. The application process concludes May 21. Interested students may request an application from an area school counselor or by calling City of Rocks National Reserve at 824-5519 extension 101. More information about the Youth Conservation Corps program may be found on the Web at <http://nps.gov/youthprograms/> or the City of Rocks is an equal opportunity employer.

MVFF to host women-only class

The Magic Valley Fly Fishers (MVFF) will hold a no-cost fly-casting and fly-fishing class for women only, on Saturday, May 31.

The class runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will be held at the College of Southern Idaho Endowment Ponds north of the CSI Expo Center. All women who have an interest in fly-casting, fly-fishing, and knot-tying are welcome and invited to attend.

Morgan Buckert, professional fishing guide with Lost River Outfitters in Ketchum will be the featured guest and instructor.

Please bring your own rod and reel if possible, although some equipment will be available.

Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair or camp chair as well.

To sign up, or for more information on the class, contact Chad Chorney at 420-4096 or Dennis Brauer at 539-1882.

Sun Valley half-marathon returns

The 4th Annual Sun Valley/Ketchum US Half Marathon will take place May 24. Run or walk the 5K (3.1 mi), 12K (7.46 mi) or Half Marathon.

The event also includes a Kids MarAFUN, sponsored by Blaine County Title, for ages 4-9.

The weekend kicks off with packet-pick up on May 23 at the Sun Valley Inn from 4 p.m. through 7 p.m.

The race starts at 9 a.m. on May 24 in Sun Valley Village.

Over 500 runners will compete, including a handful of elite runners from Idaho and surrounding states. The picturesque 13.1-mile loop course runs from Sun Valley Village, through Elkhorn and Ketchum using much of the Wood River Valley bike path.

For more information contact Nicole Beahm at 725-2112.

Wolves

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hours for measurements and export tags.

What you do with a wolf hide after harvest could be an expensive proposition. According to Tom Schlemmer of Schlemmer Taxidermy of Twin Falls, a wolf body mount costs \$3,000, a finished wolf rug \$1,000 and just cleaning and tanning a wolf hide will cost nearly \$300. Selling wolf hides is legal, according to Parish, Internet auctions list tanned wolf hides from Alaska for sale at \$500.

Hunting to control wolf populations in Idaho is a bit of an unknown.

"Early on in the season," Parish said, hunters are going to kill some wolves, but as the season and years go by, wolves are going to get harder and harder to hunt."

Wolf hunting seasons for 2008 will be finalized by

Idaho Fish and Game Commissioners at their May 23 meetings at the Jerome Regional Fish and Game offices.

All the season setting and comments might be a moot point if recent suits by 12 wolf advocacy groups are successful in returning wolf management back to federal managers and endangered species status. The groups' contention is that wolf numbers are too small to sustain a genetically healthy population.

Hunters must comment on wolf seasons and quotas before May 16. Visit the Idaho Department of Fish and Game website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/crns/public/>. Wolf sightings can also be reported on the Web site. Information is also available at the Jerome office on Highway 93 north of the I-84.

Gear

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In-town bike trips and in daily work-a-day life. The case limits the amount of clutter you can collect, forcing you to manage receipts, bank slips and extra cash instead of stuffing it all inside a billfold.

I put the sweet case in my pocket and forgot to there. It holds the minimally required currency and cards to go about daily life, organizing and protecting your collateral from the moisture

and mismanagement that might occur when things are crammed alone in a pocket.

"Think of the [Jmi] as a more robust version of the ubiquitous snack-sized Ziploc bag," O'Neill said.

Stephen Regenold writes The Gear Junkie column for several U.S. newspapers; see <http://www.THEGEARJUNKIE.com> for video gear reviews, a daily blog, and an archive of Regenold's work.

Desert in the spring can't be beat for camping

BOISE (AP) — Step out of your tent or camper in the morning and your eyes are immediately drawn to rock formations.

The silhouettes of pyramid, turret and needle-shaped cliffs leave you in a trance, especially before that first cup of coffee in the morning.

It's spring and it's the best time to visit the high desert of Oregon and Idaho. You'll be greeted by an array of colors from wildflowers to pastel-colored rocks highlighted with a brushstroke of morning or late-evening sunlight. Head out in the desert this weekend. And, if you want, take a hike or climb a cliff.

The birds are your alarm clock in the desert in the spring. In fact, they get you up before first light so you can get that first cup of coffee and sit out in the camp chair watching the colors of the rock formations change as the sun's intensity increases.

The high desert of Southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon lures campers and trekkers this time of the year.

Here are a few places to experience camping in the high desert, from primitive campgrounds to a state park with lots of services:

LESLIE GULCH (Primitive camping)
 What: Leslie Gulch is a canyon-like adventure in southeast Oregon that's fairly easy to get to for a weekend

SUCCOR CREEK (Primitive camping)
 What: This is an excellent spring hiking area in a deep canyon. You'll find lots of interesting rock formations. There's a lot of cross-country hiking and scrambling for those looking for a strenuous hike.

BRUNEAU DUNES PARK (Full-service camping)
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able. Pedestrians are allowed to cross the creek into the east side of the park and may walk in to camp at 12 campsites. Six campsites east of the creek are available to park and set up camp. Succor Creek is an unstaffed, no-fee primitive camping area.

Cost: Free.

Notes: You'll need to bring your own water. Watch the roads in wet weather.

Getting there: Head out of Nampa on Idaho 55 toward Marsing. At Marsing, head north on U.S. 95 toward Homedale. At Homedale turn west on Idaho 19 toward Adrian, Ore. Once across the border, the highway turns to Oregon 201. It's 6 miles from Homedale to the turnoff to Succor Creek State Park. The 15-mile ride on the dirt road to the park is suitable for some passenger cars during dry weather.

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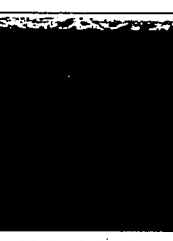
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Along this route, you will encounter rhyolite exhibiting many forms all the consequence of erosion. Spires of various heights, sentinel-like monoliths, thin, platy outcrops, and oddly modified hillsides composed of giant Tootsie Roll-like shapes adorn the canyon walls. And at the bottom of this canyon, the Salmon Falls Fish Facility has created a low waterfall and placid pool beneath extensive, horizontal layers of rhyolite.

For those who enjoy camping out in the middle of nowhere, and don't mind hiking in with the gear needed, this location provides a serene oasis. Deer are frequent visitors to the area, as are raptors and osprey. A large, flat area exists where the parking lot used to be ideal for setting up camp. There are no facilities of any kind so be prepared to pack out whatever you bring in. Fees while at the facility include a license, the large pool behind the veil might hold good-sized trout.



Rhyolite sentinels guard the road to the Salmon Falls Fish Facility.



One of the dramatic chute-like sections.

three. Standing in the parking area and looking back toward the canyon you followed to reach this spot, notice the fantastically fluted hillside on your right. These erosional remnants are reminiscent of thin urns or oddly-shaped Tootsie Rolls. Notice that about 15 feet above the exposed base of this hillside, a notch has been cut into the cliff.

This notch may represent one elevation of the stream as it flowed past the face of the rhyolite cliff. Imagine the stream flowing past that surface, dragging sand and gravel against the cliff, basically sandpaping it to create the notch. From this location downstream for, at least, four miles, you can find similar notches. They, likely, can be found all the way to the Snake River.



Fanciful erosional shapes lie scattered throughout the canyon, like this elephant peeking out from behind a cliff.

relationships just mentioned. The spires appear to have been carved as the stream was downcutting and moving toward your location, creating the downward slope in the rhyolite toward the stream. But the spired nose sits at the intersection of a long, flume-like section that abruptly turns back on itself nearly sixty degrees. Fault lines often intersect each other at angles with increments of thirty degrees.

causing the sand and gravel to accumulate. Once the obstruction was removed, the stream resumed its normal flow, washing the sand and gravel downstream, but leaving the material in areas where it was protected, such as along the shoreline, in alcoves, and behind vertical rhyolite noses at oxbows.

Other areas downstream as far as the Backwaters Recreation Area at the head of the reservoir contain silted sand and gravel deposits typical of deposition by a stream with an increasing velocity. Gravel-rich areas are nearest the stream, while sandier areas are further uphill. In a few locations along the reservoir, and extending a few miles upstream, the wind has concentrated the sand into complexes of small dunes. Visit Grey's Landing or Norton Bay to enjoy these sandy enclaves.

The fish facility is a jointly operated processing site administered by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Idaho Fish and Game Department, and the BLM. It was originally created with the dual purpose of keeping predatory fish from moving from Salmon Falls Reservoir into the Nevada reach, and to collect eggs from predatory fish to stock the reservoir. Unfortunately, the anticipated migration never materialized due to predation of these fish in the reservoir. However, the site is still monitored by the administrative authorities from time to time.

While the stream would seek out and flow across the lowest spot on each flat surface, it probably migrated across the flat surface of each ashflow layer for a period of time before incision progressed to a point where the flow was contained completely within one channel. This would tend to produce a wide floodplain that would deepen at the channel, producing a slope toward the stream.

Remove the more recent rockfall that mantles the surface at the base of the overlying cliff and you end up with a floodplain that terminates above the oxbow at a point where the nose of the rhyolite layer drops slightly

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at one location below the fish facility, just north of the lava line, accessible by taking the road around the water tank mentioned previously, the stream has recently created a new oxbow that is now directing the flow into one of the remnant sand and gravel deposits. A gravel cap forms a thin layer at the top of this thick sand deposit. One way this could have happened was if the sand had accumulated in a slowing current, such as in a growing lake behind an obstruction. The lake was covered with a thin blanket of gravel as the current picked up once the obstruction

The logical spot for an obstruction that might have formed once the canyon reached its present dimensions would be at Salmon Falls Dam. Here, intracanyon lava flows from Salmon Butte filled the canyon, creating a natural dam that would have backed up the stream. Today, the top of this natural dam does not appear to be high enough to be responsible for the deposits of sand and gravel found as far upstream as the fish facility, but there's no way to know if faults have raised or lowered the land surface between these two points since that time.

Canyon-cutting and Faults

The canyon walls rising above the stream at the fish facility are composed of a number of flat-lying rhyolite ash flow layers. At least three layers are obvious. Salmon Falls Creek cuts around the lowest of the

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Before Salmon Falls Dam

The topography limits access into and through the canyon, but for those persistent enough, you will find scattered deposits of sand and gravel at many locations along both sides of the stream beginning just above the fish facility. The rounded hillsides adjacent to the fish facility are one such location. These hillsides rise as much as fifty feet above the current stream level and can be followed downstream to near Salmon Falls Dam nearly 20 miles along the stream!

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Survivors recount quake

By Christopher Boden
Associated Press writer

DUJIANGYAN, China — Tang Xiaomin had just left her fourth-floor apartment to buy groceries when the building started crumbling around her. An upstairs neighbor was thrown against the kitchen table and grabbed her purse before rushing out. Another resident, who was expecting a baby, was resting and became trapped. The three occupants of the six-story apartment building at 315 Happiness Road were just some of the residents who managed to survive Monday's massive earthquake, although many of their neighbors did not.

"It's hard to take because we never, ever experienced anything like this before," said the short, slender Tang, wearing jeans and a sweatshirt and standing in front of a shelter of plastic sheets, umbrellas and bamboo poles she now calls home.

Tang, 40 and unemployed, had moved into the newly built apartment 10 years ago, using compensation awarded when the government demolished her former home as part of China's urban renewal boom. The apartment was home to her and her husband, a construction worker, their 16-year-old son, who was at school when the quake struck, and Tang's 61-year-old mother. The apartment was in the 61st when the tremor hit. Hours later, rescuers eased her through a gap in the apartment's facade and down to the street below.

The family of four spent Monday night huddled under an umbrella in a chilly drizzle, numb from both the cold and their ordeal — but relieved to be alive and together.

Neighbor Luo Ying was one flight upstairs from Tang, in a fifth-floor apartment, when the building began shaking at 2:27 p.m. The store clerk remembers chunks of tile and cement crashing all around her as she scrambled down five flights of stairs with her neighbors.

"I was covered in dust when I got to the bottom. I didn't dare believe it," she said. Seeking shelter from the rain, Luo and her neighbor scavenged a canopy from an electronics store event and piled old signboards high with salvaged blankets.

By dusk, about five hours after the quake, police and military units arrived, bringing relief, Luo said. "We knew we weren't alone and that someone would help."

Zhang Xiaoyan is perhaps the most famous resident of 315 Happiness Road. Eight months pregnant, she was lying on a couch in her living room with her mother when the magnitude-7.9 quake collapsed the apartment's walls and trapped them in a space less than two feet high filled with rubble and broken furnishings.

While China and much of the world watched rapt on television Wednesday, Zhang was pulled from the rubble and held in a fire station. Firefighters had to work painstakingly slowly for fear of bringing down other slabs of concrete on them. "It is very moving. It's a miracle brought about by us all working together," said Sun Guoli, the fire chief of nearby Chengdu.

Zhang's mother was pulled out shortly afterward. Both looked shaken but were not seriously injured. As the ambulance sped off through clogged traffic, rescuers searched for survivors in the air and cheered.

China: quake death toll could be 50,000

By William Foreman
Associated Press writer

LUOSHUI TOWN, China — Troops dug burial pits in this quake-shattered town and black smoke poured from crematorium chimneys elsewhere in central China as priorities began shifting Thursday from the hunt for survivors to dealing with the dead. Officials said the final toll could more than double to 50,000.

As the massive military-led recovery operation inched farther into regions cut off by Monday's quake, the government sought to enlist the public's help with an appeal for everything from hammers to cranes and, in a turnabout, began accepting foreign aid missions, the first from regional rival Japan.

Millions of survivors left homes in a top terrified to go indoors faced their fourth night under tarpaulins, tents or nothing at all as workers patched roads and cleared debris to reach more outlying towns in the disaster zone.

Health officials said there have been no outbreaks of disease so far, with workers rushing to inoculate survivors against disease, supply them with drinking water, and find ways to dispose of an overwhelming number of corpses.

"There are still bodies in the hills, and pits are being dug to bury them," said Zhao Xiaoli, a nurse in the ruined town of Hanwang. "There's no way to bring them down. It's too dangerous."

Troops in the town of Luoshui in a quake-ravaged area used a mechanical shovel to dig a pit on a hilltop. Two bodies wrapped in white sheets lay beside it. Down the hill sat four mounds of lime.

In a sign of nervousness, 50 troops lined the road outside Luoshui. Five farmers watched them dig the burial pit, after performing brief funerary rites. Local police detained an Associated Press reporter and photographer



Relatives of earthquake victims weep near a collapsed building in Dujiangyan, southwest China's Sichuan Province, Thursday.

who took photos of the scene, holding them in a government compound for 3½ hours before releasing them without explanation.

Across the quake zone in Dujiangyan, troops in face masks collected corpses and loaded them onto a flatbed truck. Thick black smoke streamed from the twin chimneys of the town's crematorium.

Fears about damage to a major dam in the quake zone appeared to ease. The Zipingpu dam had reportedly suffered cracks from the disaster, but there was no repair work or extra security at the

dam when it was reached Thursday by an AP photographer, indicating the threat to the structure had likely passed.

People trying to hike into Wenchuan walked on top of the dam as water spilled from an outlet, lowering levels in the reservoir and alleviating pressure on the dam.

Just behind the dam, soldiers set up a staging area preparing speed boats to lower into the reservoir and ferry soldiers in lifejackets, engineers and medical staff up river to Yingxiu, a town flattened by the quake.

The government says "the

dam will hold, but then the longer-term question is what to do with it — to keep it or dismantle it," said Andrew Mertha of Washington University in St. Louis, author of a book on Chinese dams, "China's Water Warriors: Citizen Action and Policy Change."

The emergency headquarters of the State Council, China's Cabinet, said the confirmed death toll had reached 19,509 — up more than 4,500 from the day before. The council said deaths could rise to 50,000, state media reported.

The provincial government

said more than 12,300 remained buried and another 102,100 were injured in Sichuan, where the quake was centered.

Experts said hope was quickly fading for anyone still caught in the wreckage of homes, schools, offices and factories that collapsed in the magnitude-7.9 quake, the most powerful in three decades in quake-prone China.

"Generally speaking, anyone buried in an earthquake can survive without water and food for three days," said Gu Linsheng, a researcher with Tsinghua University's Emergency Management Research Center. "After that, it's usually a miracle for anyone to survive."

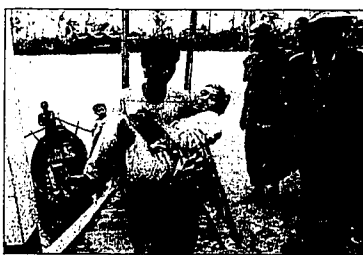
Amazing survival stories did emerge, and were seized on by Chinese media whose blanket coverage has been dominated by images of carnage.

In Dujiangyan, a 22-year-old woman was pulled to safety after more than three days trapped under debris. Covered in dust and peering out through a small opening, she waved and was interviewed by state television as hard-hatted rescuers worked to free her.

"I was confident that you were coming to rescue me. I'm alive. I'm so happy," the unnamed woman said on CCTV.

Premier Wen Jiabao, who has been in the quake zone since Monday as the public face of a usually remote communist leadership, urged those helping the injured to keep up their efforts. Repeating a phrase that has become a government mantra this week, Vice Health Minister Gao Qiang said every effort would be made to find survivors.

"We will never give up hope," Gao told reporters in Beijing. "Our every thread of hope, our efforts will increase a hundredfold. We will never give up."



Sick Burmese villagers are carried for treatment by local aid volunteers at the Paw Taw Mu pagoda at the outskirts of hard-hit Bogalay town, southern Myanmar, on Sunday.

Local heroes step in to help cyclone victims

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — From shopkeepers handing out free rice porridge to medical students caring for the sick, ordinary people in Myanmar are stepping in to help cyclone victims as the military regime severely restricts international aid.

Taxi drivers, factory owners, college students, teachers and other Yangon residents — many of whom lost their own homes — are among those organizing grueling trips into the Irrawaddy delta, the hardest-hit region.

"They are true humanitarian heroes," said Bridget Gardner, International Red Cross representative in Myanmar, after touring an area where volunteers were giving first aid to the injured.

They are taking up collections at businesses and donating food, clothes and water. Some who are too poor to give money or supplies are offering their labor to help clear debris and rebuild villages leveled by the May 3 cyclone.

"We feel sympathetic to the cyclone victims and want to help them in our own way," said Daw Mya Win, who runs a small grocery in a northern Yangon suburb where many bamboo shanty houses were

destroyed. The 49-year-old woman cooks rice porridge every day to feed anyone who comes. She also sends pots of the thick viscous mixture of rice, water and seasonings to some of the thousands of homeless who have sought shelter in the country's Buddhist monasteries.

Others have taken refuge in Catholic churches where priests and nuns are caring for the hungry and homeless.

"We totally depend on private donations every day for our daily meals," said Aung Min, a 53-year-old man who has been staying at the Thaung Gyi monastery with his wife and three children since Cyclone Nargis struck.

More than 66,000 people are dead or missing, according to government figures, with fears the death toll will surpass 100,000, according to U.N. and Red Cross estimates. The U.N. says up to 2 million survivors are still in need of emergency aid. Many villages continue to struggle daily for food and clean water amid drenching rains and threats of disease.

The military junta has restricted most foreign aid workers from entering Myanmar.

Iraqi forces mount al-Qaida hunt in Mosul

By Chelsea I. Carter and Leo Keath
Associated Press writers

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi troops moved against al-Qaida on two separate fronts Thursday, with house-to-house searches in Mosul and an operation in Iraq aimed to stanch the flow of insurgents and weapons to that northern city.

With the new sweep, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is aiming to put down Sunni extremists after launching two other major offensives elsewhere in as many months targeting Shiite militants. Mosul, a key transport crossroads between Baghdad, Syria and other points, is considered the last major urban base of al-Qaida in Iraq after the group lost strongholds in western Anbar province.

U.S.-backed Iraqi troops searched homes and the U.S. military announced that the forces in Mosul captured a suspected al-Qaida figure involved in Iraq's car bombings and smuggling foreign fighters into the country.

There were no reported clashes during the searches in known al-Qaida strongholds in the western and eastern parts of Mosul, Iraq's third largest city, where insurgents are believed to use the cover of sheep and produce markets to smuggle cash, weapons and foreign fighters from nearby Syria.

Sheik Fawaz Jarba, a leader of Sunni tribes in Mosul opposed to al-Qaida, complained that the sweep was "unorganized" and that pub-

lic warnings of the coming raid enabled al-Qaida fighters to flee, as they have done ahead of previous campaigns elsewhere.

"Al-Qaida has gone into hiding and have gone elsewhere," Jarba said, adding that his tribal fighters were prepared to join the crackdown but that al-Maliki had not asked them to.

U.S. Marines were operat-

ing farther south, near Lake Tharthar, a remote desert region that has been a refuge for al-Qaida fighters and a back channel for supplying the network in the north.

"We're trying to shut down the rat lines," Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Mills, who is heading up the operation, told a briefing at a mobile command post set up in the Mamluke desert.



The brother of Talib Saddam leans on a car in which his brother was killed in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday. Talib was killed during overnight clashes between the US forces and militants in the enclave.

Lebanese factions to begin dialogue

By Katarina Kratoch
Associated Press writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Hezbollah-led opposition and U.S.-backed government reached a deal Thursday to end Lebanon's worst violence since the 1975-90 civil war, now that the Cabinet has reversed measures aimed at reining in the Iranian-backed militants.

The feuding factions agreed to hold political talks in Qatar on Friday that will lead to the election of Lebanon's army chief, Gen. Michel Sleiman, as a compromise president, said Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jasssem al-Thani, who headed an Arab League team that mediated the agreement.

Immediately after the deal was announced, the opposition cleared a series of roadblocks along Beirut's airport road that had stopped flights for a week. Shortly afterward, two planes from the Lebanese national carrier, Middle East Airlines, landed.

The parties pledge not to use weapons or violence again with the aim of scoring political gains, Hamad told journalists in a conference hall. "Both parties are willing to open a new chapter."

Hamad made the announcement with representatives of all Lebanese factions present, an indication the deal had the blessing of both sides.

But tensions still simmered after last week's street battles. A government supporter was shot dead and another wounded late Thursday after an argument with Hezbollah backers in the eastern Bekaa Valley, a security official said.

Once the deal is authorized, gunmen must leave Lebanon's streets and the army will impose security across the country, Hamad said.

Political leaders also pledged to refrain from language that could set up political or religious turmoil.



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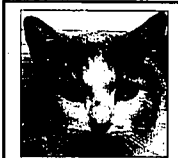
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Deal reached over labor violations

Boise-based company agrees to pay almost \$44,000 in back wages

By Joshua Palmer
Staff writer

A management company that operates four food establishments in south-central Idaho will pay back wages and fines as part of an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor, the department announced Thursday.

Boise-based Casey's Management will pay \$43,956 in back wages to 207 employees following an

investigation that began in 2004 by the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division, which found violations of the overtime, minimum wage and record-keeping requirements of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

The employer is headquartered in Boise and owns five companies that operate eight food establishments in Twin Falls, Burley, Pocatello, Jerome, Boise and Elko, Nev. Casey's Management could not

be reached for comment.

Businesses in south-central Idaho included:

- Twinwin Inc. of Utah LLC doing business as Wendy's in Twin Falls and Burley.
- C & M Foods doing business as Wendy's in Jerome.
- Carrot Corral LLC doing business as Golden Corral with a business in Twin Falls.

The workers were front counter cashiers, waiters, waitresses and

non-exempt assistant managers.

Under the FLSA, covered employees are required to pay the federal minimum wage of \$5.85 an hour, overtime rates of at least time and a half after 40 hours in one work week, and maintain complete, accurate records of hours, pay and deductions.

The investigation covered the period from Dec. 7, 2004, to Dec. 6, 2006. The applicable federal minimum wage in effect during this period was \$5.15 an hour.

In addition, violations of child labor provisions of the FLSA result-

ed in a penalty assessment of \$37,000. The employer had contested the civil money penalties for the child labor violations but the assessment was resolved for \$37,000.

In the investigation, youth under 16 were alleged to have operated or cleaned unsafe deep fat fryers or transported hot oil. Moreover, youth worked outside allowable hours for workers under the age of 16.

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Icahn to Yahoo board: Sell to Microsoft or leave

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc. Chief Executive Jerry Yang spent months fending off Microsoft Corp.'s unsolicited takeover bid. Now he may only have a few weeks to persuade the software maker to revive its last offer of \$47.5 billion, or risk being fired in a shareholder mutiny led by activist investor Carl Icahn.

Spurred on by outraged shareholders, Icahn notified Yahoo Thursday that he will lead a revolt to oust Yang and the rest of the internet company's board unless they renew negotiations with Microsoft that fell apart May 3 when the two sides couldn't agree on a price.

In a response late Thursday, Yahoo Chairman Rory Bostock signaled that the Sunnyvale-based com-

pany is prepared to battle the New York financier. Bostock criticized Icahn for having a "significant misunderstanding of the facts" about Microsoft's offer and the Yahoo board's response. He also emphasized that Yahoo remains open to a sale "if it offers our stockholders full and certain value."

To pressure Yahoo, Icahn has nominated an alternate slate of directors to replace the current board in an election scheduled July 3 at Yahoo's annual meeting. If the uprising is successful, an Icahn-led board presumably would fire Yang as CEO and try to negotiate a sale to Microsoft.

In his letter to Bostock, Icahn lambasted the board's actions as "irresponsible" and "unconscionable."

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Staying close to home

Pricey gas crimping Memorial Day travel plans

By John Wiles
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — High fuel prices are prompting many Americans to reconsider their Memorial Day travel plans, AAA says.

The automobile club released a survey Thursday projecting that the number of Americans traveling more than 50 miles from home over the long holiday weekend will fall nearly 1 percent from last year.

"Many Americans are feeling a financial pinch this holiday weekend from record high gasoline prices and other factors," said AAA president and chief executive Robert Darbelnet.

About 31.7 million Americans plan to travel via car over Memorial Day weekend, a 1 percent decline from 32 million last year. About 4.35 million will travel via plane, a decline of about half a percent from the 4.37 million who flew last year. Another 1.8 million will travel via train, bus or other type of transportation.

At the pump, the national average price of a gallon of regular gas rose 18 cents overnight to a \$3.776, according to a survey of stations by AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. Prices are 67 cents higher than a year ago, and many analysts think they could rise as high as \$4 on a national basis in coming weeks. Consumers in many areas are already paying that much, or more.

High prices have affected demand for gasoline, which has mostly fallen since January, according to Energy Department data.

Despite the expected drop in travel, Darbelnet notes, "more than 12 percent of the U.S. population will be celebrating the Memorial Day weekend away from home." Still, a long-term decline in travel due to high prices could hurt the economy's leisure sector, he said.

"If a trend toward higher gas prices and fewer travelers were to continue, it would eventually harm travel-dependent companies that provide employment opportunities and tax revenues in almost every city and town in America," Darbelnet said.

Other travel costs are also on the rise, AAA said. The average Memorial Day weekend air fare will rise 8 percent from last year, to \$179. The average cost of a rental car will jump 45 percent from last year, to \$45 a day.

AAA's findings are based on an online survey of more than 2,000 adults, supplemented by surveys of 6,500 people who live in the top 10 travel states.



Motorists move slowly in a traffic jam on Interstate 90-94 near Chicago. About 31.7 million Americans plan to travel via car over Memorial Day weekend, a 1 percent decline from 32 million last year.

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The course will be offered in room 276 in the Taylor Building room on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

The cost is \$399 and the registration deadline is May 12.

For more information contact the Small Business Development Center at 732-

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Industrial output plunges 0.7 percent

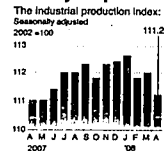
WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve reported Thursday that industrial production dropped 0.7 percent last month, more than double the decline that economists had expected.

Manufacturing output fell by 0.8 percent with half of that weakness coming from large cutbacks in auto production which has been beset by falling demand for new cars and also problems related to a strike at a parts supplier for General Motors.

The drop in overall production matched a 0.7 percent decline in February and followed a weak 0.2 percent increase in March.

— staff and wire reports

Factory output



Some wine grape growers turn to dry farming methods

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press writer

KENWOOD, Calif. — Vineyard manager Steve Thomas grasps the trunk of a zinfandel vine, a redwood of the vineyard, which is what agriculture used to be before plastic hoses hooked up to a water supply made deserts water.

The work horses and

cars are long gone. But these old zin vines at Kunde Estate in Sonoma County still get their water the old fashioned way, from rain, dew and a deep root system.

They call it "dry farming," which is what agriculture used to be before plastic hoses hooked up to a water supply made deserts water.

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Steve Thomas, director of vineyard operations, gestures while looking over an old zinfandel vine planted in a dry-farmed vineyard at Kunde Estate in Kenwood, Calif.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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COMMODITIES

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Dec. gold	880.0	▲ 13.5	May Silver	16.765	▲ .152

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COMMODITIES REPORT

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Last Chg, % Chg, and various fund details.

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Table of Livestock prices including various types of cattle, hogs, and sheep.

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Table of Metals and Money prices including gold, silver, and various currencies.

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Table of Beans prices including various types of beans and soybeans.

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Table of Grains prices including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

MARKET SUMMARY

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BUILDING PERMITS-MINI-CASSIA

City of Burley: Rupert; addition; \$83,776. Jason Miller, 416 W. Highway 24, Burley, ID 83402.
Joby Christiansen, 107 Overland Ave., shop/showroom; \$150,000.
Bollintson, 2651 Yellowstone; new house; \$135,000.
Dalyz Spc, 2652 Yukon; new house; \$101,000.
Ryan Geer, 2632 Miller; new house; \$80,000.
Ryan Geer, 2633 Miller; new house; \$80,000.
George Jensen, 245 W. 51st N.; shop/showroom; \$60,000.
Packing Specialties, 126 S. 100 W.; printing facility; \$1,000,000.
Key-Crossway, 1419 W. 26th St.; shop; \$60,000.
Burley Development LLC, Interior remodel; \$350,000.
Aaron and Amanda Newport, 946 Oakwood; new house; \$168,000.
Hinkoka County: Rick Poter, 830 E. 800 N.; Rupert; 48 situated; \$1,200,000.
Sarah Morgan, 251 E. 900 N.; Rupert; garage; \$12,750.
Genal Miller, 1017 S. W. 400 S.; Heyburn; foundation; \$33,268.
Andy Walton, 430 W. 528 N. St.; Heyburn; foundation; \$1,000.
Idaho Youth Ranch, 1275 N. 400 E.; Rupert; storage; \$3,345.44.
Genal Miller, 1017 D. 400 S.; Heyburn; new house; \$187,582.
Rick Larson, 41 N. Highway 24, Rupert; addition; \$83,776.
Jason Miller, 416 W. Highway 24, Burley, ID 83402.
Rupert; addition; \$51,272.
Capella Corp., 361 N. 1250 W. W. Paul; dairy building; \$323,600.
Capella Corp., 361 N. 1250 W. W. Paul; ag structure; \$274,000.
Marjorie Stapleton, 211 S. 850 W. W. Paul; repair; \$1,200.
Merrell's Realty Firm, 543 W. 100 S. W. Paul; roof; \$3,500.
Kil Carney, 1104 W. 200 N. W. Paul; foundation; \$8,000.
Galen Rouchard, 369 E. 300 N. W. Paul; ag structure; \$9,216.
Mark Bryngelson, 580 E. 300 N. W. Paul; roof; \$3,000.
J & L Electric, 470 W. Quarterhorse, Quarterhorse; shop; \$22,800.
Johnny Ann, 21 W. 500 S. W. Paul; shop; \$7,200.
Chevion, 326 S. Highway 24, Heyburn; shop; \$65,000.
Agriculture, 601 W. 300 S. Heyburn; commercial; \$21,600.
John Valdez, 165 W. 100 S. W. Paul; addition; \$12,960.
Rupert; pole building; \$28,133.
Alton Rose, 84 S. 850 W. W. Paul; remodel; \$5,000.
James Sievers, 501 S. Val Verde, Rupert; re-roof; \$33,000.
Kim Turner, 110 N. 50 W. S. W. Paul; deck and patio; \$7,000.
Todd Miles, 26 W. Baseline, Rupert; re-roof; \$1,800.
A Plus Design, 306 S. Highway 24, Rupert; sign; \$4,200.
Larry Bell, 375 N. 750 W. W. Paul; garage; \$12,768.
Ann Clayton, 615 W. Highway 24; addition; \$4,032.
Clyde Coyle, 270 S. Bacony, Rupert; warehouse; \$95,720.
City of Rupert: Mindoka County School, 1805 H. St.; storage; \$6,336.
Paula Juarez, 410 1st St.; remodel; \$35,000.
Jaime Jaquez, 817 4th St.; garage; \$3,000.
Kiro, Roberts, 805 S. Onelda; storage; \$5,200.
Amor Mendoza, 709 S. C St.; garage; \$3,480.
Mindoka County School, 1200 E. St.; remodel; \$50,000.
Coryto, 2974 2nd St.; covered porch; \$500.
Carol Dely, 214 Walnut; cov. porch; \$2,400.
A Plus Design, 306 S. Highway 24; sign; \$4,200.
JAE Investments, 803 and 805 Woodland St.; townhouses; \$240,070.
United Methodist Church, 814 6th St.; remodel; \$4,500.
City of Heyburn: Coast to Coast, 340 Centennial Dr.; storage; \$90,000.
Eugenio Naranjo, 2031 Holsten St.; carport; \$3,380.
Greg Boettcher, 1230 and 1210 Rockwell; carport; \$7,000.
Berny Spaulding, 1421 19th St.; 1421 19th St.; storage; \$1,421.
City of Paul: Ryan Tomgren, 667 Croust Dr.; new house; \$96,140.
Dale Dandera, 120 S. 1st E.; garage; \$8,512.

Wine

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bloom. A few vintners are returning to it.
They are driven by concerns over dwindling water supplies, the belief it produces more intensely flavored fruit, and in Kunde's case, by a desire to return to old traditions.
"Whatever you find out is grape vines are incredibly adaptable," said Thomas.
Estate, about 100 acres are dry-farmed. The rest are grown conventionally.
Wine grapes are grown without artificial irrigation in parts of the world such as Spain and France, where some regions have laws forbidding use of irrigation, said Robert Young, chair of the viticulture and enology at California State University, Fresno.
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Colombia gets Interpol backing, access to rebel documents

By Frank Rajak and John Leichter
Associated Press writers

BOGOTA, Colombia — Interpol said Thursday that computer files suggesting Venezuela was arming and financing Colombian guerrillas came from a rebel camp and were not tampered with, discrediting Venezuela's assertions that Colombia faked them.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez denounced the report as "ridiculous," saying a "show of clowns" surrounded the announcement. But the findings are sure to increase pressure on Chavez to explain his relationship with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

More revelations are likely to emerge, since Interpol also

turned over to Colombia 983 files it decrypted.

"We are absolutely certain that the computer exhibits that our experts examined came from a FARC terrorist camp," said Interpol's secretary general, Ronald Noble, adding: "No one can ever question whether or not the Colombian government tampered with the seized FARC computers."

Chavez did just that, calling Noble "a tremendous actor" and an "immoral police officer who applauds killers."

"Do you think we should

waste time here on something so ridiculous?" Chavez asked a journalist.

He denies arming or funding the FARC, though he openly sympathizes with Latin America's most powerful rebel army.

Colombian commandos recovered the three Toshiba Satellite laptop computers, two external hard drives and three USB memory sticks after destroying the rebel camp just across the border in Ecuador. FARC foreign minister Raul Reyes and 24 others were killed in the March 1 raid. Interpol addressed Chavez charges that no computer could have survived the bombardment by showing photographs of metal cases that protected them during the raid.

"Mr. Reyes is now dead. But they were definitely his computers, his disks, his hardware," Noble said.

The Interpol study was done at Colombia's request, and Colombia got a major bonus when Interpol ran 10 computers nonstop for two weeks to crack the encrypted files. Noble said it was up to

Colombia to decide whether to make their contents public. Interpol also gave Colombia a separate confidential report for use in criminal investigations.

The 39-page public forensic report by the France-based international police agency concluded Colombian authorities did not always fol-

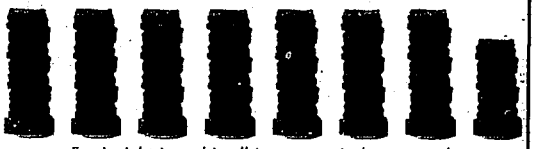
low internationally accepted methods for handling computer evidence, but said that didn't taint the data. Interpol said it reviewed 610 gigabytes of data including 210,895 images, 37,872 written documents, 22,481 Web pages, 10,537 sound and video files, 7,989 e-mail addresses and 452 spreadsheets.



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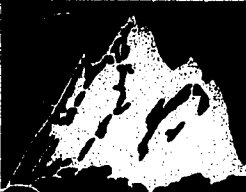
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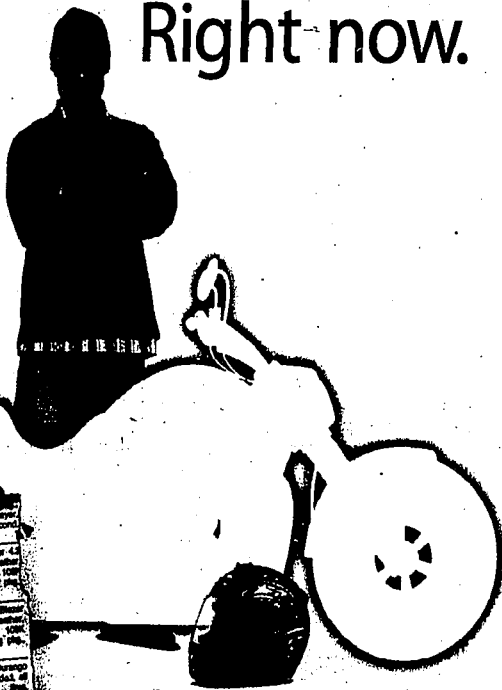
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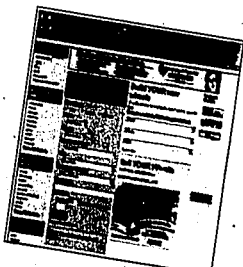
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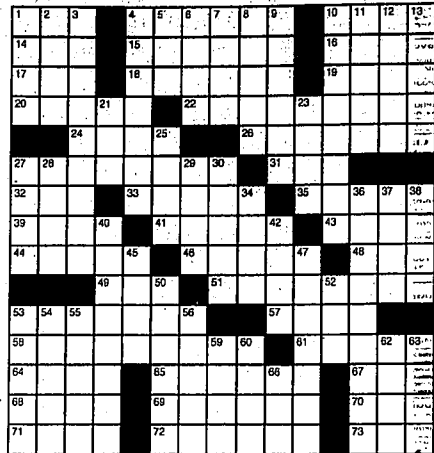
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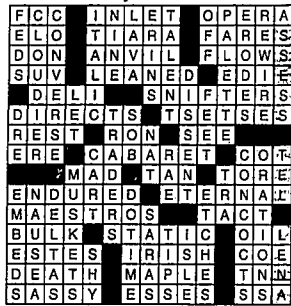
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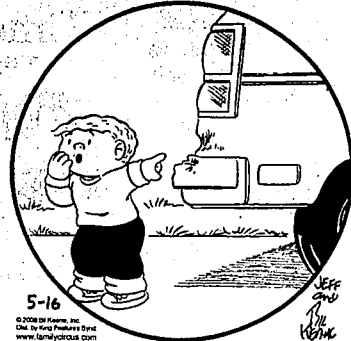
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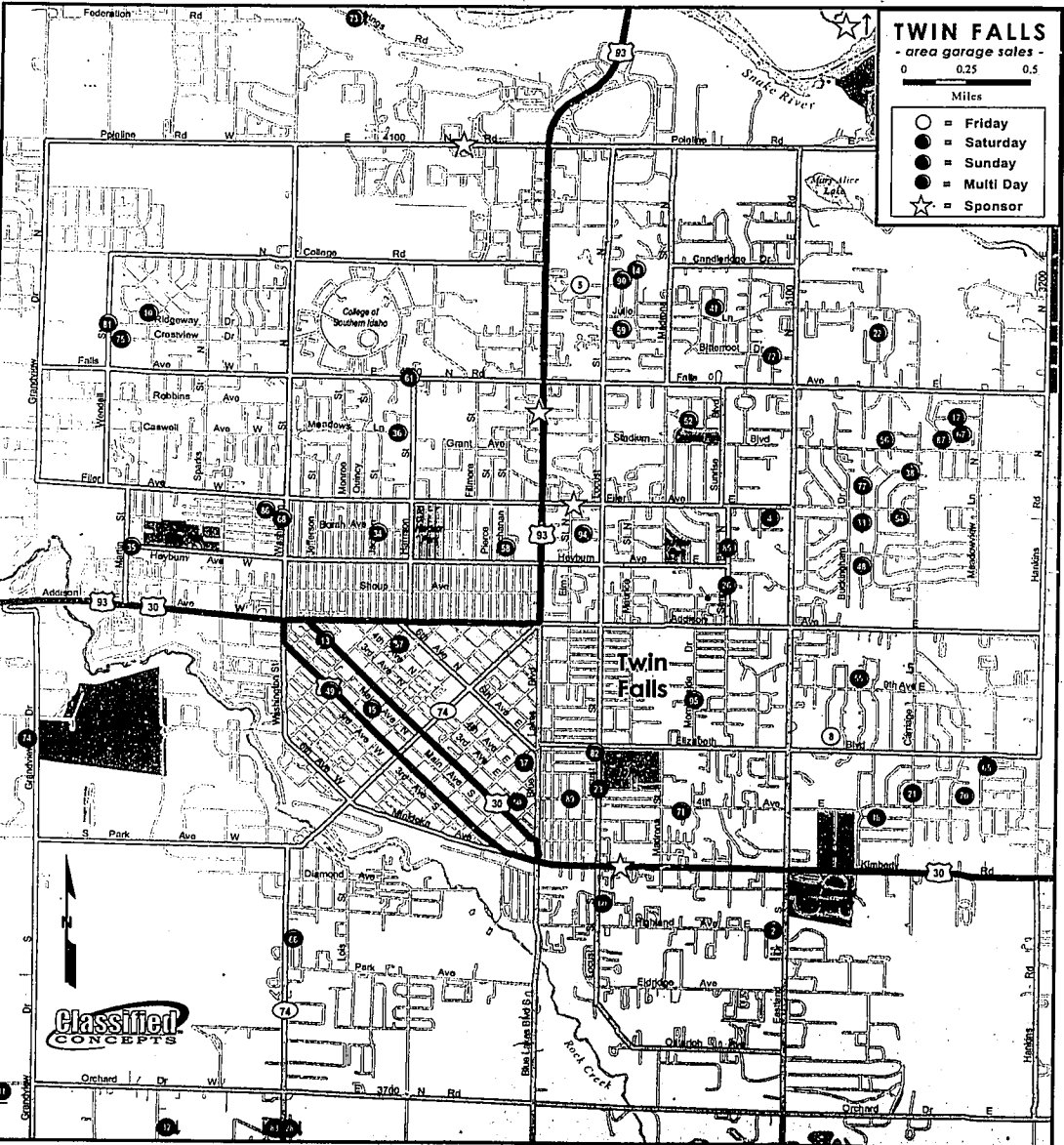
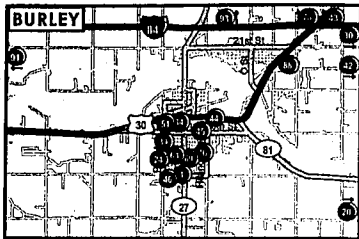
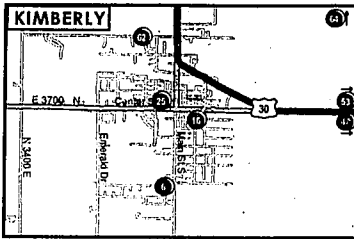
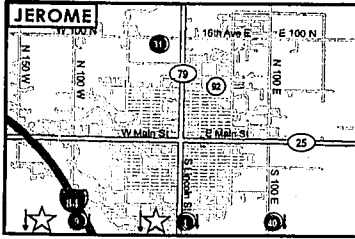
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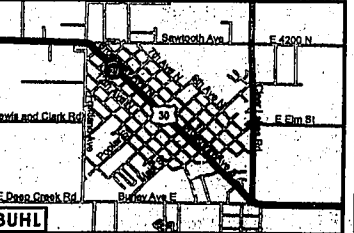
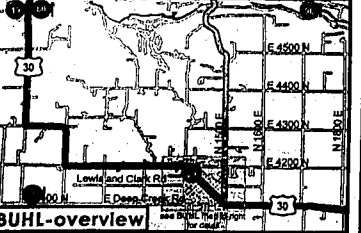
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B.C. By Johnny Hart

OK GLASS, YESTERDAY I ASKED YOU TO LOOK UP THE WORD "INFLEX" IN THE DICTIONARY.

TODAY, I'D LIKE YOU TO USE IT IN A FULL SENTENCE.

JOHNNY? I DID NOT LOOK UP THE WORD "INFLEX" IN THE DICTIONARY.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT TO DO THIS SUMMER?

SUMMERS! LESSONS! COOPER!

HORSEBACK RIDING! CRAFT CAMP!

LITTLE LEAGUE! KARATE!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS SUMMER? HERE'S A TINY DINNER.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

WAS THIS THE MINE-FIELD?

YES, IT'S BEEN CLEARED OUT.

BUT, MORE IMPORTANT NOW, LOOK OUT FOR COWPIES.

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

HONEY, SOMEONE CALLED ASKING FOR DAGWOOD BUNSTEAD, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A DIFFERENT DAGWOOD BUNSTEAD!

(REALLY?) ANOTHER DAGWOOD BUNSTEAD?

DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT MEANS THERE COULD BE ANOTHER ONE OF THESE COWMEN?

Dilbert By Scott Adams

DO YOU HAVE THE APPROVED VENDOR LIST?

HMMM, ALICE AND ASOK ASKED FOR THAT LIST TOO.

ARE YOU ONE OF THREE PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO THE SAME PROJECT BECAUSE YOUR BOSS BELIEVES NONE OF YOU ARE RELIABLE?

MAYBE

HMMM, AND YOU'RE THE LAST ONE TO ASK FOR THE LIST.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Mr. Jijitsu, Mr. name is Dusty Winters.

Ah, yes! The cowboy my lunch.

Apologies, Mr. Winters.

None necessary, Mr. Winters.

Truthfully, I was hoping for some authentic American bar-b-q-cue.

Mr. Jijitsu, allow me to introduce you to the CharMaster 3000!

Where is Mr. Jijitsu? Smoke, there cowboy... And you to the Winters? I fire... follow...

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

YOU CAN'T GIVE UP FINDING WARRIORS AND I CAN'T CHANGE WHO I AM!

IT WAS YOUR CHOICE, YOU KNOW!

YEAH... IT WAS YOUR CHOICE, YOU TOO.

AND IF THIS GUY YOU'RE GONNA MARRY TURNS OUT TO BE THE WICKED ONE... LET ME KNOW, OK?

'CAUSE I'LL ALWAYS BE IN THE WINGS!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WELL, IF THERE IS WATER HERE, THIS IS THE SUREST WAY TO FIND IT!

Garfield By Jim Davis

DON'T YOU HATE BEING AN ALLEN CAT, ARLENE?

...DON'T YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH A DOG?

SURE IS A QUIET NIGHT

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

BROTHER OLAF!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

JUST CHECKING UP.

IN THAT CASE, WE'LL HAVE THESE LENCHAPES!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

ONE REASON I TONK GUITAR WAS TO IMPRESS GIRLS...

BUT WHO GOES TO GO FOR ?

THE GUY WHO PLAYS FAKE GUITAR!

TEEN CENTER GUITAR HERO. PLAYOFFS

Luann By Greg Evans

I HAVE A WEEK-TIL MY DATE WITH TONY AND I JUST... I WANNA LOOK DIFFERENT.

SO YOU'RE GONNA DATE WITH TONY AND I GROW SIDEBURNS? CURL YOUR HAIR?

BROAD, IF YOU DECIDE TO DO THIS I WILL SERIOUSLY HAVE TO KICK YOUR BUTT

RELAX, T.J. I'M NOT GONNA DO ALL THIS

GOOD

NO WAY WOULD I GROW SIDEBURNS. ONLY MEN HAVE THOSE

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Dear Sweetheart,

Dearest Sweetheart,

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Whuh you doing, son?

ALGEBRA. IT'S HARD.

Me help. Geav me probblem.

'3x + 4 = 13 WHAT IS THE VALUE OF X?

'X' have no value. Probblem have no value. Algebra waste of time. Quit school. Geet job at car-wash.

I DON'T THINK MY ALGEBRA TEACHER WILL ACCEPT THAT.

What she knuz? She teach algebra.

Pickles By Brian Crane

WELL, I'LL BE HERE FOR MY GLASSES, AND ALL THE TIME THEY WERE HIDDEN IN MY HAIR!

I GUESS I PUT THEM ON TOP OF MY HEAD AND FORGOT THEY WERE THERE, AND NO ONE COULD SEE THEM.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THAT!

BELIEVE IT, AND HERE'S A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES AND TWO BALL POINT PENS, TOO.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

THEY EACH WANTED A GARAGE MOMENT... BUT WE CAN HAVE A PRAGER TRASH!

I AM SO PLEASED THAT YOU TOOK MY SUGGESTION!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

SURE, I'D LIKE TO HELP, BUT WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

HELP FIND A CURE FOR EGOCENTRICITY

Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parky & Johnny Hart

THERE'S A PERFECT ANSWER FOR EVERYTHING OUT THERE SOMEWHERE

TOO BAD MINE DIDN'T SHOW UP AT THE ALTAR

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

SPEAKING OF SUMMER JOBS, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED LIFE GUARDING?

WE WEREN'T SPEAKING ABOUT SUMMER JOBS!

SPEAKING OF NOT SPEAKING ABOUT SUMMER JOBS, MAYBE WE SHOULD START SPEAKING ABOUT THEM!

WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT SPEAKING!

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Jarbidge is a full-service town.

The **Outdoor Inn** has a restaurant, bar, and motel. Rooms include kitchenettes and can sleep up to 5 people.

North Star Mine Gas & Gifts has gas and diesel year round. Auto products and gifts are available.

The **Red Dog Saloon** is open Nov.-Mid-



May with food and old-time bar.

The **Trading Post** is a small grocery store that carries food and various sundries.

The **Jarbidge Gift Shop** features crafts handmade by local artisans.

The **Red Barn** has low-priced rooms with restrooms and showers down the hall.

The **RV Park** is located along the Jarbidge River with full hook-ups.

Public Campgrounds have secluded sites situated in forests along the Jarbidge River

Visit the
Gem of Nevada

Jarbidge's Heritage

Jarbidge has a rich history in Native American lore, ranching, and mining. A giant Indian who lived in the canyon would catch people, throw them in a basket, and eat them. Cattle ranching surrounds Jarbidge and gold was discovered in 1909.

Today there are approximately a dozen year-round residents. Jarbidge's population swells during the summer months.

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Directions

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From Nevada: Take Hwy. 225. Between Mt. City and Elko, turn east on the Charleston/Jarbidge Road. 47 miles of unpaved road. (Summer and Fall only unless snowmobiling. Expert Trail)

Jarbidge Days

2nd weekend in August

Enjoy Jarbidge's Heritage Celebration!

Town Tours, Wagon Rides, Kids' Crafts,
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