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GOOD MORNING

Grads Galore

Today, *The Times-News* begins publishing photographs of graduating seniors from all area high schools.

- TODAY -
Wood River High School;
Shoshone High School; Glenns Ferry High School; Dorchest High School; Richwood High School; Carey High School; Camas High School; The Community School

- TUESDAY -
Buhl High School; Magic Valley Christian High School; Jackpot High School; Twin Falls Christian Academy; Magic Valley High School; Filer High School; Magic Valley Home Educated Students; Castleton High School; Lighthouse High School

- WEDNESDAY -
Twin Falls High School; Hansen High School; Murtough High School; Kimberly High School; Clear Lake Academy

- THURSDAY -
Aminco High School; Barley High School; Ralt River High School; Valley High School; Deelo High School; Minicassia Opportunity Center; American Heritage Academy; Oakley High School; Cassia Education Center

- MAY 19 -
Jerome High School; Bliss High School; Liberty Christian Academy; Wendell High School; Gooding High School; Gooding Accelerated Learning Center; Hagerman High School; Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

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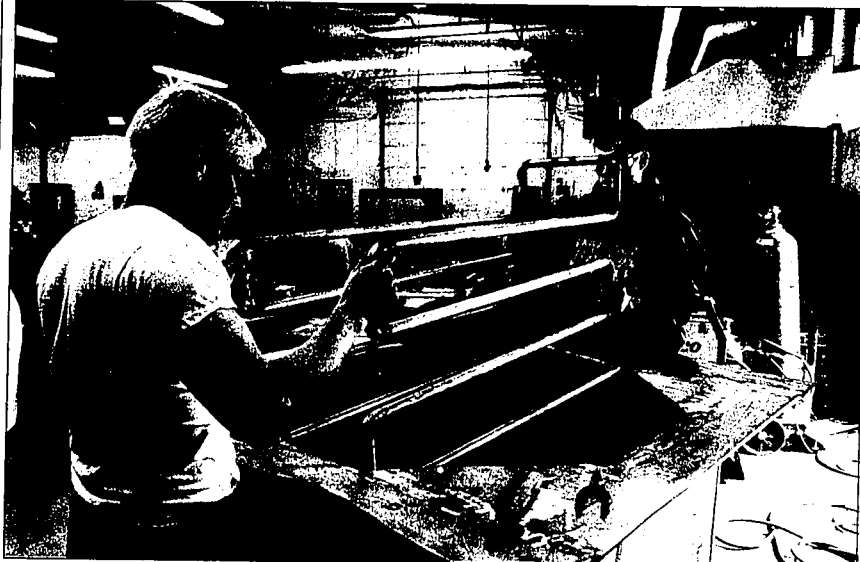
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Tackling dairy odors



Zack Blass, left, and Caleb Drake fit a pipe assembly into a bacterial digester at Filer High School. The digester is designed to separate the methane gas from dairy waste and hopefully solve the odor problem on dairies.

Filer students think bacteria may hold the key

By John E. Swazy
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Is there a solution for dairy odor?

A group of students at Filer High School are convinced that converting manure to methane, through the process of anaerobic digestion, is the answer.

In October, 15 students began researching bacterial digestion as a senior project for their ag-solutions class. They are now using the knowledge gained in more than 1,000 hours of research and development to build a mini-digester that will measure about 5 feet square and 12 feet high when completed.

The class, as part of the

"The one good thing about anaerobic digestion is that it's totally enclosed..."

- Caleb Drake, Filer senior

Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition's vocational program, lets students devise solutions to problems in industry, said instructor Ed Richards.

"The idea is to find a cost effective way to put these digesters on dairies," Richards said. "We think that when some

of these dairies checked into it, the bid came back at 2 million dollars."

Bacterial digestion is used extensively in European countries such as Denmark and has been part of agriculture in the eastern United States since the early 1970s. However, the 835 dairies that operate in the state of Idaho are not using any form of this technology, said Mary Patten, the dairy bureau chief with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

According to Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, the lack of use is due to an insufficient return on excess power. He said that the dairy industry could

break even with 7.7 cents per kilowatt hour, but Idaho Power pays only 4.5 cents.

Anaerobic digestion involves placing a mixer of manure water into an airtight tank. Kept at a constant temperature of 98 degrees, the "slurry" is broken down by bacteria. Over time, this process releases methane gas that collects inside the tank. Once water vapor and impurities such as hydrogen sulfide are removed, the methane can be burned off, bubbled back into the tank to stir the mixture or used to generate electricity.

"The one good thing about anaerobic digestion is that it's

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Border crackdown seems to increase drug tunnels

The Associated Press

TECATE, Mexico - It was a typical bedroom with long curtains and a plush, floral rug - except that the fireplace wasn't just for keeping things cozy.

When police removed the metal grill still holding charred logs, they found a secret tunnel to the United States.

Over the past decade, officials have discovered at least 16 tunnels along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, all thought to be used for smuggling drugs. Six have been found since December,

and federal law enforcement officials on both sides of the border believe five of them started operating after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. This suggests to them that heightened U.S. border security is driving more smugglers to the underground route.

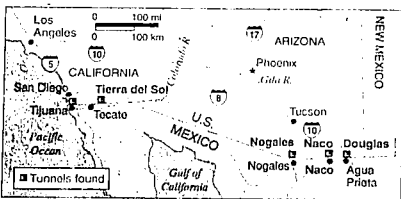
"We firmly believe there is a direct relation to our fortification of the border," said Vincent Igljo, associate special agent in charge of the U.S. Customs Service in Tucson, Ariz.

The passage behind the fire-

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Going underground to cross the border

Tunnels used to transport drugs from Mexico to the United States are often only dozens of yards long and connected with underground drainage systems



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

Carter arrives in Cuba ahead of expected Bush speech

Debate focuses on trade embargo

The Washington Post

HAVANA - Former President Carter arrived on this sunny but troubled island Sunday for a five-day visit, looking for "areas of cooperation" in relations between the United States and Cuba that are at their lowest point in years.

"We come here as friends of the Cuban people," Carter said, delivering his arrival speech in Spanish, as he was greeted at the Havana airport by Fidel Castro, becoming the first current or former U.S. president to visit Cuba since President Coolidge traveled there 74 years ago.

Although Carter's visit is private, it is the highest-level U.S. encounter with Castro in Cuba



Former President Jimmy Carter and Cuban President Fidel Castro listen to the U.S. national anthem Sunday in Havana.

since the bearded, cigar-chomping rebel took power in the 1959 revolution.

emotional debate about Cuba, which has colored U.S. politics and policy since the Eisenhower administration.

Carter will give a live, nationally televised speech to the Cuban people Tuesday evening, and, as if to make sure ordinary Cubans don't miss it, Carter mentioned the time and place of the address at Sunday's arrival ceremony, which was also televised live.

Castro, 75, the world's longest-serving head of state, has bedeviled 10 U.S. presidents. In 1980 Castro twisted comments by Carter into a pretext for clearing out prisons and mental wards and sending 125,000 Cubans floating off to the United States. Known as the Mariel boatlift, the crisis contributed to Carter's election loss in 1980 to Ronald Reagan.

Opponents of U.S. policy toward Cuba, specifically the four-decade-old economic embargo that is

widely condemned around the world, hope Carter, who has called the embargo counterproductive, will publicly call for it to be lifted.

Supporters of the embargo, which is backed by President Bush, hope that Carter will focus instead on Castro's human rights record.

Bush is scheduled to give a speech May 20 announcing a new policy against Cuba, which many analysts believe the process say is likely to include stepped-up efforts to provide cash and other help to Castro's dissident opponents in Cuba.

Bush is said to be angry about Carter's speech, which is also opposed by most members of the anti-Castro Cuban-American lobby in Miami, a voting bloc that was key to Bush's election in 2000 and is also critical to the political fortunes of Bush's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Coalition pushes for wolf removal

Big-game animals threatened, group says in advertisements

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KEETCHUM - The smoldering dispute over reintroduction of Canadian gray wolves into Idaho has erupted again in a fiery advertising campaign by one of the project's chief critics who alleges big game will be destroyed if wolves aren't removed or eliminated.

Not so, say others in official and unofficial positions.

Ron Gillett, a Stanley sports outfitter and chairman of the Central Idaho Wolf Coalition, resumed his litany of charges in one-quarter-page newspaper ads appearing throughout Idaho.

"The Coalition," the advertisement reads, "is tired of the lies and misinformation by the pro-wolf groups and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

"The wolf advocacy groups show documentaries and coffee table books of fuzzy wolf pups, misleading the general public of this number one predator of our big game birds."

Continuing, the ad reads, "The Central Idaho Wolf Coalition's sole objective is the immediate removal of the Canadian gray wolf from Idaho because of the catastrophic slaughter of our big game birds, serious livestock predation, loss of wildlife viewing - causing unnecessary and

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Survey: More companies say they're hiring

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - Companies expect to add more jobs in the third quarter, continuing a steady recovery from recession levels, a survey being released Monday shows.

Twenty-seven percent of the companies said they planned to add jobs in July through September, while 8 percent said they anticipated cutting staff, according to Manpower Inc.'s quarterly survey of 16,000 firms nationwide.

The rest of the companies said they either expected to maintain their staffing levels or were uncertain about hiring activities.

When seasonally adjusted, the findings reflect a 14 percent increase in hiring activity compared with the first two quarters of the year.

"The trend has definitely turned," said Jeffrey Joeres, chairman and chief executive of Glendale-based Manpower, the nation's largest staffing company.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday: High 77, Low 21
 Today: High 77, Low 21
 Stunley: High 77, Low 21

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature: 72°/40°
 High/Low: 66°/41°
 Normal high/low: 90°/53°
 Record high/low: 96°/28°
 Precipitation: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.51"
 Normal month to date: 0.51"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 5.72"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 7.96"

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass: Low
 Weeds: Low
 Trees: Low
 Mold: Low

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 33%
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.24 in

Moisture yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass: Low
 Weeds: Low
 Trees: Low
 Mold: Low

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather
 Shows today's weather, highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sunny to partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy with a breeze.	Windy, cooler, clouds and some sun.	Partly to mostly sunny.	Sunshine and a few clouds.	Mostly sunny, milder afternoon.
▲ 78°	▼ 46°	▲ 66° ▼ 36°	▲ 62° ▼ 36°	▲ 64° ▼ 38°	▲ 68° ▼ 40°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Another warm afternoon today with plenty of sunshine. Highs ranging from near 60 in the mountains to lower 80s in the valleys. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

Boise: Sunny to partly cloudy today with a warm afternoon. High 82. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 46. Broozy and noticeably cooler tomorrow with clouds and sunshine. High 63.

Northern Nevada: High pressure will continue to dominate the weather across the region today with sunshine and a few clouds. Highs ranging from the 60s in the west to 70s elsewhere.

Northern Utah: Plenty of sunshine today, a pleasantly warm afternoon. Highs ranging from the 60s in the northeast to 70s in Salt Lake City. Patchy clouds tonight.

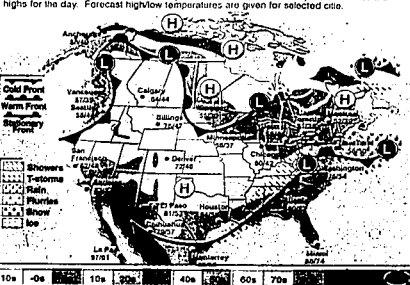
Northern Idaho: Sunshine will give way to increasing clouds this afternoon. Highs from near 60 in the higher elevations to the 80s in the lower valleys. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of showers.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 101° in Cotulla, TX Low 19° in Bndgport, CA

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Calgary	41	44
Edmonton	29	37
Kelowna	54	57
Lethbridge	78	82
Regina	67	73
Saskatoon	51	58
Toronto	51	58
Vancouver	57	63
Victoria	56	63
Winnipeg	55	60

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Acapulco	91	92
Ahmedabad	67	66
Bangkok	89	88
Beijing	68	67
Bombay	72	72
Buenos Aires	70	73
Caracas	85	85
Hong Kong	79	78
Jakarta	92	92
Johannesburg	76	77
London	63	65
Mexico City	83	85
Moscow	46	45
New Delhi	66	69
Rio de Janeiro	78	75
Sao Paulo	71	72
Sydney	79	82
Tokyo	66	67
Warsaw	77	75
Zurich	70	64

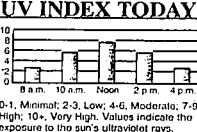
SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:18 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 8:51 p.m.
 Moonrise tonight: 7:10 a.m.
 Moonset tonight: 10:26 p.m.

First Full Last New

May 19 May 26 June 2 June 10

UV INDEX TODAY



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-8, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Atlanta	80	82
Baltimore	67	74
Birmingham	74	77
Chicago	64	64
Columbus	62	64
Denver	54	57
Des Moines	64	69
Fort Worth	68	74
Houston	68	74
Los Angeles	62	64
Los Vegas	68	74
Minneapolis	61	65
New York	66	70
Oakland	62	64
Philadelphia	62	64
Phoenix	102	102
Portland, ME	50	52
Raleigh	68	74
San Diego	72	76
San Francisco	62	64
Seattle	58	62
Tucson	100	108
Washington, DC	64	69

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Boise	82	86
Burley	75	80
Coeur d'Alene	72	76
Elko	77	82
Idaho Falls	76	81
Ketchikan	74	79
Lewiston	75	80
Malden	75	80
Mesa	77	82
Missoula	66	71
Pocatello	76	81
Portland, OR	69	74
Richland, WA	75	80
Salmon	69	74
Salt Lake City, UT	78	83
Seattle, WA	58	63
Spokane, WA	74	79
Stanley	68	73
Sun Valley	74	79
Yellowstone, MT	64	69

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Tunnels

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place was discovered in February in an isolated ranch house 20 miles east of the Mexican border town of Tecate. It had rails on which smugglers would send cocaine on electric carts on a 300-yard journey into the back of a staircase of a house in Tierra del Sol, Calif.

While it is believed to have gone undetected for 10 years, the other recently discovered tunnels seem newer and more hastily dug.

One was still under construction when U.S. Border Patrol agents stumbled upon it last month. Another, found in March, was built to bypass the entrance of another tunnel that had already been discovered and sealed with concrete.

The sealed tunnel, found in December, ran (85 feet) from a Nogales home in Arizona to a concrete drainage canal in Mexico, where smugglers covered the opening with a steel utility plate and rescaled it with cement each time they used it.

U.S. Customs authorities believe it had only been operating for three months, in which time smugglers moved some \$20 million worth of cocaine and marijuana.

Another tunnel believed put into operation since Dec. 11 and found last month ended in a parking lot near the U.S. Customs office in Nogales.

Authorities on both sides of the border are looking for more, but it's a tough challenge.

"We can't go around doing seismic graphs, and we can't check without a search warrant," said Donald Thornhill Jr., a Drug

Enforcement Administration spokesman in San Diego.

The most elaborate tunnel was found 12 years ago. It ran 100 yards from a home in Agua Prieta, Mexico, to a warehouse in Douglas, Ariz. It had a rail car and the initial stages of a track, and was accessed by using hydraulic lifts that raised the entire floor of the home's game room.

Seven of the tunnels connected to storm drains linking the two cities named Nogales on either side of the Arizona border.

Years ago, street children lived in the drains and charged smugglers for the right to pass. Migrants also traipsed through the darkness until several drowned in a rush of floodwaters that swept into the tunnels' openings on the U.S. side.

Thornhill doesn't believe terrorists might use the tunnels. "Drug traffickers have them pretty well locked up," he said. "It's like a bonanza for them. I don't think terrorists would be welcome."

The DEA suspects that the Arellano Felix gang, based in Tijuana, 65 miles west of Tecate, moved as much as 10 tons of drugs into the United States - part of it through the fireplace tunnel.

Surrounded by miles of desert, abutting a lonely stretch of border, the house seemed a perfect location.

Using hydraulic tools, builders burrowed north, passing 20 feet under the metal border wall. They removed enough dirt to fill as many as 70 dump trucks, bagging it and quietly disposing of it, according to the DEA.

U.S. wheat acreage hits lowest level since 1917

WASHINGTON (AP) - You have to go back to World War I to find a winter wheat crop as meager as this year's.

Farmers have been cutting back on wheat for several years in favor of other more profitable crops. Now, with drought gripping parts of the Great Plains, this year's harvest is forecast at 30.2 million acres, the lowest since 1917, the government said Friday.

"If we get favorable weather, we could raise a fair crop. If we get no moisture and we get high temperatures, the heads will be basically empty," said John Thamer, president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

The small crop doesn't mean that farmers will get higher prices or that consumers will pay more for food. While declining production often increases commodity prices, the Agriculture Department is projecting the lowest exports in 30 years. Only about half of U.S. wheat is consumed domestically; the rest must be sold overseas.

Many farmers will let cattle graze the crop rather than harvest it. By the last week of April, crop conditions were the poorest they had been for any corresponding period since 1989, the Agriculture Department said.

Winter wheat, planted in the fall and harvested in the spring, is used primarily for bread and accounts for about two-thirds of total U.S. wheat production.

Even with the smaller acreage, farmers are still producing far more winter wheat than they did in 1917.

With an average yield of less than 15 bushels per acre, total production that year was less than 390 million bushels.

Students

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totally enclosed, there's no odor, and there's minimal solid waste left over," said senior Caleb Drake.

A large part of the students' success with their digester project is due to the support provided by local corporations. Senior directors from departments at Lamb-Weston not only interviewed each student and helped set up project teams in research, design and engineering, but students were also given permission to salvage components from the company "bone yard."

"If this project helps set students on a path for college, we're all for it," said Lamb-Weston Plant Manager Ed White.

Representatives from Operational Management International have also been providing technical information and allowed students to visit the waste treatment facility in the canyon. OMI uses the anaerobic digestion process to break down sewage.

With the exception of \$800 for parts and welding equipment, provided by ARTEC, the project's funding budget has been minimal.

"We're pretty much building it from junkyard stuff," Drake said.

The digester will be fully assembled by the end of this school year, but the project will be ongoing. Future plans include finding ways to actually power a dairy. Tests on the digester will not begin until next year. Richards said that they still need to check into license and certification requirements.

"Before we do anything, it will be inspected by industry and we'll operate it with whatever certifications we need to have," he said.

Study: Green tea helps bones

CHICAGO (AP) - Longtime tea-drinking may strengthen bones, researchers in Taiwan have found.

The benefits occurred in people who drank an average of nearly two cups daily of black, green or oolong tea for at least six years, said the researchers from National Cheng Kung University Hospital in Tainan, Taiwan.

Their results are published in the May 13 edition of Archives of Internal Medicine.

The findings could have broad public health implications, because fractures associated with bone-thinning osteoporosis and low bone density are a global problem expected to worsen with the predicted increase in the number of older people worldwide.

Some estimates suggest nearly half the U.S. population aged 50 and older is at risk for osteoporosis or low bone mass, and the World Health Organization projects that the number of hip fractures could rise from 1.7 million in 1990 to 6.3 million by 2050.

Wolves

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extreme hardship to 'mom and pop' businesses."

In a separate interview, Gillett, 60, an outfitter for 32 years and whose grandfather hunted sheep in the area, asked: "If these wolves were such a great addition to this ecosystem, those of us who live here - wouldn't we be the first to say this is a wonderful thing?"

"That's not the situation. These (wolves) are cruel, vicious, land piranhas, wildlife terrorists."

Some wolf supporters, Gillett seethed, are "kooks who want to hunt wolf hawks. Let them buy a tape."

In pursuit of his goal, Gillett has written President Bush asking for a meeting during the president's visit to Idaho for the National Governors' Association conference to discuss removing the wolves.

He said he plans to put ads in newspapers around the state, and the group also might try for a billboard.

Gillett said the coalition now has 1,500 members. Dues listed in the coalition's newspaper ad range from \$25 for an individual to \$10,000. He declined to discuss how much has been raised since the group's first meeting.

In February 2000, near the east fork of the Salmon River, Gillett drew a dark picture of the future: an Idaho wolf population of 2,500 to 3,000 in 10 years, capable of even being a threat to children boarding school buses in rural areas. The current Idaho wolf population is 261 in about 17 packs, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

But Gillett's assertions are dismissed by others. Carter Niemeyer, Fish and Wildlife's wolf coordinator for the Idaho area, concedes that, "Wolves eat elk - there's no dispute there."

But he said Idaho elk are subject to vastly more threats than just wolves - drought, harsh winters, fire suppression, changing habitat.

"In general, elk herds are doing very well in Idaho," he said. "Elk were in decline (in

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 Daniel Walock, circulation director

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Church shifts to aggressive litigation

U.S. steps up meetings with Iraqi opposition

The Washington Post

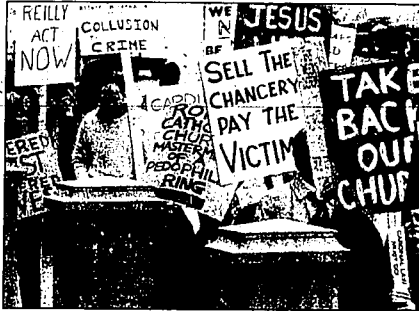
Eighteen months ago, she sued the Roman Catholic Church of Hawaii after a parish sacristan who trained her son as an altar boy pleaded guilty to molesting him. Assuming the church would settle before the case went to trial, the 41-year-old single mother was shocked last month when the diocese charged in a counter-suit that it was she who was negligent for allowing her boys, then 7 and 10, to sleep over at the sacristan's apartment.

The church's suit also revealed that her older boy later sexually assaulted his brother, which the mother confirmed.

"When I heard what they were doing, I couldn't breathe," recalled the woman, who asked that her name not be used and now lives in St. Louis. "They're accusing me of creating all my sons' problems, when the problems started after the abuse. How could they do this?"

Besieged by hundreds of lawsuits accusing clergy and employees of abusing the faithful, the Catholic Church has responded with a muscular display of legal power. Where once the church tried to quietly settle cases, according to church and plaintiff lawyers, it is now pursuing an aggressive litigation strategy, hiring high-powered law firms and private detectives to examine the personal lives of the church's accusers, fighting to keep documents secret and engaging in new tactics to minimize settlements.

In Illinois, church lawyers grilled a victim about the details of his alleged abuse by a priest and asked whether he enjoyed it. In Pennsylvania, a young man who sued the church as a "John Doe" was forced to refile when he turned 18 so he could be identified. In Ohio, a mother whose son was molested by a Catholic school



Protesters walk in front of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston Sunday, as embattled Cardinal Law celebrates Mass inside.

principal angrily dropped her suit after her teenage son left a deposition in tears.

And the Boston Archdiocese earlier this month abruptly backed out of a multimillion-dollar settlement agreement with 86 alleged victims of former priest John Geoghan, who was recently convicted of child molestation. Archdiocese officials, in a marked shift in legal strategy, decided to take their chances in court after financial advisers warned that the church faced financial disaster as more victims come forward. The archdiocese, with the support of Cardinal Bernard Law, had negotiated for nearly a year with distraught victims over the terms of the settlement.

"They (church officials) are signaling that they are willing to litigate very aggressively, and if they win... it could deter others from coming forward," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a University of

Southern California law professor.

"If they lose," he added, "it's a public relations disaster."

That is a risk the church already runs if its tough tactics end up compounding the damage to its image and moral standing caused by the sex crimes. "The pope talks of charity towards victims," said Mark Davis, the lawyer for the mother in the Hawaii case. "I tell that to the mom who's blamed because she entrusted her children to a church official."

Church lawyers make no apologies for their tactics. They argue that their ethical obligation is to their client, not to some abstract moral standard.

"I'm not going to lay down and die just because I represent the church," said Joseph Sweeney of Halloran & Suge, a law firm in Hartford that defends the Catholic Church in Connecticut.

"I attempt to be decent, but I'm not giving away the store."

The 194 Catholic dioceses in the United States, Sweeney noted, do not possess limitless resources - church estimates put their net worth at about \$15 billion. The church and its insurers have already paid out an estimated \$1 billion in settlements - obtained from the sale of assets and from special church "abuse or molestation" liability insurance coverage. Officials expect insurance premiums and settlement costs to mushroom.

But money is not the only problem, church attorneys say. If good priests are to be defended, they say, lawyers must explore the psyche and pasts of troubled plaintiffs.

Still, the church faces a moral conundrum. The church is not a Fortune 500 corporation that can rationalize bloodletting in service of the bottom line. It's the largest Christian denomination in the world, with 63 million members in the United States. Forgiveness is woven into the church's fabric. But so is the bond between priest and parishioner.

"This legal crisis is about priests sexually abusing minors," said A.W. Richard Sipe, a psychotherapist and former priest who has treated abusive priests and their victims. "The church cannot slough off down-and-dirty defense tactics as just the usual legal maneuvering against a tough opponent."

"As I recall, the church is supposed to be a moral force."

Church attorneys argue that their most controversial tactic - investigating those who allege sexual abuse - is simply good, routine lawyering. These lawyers, few of whom agreed to speak on the record, said some plaintiffs are delusional, while others blame every problem in their life on past abuse by priests.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Senior U.S. officials have been stepping up discussions with Iraqi opposition groups, including several newly prominent in U.S. thinking, as the Bush administration proceeds with plans for toppling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

In one unpublicized meeting, a U.S. team, including a senior CIA official, met secretly in Germany last month with Massoud Barzani and Jalal Talabani, leaders of two Kurdish parties based in northern Iraq that allied with the United States after the Gulf War in 1991, according to sources familiar with the session.

The meeting, which one source said was also attended by retired Gen. Wayne A. Downing, the

White House's deputy national security adviser for combating terrorism, was one in a series. Downing and other officials have held with Iraqi exiles as the administration tries to determine what role they can play in any attempt to oust Saddam.

The meetings are part of an effort by the Bush administration to develop ties with opposition groups in addition to the Iraqi National Congress, a London-based umbrella organization that for a decade has been at the center of U.S. policy toward Iraq.

But even as it expands its contacts with Iraqi exiles, the administration is deeply divided over which groups to court and how helpful they could be in any move against Saddam.

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Young tenor makes sterling debut for ailing Pavarotti

NEW YORK (AP) - For Luciano Pavarotti, it's over. For Salvatore Licitra, it's just beginning.

On a night of high drama at the opera house, Pavarotti disappointed thousands of his fans by deciding at the last minute he was too ill with the flu to sing the closing performance of the Metropolitan Opera season. Licitra, a young Sicilian tenor, went on instead and scored the most triumphant Met debut in recent memory.

Licitra (pronounced li-CHEE-tra) sang the role of painter Mario Cavaradossi in Puccini's "Tosca" on Saturday, and with his bright, ringing sound and confident manner quickly won the affection of the 4,000 people who packed the house - as well as 3,000 more watching a live telecast on the Lincoln Center plaza outside. They showered him with extended applause and bravos after both his big arias and a 2.5-minute standing ovation at the end of the performance, bringing tears to his eyes.

For Pavarotti, closed in his apartment just a few blocks south of the opera house, the cancellation likely marked a mournful end to a glorious Met career that began with his appearance in Puccini's "La Boheme" in 1968 - the same year Licitra was born.

At 66, after 373 Met performances of 20 roles, he is absent



Luciano Pavarotti

Salvatore Licitra

from the roster next season - and Met general manager Joseph Volpe made it clear he would not be returning in staged opera, though he might be invited back for a concert or recital. Nor does he have performances booked at any of the world's other opera houses.

Pavarotti had kept the audience guessing until the very last minute, with no sign posted in the lobby as usually happens when a star cancels. When the house lights went down and the spotlight came up on stage, there were groans of dread.

Stepping out from the curtain, Volpe related the events of the evening: A phone call from Pavarotti at 5:15 p.m. saying he would go on, but then another at 7:10 p.m. in which he said, "I'm sorry, my friends, I cannot sing." The Met had even sent a vocal coach to help Pavarotti prepare. Volpe said later that the coach confirmed the singer was too congested to sing.

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Keith Cagle, left, a professor at Gardner-Webb University in Bowling Springs, N.C., and Kelly King, a senior, have a conversation using sign language in Cagle's American Sign Language class earlier this month.

Enrollment in sign language classes swells

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign language classrooms across the country are growing increasingly silent. Instead of tackling French, German or other more commonly taught languages, students are learning to speak with their hands.

"If we teach one American Sign Language course, we have enough students for three. If we teach three courses, we have enough students to fill six," said Sherman Wilcox, professor of linguistics, at the University of New Mexico, which offers ASL as a foreign language. "We just cannot keep up with demand."

"I just thought it was a beautiful language," said Kelly King, 21, who's majoring in ASL at Gardner-Webb University in Bowling Springs, N.C.

"It came easy to me, and it was something I felt very passionate about to do," King said. "One of the fields in the world where you can make a difference."

While many schools are offering ASL as a foreign language, the idea is not universally accepted. At issue for educators and lawmakers is whether ASL has the components of a bona fide language — a set of unique linguistic components, a culture, a body of literature, all components of other languages.

"I think one of the reasons that people will be skeptical is because they're so used to thinking of languages as being spo-

ken," said Douglas Baynton, an ASL professor at University of Iowa. "The idea that you can have a language on your hands is just very foreign."

ASL was offered at 119 two- and four-year colleges and universities that responded to a 1999 survey by the Modern Language Association.

The survey, which did not specify how many schools offered ASL as a foreign language, found that enrollments in ASL classes rose from about 4,000 in 1995 to more than 11,000 in 1998.

"ASL, in a way, is much like how an oil painter views the scene and expresses it on the canvas," said Keith "Kelli," an ASL professor at Gardner-Webb University.

"ASL uses space, facial expression, bodyshifting and unique classifiers — like shape and size specifiers — to express more," said Cagle, who is deaf, in an interview conducted over the Internet.

Authoritative statistics on the use of ASL, and even the number of the nation's deaf are hard to find.

In the latest statistics available, nearly 8 million Americans reported "difficulty hearing a conversation," according to a 1997 survey by the Census Bureau. Similarly difficult to define, ASL can incorporate different dialects, personal customized signs and slang, and the amount of use varies by person.

Dem riles Capitol, remains popular at home

LITHONIA, Ga. (AP) — Rep. Cynthia McKinney accused fellow Democrat Al Gore of racism and said President Bush's supporters profited from the Sept. 11 attacks.

But while she infuriates some people in Washington, she remains popular as she seeks another term in her district in the Atlanta suburbs, where blacks and urban whites make up one of the most liberal voting blocs in the South.

McKinney, 47, is a black single mother and former college professor first elected to Congress 10 years ago. She says she's never been afraid to tell it like she sees it.

Some of McKinney's opinions are so far out there that even fellow Democrats scratch their heads and wonder how to work with her.

McKinney's most recent claim — that Bush administration officials may have ignored warnings of the Sept. 11 attacks and that their political allies have profited from the war on terrorism — drew



Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., seen here last year, has surprisingly little to worry about as she seeks re-election in 2002.

rebukes in Washington but tapped into a surprising undercurrent in her home district.

"I think she's telling the truth and no one wants to hear it," said Sharrin Marshall, a 32-year-old mother who describes herself as "a big, big fan" of the congresswoman.

In August 2000, McKinney contended that presidential candidate Al Gore had a low "Negro tolerance level" and refused to travel with more than one black Secret Service agent at a time. She later retracted the statement.

More recently, she was criticized for scolding New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani because he returned a Saudi prince's \$10 million check for Sept. 11 victims. Giuliani rejected the donation because Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal had suggested U.S. policies toward the Mideast were partly blame for the attacks.

Sen. Zell Miller, a fellow Georgia Democrat, called McKinney "loony," and "dangerous and irresponsible" after her March 25 comments that the Bush administration may have known the Sept. 11 attacks were

likely. None of the criticism seemed to bother constituent David Hernandez, a landscaper from Decatur who has voted for McKinney since she was in the Georgia Legislature in the 1980s.

"She'll stand up and say it. I like that," Hernandez said. "I like the way she stands up for us in DeKalb County because we're thinking the same thing, you know? She's coming out with hidden secrets about the government that everybody should know."

"Cynthia comes off as a person who articulates what other people are thinking but won't say. Obviously the voters respect that about her," said William Boone, a political science professor at Clark-Atlanta University.

McKinney won each of her last two races with 61 percent of the vote. It's likely she'll win this year's race by an even higher margin because reapportionment has boosted the black voting-age population in her district from 45.4 percent to 49.1 percent.

Tapeworm story lands teacher segment on TV

By John Myers
Knight Ridder News Service

PROCTOR, Minn. — Glen Sorenson found the source of his upcoming fame on a canoe trip in the Northwest Territories 25 years ago.

It was on the Seal River, where Sorenson ate some undercooked northern pike and got a serious bellyache.

A few days later, sitting on the stool in his in-laws' Twin Cities bathroom, he realized the problem.

"Sorenson had a tapeworm — a pale, fettuccine-shaped critter that was living in his body. The worm lives by attaching itself to the inside walls of the intestine."

"At first, I thought my intestines were coming out. Then I realized what it was," said Sorenson, now 49 and a Proctor High School biology teacher.

"We'll spare you the graphic details of how Sorenson and his wife wrestled with the tapeworm in the bathroom (the story involves a scissors) but you'll be able to see much of the battle recreated from the comfort of your living room in July."

That tapeworm, and Sorenson's close friend who remembered the story for a quarter-century, landed Sorenson a free trip to San Francisco in March and a role in an upcoming Animal Planet cable television special called "Eaten Alive."

The show will premiere at 7 p.m. July 9 on Animal Planet. Sorenson and his wife, Mary Jane, will play a small role in the hour-long show dedicated to parasites that prey on humans. They will be the stars of the tapeworm segment, most of which was filmed in a San Francisco bathroom.

Sorenson said he's quite proud of his dramatic work with his pants down.

"They had four people from the crew in the bathroom — the producer, director, sound man and camera man. And me and my wife. There I am sitting on the toilet. For about 90 minutes,"

Sorenson said. "They say our part is only going to be five minutes by the time the whole show is put together."

For her part, Mary Jane said acting was tougher than she thought.

"But the crew was so nice. It's all going to be done very tastefully — even though, when it really happened, it was pretty gross. Especially when we cut two feet of it off and the rest crawled back up," she said. "The crew used a shoelace to recreate the tapeworm, which turned out OK."

But they had to coach the live actors.

"Mary Jane just kept laughing. And they said I wasn't serious enough. I had to tell the story over and over and over until we got it the way they wanted it," Sorenson said.

The crew, from BBC television, also found a lake, rented a canoe and recreated a bit of the 1976 canoe trip with Greg and Mary Jane paddling.

"We couldn't make a campfire in San Francisco, they're illegal. But we made a pretend fire and they filmed us

eating a trout, even though it really was a 12-pound northern that did it," Sorenson said.

Sorenson was a bit baffled at first as to how the BBC found out about his tapeworm story. His friend, Tom Anderson, is a director of the Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center near Stillwater and, through connections at the University of Minnesota, received an e-mail from the BBC looking for tapeworm stories.

"I tell the tapeworm story at parties quite often, so I thought, 'What the heck, I'll tell them about Glen,'" Anderson said. "Sure enough, I got an e-mail back and got them in touch with him. The rest is Glen's story. Although a lot of us like to tell it."

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Lion bites off keeper's arm

By Amy C. Rippe
The Orlando Sentinel

TAMPA, Fla. — A 350-pound lion bit and severed a Bush Gardens zookeeper's right arm as she was taking her family and friends on a behind-the-scenes tour, park officials said.

The 23-year-old zookeeper, whose name is not being released by authorities or the theme park, was touring the lion's night quarters with her parents, her boyfriend and his parents shortly after 2 p.m., when the lion named Max attacked, said Gerard Hoepfner, Bush Gardens Tampa

Bay spokesman. Her arm was severed just below the elbow. She and the arm were taken to Tampa General Hospital by helicopter, where she remained in serious condition Sunday night.

The woman had been a zookeeper in the park's five-acre Edge of Africa exhibit for about a year. It's not clear how close she was to the lion, if she had tried to feed it or what other reason it might have had to attack.

"There's no indication that the lion was being anything other than a lion," Hoepfner said. "We don't consider these tame animals. They're wild animals."

Report: Police establish victim assistance units

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1990s saw dramatic increases in the share of police departments in the largest cities with officers working full time on domestic violence, victim assistance and bicycle patrols, the government reported Sunday.

In 1990, half of the 62 police departments serving cities with more than 250,000 people had domestic violence units. By 2000, 81 percent of them did, according to the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The share with victim-assistance units went from a third to nearly half.

By 2000, all the departments reported they had full-time community policing officers and met at least quarterly with local citizens groups on crime issues. Those using bicycle patrols went from a third to nearly all, the report said.

Those police forces became more diverse as well. Minority representation went from 30 percent to 38 percent of the big-city departments by 2000.

At the same time that those forces increased training and education requirements for officers, salaries essentially stayed flat.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Assessor announces closures this week

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Assessor Gerald Bowden announced office closures for this week so employees can attend training seminars.

The Buhl assessor's office will be closed Wednesday, while the Twin Falls Department of Motor Vehicles will remain open for business.

On Thursday, the Twin Falls auto license department only will be closed. The Twin Falls driver's license office and the Buhl and Jerome auto license divisions will remain open Thursday.

MV Hospital Board will discuss vision statement

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board members will consider a new vision, mission and values statement when they meet at 6 tonight inside the Sage Room of the education center located north of the main hospital.

Also on tonight's agenda are finance committee and planning committee reports and information about the hospital's Breast Cancer Improvement Team.

The meeting is open to the public.

Former T-N reporter holds book-signing

KETCHUM - Former *Times-News* reporter Niels Nokkentved will speak and sign copies of his new book, "Desert Wings: Controversy in the Idaho Desert," Thursday night at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum.

Nokkentved, who now writes about the outdoors for *The Olympian* in Olympia, Wash., wrote "Desert Wings" about the long debate over the Air Force's efforts to establish a bombing range in Owyhee County.

He'll be on hand at 7 p.m. Thursday at Iconoclast Books at 360 First.

Nokkentved covered environmental issues for *The Times-News* for 12 1/2 years.

Reception in Gooding presents youth awards

GOODING - The Gooding County Asset Builder reception and Spirit of Service Youth Award presentations will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Gooding County Club.

Special guest will be Idaho First Lady Patricia Kempthorne, who will speak on the value and importance of young people in the community. Another special guest will be Deb Krum from the Association of Idaho Cities, program coordinator for AmeriCorps.

The event is sponsored by the Gooding County Health Net Coalition. The awards recognize the positive impacts young people have in their communities.

The reception also recognizes adult volunteers who work with young people to help build developmental assets. Developmental assets are defined as helping young people make wise decisions, choose positive paths and grow up competent, caring and responsible.

For more information on the event, call Melody Kerner at 536-2792 or Julie Trader-Wolfe at 934-5567.

Site offers information on federal programs

TWIN FALLS - There's a new Web site to help seniors and their family members as well as students, farmers, ranchers, veterans and others identify federal programs designed to help them, according to a news release from U.S. Senator Larry Craig, a ranking member of the Special Committee on Aging.

GovBenefits.com is a new online screening tool that is free and simple to use. It's confidential and users do not have to identify themselves, the news release said.

"The program also tells you how to apply for help," Craig said in the news release. "If you want to check for possible benefits for a loved one, you can do that too."

The Web site is a partnership of many federal agencies, including Social Security, Medicare and the Departments of agriculture, education, energy, health and human services, housing and urban development, labor, state, veterans affairs, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

For more information, log on to <http://www.govbenefits.gov>.

Compiled from staff reports

Budget issue heads to T.F. School Board

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It could be one of the more contentious Twin Falls School District board meetings.

Parents plan to fill the district's small meeting room tonight to hear Superintendent Terrell Donichit make his recommendation to eliminate 13 teachers from the

payroll. Also, Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen is expected to offer his recommendation of coaches to rehire or not rehire.

Today's meeting begins at 7 p.m.

At the April 8 board meeting, Donichit mentioned the necessity of cutting 13 teachers to compensate for a \$1.1 million shortfall. Among the possible combinations are six secondary teachers, seven elemen-

tary teachers, 6.5 counselors, five elementary physical education teachers, or 4.5 elementary music teachers, 1.5 elementary orchestra teachers, two gifted and talented teachers, and one audiologist.

Since then, he said he has received plenty of lobbying in the form of visits, e-mails and phone calls from parents and students wanting their particular teacher or program spared.

Long an advocate of strong academic programs, Donichit said, he was pained to make these recommendations but had to do so with the budget he was given.

"I absolutely hate the fact that we have to make these cuts we have to make," he said. "It's going to hurt our programs and, most of all, it's going to hurt our kids."

And in the face of the state's \$60 million, Please see BDARD, Page A8

TRIPPING THE LIGHT FANTASTIC



A couple, who declined to be identified, celebrated Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo by dancing it up at Twin Falls City Park on Sunday. The festival featured live music, dancing and lots of food.

USA IN COLOR/The Times-News

M-C looks to dairies

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Even before the cutbacks in potato contracts, some Mini-Cassia farmers had given up on spuds and shifted their attention to milking cows.

The impending closure of the J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant in Heyburn might hasten the growth of dairies in Mini-Cassia.

"We're seeing a lot of ramp crop farmers go to dairies," said Cassia County Administrator Tim Hurst.

In addition to farmers changing the use of their land, some have sold their acreage to dairy farmers from out of the area. Steve Wybenga, a Jerome dairyman, recently received a permit to start a 4,700-head dairy south of Burley.

Wybenga expects other farmers from Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties - which are saturated with dairies - to follow his example by moving east.

"I think it's where dairies will go. Once one moves in and people see it's successful, others will follow," he said.

"I think you'll see more and more dairies moving into Cassia County and once it fills up we might see some coming to Minidoka County," said Steve Whitlock, a Minidoka County dairy farmer.

While dairy growth might bring money to the area, most say it will not provide an immediate cure for Mini-Cassia's economic ills.

"The dairies are going to help, but they are not going to replace 700 jobs," said Oakley dairyman Randy Robinson, referring to the employees who will lose their jobs at the Simplot plant.

Dairies could provide a greater economic boost to the area if farmers were not shackled with cumbersome environmental and zoning policies, said Brent Stoker, who runs a dairy in Decio. The cost of preparing nutrient management plans and maintaining a waste management area make it hard for

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Mom seeks to educate others about vaccinations

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - What you don't know could kill your child.

While most health officials would tell you about the benefits of vaccinations and the millions of lives saved, there is another side to the story.

Angela Vasquez has learned a lot since her 2-month-old daughter Stephanie died three years ago. Vasquez sees vaccinations in a different light. Her 1-year-old daughter Trinity "has never been vaccinated and she never will be."

Vasquez recently settled her case against U.S. Health and Human Services in federal court for \$125,000. She had applied to the National Vaccination Injury Compensation Program for compensation after her daughter died. Under the program, parents can claim compensation when certain vaccines are suspected of



Angela Vasquez and her daughters Tiffani and Trinity visit the grave of their daughter and sister, Stephanie. Angela Vasquez has been awarded a monetary settlement from the federal government for her daughter's death, which she plans to use to educate other parents about vaccinations.

causing injury or death.

She plans to use the money to inform other parents about possible side effects of vaccinations.

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who have claims against the Health and Human Services National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

Cases similar to Vasquez's keep him busy full time, he said. Since 1988 he has handled 122 vaccination-related cases and has probably won two-thirds of those.

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District 24 candidates for representative position B

TWIN FALLS - Two candidates - Ron Black and Sharon Block - are running as Republicans for state representative, position B, in District 24. The new district is more densely populated than surrounding districts. It takes in most of the city of Twin Falls and goes eastward to the southward to the Cassia County boundary.

Candidates	Important issue	Dairy regulation	Four-year center at CSI	Term limits	Adequate state funding for schools
<p>Name: Sharon Block Age: 61 Career: Elementary teacher, 15 years; in property management for 22 years until present Years in Magic Valley: 22 Political Experience: Actively involved in Republican Party, eight years; appointed to the Idaho House of Representatives in March 2001, served on House Education Committee, House Health and Welfare Committee, House Commerce and Human Resources Committee</p> 	<p>"My number one concern is the budget, the financial stability of the state."</p>	<p>"Dairies help the Magic Valley economy." She said the Legislature has made progress in finding a balance between dairies and neighbors, and she thinks it is good that state agencies are working together to find solutions. She said she wouldn't commit to backing numerical standards for hydrogen sulfide from dairies until she understands the issue more thoroughly.</p>	<p>"I would be very supportive of a four-year center in Twin Falls." She said it would alleviate the problems districts have in getting four-year and advanced degrees. However, she said state finances have to be considered before anything.</p>	<p>She's against term limits. She said her district did not favor term limits the last time it was voted on, and she represented that with her vote to repeal. "Magic Valley has a lot of influence in the Legislature, and that is because of the seniority of our legislators. I think the big push for term limits is coming from Ada County."</p>	<p>"Our hearts and minds are in the right place, but the problem here is the economy." She listed all of the one-time accounts that were raised and public schools. She is not in favor of raising taxes to give more money to schools. "The state is in a recession, and a recession is the time to raise taxes on people."</p>
<p>Name: Ron Black Age: 58 Career: Owned a daycare business; ran the small-business incubator at the College of Southern Idaho for 10 years; currently director of the CSI Refugee Center. Years in Magic Valley: 19 Political Experience: Served six terms in the Idaho House of Representatives; served on House Education Committee for 10 years, chaired it for four years; served on Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee</p> 	<p>He said the direction of the party bothers him, particularly with the repeal of term limits. He is also concerned about how the state budget has been handled over the past two years. He wants to see smaller government.</p>	<p>He said he's concerned about areas with porous soil that have concentrated operations. He said he is fine with the state regulations. He suggested that continued work with the Department of Agriculture will be helpful in finding solutions to complaints, but it might also become apparent there is a limit to how many cows can be in one place.</p>	<p>"A 'universality place' has got to happen. There are too many people having to travel. The population base in this area is sufficient to warrant one." He said his experience on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee would help get the building.</p>	<p>"I would have voted against the repeal. Once the public has implemented something, you have to go along with it." However, he said he has "mixed emotions" about the issue, so he suggested that lawmakers could have put it back on the ballot and allowed voters to choose each category of official to be term limited.</p>	<p>"Two years ago (the Legislature) went out on a limb with the teacher salary schedule, judges' retirement and refurbishment of the Capitol." He said he would have voted against the 2.5 percent holdback this past session. He's concerned about most of the one-time money being gone and future funding. He would consider taking back certain tax cuts or incentives on a selective basis."</p>

ON THE AGENDA

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Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school.

ers, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Sage Room, Education Center.
Malta City Council, 5 p.m., Raft River Electric Co-op conference room.

7:30 p.m., a school in the district.
Buhl-City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers.
Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Today
Spring semester finals week.
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Senate office.
Boise State University graduates reception, 5 p.m., Taylor 276-277.

p.m., Shields 117.
Basics of Wills and Trusts presentation, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.
Friday
Idaho Transportation Department's DMV title/registration/sales tax workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

Tuesday

Blaine County School Board,

Wednesday
Bliss City Council, 8 p.m., City

Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Tuesday
Idaho Small Business Development Center Customer Service and Tourism training, 8 a.m. to noon, Taylor 277.

Friday
Transportation Department's DMV title/registration/sales tax workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

BATTLING THE BLAZE



A Los Angeles County firefighter shouts orders to hand crews during a wildfire flare up Sunday in the Angeles National Forest in southern California. The wildfire, fueled by stiff winds and dry, hot conditions, blazed across 3,200 acres Sunday in a forest north of Los Angeles, but cabins in the area were out of danger, fire officials said.

Volunteers clean historic camp site

ARROW JUNCTION (AP) - A crew of about 20 people spent the weekend removing rusted bed springs, beer cans and other junk from the site of a Nez Perce village and stop on Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's expedition of the West.

Arrow Junction, at the confluence of the Potlatch and Clearwater rivers, has been a dumping ground for old appliances, furniture and other stuff for 50 years.
Nova cleanup is under way as the Idaho chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and Nez Perce Tribe prepare for the Lewis and Clark expedition bicentennial.

Officials ask for funds to help control disease in elk

BOISE (AP) - Biologists, agriculture officials and sportsmen called Saturday for massive federal funding to help control chronic wasting disease in deer and elk.

Idaho has not recorded a case of the fatal disease, but outbreaks from Wisconsin to Colorado brought wildlife supporters from across the continent to the weekend conference at Boise State University.
Steve Huffaker, director of the Idaho Fish and Game Department, said hunting and fishing is vital to the state's economy.

Program helps women make a fresh start

HOPE (AP) - A shelter that focuses on teaching people life skills is helping homeless women get back on their feet.
"Let's live it out here," said Joy Roth, who spent four months in a crowded Central Idaho shelter waiting for the opening of the Trexle Creek Friendship Village. "It's your own private place."

The four-bedroom shelter, 12 miles east of Sandpoint, also has four fully furnished single-family homes. Unlike most shelters, each resident's room contains a private bathroom.
Roth recently lived in a shelter where 10 people shared two bathrooms. "Sometimes you need a little space," she said.

SERVICES

Charlene Karen Stroud of Bliss, service at 10 a.m. today at the Hagerman Christian Center, dedication following the service at the Hagerman Cemetery; viewing will be at 9 a.m. today at the Hagerman Christian Center (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Carole Frances Dugan of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Mary Elizabeth Thomas Peavey Brooks, service at 2 p.m. May 19 at Flat Top Sheep Company Ranch, 23 miles north of Carey.

DEATH NOTICES

Hazel C. Hill of Kaysville, Utah, service at 1:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; committal will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Jess Rolland Sr. WENDELL - Jess Rolland Sr., 94, of Wendell, died Friday May 10, 2002 at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Donna Lee Behunin GOODING - Donna Lee Behunin, 83, a resident of Gooding died Saturday, May 11 at the Gooding Rehab and Living Center. Services pending at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Burley
Maurine Hanks Stiens
Maurine Hanks Stiens, 86, of Burley died Friday, May 10, 2002 at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Lucile Baird
FLIER - Lucile Baird, 99, of Flier, died Saturday May 11, 2002 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Jonathan 'John' Bertsch
JEROME - Jonathan 'John' Bertsch, 86, of Jerome died on May 10, 2002, at his home. Arrangements under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. A full obit will be on Wednesday.

OBITUARY

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 a.m. for next day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

BURLEY

Dahris Hanks all of Burley and Betty Burns of Laguna Hills, California. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband who died December 5, 1972, an infant son, five brothers and two sisters. In accordance with her wishes there will be no public funeral. Private family services will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at the Payson Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley at 10:30 a.m., with interment to follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

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Lincoln County Commission District 1

Shoshone - Current Lincoln County Commissioner Rusty Parker is being challenged by political newcomer John Evans in the race for the District 1 seat. The commissioner will serve a four-year term and earn \$630 a month.

Table with 3 columns: Candidates, Goals, Important Issues. Candidates include Rusty Parker and John Evans. Goals and issues discuss zoning, land use, and infrastructure.

Take Pride in T.F. Day is Friday

TWIN FALLS - Take Pride in Twin Falls Day will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Friday at the transfer station on the corner of Eastland Drive South and Orchard Drive East.

- Freon removal from refrigerated appliances will cost \$5, payable to the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.
Dad's Battery Store will take all used batteries free of charge.
PSI Waste Systems will help unload waste for disposal.

ings and pallets will be accepted at the wood waste site at 967 Rose St. No hazardous waste will be accepted. No used motor oil or antifreeze will be accepted.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this community service and help keep Twin Falls clean by clearing their property and helping their neighbors do the same.

Utah lawmaker takes a parting shot at nuke plan

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Rep. Jim Hansen is pushing a wilderness measure that is designed to block the storage of nuclear waste on the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indian Reservation in Utah's west desert.

Wilderness aside, Gov. Mike Leavitt called Hansen's provision a formidable obstacle to nuclear storage. Leavitt signed laws of his own design to prohibit the storage of spent nuclear fuel.

SLC mayor wants off-road vehicles out of the foothills

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Mayor Rocky Anderson took a helicopter tour of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in search of illegal off-road vehicles.

With the use of a helicopter belonging to the Utah Department of Public Safety, police will conduct daily aerial surveillance of the foothills. The plan is to punish offenders by impounding their vehicles and exacting a \$1,000 fine.

Board

shortfall in April tax receipts, the situation has the potential to grow even worse. Donich said there hasn't been any information yet to indicate that schools will be affected by the shortfall.

master contract that limits coaches' applicant pool to teachers already employed within the district is likely to be reworded, allowing the district to cull from outside talent.

Vaccines

Continued from A6 I have another 30 I'm working on now," he said. About 10 of those cases involved children who have died.

Laura Griffin, spokeswoman for the Health Resource Office of communications for the National Vaccination Injury Compensation Program, under the Department of Health and Human Services, said she is unable to comment on specific cases.

While Health and Human Services denies the vaccine caused Stephanie's death, Vasquez says she is sure and she wants the world to know. While Health and Human Services denies the vaccine caused Stephanie's death, Vasquez says she is sure and she wants the world to know.

The parents spoke against a system that would have made vaccination-tracking mandatory. That is where she met Lori Mogensen, a Twin Falls mother whose 7-year-old daughter Katie died five years ago.

Dairies

Continued from A6 farmers to justify the total price of switching to a dairy. Most of the farmers who have lost money on potatoes will not have the means to start dairies, he said.

activist who grew up in Cassia County. Large dairies do create jobs, but mostly low-paying jobs, Chisholm said. Milkers make \$78 to \$85 per 12-hour shift, but they do not work the full 12 hours, Robinson said.

Carl Hansen, president of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce board, thinks dairies could bring economic stimulus to the area, but knows they will also bring odor. There are ways to control odor, but people will probably have to learn to tolerate some level of stink, he said.

Dairies have received a lot of negative publicity in the Twin Falls and Filer areas, but Whitesides said he thinks he can better manage public relations by responding to the concerns of his neighbors. "Our neighbors have been excellent," he said.

Foundation gets message out



Shannon Connolly, one of the parents involved in creating the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation, thinks reading to children is important. From left, Drew Christensen, Zachary Christensen; Chance Connolly, Bailey Connolly, Shannon Connolly and Nathan Christensen enjoy reading a book together.

Superintendent, others put gentle reminders on their answering machines. By Shari Chaney Times-News writer RUPERT - If you call Mindoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallert, you'll get the standard "leave your name and number" message, with a twist.

support in Shoshone County. Officials there have indicated an interest in forming a group. Bull and Nampa school districts are also considering foundations. The Mini-Cassia foundation will be patterned after a model in place in Kennewick, Wash.

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brain surgery. By the time she found out about the compensation program, the statute of limitations had run out. But she did learn the vaccine given to her daughter was listed on a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System report as a "hot lot."

Parents also need to know their children can go to school even if they are not vaccinated. "Idaho has exemptions," she said. Parents can fill out a form stating medical, religious or other reasons they do not want their child vaccinated, according to a state statute.

A fresh start?

Dairies in the right locations would help the counties, said Burley resident John Evans Sr. Larger dairies located near residential areas will hurt the area, he said. "I would like to see dairies limited to 5,000 cows," Evans said.

Never a sure bet Though high prices for milk have led to profits for dairymen in the recent past, the market is not stable, Whitesides said. "We just went through a 2 1/2 year low two years ago. You've got to pay attention to marketing and hedging," he said. Milk prices have stayed up because it is a perishable commodity, Stoker said. There is less international competition for milk because it is expensive to transport.

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OTHER VIEWS

America has grown too complacent since 9/11

The Dallas Morning News

As everyone knows, the passing of time can be a blessing. But it can also be a curse. As the old saying goes, time heals all wounds. The bad news is that it also can

one indispensable industry in America that will continue to suffer - the travel industry. The same survey that says Americans think they are becoming complacent also says they are less likely to be on the go. Twenty-nine percent say that they have reduced the amount of money

Their view: This guest

editorial from the Dallas Morning News says

America is at great peril if we have settled into our old routines of daily life.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

they spend on travel since Sept. 11, and a startling 71 percent say that they have not been on an airplane since the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Staying off airplanes is just foolish - and dangerous - to the prospect of any sustained economic recovery. Since the attacks, hundreds of flights have lifted off from U.S. airports without incident. Americans have to be free to travel at will if for no other reason than because doing otherwise would be tantamount to surrender.

Now for good news. Not surprisingly, the survey says, one commodity for which Americans are, since Sept. 11, increasingly hungry is information. More Americans are making a point of keeping up with national affairs and world events, relying more heavily on what they learn from television newscasts and newspapers.

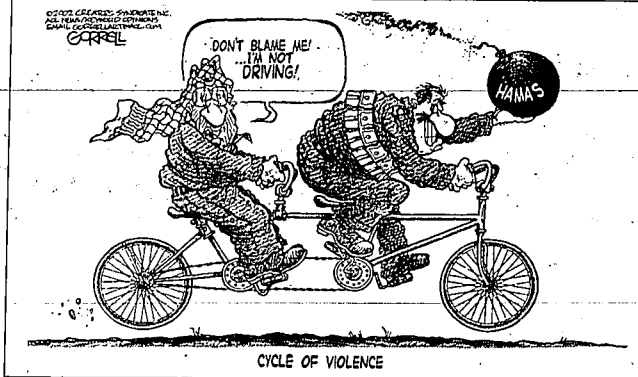
Americans are more informed about the world around them. All the more reason for them to know better than to let their guard down.

According to a survey by the McPheters & Co. Beta Research, many Americans are afraid that, with Sept. 11 fading into history, its lessons are fading into oblivion. Fifty-eight percent of respondents believe that Americans - less than eight months after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon - have settled back in their old routine. Some might even question security precautions taken to ensure that America never is assaulted again.

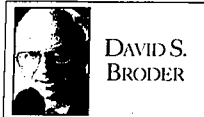
If that is true, then the country is in even greater peril than in any of us imagined.

America is not out of danger. Those determined to do us harm have had their plans thwarted for the time being, but - be assured - they will be back with what could be an even more creative and vicious assault. We have to guard against that possibility, even as we go about living our lives as we did before Sept. 11.

Until we do, there is at least



Don't expect McCain to join Dems



DAVID S. BRODER

Two years after Republican voters ended his quest for the presidential nomination, John McCain is being urged to try again - this time as a Democrat. A pair of liberal writers, having decided that none of the Democratic aspirants makes them hearts go pitter-pat, have gone into print arguing that the best bet to beat President Bush in 2004 is the Arizona senator who lost to him in the primaries last time around.

That proposition is implausible on its face, and it grows truly absurd on examination. Nonetheless, two of the publications most proud of their reputation as bastions of liberal thought have published most simultaneous feature articles boosting McCain.

Joshua Green in the May issue of Washington Monthly and Jonathan Chait in the April 29 New Republic make strikingly similar arguments for McCain, a lifelong Republican, to switch parties and run under the Democratic banner.

They are enchanted by the McCain persona, as so many other journalists were when he was riding the "Straight Talk Express" into battle against Bush in New Hampshire, South Carolina, Michigan, California and other states - until the GOP establishment threw him back.

The adulation is also visible in a new book by veteran Washington journalist Elizabeth Drew, "Citizen McCain." In addition to a detailed recounting of last year's successful battle for campaign finance reform (viewed almost entirely from McCain's perspective), Drew suggests that it was McCain, more than the president, who steadied the nerves of the American people in the aftermath

They acknowledge that some of McCain's stands might go down hard with traditional Democrats. But they argue that Democrats will swallow their doubts because, as Chait puts it, "he may be the only candidate who could beat Bush."

It is astonishing to me that people who admire McCain for his character would think his politics so malleable. This is a man who campaigned in California in 2000 as "a proud conservative with a strong conservative record in the tradition of Ronald Reagan." Do they think he can campaign four years later on the legacy of the New Deal, the Fair Deal, the New Frontier and the Great Society?

Those who really know McCain know better. Mark Salter, a senior staffer who shared the writing duties on McCain's last book and drafts most of his speeches, said to me, "He supports stem cell and fetal tissue research, but he is pro-life, but not any longer, it's over."

And barely pausing for breath, Salter lists other key issues on which McCain disagrees with most Democrat activists: "He is an unrestrained free trader. He supports school vouchers. He favors a national missile defense. He thinks it is a good idea for people to have an option on Social Security for private investment accounts. He has cast right-to-work votes. He has opposed some past minimum wage increases. And he positively hates the new farm bill."

I asked Salter what McCain thought of suggestions he switch parties to run for president. "He just laughed," Salter said. A good man, Salter's response to a laughable notion.

David S. Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

Term limits don't protect Idaho interests

I am writing about my opposition to term limits. If I thought it was truly a grass roots movement from the people of Idaho I would have let the issue stand. However, I feel that my constituents sent me to the Legislature to become informed, perform my duties to the best of my ability, and to protect Idaho's interests. Before restricting my old district voted to repeal term limits, as did my new district.

In 1994, a petitioner inquired if I would like to term limit Sen. Ted Kennedy. I was intrigued. I asked the young man what would happen to Congressman Mike Crapo and Sen. Larry Craig. He said they would be term limited also. I replied that I wanted to vote for those gentlemen in the future. I pointed out that one of the small state like Idaho has going for it is the seniority system when trying to compete with larger states.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled terms of Congress cannot be limited by state action. What many of us didn't know was who was really financing the movement. Our research shows that 95 percent of the money has come from U.S. Term Limits.



READER COMMENT: BRUCE NEWCOMB

Washington D.C., its surrogates, and people from the San Francisco Bay Area (more than \$1 million). I ask myself why so many people from out of state are so interested in Idaho's politics?

Shortly after California instituted term limits, the new young legislature deregulated electricity. We all know what a disaster that has been.

Shortly after Oregon instituted term limits the federal government came to Klamath Falls and took water for fish via a court order. The courts, by the way, are not term limited in this movement. Now Klamath Falls is devastated because a junior legislature lacked the experience to help avoid this disaster. We had a similar incident in the Lemhi basin. With the help of the local folks, the Legislature, and the executive branch, we were able to head off a similar occurrence.

If term limits take effect we lose all that institutional knowledge. In Idaho we have a 75 to 85 percent turnover every 10 years in the Legislature. When I was first elected to the Legislature, I was grateful that there were a few people with the wisdom and experience that I could use as mentors.

If term limits take effect we lose all 20 members of our state budget committee at once. With the imposition of term limits, the legislative branch's influence would be weakened as compared to the other branches of government, bureaucracies and special interests. Out of state interests are aware of this. Could it be that they would like our water and our relatively cheap electricity? In that case, we are in positions of leadership and chairmanships will be held by inexperienced urban legislators with little rural empathy. Idaho's representation of U.S. Term Limits has already stated there is too much rural influence in the Legislature.

Locally it's often difficult to get people to run for office, particularly qualified people in law enforcement. It is a shame that the legislators who are in office are not term limited. This year the Legislature took up the measure to repeal term limits this year is that local officials would be affected in the 2002 election. The Legislature would not fall under the term limit law until 2004.

It is my firm conviction that term limits are not in the best interest of this state, and definitely not in the best interest of rural Idaho. The rural term limits exist at the ballot box. Idaho is at a crossroads. We can choose to remain an independent, rugged, individualistic state or give in to outside interests from the Potomac and California. The choice is ours!

Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, is the Speaker of the House in the Idaho Legislature.

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LETTERS

Re-elect Scott Bedke; he kept the budget balanced

As a former state legislator, chairman of the House Transportation and Defense Committee and current Idaho member of the Northwest Power Planning Council, I have great respect for both the voice of the people and the challenges of public office in finding paths demanded of that voice.

It is in this regard that I support the reelection of Scott Bedke as state representative for Legislative District 27.

As a one-term state representative, Scott has had to face the significant downturn in state revenue we are all experiencing today. He acted prudently in reducing taxes and keeping the state budget balanced. Scott has a strong natural resource background that serves southern Idaho well. In addition, he sponsored legislation that keeps insurance companies from using your credit card as a basis for issuing insurance coverage. He also voted to establish individual development accounts to help low-income households afford

education costs, purchase a primary residence and/or capitalize a small business.

Scott voted to further protect citizens from unfair pricing during times of disaster or declared emergency and supported establishment of a state veteran's cemetery.

I encourage your vote for Scott Bedke on May 28.
JIM D. KEMPTON
Albion

Term limits threatened incumbents' retirement

It appears that disapproval of legislative (and Idaho Supreme Court) actions negating term limits is in need of a boost, especially now that the culprits are to stand for re-election shortly. Listen up, and let's put the real reason for the incumbents' determined effort to prevent term limits from becoming law into proper perspective. The reason is retirement! That's right, retirement. Here's the way it works, not just in Idaho, but at the national level and likely elsewhere among the states. One term in Idaho State office

is sufficient to become vested in the state retirement system (five years required for the U.S. Congress, 10 for federal judges and 20 for federal employees).

Political campaign contributions do not have to be expended or returned if not spent but can be accumulated, draw interest and taken home as tax-free gifts when the recipient leaves office. So it behooves our elected representatives to give access to any and all lobbyists to maximize their campaign war chests. One of our Magic Valley legislators reported 50-odd contributions from Ada County and out-of-state sources in the last election but only three from the legislators' district!

With little imagination, we can assume where the attention and favors went.

Just how much might this take-home prize be worth? Well, one of our Idaho congressmen came home with \$3.5 million! One would not expect a state office-holder to accumulate a like war chest, but what is acceptable? I'd say buy fare home is enough - they were paid while serving. The Idaho

Supreme Court supports the Legislature in ignoring the people, and why not, they, too, are elected.

Why not vote the incumbents out and start over? No exceptions!
JACK WENDLING
Filer

Government should be grateful for church's offer

I was interested in your Associated Press report about a land sale of 1,640 acres of U.S. government land in Wyoming to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Some opposition was voiced by Barbara Dodds, who argues the church would restrict access to the public. Really?

Take a close look at any of the visitors centers the church builds. True, they are missionary tools, but so what. The land is improved, beautiful buildings are constructed and maintained, and it provides a comfortable, clean place for tourists to stop and rest from driving for hours. Last time I checked, the Casper, Wyo., area didn't have a whole

lot to offer tourists driving through.

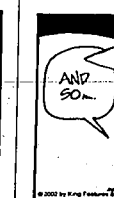
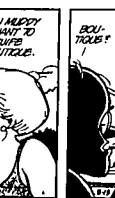
Who else is chomping at the bit to spend thousands and even millions of dollars to construct a historical site or visitor center in Casper, Wyo., to tell people about the history of that region? The government should be grateful to the church for the offer.

John H. Wilson Twin Falls

Writer says cloning could save endangered species

The good news is cloning. Tyson is going to clone the spotted owl and all the loggers can go back to work. The Bruneau man will be cloned and served in the Bruneau Cafe for a Sunday special. The endangered species will disappear and all the government workers can now be fired. Small farmers by the millions, desert tortoises in the feedlots, condors like sea gulls - we can clone the Klamath suckers and get rid of the real suckers.
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LETTERS

Vote for Sharon Block; she will hear all sides of issues

I have known and respected Sharon Block for more than 20 years. She is the kind of person that brings commitment and ability to every constituent and the community as a whole.

Whenever I have worked with her on any project, she has shown to be fair-minded but steadfast in her resolve to do what she feels is right.

I know if Sharon is elected, we will be voting a woman into office who has integrity and a willingness to hear all sides of every issue.

RUE STROBEL
Twin Falls

Writer appreciates city pool during the winter months

It was wonderful this week to watch a sign of summer being just around the corner, especially since my furnace is running this morning and it is almost the middle of May. I think it's fascinating to watch the bubble come down at the city pool. Seeing that open space again while driving down Locust reminds me of how much I appreciate the bubble being there during the winter months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gretchen Scott and her helpful staff for another great season under the bubble. Gretchen makes it a pleasure to use the pool in the winter. She works hard on coordinating all the various activities that are provided. This is the best time to have a dip, water aerobics and lap swimming over the winter, and being able to go in and exercise every week is one of the things that I look forward to all year round.

The staff at the pool has arranged for activities and classes that suit various levels of fitness, has purchased equipment to use when exercising in the water and has helped swimmers with instruction and assistance if needed while doing exercise. I appreciate the various class options that Gretchen organizes and her positive, friendly manner each day as I go in the pool. I believe that Gretchen is a real asset to the parks and recreation department through her professional attitude toward managing the pool, her creativity in providing activities and the joy in life that she manifests while doing her job.

I would also like to say that, as a taxpayer, I am very pleased to have some of my taxes go toward the upkeep of our city pool. I have lived in places where having such a nice pool was not an option, or the costs of belonging to the club that owned a covered pool were rather steep. A recreational facility the size of the Twin Falls city pool, available for use all year round, is surely something that would attract interest as businesses and individuals look at settling into our community. Such a service to the community seems to me to be like having city parks, a public library, soccer fields, softball diamonds, clean streets, functioning traffic lights, police and fire departments, and all the other tax-based services that we rely on as a growing community.

CATHERINE POPPINO
Twin Falls

Sharon Block was born here; she understands Idaho

Sharon Block deserves the support of Magic Valley voters in the upcoming primary election. She was born and raised in Idaho, and she understands this state.

I have known Sharon all of her life. Her grandfather, Thomas



Fyke, was one of the early farmers on the Twin Falls Tract. Her husband, Bill, is from Jerome. She and Bill have lived in Twin Falls for 26 years, raising their family here. Sharon was a teacher for 15 years and spent nine of those years at Harrison Elementary. The Magic Valley is Sharon's home, and she cares deeply about the issues that are important to us. Whether it is agriculture, education, business or Idaho's water, Sharon believes in understanding the issues and takes the time to get educated before making decisions.

Sharon Block is a great addition to the Idaho Legislature. We need to re-elect her on May 28.
JESSIE LINGNAW
Twin Falls

Citizens can't count on the law to protect them

Trout and Kelso debate, as if any of that rhetoric makes any difference. Let's see some American justice in action.

Donald Scott was a wealthy recluse, 61 years old. He lived with his wife on a 200-acre ranch worth \$5 million located in Ventura County, Calif. Scott's land was adjacent to a national park and was also known for its ancient Indian artifacts. The U.S. Park Service had been attempting to buy his land for years. They were trying to enhance the scenic corridor program in the Santa Monica Mountains - all for the "public good."

In 1992, the Los Angeles County sheriff's department received a tip that Mr. Scott was growing marijuana on his property. The

detectives working the case reported that the alleged marijuana plants numbered "in the thousands."

Being pros, the L.A. County detectives, without notifying Ventura County officials, attempted to corroborate this information through aerial surveillance as well as surreptitious searches of his property. All attempts failed to come up with anything. But no matter, on the morning of Oct. 2, 1992, the L.A. sheriff's department, again side-stepping Ventura County officials, assembled a multi-jurisdictional hit team consisting of themselves, plus the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the California National Guard and Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, and the U.S. Border Patrol.

They quickly acquired the necessary search warrant and seizure documents and caught the Scott family napping.

In the lowest savagery, they tore down the door, beat up Mrs. Scott and gunned down (murdered) Mr. Scott. But something went wrong. They found there was no marijuana, other drugs or paraphernalia of any sort on the property.

Later, of course, no charges were filed against the raiders. And there were no comments or apologies rendered, even though, after five months of investigation, it was written "the affidavit upon which the search warrant was based contains material misstatements and omissions that make the warrant invalid." I guess it's supposed to make us feel more secure knowing that "invalid"

search warrants now occasionally fill in as death warrants?

Well, anyway, they all want to make an impression on us during election time. Harry Browne of the Libertarian Party wrote, "They (Americans) fail to realize that no government obeys laws. It will change, override, ignore or defy them whenever they get in the way. To count on the law to protect you is a grave mistake."
MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

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Look at the Jerome and Twin Falls area where they have been proactive in bringing business into their area. The unemployment rate is considerably less than ours. I would hope that we cast our votes for the primary elections that the voters would send the message that they want positive change. We are not going to let our problems overnight,

have a system in place where we can offer the same options to industry and small business.

Some of us have tried bringing value-added businesses into the county, but without economic incentives, it has been hard to get them to come to Cassia County. Now that Simplot has announced that it wants to leave the area, it is interesting to see the governor show great concern, and our national politicians will come and visit and promise to go back to Washington with our plea for help. Guess what? Until our community develops a plan and raises some capital, we cannot approach the state and national government for funding and receive any significant help.

It is our responsibility as citizens of Cassia County to stand up and invest in our future. The county should explore working together with the city of Burley to develop the infrastructure needed to attract new business. Tulare County, Calif., milks more than 400,000 cows, which is more than all the milking cows in Idaho, and yet it has fewer restrictions than we have in Idaho. The area is orderly, prosperous and yet there are no excessive water or air quality problems.

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but we can work together and develop a plan that can help us help ourselves.

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Sharon Block showed courage in past session

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Sharon's party hands him defeat over proposed Palestinian state

The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a major defeat Sunday night when his own Likud Party voted for a resolution saying there should never be a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The vote by Likud's policy-making Central Committee could complicate negotiations. It defied the Bush administration, which has made support for the eventual creation of a Palestinian state a centerpiece of its policy for the Middle East.

It was also an embarrassment for Sharon, who has tried hard to convince Washington and the West that he intends to establish a policy of peace despite Israel's recent assaults on Palestinian cities and refugee camps.

"Any decision taken today on the final agreement (between Israel and the Palestinians) is dangerous to the state of Israel and will only intensify the pressures on us needlessly," Sharon told the assembled Likud members in a voice meant to instill a vote. The remark was greeted by a chorus of boos and jeers.

Meanwhile, Israeli security officials confirmed media reports that Sharon had decided to postpone a broad assault on Palestinian targets in the Gaza Strip.

After a raucous seven-hour meeting, the party rejected a proposal by Sharon to cancel any ballot on Palestinian statehood. The vote against Sharon's motion was 669 to 465.

The Israeli leader, apparently stunned by his defeat, walked out of the hall in Tel Aviv with some supporters. Then, by a show of hands, the party overwhelmingly adopted a resolution that stated flatly, "No Palestinian state will be established west of the Jordan River" — that is, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

On one level, the Likud decision was an interecine political skirmish in which Sharon was outflanked by his main political rival, former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who strongly backed the resolution.

Neither Sharon nor Netanyahu has any affection for an independent Palestinian state but each was forced by the exigencies of politics and diplomacy to accept the idea.

Police: Jewish settlers tried to bomb school

Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM — Israeli security forces, allegedly battling attacks by Palestinian militants on Jewish civilians, said over the weekend that they foiled an attempt by radical Jewish settlers to detonate a powerful bomb at a school for Arab girls in East Jerusalem.

Investigators were said to be questioning four suspects to determine whether they were responsible for any recent attacks against Palestinians, including a bombing in March at another school in East Jerusalem.

Authorities fear that attacks on Palestinians by Jewish extremists could lead to reprisals — and a never-ending cycle of violence.

"It's a miracle that the bomb didn't go off," said Ehud Sprinzak, a political scientist at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya and an expert on right-wing extremism. "The Palestinians are already (enraged) because of the recent incursions by the Israeli military into their territories. They don't need more incentives to be inflamed and bring out more violence."

The bomb, according to authorities, was rigged to explode when the 1,500 students in the A-Tur neighborhood gathered for morning assembly in the school's courtyard. The device was composed of two barrels of gasoline and two gas balloons.

Agents with Israel's Shin Bet secret service, who were questioning the suspects, acknowledged that they knew nothing of the apparent plot until police noticed the Jewish men acting suspiciously in the Arab neighborhood just before dawn April 29.

Israeli human-rights groups say Jewish vigilantes have been responsible for the deaths of about a dozen Palestinians, a small percentage of the more than 1,500 Palestinians killed since their uprising for independence began more than 19 months ago.

Netanyahu implicitly, when he affirmed his lukewarm support for the Oslo peace process several years ago, and Sharon explicitly, when he said twice last year he would support a Palestinian state, albeit on his own very limited terms.

However, Netanyahu, who was

voiced out of office in 1999, subsequently renounced Oslo and the creation of a Palestinian state. Sharon, who took office last year, accepted the idea in principle — although the state he has in mind falls well short of the Palestinians' minimum territorial demands.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, and Likud Party Chairman Tzachi Hanegby, center, and former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pause during a Likud Party conference in Tel-Aviv Sunday.

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You don't think of swingers as being the type of people who hold conventions. By "swingers," I mean couples who swing with other couples. By "swing," I mean, "you know exactly what I mean."

But my point is that you (and by "you," I mean "I") don't think of swingers as being big convention-goers. You think of them as hanging out at private parties, or exclusive swinger nightclubs, or secluded motels, or the Clinton White House. You don't picture swingers walking around large convention hotels wearing name badges and attending seminars, like executives in the food industry.

But it turns out that swingers do hold conventions. I know this because I went to one recently, at the Radisson Deauville hotel in Miami Beach. I was accompanied by my wife and a guy named Wally, who's in the insurance business.

This was not as kinky as it sounds. Wally had been the highest bidder in a charity auction for a lunch with me. He assumed we would be going to a normal restaurant where everybody would be wearing clothes. But when I suggested to him that we could use the lunch as an opportunity to investigate — for journalism purposes — the swingers' convention, he readily agreed to the very real risk that we might see people, including women, wearing skimpy or nonexistent outfits. That is the kind of sacrifice some guys are willing to make to tell the world.

When Wally, my wife and I got to the swingers' hotel, we stopped off at the registration desk and picked up a copy of the illustrated convention guide, which I personally would have killed for when I was in fifth grade. It listed the various seminars, including "The Benefits and Mechanics of Long-Term Polyamory" and "Basic Forelift Maintenance."

I am of course kidding about that last one, but I am not kidding when I say that this entire hotel had been taken over by swingers, hundreds of them. You could tell they were all swingers because they were all wearing convention wristbands. In some cases, the wristband was the largest garment they were wearing. These were people of all ages and body types. Some had obviously spent a lot of time at the fitness club; whereas others appeared to have recently taken a fitness class.

We had lunch at a table looking out on the pool area. Our conversation consisted almost entirely of us talking turns saying "Ohmigod look at that." We tried to be cool about it, but it is not easy to look cool when you're checking a spoonful of soup in your car because your head has just whirled sideways so your eyeballs could keep track of a passing thong.

The thing appears to be a major weapon in the swinger's fashion arsenal. This is not necessarily a good thing. When you see a portly middle-aged man who has more body hair than a musk ox and (I bear) a tattoo of Elvis on his right buttocks check stroll past wearing essentially a No. 8 rubber band, you begin to think that maybe it's time Congress enacted strict Federal Thong Control.

Attire aside, most of the swingers seemed to be regular people. In fact, according to a story about the convention in The Miami Herald, the two most-common professions for swingers are police officer and teacher. This stunned me, especially the teachers. I mean, remember when you were a kid, and you were shocked whenever you saw a teacher at, say, the supermarket, because you didn't think of teachers as having any existence outside of school, or even necessarily as being food-eating life forms? Well, imagine if you encountered your trigonometry teacher wearing a garment that left absolutely nothing to the imagination regarding the cosine or the hypotenuse.

I think that, as parents, we should be concerned about the fact this type of industry is being employed in our schools. Maybe we should notify the police.

No, wait.

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HUMOR
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Cancer patients wage uphill battle with nutrition

By Steve Crump
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — You're nauseated most-of-the-time, you have sores in your mouth and everything you eat seems to have a metallic taste.

Worse, you're losing weight, strength and muscle mass just when you need them most.

It can be an unappetizing business, fighting cancer. "You need all the resources you can get to fight cancer," said April Bruns, a registered dietitian at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"Well-balanced nutrition is essential, just at a time when many cancer patients don't feel much like eating."

Although nausea is a common side-effect of radiation and some chemotherapy drugs, even cancer patients who manage keep their appetites have an increased need for calories. It's this superheated demand for nutrition, and often not the disease process itself, that's responsible for the fact that so many cancer patients look like wasted shadows of their former selves.

"How a cancer patient deals with nutrition can have an important effect on their outcome," said Andy Hall, a clinical social worker at the Mountain States Tumor Institute's Twin Falls clinic. "Part of my job is telling them what to expect."

Not every cancer patient is going to get sick to his or her stomach, Hall says, or have mouth sores and a metallic taste in the mouth. It all depends on the type of cancer and the course and duration of treatment.

And even those patients who do get nauseated likely won't stay that way once a particular course of radiation or chemotherapy is finished.

"I guess the best advice is to get the nutrition you need the way that works best for you," Bruns said. "Small meals seem to work better."

Protein intake is often the first casualty of a cancer diagnosis, and protein is exactly what's needed to preserve muscle mass, Bruns said.

"If meat doesn't seem palatable, you can try fish, chicken or eggs, and if that doesn't work, the commercial supplements like Ensure can offer the calories and protein you need."

Cancer patients should not make food the enemy, no matter how unappetizing it may seem at times. "Malnutrition is a major cause of illness and death in cancer patients," according to the National Cancer Institute.

Too little food can cause weakness and exhaustion and make the cancer patient more suscep-



April Bruns counsels cancer patients on chemotherapy on the proper way to eat during therapy.

tible to infection and less able to tolerate treatment, the institute reports.

"We see a curious loss of appetite in people with malignancies," Dr. William H. Pogue, an oncologist in New Britain, Conn., told the Hartford Courant. In most cases, the appetite loss has no obvious physical link.

While cancers of the stomach, esophagus and intestines can make eating difficult, oftentimes those tumors have little effect on swallowing and digestion. Still, according to Pogue, patients with these cancers don't seem to eat much.

Donna Weihofer, a registered dietitian at a cancer center in Madison, Wis., and the author of "The Cancer Survival Handbook" (John Wiley, \$16.95), says cancer patients need to "make peace with fat."

That's because fat has more than twice the calories of protein and carbohydrates, and is available in beneficial forms such as omega-3 fats in salmon and the monounsaturated fats in olive oil, she told the Hartford Courant.

"Eat when you can and give yourself permission to try different things," Bruns said. "If ice cream tastes good to you, that's OK."

— The Hartford, Conn., Courant contributed to this report

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Recipes cancer patients might find helpful

The Hartford Courant

Nutritionist Donna Weihofer, has created a colorful Corn and Bean Salad with Lime Dressing, reprinted from her book, "Mom's Updated Recipe Box" (Adams Media, \$12.95). She also serves the salad, minus the lime dressing, mixed with salsa and cooked chicken.

CORN AND BEAN SALAD WITH LIME DRESSING
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1/2 cup lime juice
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

(This salad recipe is reprinted from Weihofer's "The Cancer Survival Cookbook.")
GREEN BEAN AND TOASTED ALMOND SALAD
1 pound fresh green beans, rinsed and cut into 2-inch pieces
1 cup sliced scallions or 1/2 of a red onion, chopped
1/4 of a red bell pepper, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced

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1 teaspoon cumin
2 large garlic clove, minced
1 11-ounce can niblet corn, drained
1 15-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 15-ounce can navy beans, drained and rinsed
1/2 cup chopped red onions
1 medium red bell pepper, diced
1 medium green pepper, diced
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
2 tablespoons chopped fresh

1/4 cup olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup chopped toasted almonds
Blanch green beans in boiling salted water until crisp tender; drain. In a medium bowl, combine the green beans, scallions

This chili recipe is one of the favorites among Macklin's patients.

EASY CHILI
1 pound ground beef
2 cups fresh jalapeno peppers, minced (optional)
In a large heavy soup pot, brown meat and onion; drain well. Season with salt and pepper. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, kid-

ney beans, chili powder, cumin, oregano and jalapenos. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for about 30 minutes. Serves 6. Note: For a thinner chili, substitute a large 15-ounce can of tomato juice for the 15-ounce can of tomatoes and 8-ounce can of tomato sauce.

or red onion, pepper and garlic. Drizzle olive oil over vegetables and toss. Add lemon juice, vinegar, pepper and salt, and toss gently to mix. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Before serving, sprinkle with toasted almonds. Makes 4 servings.

Note: To add more calories, toss 2 boiled, sliced potatoes in the salad before refrigerating.

Please see RECIPES, Page B2

Report: Baseball leagues should limit pitches

Youth baseball leagues should limit the number of pitches to help pitchers avoid serious injury, according to a report in Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise, the American College of Sports Medicine journal.

As it is, about half of 9- to 12-year-old pitchers feel pain after the game, said researchers, who tracked 298 pitchers over two years in Birmingham, Ala. Those who threw more than 75 pitches a game were more likely to complain of pain in the shoulder or elbow.

The report's author, epidemiologist Stephen Lyman, said elbow pain could signal a more severe problem, such as damage to growth plates of the bone; shoulder pain may indicate muscle injury.

Split-finger pitches such as sinkers tended to be associated with a 70 percent higher risk of elbow pain; researchers encouraged more change-ups, which had a 73 percent lower risk of elbow pain among 11- and 12-year-olds.

Smoke out

A drug used to help people

Health notes

quit smoking may be especially beneficial in preventing former women smokers from backsliding, a new study shows.

The authors of the study, representing nine institutions in six states, were concerned about some recent findings: Women who try to quit are often more likely than men to resume smoking when using nicotine replacement therapies such as gums and patches.

So the scientists decided to explore the differences between the sexes using the drug bupropion — which is marketed as the anti-smoking aid Zyban, and also as the antidepressant Wellbutrin.

Almost 800 smokers were treated with bupropion for seven weeks, the researchers report this month in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Straight B's

High dietary folate has been found to decrease the risk of stroke, according to a new study

in the journal Stroke. Researchers found that people who consumed at least 300 micrograms of folate daily had a 20 percent lower risk of stroke and a 12 percent reduced risk of cardiovascular disease compared with those who consumed less than 136 micrograms of folate.

Folate, also known as vitamin B₉, is found in citrus fruits, tomatoes and leafy green vegetables such as spinach and romaine lettuce, as well as in pinto, navy and kidney beans.

Since 1998, wheat flour in the United States has been fortified with folic acid, a synthetic form of folate, which adds about 100 micrograms to the average daily diet.

Certain breakfast cereals contain 400 micrograms of folic acid per serving.

A glass of orange juice and a cut of rare spinach contain about 100 each.

Folate is destroyed in boiling water, so steaming or stir-frying vegetables is considered preferable.

— compiled from wire service reports

Expand fabric possibilities

Some unusual fabrics are now on the market. They're worth knowing about, but may have to be mail-ordered if you can't find them locally.

Remember oldcloth? There was, a time when oldcloth covered every kitchen table in the neighborhood. Now-it's back — and improved. According to the latest Nancy's Notions Catalog, it's lighter in weight and more supple, but water resistant as always. To sew it, use a Teflon foot and monofilament nylon thread.

Chalkboard fabric is both durable and sewable. You can write on it with chalk or fabric markers, and wipe clean with a sponge. The green color is \$6.95 for an 18-inch-by-47-inch sheet, and the black is \$9.95 per yard, also 47 inches wide. Think of the possibilities for kids' games or activity books, a family bulletin board or a portable chalkboard. The catalog offers several fun kits using this fabric.

For the above items, call 800-833-0690 anytime and ask for the free Nancy's Notions Catalog.

Did you know you can buy anti-tarnish "silver cloths" to make storage bags or covers for silver flatware and serving pieces? It's a



SEWING
Barbara Gash

cotton flannel that's been treated to block harmful tarnish-causing elements in the air. It retail stores, it's about \$8.95 per yard.

This sounds like magic: New color-changing fabrics are one-color indoors and another outdoors — that is, yellow changes to orange, turquoise to blue, peach to wine, etc. It's made in a variety of weights and textures. The fabrics are being used in ready-to-wear, but SolarActive International, Inc., is developing yardage for the home sewers, too. Contact SolarActive at 18740 Oxnard St., No. 315, Tarzana, Calif. 91356 for more information.

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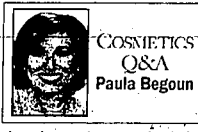
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HEALTH & FASHION

Warm up slowly to Warm Cream

DEAR PAULA: I read about a product called Warm Cream that was created by Harvard-biologist Eric T. Fossel. It contains L-arginine, a natural amino acid that, when absorbed by the body, turns into nitric oxide, which increases blood flow. This process is supposed to warm cold hands and feet by several degrees. If this really works it would be a real boost to those of us upstate New York where it is beyond cold. I went on the Web site for this product at www.warmcream.com and the whole story is spelled out. It sounds pretty convincing. What do you think?



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

than about an hour or so but it the perception of warmth lasting for several hours more was reported.

It is interesting to note that L-arginine has been used for some time in creams claiming to be the female version of Viagra. When these "orgasm enhancing" creams containing L-arginine are applied to the clitoris, they are supposed to cause a surge of circulation and warmth to that area, which is meant to enhance sexual pleasure. There is no research substantiating that claim, but it does seem to be true that it can cause that area to feel "warmer" and increase blood flow, supposedly necessary for a woman to achieve orgasm.

I think it is safe to say that most people will experience their skin feeling several degrees warmer. The only concern I have is that nitric oxide is an oxide and most likely has the effect of generating some amount of free radical damage. That's probably not best for skin in the long term, but there is the research showing the risks of long term use. By the way nitric oxide (NO) is not the same thing as nitrous oxide (N₂O), also referred to as "laughing gas" used at dentists office to relieve pain.

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DEAR KAREN: Dr. Eric Fossel is the patent holder for the formulation in the product Warm Cream that combines L-arginine with salt. It is the salt that supposedly allows L-arginine to be permeable into the skin. However, Warm Cream is not the only product to contain L-arginine but I'll get to that in a minute.

Let's first start with the claim around Warm Cream's ability to warm up the skin. L-arginine is indeed an amino acid found in most dietary proteins and is necessary for many human biological processes, particularly those involving blood flow. Whether through digestion or applied topically, there is a good deal of research demonstrating that L-arginine generates the production of nitric oxide, which in turn causes vasodilation, an enlarging of the blood vessels. This vasodilation creates a surge of blood that warms up the area where it has been applied. The effect is transient, and according to Fossel's research it can't overheat the body or overextend the blood vessels. Fossel's data indicates that the effect lasts for no longer

St. Benedicts will hold Health Fair

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome will hold its annual Health-Fair on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hours are 9-3:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure checks will be offered, along with vision screenings; breast exams by appointment, and a continental breakfast. A blood screening to check cholesterol, triglycerides and calcium will be offered for \$10, and for \$5 men can get a prostate test (a 10-hour fast is recommended for blood screenings). Also available will be reduced-fee mammography screening coupons.

St. Ben's is located at 709 N. Lincoln Ave.

To do for you

Head, Wear a Helmet," with South Central District Health Department and the Kimberly Police Department. The event will be held from 12:30-3 p.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly High School, 141 Center W.

Each participant will receive a free inspection of their helmet and will complete the safety obstacle course for a certificate.

For more information, call 737-2430.

Pre-teen matters

"Can We Talk?" a two-part series for parents of 10-13 year olds, will be held Tuesday and May 21 at the Women's Health and Imaging Services, 224 Martin St., Twin Falls.

The first session will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, and will include a discussion of self-esteem and peer pressure.

The second series will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 21. Topics will include puberty, sexuality and mixed messages.

Cost is \$10 per session. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

Infant CPR

Infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

Topics will include child safety, choking and prevention of injury. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend.

Preregistration is not required for more information, call 737-2900.

Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an

Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

Prostate cancer

Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Luke's MSTI Twin Falls Cancer Center reception area.

The ongoing group is open to prostate cancer survivors or patients and their families, friends and caregivers.

For more information, call Andy Hall at 737-2800.

C-section education

Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

The class will include information on cesarean deliveries, post-partum care, hospital procedures and non-conforming labor.

Cost is \$15. Preregistration is not required. For more information or to register, call 737-2900.

Safe kids

Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition will sponsor a bike and pedestrian rodeo, "Use Your Head, Wear a Helmet," with South Central District Health Department and the Twin Falls Police Department.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls High School, 1515 Filer Ave. E.

Each participant will receive a free inspection of their helmet and can complete the safety obstacle course for a certificate.

For more information, call 737-2430.

Baby-sitter training

Participants should bring a sack lunch.

Topics will include basic behavior, nutrition, first-aid practice, prevention of injury and burns, handling a crisis and understanding the responsibility of child care.

CPR certification is a prerequisite for the baby-sitter program. CPR classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the doctors' meeting room next to the hospital cafeteria, 6:30 p.m. May 21 in the Sage Room of 4-7 p.m. May 24 in the doctor's meeting room.

Cost for the two classes combined is \$20.

Preregistration is required. To register, call Stacy Miller at 737-2007.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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Studies: Laughter gives heart workout

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Laugh your way to peace?

Yes, say the believers. Laugh, they claim, and you may live longer. Laugh and you may boost your immune system.

And what if the whole world learned to lighten up? "It may take 1,000 years, but we hope to see world peace through laughter," declares Steve Wilson, the country's leading "joyologist."

Officially, this means Wilson is a man who dedicates his life to the pursuit of joy. He is a physician, lawyer and is the triumph in his big of healing tobs.

"Laughter prevents hardening of the arteries, a vital step toward the goal of peace," he says.

In the United States, more than 500 laughter clubs exist. Many laugh-club members find themselves transformed into children again, and why not. The average preschooler laughs up to 400 times a day. The average adult laughs seven to 15 times a day.

Observing a laugh club in India, Wilson sensed the potency of a gaggle of beaming adults coming together, making eye contact and laughing as an aerobic workout. Perhaps the most startling detail of the laugh club is the price. In this world of often-expensive New Age improvements, these chuckles come free.

Free of humor, too, which is subjective - and potentially offensive. Laughter clubs are fueled by unbridled chorles in a

format as disciplined as a yoga classroom, but far more fun.

Laughing became a formal discipline in India, where family physician Dr. Madan Kataria invited five of his patients into a city park to experiment with the healing qualities of laughter. The effect on the patients' spirits and health was striking, and in 1995, Kataria founded laughter as a form of yoga.

Known as the Guru of Giggles, Kataria's influence on the movement is profound. In Seattle, a Harborview Medical Center employee brought laughter back to Washington state last summer after attending a laughing group in India. Nearly every laugh leader carries a copy of Kataria's book "Laugh For No Reason."

Recipes

Continued from B1

This is the basic milkshake recipe that Laura Macklin, an oncology dietitian at New Britain, Conn., General Hospital, gives to patients. To make a strawberry milkshake, she used vanilla ice cream, although strawberry ice cream could be substituted, and fresh strawberries and their juice.

FRUIT AND CREAM MILKSHAKES

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt
- 1 cup canned fruit, including juice
- Almond or vanilla extract to taste
- Blend ingredients in a blender and chill well before serving. Serving size: 1-1 1/2 cups.

BROCCOLI AND CHEESE SOUP

- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1/2 of an onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup flour
- 3 ounces chicken soup base
- 4 cups water
- 4 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 pound frozen chopped broccoli
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Melt margarine in a large soup pot. Add onions and saute until tender. Add flour, stir until well blended and cook for 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in chicken base, then add water and milk, stirring constantly.
- Reduce heat to low and cook until thickened, stirring often. Add cheese, and stir until cheese has melted.
- Steam broccoli until tender. Add to soup mixture and heat through. Makes about 5 servings.

ENGAGEMENTS

BURT-WEEKS

JEROME — Dave and Maurine Burt of Fruitland announce the engagement of their daughter, Tania Jo Burt, to Monte Paul Weeks, son of Becky Weeks of Jerome.

Burt graduated from Fruitland High School and attended North Idaho College. She is employed by Ameritus Int'l Corp.

Weeks graduated from Jerome High School and served in the Houston Texas Mission.

He is attending Boise State University. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Boise Temple. An open house will be held for the couple May 25 in Fruitland.



Monte Weeks and Tania Burt

Also, an open house will be held June 7 in Jerome. The couple will reside in Boise.



Amy Sederholm and David Young

SEDERHOLM-YOUNG

RUPERT — Glen and Carla Sederholm of Ogden, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Sederholm, to David Young, son of Steven D. and Maria Young of Rupert. Sederholm is a graduate of Ogden High School, and has attended one year at Utah State University.

Young is a junior at Utah State University, majoring in marketing. He served in the Canadian Toronto East Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday in the Beautiful LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Young residence, 230 E. 500 N., Rupert.

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MAY 18	MAY 19
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More people seek a whiter smile

The Orange County Register

Call it the Hollywood influence. Tom Cruise's perfect pearly whites. Cameron Diaz's megawatt grin.

The quest for gleaming white teeth has never been more intense and the choices more plentiful as people equate pristine choppers with good health, attractiveness and youth.

Teeth whitening/bleaching in the United States has increased by more than 300 percent in the past five years, according to the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Numerous brands of toothpastes and home bleaching kits jostle for attention on store shelves. Why choose a plain toothpaste when another brand can multitask—remove stains while preventing tartar buildup, capillaries and bad breath? Home bleaching kits beckon to do-it-yourselfers who may not want the expense of dentist visits.

The new Crest Tooth Whitening strips are bleaching gel strips applied twice a day for several consecutive days.

In-office bleaching can be accelerated with the help of special lights at some dentists' offices. This includes treatments such as BriteSmile, and more recently, Zoom!

Some products and treatments have been shown in studies to help whiten teeth, while others could use more long-term research, said Wynn Okuda, president-elect of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Here, a look at some choices in teeth-whitening treatments, based on interviews with Okuda, Richard Price, consumer adviser for the American Dental Association and Denise Habjan, a spokeswoman for the Orange County (Calif.) Dental Society.

Whitening toothpastes

How they work: They remove surface stains through mild abrasives. Some toothpastes have special chemical or polishing agents that provide additional stain-removal effectiveness. Regular use of effective toothpaste can help maintain mild whitening effects. Price: \$5-\$12

Advantages: Easy to use. The least expensive of all whitening methods.

Disadvantages: They don't alter the intrinsic color of teeth or remove internal discoloration of the teeth. Limited whitening

What you need to know

Tooth whitening/bleaching is a popular cosmetic dentistry trend. But it is not for everyone. Here, you need to know before trying to whiten your teeth:

Q. What's the first step before considering a whitening treatment or product?

A. See your dentist first to get the green light. Whitening must be done only on a set of healthy teeth with healthy gums. The ingredients in the whitening products may seep into cavities and irritate your teeth pulp, or exacerbate gum disease.

Q. Does tooth whitening work on caps, crowns, veneers and dentures?

A. No, whitening works only on natural teeth.

Q. I have a combination of crowns or caps and natural teeth. What happens if I use over-the-counter bleaching kits?

A. Your natural teeth may become whiter but may no longer match the color of the crowns and caps.

Q. What causes teeth to darken or change color?

A. It's a combination of many factors. We are born with a tooth color, and it may be more yellow or gray than white. Our teeth naturally change color as we age. But foods and beverages

can affect the color. Coffee, tea, red wine and tobacco use can stain teeth.

Q. Why can't these stains be removed by brushing with toothpaste?

A. Some toothpastes can remove superficial stains, but discoloration inside the teeth can be removed only by bleaching products.

Q. Will bleaching permanently erode my teeth's enamel?

A. Done correctly by a dentist or using appropriate products under a dentist's supervision, bleaching should not damage your teeth's enamel.

Q. How long do results last?

A. It varies from one person to the next, depending on the natural aging of your teeth, your natural teeth color, foods and beverages you consume and whether you use tobacco.

Generally, the tougher the stains, the longer the bleaching treatment. But retouching of bleached teeth generally is easier than the initial treatment.

Q. Are there any products that evaluate these products and treatments?

A. The American Dental Association has a Seal of Acceptance program that evaluates whitening/bleaching products and their claims. Not all manufacturers submit their whitening/bleaching products for the association's scrutiny. When products do not

have the Seal of Acceptance, it may mean that they were not submitted by the manufacturer for examination or they did not meet the ADA program's standards.

Q. What should I consider when choosing a dentist to whiten my teeth?

A. Ask or find out from prospective dentists about their experience, credentials and continuing education in cosmetic dentistry. Express any concerns you have about your teeth. Expect the dentist to thoroughly examine your teeth and gums to find out if there are problems before whitening your teeth. Observe the overall atmosphere and cleanliness of the office and if there are up-to-date equipment and furnishings.

Q. Where can I get more information on dentists and teeth whitening/bleaching?

A. Go to the following: American Dental Association: <http://www.ada.org/> or send e-mail to publicinfo@ADA.org American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry: <http://www.aacd.com/> or call (800) 543-9220

—Source: The Orange County Register

Whitening strips

How they work: One-time-use translucent plastic strips with bleaching gel are placed to conform to teeth and left there for 30 minutes, twice a day.

Price: \$45-\$45

Advantages: May be easier to use than bleaching kits with one-size-fits-all tray. Has a money-back guarantee for a limited period.

Disadvantages: Most expensive among over-the-counter bleaching products. Strips sometimes peel off, especially in people with a lot of saliva. Can cause temporary teeth sensitivity.

Comments: It may address the problems with store-bought bleaching kits, but we don't know if it's effective. Asking people to do this 30 minutes twice a day may lead to poor patient compliance.

In-office bleaching

How it works: Dentist "paints" bleaching gel on teeth. Patient wears protective eyegear. A treatment called Zoom! uses UV light. Another treatment, BriteSmile,

uses gas plasma light that activates gel ingredients. Dentist directs light at the teeth. Teeth can become whiter in an hour, excluding preparation time.

Price: \$50-\$600

Advantages: More convenient compared with standard in-office bleaching.

Disadvantages: Appears to be effective, but some dentists want to see peer-reviewed and published long-term studies on safety. Can cause temporary teeth sensitivity. Zoom! is not recommended for people with light sensitivity or medication and those using light-sensitive drugs or substances. Longest safety and effectiveness studies on BriteSmile have lasted two years.

Comments: Manufacturers of the treatments say this procedure is safe. Okuda said he prefers to stick to standard in-office bleaching because it has had adequate studies on safety and effectiveness. Price and Habjan said they recommend only whitening and bleaching products that have the ADA seal of acceptance.

Aging: Some resist it, others choose not to

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

What's wrong with wrinkles? What's so bad about looking like you've laughed at yourself, cried over disappointments and grinned yourself silly at your kids' antics?

What's so tragic about looking like you've lived a life inside your dermatologist's office?

Plenty, evidently, judging by the hoopla over Botox, the hottest wrinkle fighter in our beauty-driven universe.

In a case you missed last week's news flash, the Food and Drug Administration officially approved Botox as a cosmetic treatment. Briefly put, needles in your face give you a shot at instant youth. Temporarily, that is, and at a cost about \$400.

Expect to see a flood of advertisements offering to unline your lines, as if wrinkles ranked somewhere near death in desirability.

But for a moment, let's consider why we want to smooth the rough edges of our lives — physically and literally.

Are we so consumed with the package we no longer care what's inside? And if we lose our wrinkles, have we lost something else along the way?

Picture such remarkable visages as Mother Teresa, Walter Cronkite, Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Morgan Freeman. All noteworthy for their accomplishments, not their wrinkles.

"It's hard to imagine some people without their wrinkles. It's part of who they are," says Sheila Jaffe, 59, of Boca Raton, Fla.

As a past president of the South Palm Beach County chapter of the National Organization for Women, Jaffe knows legions of remarkable women. Among them is the late Alice Coane, a longtime South Florida activist.

A few days before Coane's death last month, she helped plan a women's conference in between playing in a golf tournament. Coane was 78 and, yes, she had wrinkles.

"She was my role model and an activist till the day she died," Jaffe says. "We all loved her — wrinkles and all."

Understand, of course, that many, opting for Botox say there's nothing wrong with wrinkles.

Except on them.

"For some people, it adds a good new, life-of-character," says Darrell Granger, 38, an attorney. "They're more interesting to look at, like Harrison Ford. He gets better with time. But other people just look old."

Granger doesn't want to be in the latter category. So he gets Botox treatments regularly. "It does for me," Granger says. "I want to look my best."

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QUESTION: After my mother's funeral, several of my brothers and sisters went back to her home and began dividing up her personal effects, essentially taking what they wanted. Is this right?

Dennis S. Voorhees

Right or wrong, this is an all-too-common event. Fortunately, the law provides a simple set of rules and options to prevent what often becomes a free-for-all.

Ideally, mother would have designated an executor by will or authority by trust to step in and provide for an orderly disposition of assets.

Strictly speaking, only an executor (in the case of a will) has the authority to effect a transfer in property ownership. The take-chance brother or sister has no right to parcel out property at a parent's demise unless so empowered by court order or trust provisions.

Unsettled family quarrels and resentments can be avoided if mother has designated a responsible executor or trustee to step in immediately and advise all concerned that property will be divided according to law, not helter-skelter.

More to the point, Idaho law allows use of a personal property statement in conjunction with a will. The statement must be referred to by a will, be in the handwriting of or signed by the will maker, and direct who shall receive what items of tangible personal property. The statement may not be used for real estate, business property, securities, or money. In this manner, mother can stop the quarrel before it begins.

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Decode clothing labels

Dry-cleaning isn't always the only way

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The sweater is 100 percent cotton, but the label labels say to dry-clean. Should you follow instructions, or try to save yourself a costly dry-cleaning bill?

Throwing that sweater in the washing machine is probably worth the risk: Studies show that up to 30 percent of garment-care labels are more conservative than necessary — meaning, the instructions say to dry-clean when the item would come through the washer without harm. That's been the finding of Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports magazine, in several tests of clothing-care instructions.

The Federal Trade Commission requires clothing manufacturers to provide one method of safe care for a garment. But that makes some labels misleading. A shirt that says "dry-clean" may be hand-washable. A "dry-clean only" label means dry cleaning is the only safe method.

"Many of us in the testing end feel manufacturers are trying to protect themselves," said Pat Slaven, a textiles expert for Consumers Union. If a consumer does not follow care-label instructions, the manufacturer is not responsible for damage.

But Jane Rising of the International Fabricare Institute said consumers should assume manufacturers are providing what they believe to be the best method of care. "I don't think most consumers can recognize the difference between crepe silk and a standard plain-weave silk fabric," said Rising, manager of training and instruction for the garment-cleaning industry's trade group. "The plain weave could go through hand-washing successfully. But crepe, if you wash it, it shrinks."

Even cotton can be unpredictable, Rising said. "It could be that the color would bleed (in the wash), or there could be other components you don't see — shoulder pads that could be damaged by water." Still, Rising acknowledged that some labels just don't make sense. A men's

Dry-cleaning tips

- Ask to see some of their work, especially a white shirt or something with a vivid color.
 - Ask if garments are cleaned on-site. Employees at an in-store cleaner may be more knowledgeable, and you may be able to speak directly to the person cleaning your clothes.
 - Request that delicate buttons or trim be covered during cleaning, or some cleaners automatically take precautions, others don't.
 - If you're concerned about the environmental hazard of dry cleaning or don't like the smell, try a Green Earth cleaner. This more environmentally friendly system is used by Premier Cleaners, with five locations including Egan, and Woodbury. The cost is slightly higher, but the clothes come out soft and odor-free.
- Source: Saint Paul Pioneer Press

The home test

Hoping to save money by dry cleaning at home with a do-it-yourself kit? Bad news: It won't take the place of professional cleaning. In tests by the International Fabricare Institute and Consumer Reports, the home kits were found to remove odors and some light stains — but nothing more. The kits, which start around \$10 for four uses, did not remove dirt, body oils or difficult stains like makeup or ink. The kits "can extend time between cleanings," said Pat Slaven of Consumer Reports. "But if something is dirty, you need to take it to the cleaners."

100 percent cotton dress shirt will probably say "machine wash warm, tumble dry low, cool iron if necessary."

"There's nothing wrong with that label," Rising said. "But would you wear that shirt? Probably not." A cool iron is not going to smooth out the wrinkles, she explained.

A garment made from more than one kind of fabric might say to clean the leather portion by leather methods and the fabric portion by fabric methods. There are dresses on store racks today with care labels that say: "Do not wash, do not dry-clean, take to laundry expert."

"What do you do? Don't buy it," Rising said.

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WHAT IF I AM DIAGNOSED WITH COLORECTAL CANCER?

If you are diagnosed with CRC, surgery is generally required to remove the affected portion of the large intestine. The type of surgery and follow-up treatment will depend on how far advanced the cancer is, in the past, a colostomy was usually performed. However, new surgical techniques can eliminate the need for colostomy in many patients.

HOW CAN COLORECTAL CANCER BE PREVENTED?

While the statistics are alarming there is good news. Colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable cancers and when detected early, it is often curable. There is no way to completely eliminate the risk of developing CRC. That is why screening is so important. However, there is evidence that you can reduce your chance of getting CRC by choosing a basically healthy lifestyle.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Cancer survivors have new option in prosthetic breasts

Knight Ridder News Service

GEORGETOWN, Ky.—For Terry and Frances Ferguson, it was a memorably grim day. Frances, recently recovered from a "single" mastectomy in September 2000, had decided against breast reconstructive surgery.

That meant a shopping trip that more than 30,000 American women make each year: to select a mastectomy breast form.

The Fergusons were overwhelmed by the options — mostly heavy gel breast shapes that could bolster a bra, but didn't come close to filling the void of a disappeared breast.

Terry Ferguson turned to Frances and said: "Honey, let's go home. I can make a better wheel."

Today, Ferguson thinks he has created an option for other breast-cancer survivors: an attachable, realistic-looking prosthetic breast made of silicone foam. It's custom made in mirror image of a woman's existing breast and weighs about half as much as a traditional silicone gel breast form.

"Terry was determined," Frances said. "He knew he could do something to make my life better. He is my hero."

Ferguson's creation was born in 3 a.m. tinkering just steps from the couple's Georgetown bedroom, in an 8-by-10 workshop next to the water heater, where the 55-year-old retired orthodontist brewed mysterious test compounds in crock pots, curing them in disposable plastic cups.

Instead of wrenches and drills, his workshop features disembodied breasts, which protrude from the wall and peek from boxes and bags. Friends of the Fergusons' teenage son aren't the only ones who find this a bit surreal.

Frances became the first guinea pig for Terry's creation, now called the Radiant Image — a breast prosthesis created from a plaster cast of Frances' own remaining breast and surgical scar.

Made of silicone foam, it's customized to fit against the chest wall and surgical scar and can be attached with adhesive. "It's just like the pieces of a puzzle," said Frances, 48. "It feels like a part of your body."

She was amazed. "It's overwhelming when you look at yourself," Frances said. "You're thrilled to death that you're alive. You're glad you have another day. But this pros-

Unlike traditional breast forms, which usually are worn in the pocket of a mastectomy bra, the prosthesis can be worn with a regular bra or swimwear — or even with nothing at all.

thesis allows you to catch a glimpse of yourself in a normal state."

Unlike traditional breast forms, which usually are worn in the pocket of a mastectomy bra, the prosthesis can be worn with a regular bra or swimwear — or even with nothing at all.

Frances can vouch for this: She tested it herself during a 14-hour 100-degree day at Disney World. She tucked in her shirt, just in case, but it wasn't necessary.

At the end of the day, the prosthesis is taken off and rinsed — a process that Frances says takes no longer than caring for contact lenses.

"I think it's dramatically different," said Dr. Patrick McGrath, a cancer-surgery expert at the University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Center and director of UK's Comprehensive Breast Care Center. "It gets away from the one-size-fits-all idea. It's the best alternative there is to reconstructive surgery."

McGrath said that though there are many types of breast forms on the market, few are attachable, or try to mimic an existing breast.

"It's sort of been a neglected area for years," he said. "The concept is so simple, and it makes so much sense."

McGrath saw the prosthesis during development and recently attended a presentation about the prosthesis.

Out of thousands of patients he has seen over the years, only one, a small-breasted patient, was using an attachable prosthesis — one that employed velcro and adhesive.

"They're just not very common," McGrath said of attachable breast prostheses.

About 40 area cancer survivors have worn the prosthesis as part of a clinical trial.

Like those who tested it, every woman who gets the prosthesis will have a custom model from a cast of her chest, and color matched from 14 skin and nipple tones.

First step in treating hair loss is finding the cause

Knight Ridder News Service

Chrome-dome. Cue ball.

The Kojak look.

We aren't as cruel, of course, when it's women who are losing their hair.

But in neither case is the problem funny.

In fact, patients who are losing their hair are probably the most anxious, worried patients that Wichita, Kan., dermatologist Christopher Moeller has.

Women fear they'll lose all their hair. Men see themselves becoming their fathers.

Both can blame their fathers. Or their mothers.

Or the drugs they take, or the medical condition that they go untreated, or the things they do to their hair in the name of fashion.

The good news: In many cases, hair loss can be stopped. In some cases, it can be reversed. The first step is finding the cause.

An average head has 100,000 hairs that grow about one centimeter a month. On average, we lose 100 hairs a day.

Hair has three phases: growing, transition and resting. Most of the hairs on your head — 85 percent to 90 percent — are in the growing stage. A few are in the transition stage. And 10 percent to 15 percent are in the resting stage, which is when they fall out.

Aggressive hair treatments, such as vigorous brushing or shampooing, may hasten the fall-out, but they're hairs that would have fallen out anyway, Moeller said.

A gradual thinning of hair is a normal part of aging.

"Women often comment on that: 'I don't have to shave my legs like I used to.' In men, the old joke is, 'I lose hair where I want it and I grow hair where I don't want it,'" Moeller said.

The hair shaft becomes finer, too, so it looks as if we have even less hair than we do.

Inherited hair loss — androgenic alopecia — is the most common cause of hair loss, and "it can come from either side of your family," Moeller said.

It's what's commonly called male pattern baldness; in women, it shows up as thinning hair. It typically worsens with age.

In men, it generally begins with a receding hairline, followed by hair loss on top of the head, followed by baldness. Women don't bald, but hair on top of the head thins to the point that they say, "When I do my hair now, I can see some of my scalp on top," Moeller said.

Rogaine and its generic versions stop hair loss in 40 percent

to 50 percent of the men who rub it on their scalps, Moeller said. Of those, about 20 percent start growing hair.

Women get even better results — but may experience hair growth on their foreheads as well.

"There seems to be absorption and diffusion-throughout-the-skin," Moeller said.

Rogaine, which started as an oral drug for blood pressure, then became a topical prescription drug, is available over-the-counter in two strengths. The stronger version is for men only, because of the forehead hair in women.

Men also can take Propecia, which in higher doses, under the

name Proscar, is used to treat enlarged prostate glands. Propecia is taken orally, and 50 percent of those who take it for six months will grow new hair, Moeller said.

"I'm not talking about little peach fuzz," he said. "I'm talking about combable. There are some dramatic results."

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Vaccine panel urges flu shots for babies

Knight Ridder News Service

Babies could start getting flu shots next season if doctors and parents follow new advice from a federal immunization panel.

Because infants are at high risk for serious sickness and hospitalization from influenza, the panel is encouraging flu shots for children between the ages of 6 months and 23 months.

Until now, the shots were recommended only for those over 6 months who had chronic illnesses such as asthma and diabetes, which put them at greater risk.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, which sets vaccination guidelines for the country, stopped short of making a full-blown "recommendation" that all young children get flu shots — a designation that would better guarantee that doctors give the shots and insurance companies pay for them.

The panel instead said flu shots should be "encouraged" for healthy babies and toddlers. The committee plans to move toward the stronger recommendation over the next few years.

The panel, which advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, updated its thinking on flu shots for children after a review of research data. While it is well-known that deaths from complications of the flu are most common among the elderly, young children also are at high risk for hospitalization.

Some research has shown that infants are just as likely as the elderly to be hospitalized with flu complications, although older people are far more likely to die. An estimated 20,000 Americans die each year from the flu or flu-related pneumonia, the vast

majority of them elderly.

"I think a lot of people don't recognize the impact of flu in young children, and that's true for both parents and a lot of physicians," said Keiji Fukuda, chief of epidemiology in CDC's Influenza Branch.

A case of the flu is often viewed as nothing more than a nuisance, said Paul Offit, chief of infectious diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "but if you ever see a child sick with flu, you wouldn't see it that way."

Flu can cause serious respiratory complications in babies and young children, leading to breathing problems that require hospital care.

"The extra shot may be burdensome, but well worth it," said Offit, a member of the CDC

immunization panel.

Whether parents will embrace the new advice remains to be seen.

Infants and toddlers already face a hefty lineup of shots to protect against measles, mumps, polio, and other infectious diseases, and parents may be reluctant to subject them to more needle sticks. Children getting a flu shot for the first time would need to get two doses, a month apart, for adequate protection.

Doctors, too, may be hesitant to give the shots unless the CDC immunization committee makes an official recommendation. Fukuda said pediatricians might have logistical concerns about handling "the extra number of kids coming in for immunizations over a short period of time."

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Salutatorian



Matthew Beck

Matthew Beck, 3.982 GPA; son of Steven and Melody Beck of Ketchum.



WRHS

Graduation: 7 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2002, at the Wood River High School gymnasium
 Speaker: Two seniors and a teacher
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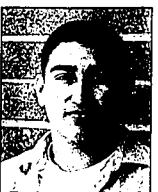
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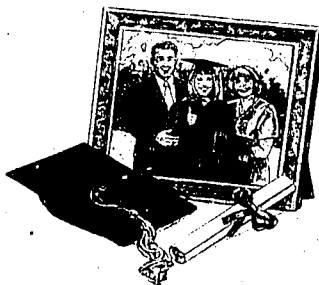


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Jasmine Harris

Jasmine Brook "Laz" Harris, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include Idaho High School Robotics Association, Lady Indians basketball and volleyball, Business Professionals of America and National Honor Society; honors and awards include Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years, Idaho Top

Scholar, Idaho High School Activities Association Outstanding Individual Award, United States National Leadership Merit Award, and First Team All-conference volleyball in 2000 and 2001 and for basketball in 2001 and 2002; daughter of Mark and Shannon Harris of Shoshone.

SHS

Graduation: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2002 at Shoshone High School gymnasium
 Speaker: Idaho State Rep. Tim Ridinger

Class motto: The years in your life are less important than the life in your years.

* Denotes honor students



Salutatorian



Jessica Heiner

Jessica Heiner, 3.75 GPA; daughter of Dennis Heiner of Rupert and Doreen Cunningham of Shoshone.



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Valedictorian



Christopher Wayne Maughan



Kitty Shamee Norman



DHS

Graduation: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at Dietrich High School gymnasium

Speakers: Carol Perron and Alan Blinken

Special memorial: The senior class will dedicate the graduation ceremony in honor of the late Jeff Astle, former Dietrich football coach and member of the community.



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Valedictorian



Cade Norman

Cade Norman, 3.957 GPA; clubs and activities include football, basketball and track, assistant coach for junior high basketball; honors and awards include co-captain of football and basketball teams, Eagle Scout award; favorite subject is math; plans to attend Boise State University and have a career in accounting; son of Jeff and Diane Norman of Richfield.

RHS

Graduation: 7 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2002 at Richfield High School gymnasium.
 Speaker: George Koontz
 Class motto: Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice, it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.



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Salutatorian



Kelsey Firth

Kelsey Firth, 3.94 GPA; daughter of Curtis and Sheryl Firth of Richfield.



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Carey High School Class of 2002

CHS

Graduation: 7 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Carey High School new gymnasium



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Valedictorian



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Tiffany Kimball *



Karen Patterson

Karen Irene Patterson, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include volleyball, basketball, drama club, National Honor Society and student body president; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, Best Serve/Most Points award in volleyball, Nany Math and Science Award, Academic Achievement Award and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of Randy and Julie Patterson of Carey.



Virginia McCann



Ismael Mendoza



Dustin Olsen



Annette Peck *



Amy Rivera



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Mindy Patterson

Mindy Lee Patterson, 3.9 GPA; daughter of Craig and Linda Patterson of Carey.



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Class motto: Our lives are before us, our past is behind us, but our memories are forever with us.

Class gift: Media equipment for the high school library.



Ann Marie Allen



Kamie Kianna Anderson



Katherine Dawn Bernt



Joshua Leo Thomas Burge



Ruben Castro Jr.



Jose L. Cortes

Valedictorians



Hailey Jay Noble

Hailey Jay Noble, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include basketball, volleyball, yearbook, FCCLA and National Honor Society; honors and awards include student body president, Idaho Top Scholar, Voice of Democracy district runner-up, co-editor of the yearbook, 2001-2002 All-Canyon Conference second team volleyball, daughter of Mark and Jerolynn Noble of Glenns Ferry.



Austin J. Crone



Juanita Raye-Nicole Crone



Ellwood C. Crowell III



Enrique Damasco Angel



Cole Martin Darrington



Theodore M. Dillingham



Kiiana L. Zaima

Kiiana L. Zaima, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include yearbook, Business Professionals of America, FCCLA, National Honor Society and volunteer services; honors and awards include National Honor Society president, Idaho Top Scholar, yearbook editor, class secretary and legislative page in the Idaho State Legislature; daughter of Heidi Zaima of Glenns Ferry and Clesson Zaima of Seattle, Wash.



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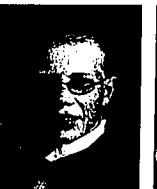
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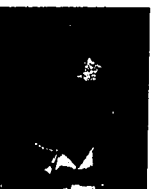
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Nancy Ann Loya
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The Community School Class of 2002

Graduation: 1 p.m. Sunday, June 2, 2002, at the Community School, 181 Dollar Road in Sun Valley

Awards ceremony: 5 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2002 at the school gym

Seniors

Casey Siegel Anderson
Sarah Catherine Bahan
Dustin Boland Blair
Emily Robin Dreyfuss
Lauren Kathleen Drew

Ryan Christopher Drew
Darren Andrus Goldberg
Lee Fowler Gurney
Nicholas David Hanscom
Joshua Michael Kantor
Jonathan Granton Peter Kennedy

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Katherine Jane Matteson
Langely Ross McNeal
Abigail Louise Minford
Chadd Spain Montgomey

Quinn Taylor Orb
Tamara Asia Parten
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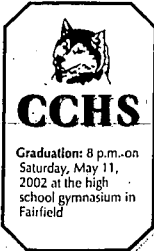
Camas County High School Class of 2002

Valedictorians



Sarah Vouch

Sarah Vouch, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include basketball, volleyball, 4-H Swine Club, snowboarding and ski club and drama; honors and awards include "A" honor roll, Idaho Top Scholar, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students and Academic Athletic Award; daughter of Steve and Janet Vouch of Fairfield.



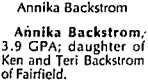
Graduation: 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2002 at the high school gymnasium in Fairfield

Salutatorians



Bethany Rose Engelstad

Bethany Rose Engelstad, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include cheerleading, track, volleyball, Young Life and ski and snowboarding club; honors and awards include Idaho High School Activities Association Interscholastic Star Scholar, School Spirit Award, Idaho Top Scholar, Most Inspirational Award and National Honor Society; daughter of Duane and Char Engelstad of Fairfield.



Annika Backstrom

Annika Backstrom, 3.9 GPA; daughter of Ken and Teri Backstrom of Fairfield.



Rebecca Ann Schiermeier

Rebecca Ann Schiermeier, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include Young Life, student government, drama, volleyball and skiing; honors and awards include 2001 Girl's State delegate, 2001 Idaho Top Scholar, honor roll, School Citizenship Award and Idaho Northside Conference All-Star Volleyball participant; daughter of Don and Kristi Schiermeier of Fairfield.



Sarah Rast

Sarah Rast, 3.9 GPA; daughter of Jeff and Carol Rast of Fairfield.



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Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens one heart after three passes and I respond two diamonds with 10-8-7, ♠ 8-2, ♠ A-Q-9-6-4, ♣ K-10-5. If he rebids two no-trump, should I consider a raise to game?

"right places." Your red-suit honors raise to be helpful, and your excellent six-card spade suit has been supported.

ANSWER: Your two-diamond response was a bit of an overbid, perhaps justified by the fact you had previously passed. Nevertheless, you might have responded one no-trump instead of two diamonds. I suggest a pass since two stretches on the same values usually do not produce a good result.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, LHO opened one diamond and partner overcalled one no-trump. With neither side vulnerable, I held ♠ K-4, ♠ J-3, ♠ K-9-7-6-4-2, ♣ K-8, ♣ A-K-5. Should I have bid three hearts, or four hearts?

ANSWER: Most play a jump to the three-level after a one-no-trump overcall as forcing to game. Usually, this promises game-going values and a five-card suit, leaving partner a choice between game in the major and game in no-trump. However, with six cards in the suit instead of five, I suggest a direct leap to the heart game.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opened one diamond, and I responded one spade with ♠ K-J-10-8-6-4, ♠ J-9, ♠ Q-9-4, ♠ 10-3. He reversed to two hearts, promising a fine hand, and I showed him my diamond support. If he then bid three spades, should I have gone on to the spade game?

ANSWER: After responder bids two hearts as a transfer, he has a wide range of holdings that he can easily describe. A simple pass of your two-spade bid would promise a poor hand with a five- or six-card spade suit. Two no-trump would promise five spades with about eight or nine HCP. Three no-trump would promise game-going values with a five-card spade suit. And, of course, a bid of a new suit would be forcing to game, promising five spades and another biddable suit.

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ANSWER: Yes, I would have definitely bid the spade game. Although your points are minimum, the high cards you have are in the

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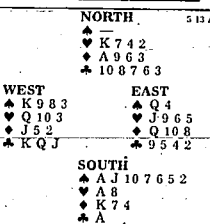
—John Stuart Mill

Study today's trump suit. It's not a problem area that players meet frequently, but when it appears, many mishandle the combination. What is the best approach to guard against three trump losers?

South wins his club ace, and with only one side-suit loser in diamonds, he must avoid the loss of three trump tricks. With six trumps outstanding, chances of a 3-3 split are slim (about 36 percent). More likely is a 4-2 break (about 49 percent). A good way to apply these probabilities to other situations is to remember that with an even number of cards outstanding, the suits will split unevenly rather than evenly.

How does South apply this information to today's trump combination? After he cashes his trump ace and both low low, if he leads an honor to knock out the king or queen, he is making a poor bet. This, as well as any other play, wins when trumps are 3-3; leading an honor must lose when they are 4-2. In today's layout, East captures South's honor, and West wins with his K-9 to win two more trump tricks.

The better chance lies with leading a low trump after cashing the ace. South loses nothing when trumps are 3-3, but gains heavily when they are 4-2, with either opponent holding a doubleton honor. In today's layout, East wins the low trump with his doubleton queen, but South's J-10 remain intact to drive out West's king. This holds South losses to two trump tricks and a diamond, scoring game instead of one down.



Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass 4♣ All pass

Opening lead: Club king

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K 10 9 5 ♠ J 10 9 4 ♠ 8 7 6 2 ♠ 7

East South West North 1NT Pass 3NT All pass

ANSWER: Heart jack. It's not your best suit, but likely to be more fruitful than a spade lead.

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“I tried to be patient, tried to find open people. I just should have been more selfish.”

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—San Antonio's Tim Duncan, after Sunday's loss to Los Angeles

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What is the major league record for longest losing streak?
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball
Class 4A District Four-Five-Six Tournament
Jerome at Bonneville, 4 p.m.
Blackfoot at Century, 4 p.m.
Class 3A District Four Tournament
Kimberly at Buhl, 5 p.m.
Class 2A District Four Playoff
Wendell at Glens Ferry, 4 or 4:30 p.m.
High school softball
Class 3A District Four Tournament
Filer at Buhl, 5 p.m.
High school golf
Class 5A Region III Tournament
Twin Falls, Minico at Riverside GC in Pocatello, 9 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Hamblin, today, Tuesday titles today, Tuesday
IDAHO FALLS - Twin Falls Municipal golf pro Mike Hamblin will partner with Boisean Jim Empey of Quail Hollow Golf Course to try and defend their title at the fifth annual Kootenai Mountain Section PGA Pro-Pro Shootout today and Tuesday at Pinecrest Golf Course in Idaho Falls.
Forty-six teams from the region will compete in the 54-hole tournament to determine the best two-man team in the section. Teams play 36 holes today with a four-ball and scramble before returning Tuesday with 18 holes of modified alternate stroke.
Hamblin and Empey shot 19-under 191 last year for the win. Area pros from Twin Falls, Jerome, Rupert, Gooding, Sun Valley, Buhl and Jackpot will compete.

District Four coaches hold banquet on Friday

TWIN FALLS - The District Four Coaches Association is holding its annual "Coach of the Year" banquet on Friday at the Twin Falls Knights of Columbus Hall.
Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.
All interested parties must RSVP by today by calling Buhl High School at 543-8262 or fax a dinner request to 543-8705.

Wishing Star holds golf scramble Saturday

JEROME - The Wishing Star Foundation is sponsoring a benefit golf scramble on Saturday, May 18, at 1 p.m. at 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome.
Three team spots are still available. Cost to enter the tournament is \$45 per person or \$180 per four-person team. Fees include a catered dinner by Outback Steakhouse. Dinner tickets for non-golfers are \$10 piece. Cars will be available for an extra fee.
Wishing Star provides wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses.
For more information or to donate a charitable gift, call 734-8897 or 735-5356.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: The Philadelphia Phillies lost in a row in 1961.

Kobe comes through

L.A. guard leads rally over Spurs

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - Kobe Bryant says he loves playing in San Antonio, and his second straight fourth-quarter rescue job was proof.

Bryant wasn't having much of a game Sunday after three periods - 7-for-21 shooting, 16 points - but he came to life in the fourth quarter. Scoring 12 points, including a pair of key 3-pointers and a go-ahead putback with five seconds remaining, Bryant led the Los Angeles Lakers to a comeback behind 87-85 victory over the Spurs.

Two days earlier, Bryant scored 11 in the fourth and the Lakers also

crased a late deficit to come away with the win. By sweeping San Antonio at the Alamodome, Los Angeles now holds a 3-1 advantage in the best-of-seven series. Game 5 is at the Staples Center on Tuesday.

When asked about his late heroics, Bryant smiled. "I've dreamed of these situations countless times as a kid, and I still dream of them today," he said.

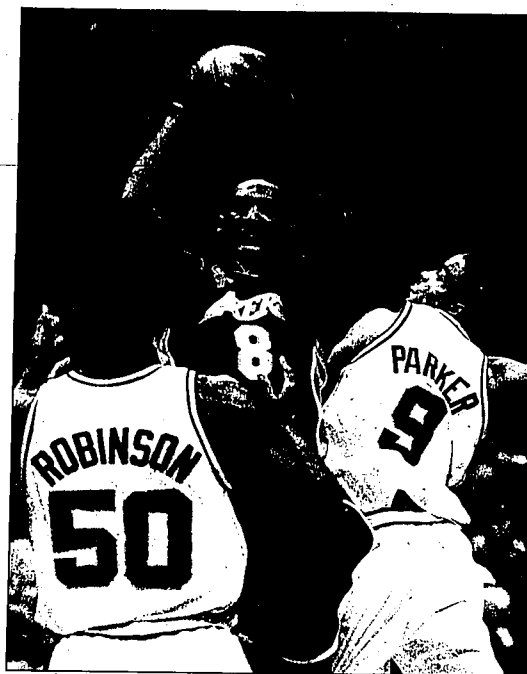
As important as Bryant's offense was, the Lakers' defense kept the Spurs from scoring a field goal for nearly the final seven minutes.

San Antonio managed only three free throws by Tim Duncan after Bruce Bowen's 3-pointer put the Spurs up 82-72 with 6:57 left.

"We had five or six shots that were either ill-advised or not shot with confidence," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

The Spurs ended the game in inept fashion as Tony Parker fell down after receiving an inbound pass with 3:2 seconds left, then got the ball to Duncan for a desperation 20-footer that wasn't even close to the basket.

Duncan, who led all scorers with 30 points on 9-for-15 shooting, grabbed his jersey and covered his head with it immediately



Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (8) grabs a rebound during San Antonio's David Robinson (50) and Tony Parker (9) Sunday during the final seconds of the fourth quarter of the Western Conference semifinals game in San Antonio. Bryant made the final shot of the game as the Lakers came from behind to win, 87-85.



New Jersey's Jason Kidd, left, tries to drive past Charlotte's Baron Davis during the fourth quarter of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Charlotte, N.C. Kidd scored 24 points in the game.

after the final buzzer sounded.
Nets 89, Hornets 79
CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The team in teal may have played its final game in Charlotte. The reason was a player with a purple eye. Jason Kidd looked like a hat-

tered boxer Sunday but played steadily down the stretch, leading the New Jersey Nets to an 89-79 victory in what may have been the Hornets' final game in Charlotte.
His right eye swollen and bruised, Kidd scored 24 points

and made 11 free throws in the fourth to give New Jersey a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.
Game 5 is Wednesday in New Jersey where a victory would put the Nets in the conference finals for the first time in team history and would end the Hornets' 14-year era in Charlotte.
The team is relocating to New Orleans next season, and the 13,864 fans - more than 6,000 short of capacity - gave them a standing ovation as the game wound down. With the finality of it all setting in, they crowded the tunnel, applauding the players - especially captain David Wesley - as the Hornets dejectedly ran to the locker room.
Baron Davis led the Hornets with 20 points but went just 9-for-17 on free throws. George Lynch added 19 and Wesley, with five years the longest-tenured member of the Hornets, added 15.
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Jerome, Burley gear up for districts

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

Looking at Jerome's 6-15 baseball record, you might think the Tigers were not very competitive this year.

But Jerome held a 5-4 mark before tailspinning into an 11-game losing skid over the latter half of the season.

Thankfully, that streak ended with a breakout 15-5 romp over Blackfoot on Thursday.

Of course having senior slugger Kiel Thibault out of the lineup for 11 games with a broken collarbone "didn't" help. But Thibault is back, collecting three hits in the Blackfoot win and slugging over .900 this season.

And he's not alone. The resurgent Tigers have found hitters in the likes of juniors Doug Benson (.338 batting average) and lead-off Kyle Roberts, both of whom added three hits against the Bonnies with Roberts crushing a home run.

On the bill, Jerome relies on junior J.D. Lott and senior Matt Tilley for the bulk of its innings, but Roberts and sophomore Jed Scammon can also pitch.

"I think we're just building momentum to take into the tournament," Jerome coach Jay Ostler said. "I feel good about our chances."

He should. The Tigers pounded out 17 hits in the win over Blackfoot. They'll try to build on their newfound success when they open the 4A District Four Five-Six tournament today in Idaho Falls against No. 3 seed Bonanza (5-13). The two split their season series.

The winner will play at No. 2 Burley (5-15) on Tuesday.

"I think we're going to be solid everywhere, it's just a matter of getting it done," Ostler said.

"We're hitting the ball at the right time. Tilley did a good job and having Thibault back in the lineup just adds another dimension."

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4A district baseball

Today's games
No. 4 Jerome at No. 3 Bonanza, 4 p.m.
No. 5 Blackfoot at No. 1 Century, 4 p.m.
No. 2 Burley, bye
Tuesday's games
Burley hosts Jerome/Bonneville win over, 4 p.m.
Monday's losers play at higher seed, 4 p.m.
Note: District Four Five-Six receives 2.5 seeds to state.

Modifieds do double duty at MVS

The Times-News

Reigning Mountain Dew Modified champion Bruce Quale and Rob Vest were the winners in a double event held Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway.

Carroll's number one in the Budweiser Grand National Sportsman main, Billi Miles took the checkered flag in the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks and former champion Bruce Kubik came away with the Dairy Queen

Thunder Stocks victory.

The Modifieds didn't save their best for the last, instead charging ahead in the class' first main of the evening. Vest grabbed the early lead leaving the field nearly a half lap behind by lap 32 when the first caution fell putting points leader Steve Jones on Vest's back bumper for the restart.

Jones raced high and low trying to pass Vest through five laps until Jones got his Dodge on the inside line of turn 1 where the two leaders spun-out, sending both drivers out of contention. Quale moved into first and motored to the win. Points runner-up Harold Warluft took second with Rick Corbridge

in third.

Magic Valley Speedway points leaders

(through May 11)	
Modified	
Steve Jones	240 points
Grand National	
Dale Miles	187 points
Pony Stocks	
Scott Sadwell	175 points
Thunder Stocks	
unavailable	

Vest proved his mettle with a

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Hurricanes take 3-2 edge

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - Martin Gelinus, Rod Brind'Amour and Ron Francis scored early in each period for Carolina, and Arturs Irbes returned to play brilliantly in net as the Hurricanes beat the Montreal Canadiens 5-1 Sunday to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven series.

Irbes, starting for the first time in five games after being benched in the New Jersey series in favor of Kevin Weekes, was nearly flawless, stopping 30 shots. With 12 minutes left and the home team up by three, the

record crowd of 18,854 was once again chanting his name.

Irbes lost what would have been his first career post-season shutout with 5:28 left when Karl Dykhus scored.

Carolina had won just one playoff series in its history prior to this season, but can close out Montreal with a win Monday night at the Molson Centre, where the Hurricanes rallied from a three-goal deficit to win Game 4.

If necessary, Game 7 would return to the Entertainment and

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'Smilin' Assassin' escapes with Nelson victory

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas - Instead of that happy-go-lucky smile, Shigeki Maruyama spent most of the time sticking out his tongue in mock relief after escaping trouble with delicate chips and clutch putts in the Byron Nelson Classic.

He had reason to be concerned. Tiger Woods staged another Sunday charge that ultimately fell short. Then, Maruyama had to watch another late rally from an unlikely source in the group ahead, rookie Ben Crane, who followed an eagle with a curling 21-foot birdie putt on No. 17.
"I almost fainted when I saw

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that," Maruyama said.
The Japanese star known as the "Smilin' Assassin" managed to hold it together Sunday, closing with a 2-under 68 for a two-stroke victory over Crane, the second straight week an Asian player has won on the PGA Tour.

The smiles returned after his fourth up-and-down on the back nine, after barely clearing the water guarding the 17th green. He chipped to 4 feet to keep his two-shot margin.
Maruyama capped off his second



Shigeki Maruyama celebrates after winning the Byron Nelson Classic Sunday in Irving, Texas. Maruyama won the tournament with a final score of 24-under-par.

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SPORTS

Cardinals rally from eight-run deficit

CINCINNATI (AP) — J.D. Drew hit a two-run homer off Danny Graves (1-1) in eighth inning. Sunday as St. Louis Cardinals pulled off their biggest comeback in 10 years, rallying from an eight-run deficit to a 10-8 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Reggie Taylor's first career homer helped the Reds surge after two innings, but the Cardinals pulled off their biggest comeback since they won since rallying from a 9-0 deficit to beat Atlanta 12-7 on May 9, 1992.

The Reds hadn't blown such a big lead since Sept. 4, 1989, when they got up 8-0 against San Francisco and lost 9-8 at Cinergy Field.

Gene Stechschulte (4-1) went two innings for the win. Jason Isringhausen pitched the ninth for his eighth save.



Cincinnati's Barry Larkin (11) slides safely into second base for a double in front of St. Louis second baseman Fernando Vina during the second inning Sunday in Cincinnati.

pane behind home plate, then hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning as Montreal overcame Harry Bonds' 57th career homer to beat San Francisco.

Vladimir Guerrero homered off Russ Ortiz (3-2) as Montreal's Frank Robinson recorded his 700th victory as a major league manager.

Padres 6, Braves 5 ATLANTA — Deivi Cruz singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, helping San Diego snap a five-game losing streak.

The Padres avoided an 0-6 road trip, which would have tied a franchise record. Jason Boyd (1-0) pitched 1-2-3 scoreless innings for his first career victory.

Rockies 4, Mets 3, 13 innings NEW YORK — Larry Walker hit a two-run homer in the 13th inning and Colorado beat New York.

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Phillies 3, Diamondbacks 1

PHILADELPHIA — Travis Lee went 4-for-4 with a homer against his former team and Terry Adams (1-3) pitched six strong innings to pick up his first victory for Philadelphia.

After starting the season 5-8 at Veterans Stadium, the Phillies went 8-1 on the nine-game homestand.

Astros 5, Pirates 1

PITTSBURGH — Shane Reynolds (3-3) shrugged off an 86-minute rain delay and Houston's five-game losing streak to limit Pittsburgh to two hits over six innings.

Jeff Bagwell hit his fifth homer in nine games to give the Astros a 2-0 lead, and Pirates reliever Mike Petters' throwing error scored two more runs as Houston dodged a second straight three-game sweep. They began their weeklong road trip by dropping three in a row at Philadelphia.

Dave Williams (2-4) took the loss.

Brewers 13, Cubs 4

CHICAGO — Raul Casanova and Richie Sexson hit grand slams in consecutive innings as Milwaukee routed Chicago, handing Jon Lieber (3-2) his first loss at Wrigley Field in almost a year.

The Brewers swept the Cubs in the rain-shortened three-game set after winning only two of their first 18 road games.

Chicago lost its fourth in a row.

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Marlins 11, Dodgers 3

MIAMI — Florida beat Mike Nomo for the 10th consecutive time, with backup catcher Mike Redmond homering and scoring a career-high four runs.

The Marlins concluded a 5-1 homestand that vaulted them into first place in the NL East. But on a sunny, 85-degree afternoon there was no sign of pennant fever — the game drew only 7,930 fans.

Expos 4, Giants 2

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allowed one run and four hits and had four strikeouts.

Herbert Perry had three singles and Alex Rodriguez added an RBI double for the Rangers, who at 13-19 are within one game of .500 for the first time since Park lost the season opener at Oakland on April 1.

Red Sox 10, Mariners 4 SEATTLE — Pedro Martinez struck out a season-high 12 as Boston began a long stretch without slugger Manny Ramirez by beating Seattle to avoid a sweep.

Ramirez, battling 372 with nine homers and 35 RBIs, is expected to miss at least 4-to-6 weeks with a broken left index finger that could require surgery.

The Red Sox had 16 hits and seven doubles, including three by Jason Varitek.

Working on four days' rest instead of five for the first time this season, Martinez (5-0) allowed one run and four hits in eight innings to match his longest outing of the year and lower his ERA to 3.09.

He improved to 9-0 career with a 0.91 ERA against the Mariners.

Yankees go downtown to defeat Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Five Yankees in a span of eight batters hit home runs and Mike Mussina was tough on the Twins again for New York in a 10-4 victory Sunday and three-game sweep of Minnesota.

Joe Torre became the 17th manager in history to win 1,500 games, and the Yankees had 18 hits to win their sixth straight all on the road.

They swept their first series at the Metrodome since May 17-19, 1993.

Torre, Posada and Robin Ventura hit back-to-back homers in the fourth and Nick Johnson and Derek Jeter hit solo shots in the fifth against Twins starter Rick Reed (4-2).

Jason Giambi hit the most impressive of all the homers — a two-run blast in the fifth off Jack Cressend that landed in the upper deck in right field and gave New York a 7-0 lead.

Mussina (5-2) gave up four runs and eight hits in 7 2/3 innings. He struck out nine without a walk to improve to 18-2 against the Twins

in 21 career starts.

Angels 5, White Sox 4 ANAHEIM, Calif. — Troy Glaus stepped up after an intentional walk and singled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Anaheim Angels over the Chicago White Sox.

The Angels won their fifth in a row and swept Chicago to its fourth straight loss.

Royals 4, Indians 1 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Paul Byrd won again as the Kansas City Royals posted their first three-game sweep at home over the Cleveland Indians in nearly 17 years.

Byrd (6-2) tied Mark Buehrle of the Chicago White Sox for the AL victory lead and lowered his ERA to 2.77.

Byrd gave up five hits and struck out five in six innings. Jim Thome homered in the sixth to snap Byrd's streak of 16 scoreless innings.

Blue Jays 11, Athletics 4 OAKLAND, Calif. — Carlos

couldn't stop Antoine Walker and Paul Pierce — not at the same time, at least.

Walker had 22 of his 30 points in the first half and Pierce had 23 of his 25 in the second half Sunday as the Boston Celtics beat Detroit 90-79 to move into a victory of the Eastern Conference finals. Pierce also had a career-high 17 rebounds.

The Celtics took control by scoring 12 consecutive points to start the third quarter — more than they had in the entire third period in Game 3 when the teams combined for a record-low 130 points.

With luminaries such as Bill Russell, Red Auerbach and Bob Cousy watching, Boston took a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. Winners of an NBA record 16 titles, the Celtics have never blown a 3-1 lead in the playoffs.

The Celtics haven't been to the conference finals since 1988, when they lost to the Pistons; they could wrap it up in Detroit in Game 5.

Maple Leafs 4, Senators 3 OTTAWA (AP) — Alexander Mogilny scored the game-winner 4:28 of the third period as Toronto

beat Ottawa to force a decisive Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series. Game 7 is Tuesday night in Toronto.

Gary Roberts had two goals and an assist to help send the Maple Leafs to their second seventh game of the playoffs. Toronto outlasted the New York Islanders in the first round.

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NBA

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He was a game-time decision because no one was sure how swollen his right eye would be. With a lot of puffiness, heavy bandages covering the stitches in his eyebrow and a deep purple bruise below it, Kidd looked to be on the mark when he hit his first shot, an 18-foot jumper from the top of the key.

Kidd found out to be a false sign as Kidd struggled from the floor through most of the game. After missing his first six 3-point attempts, he made one midway through the fourth and scored on a fast-break layup that drew a foul and gave the Nets a 78-69 lead by 6:07 to play.

He made critical free throws down the stretch, going 11-of-14 at the line. It helped make up for his 6-for-23 shooting night — he went just 1-of-9 on 3-pointers.

Celtics 90, Pistons 79 BOSTON — The Detroit Pistons

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Sports Arena.

Gelinas and Brind'Amour scored early in the first and second periods to put the Canadiens on their heels, then Irbé and the stellar Carolina defense spent the rest of the time frustrating a slumping Montreal offense.

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Speedway

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will win the second main event. After passing pole sitter Rod Kack for the lead on the second lap, Vest avoided a second mishap with a caution midway through the race, pulling away for the win.

Dana Pruett took second with Jones hanging on for third.

Seventeen cars filed in for the Grand National main with Kelly Chappell and Bleat winner Norm Hatke swapping the lead and some paint through 31 laps where the two drivers tangled up for the fourth and final caution flag. Kanastien inherited the lead and raced the final four laps for the victory.

ahead of Dan Doan in third.

Miles made a fast charge to the front in her Pony Stock as she ruled from her fourth starting position to the front on lap 2 of the 25-lap main event. Kevin Bermingham took second over points leader Scott Sidwell, closing the gap to a single point in an early race for the championship.

Thunder Stock race fans got the excitement they expected in the class' main event with much rubbing, bumping and lead changing during the 25-lap main event. But Kubik took the checkered flag after a last lap bump to pass Jim Shirley.

Pit stops

Motor man: Quale's win from the rear of the field and fast time of 15.335 seconds was accomplished with the use of the new crate motor. Quale has agreed to test the engine in competition and make recommendations to NASCAR officials and other drivers.

Though slightly down on power, the motor requires a change to the rear end gears and a slightly different driving style to make the 355 horsepower motor competitive. So far, the motor has proven itself and its worth a serious look at a cost of less than \$3,000.

Check it: Miles found her Pony

Districts

Continued from D1

Thibault's leadership comes at a crucial time for the Tigers. Team violations resulted in the expulsion of five players the past month, including Jesse Fallas, Josh Gayley and Paul Scofield.

But Ostler said his team is headed in the right direction.

"I've had to move some kids up from the jayvee team, but I like our chances," he said. "I think we can make some noise at districts."

Jerome can expect to see another of the district's best pitchers in Andy Hill (3-1, 1.50 ERA). But the Bees are a young team that coach Kirk Copeland said will have to play quickly to advance.

"Jerome is a pretty talented baseball team," Copeland said. "They were on a slide, but they put the ball in play. You've got to play well because of a sore arm."

Ostler said Hill, who had a two-hitter working against the Tigers early in the season before exiting because of a sore arm, is suspect if he has to throw a lot of pitches.

"I don't think his arm can go the distance," Ostler said. "If we can make him throw a lot of pitches, we've got a shot. He's got a good curveball and he's got some velocity."

Bonville has had his own tough luck this season, losing five games by one run in the final inning. But Copeland said the postseason is a whole new ballgame.

"Both teams are going to come ready to play," he said.

Burley coach Matt Harr said Jerome is the wildcard in the tournament.

"With Thibault back, they have a lot of talent and they kind of scare me," Harr said. "We just played two of our better games of the season against Jerome."

Harr has his own concerns at the moment. Standout Jacob Kay missed four days of practice last week due to personal and school obligations. As several starters are nursing injuries.

Catcher Matt Hope had a corsetone shot last week for a sore arm and a concussion. Jason Jones is questionable with an arm injury as well. With Kay's status up in the air, Harr said only 10 show up for his practice on Saturday.

"If it comes around and fulfills his duties we're going to have three good pitchers," Harr said. Pitcher Andrew McMurray needed only 20 pitches in three innings

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

NBA playoffs, Mavericks at Kings, Game 5, 7P, 7 p.m.

Hockey

NHL playoffs, Hurricanes at Canadiens, Game 6, ESPN, 5 p.m.

NHL playoffs, Avalanche at Sharks, Game 6, ESPN2, 8:30 p.m.

Baseball

Braves at Giants, TBS, 8 p.m.

Braves at Giants, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Bicycle racing

Giro d'Italia, Stage 2, OUT, 7:30 a.m.

Motorcycle racing

Free Ride MotoGP Championships, ESPN, 4 p.m.

Baseball

Red Sox at Yankees, ESPN, 7 p.m.

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U.S. tennis player Andre Agassi returns a ball to Romania's Tommy Haas during the final of the tennis Masters Series at Rome's Foro Italico, Sunday.

Agassi goes Italian, adds another championship

ROME - Andre Agassi finally added an Italian Open title to his long list of championships. As the only current player to have won each of the four Grand Slams, Agassi has few challenges left to conquer. He managed to grab one of the few significant titles to elude him by beating Tommy Haas 6-3, 6-0 Sunday to win the Italian Open 13 years after squandering a championship point in the event. "It's something you don't really add to yourself because it's pretty much a disappointment when you come so close," Agassi said of his desire to win in Rome. "But you realize, as you sit up at these tournaments outside the Grand Slams, that this has as much, if not probably more history, than all of them." Agassi said of the event first played in 1930. The seven-time Grand Slam champion used blistering groundstrokes and a fierce return game to frustrate the 24-year-old German. Agassi broke Haas' serve seven times en route to winning the \$2.57 million tournament.

U.S. squeaks by Uruguay, 2-1

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States began its final run of World Cup warm-ups Sunday with a shaky 2-1 victory over Uruguay that showed hope for the Americans' offense but exposed weaknesses on defense. The defense in front of him, which in recent months during losses at Germany and Ireland, showed little sign of improvement, with outside backs David Regis and Samneh struggling to contain speedier opponents.

Golf

Continued from D1 player to win on the mainland. This victory was much more impressive, coming against a field that boasted eight of the top 10 players. He earned \$864,000, and a free pass into the U.S. Open.

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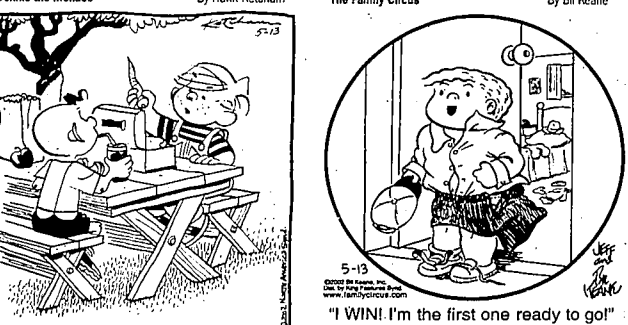


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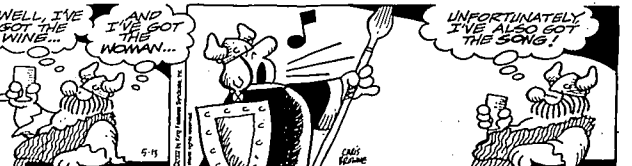
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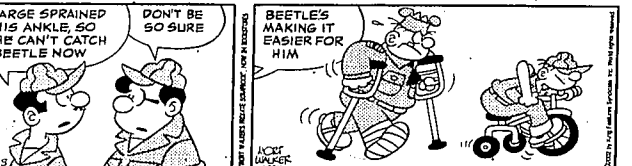
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