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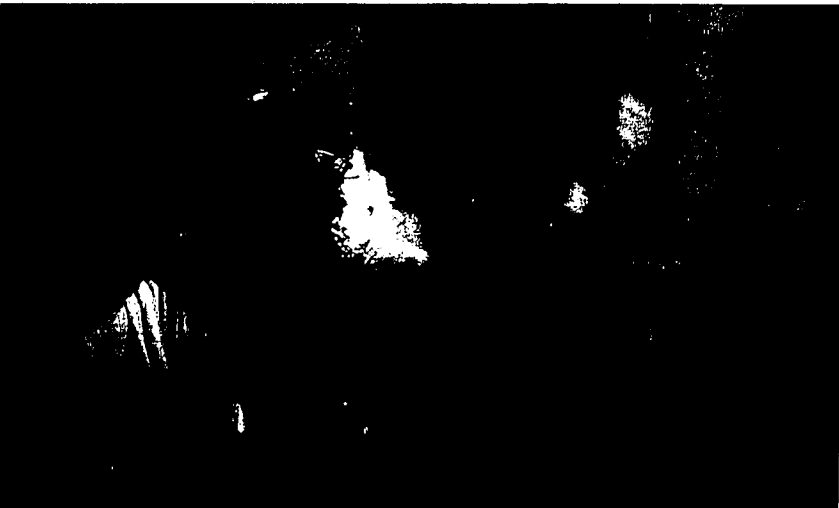
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Persistence & pressure



Wayne Kinchloe washes the windshield of a vehicle being detailed at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services in Twin Falls. Because of an intense lobbying effort, funding for people with disabilities wasn't cut as severely as the Legislature first intended.

Champion for the disabled proves lobbying works

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If it weren't for the last-minute generosity of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee in May, there would have been major program cuts for many mentally disabled people, says Jeff Crumrine, director of Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services.

It had been a close call. The threat of having to eliminate training services for that population began when the Department of Health and Welfare treated the developmentally disabled programs unfairly in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's last round of ordered holdbacks last November, Crumrine said. The nonprofit groups that train people for employment who have such things as mental retardation, brain injuries, epilepsy and cerebral palsy were whacked 27.5

percent by the department, while other agency programs saw only 3 or 4 percent cuts.

To try to even out the disparity, Crumrine and directors of the other 10 nonprofit groups doing similar work around Idaho visited the Statehouse often last spring to talk with lawmakers. When they made their case to the Senate committee, they scored. The committee sent a letter to the Legislature's budget-writing committee strongly recommending reinstatement of some funding. Budget writers acquiesced, and 11 nonprofits across the state got a \$350,000 holdback instead of

\$753,000.

But one member of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee has a different perspective on what happened.

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— Jeff Crumrine,
Magic Valley
Rehabilitation Services

It wasn't a sympathetic Senate committee that went to bat for Crumrine, says Sen. Fred Kennedy, D-Mountain Home. It was the high-pressure lobbying of Crumrine and his peers that snagged some extra money to supplant earlier cuts, Kennedy contends. "They exerted a tremendous amount of influence," Kennedy said. "They lobbied legislators very heavily."

No one else got special treatment, Kennedy said. He said he did not vote for the restoration of funding because so many other crucial Health and Welfare programs also took significant hits.

Crumrine, who has been a champion for the developmentally disabled for 30 years, makes no excuses for his efforts.

"If we hadn't been in front of the Legislature this year and for the last 25 years, these programs would not exist," he said. "Our people can't speak for themselves. If we don't do it, no one will."

As it was, some of his clients are heartbroken because their training programs were still reduced in hours, Crumrine said.

"You should have seen it when we had to tell them," he said. "Some of them broke down and cried."

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AMERICAN IDOL

Former POW Jessica Lynch becomes a national hero

The Associated Press

PALESTINE, W.Va. — It's not hard to spot strangers in this bend-of-the-road town, nestled in a hollow surrounded by mountains. They're the ones who stop to photograph the sign that reads "HOME OF JESSICA LYNCH, EX-POW."

Some are journalists. Others are admirers looking to pay respects.

Almost all of them drive up a narrow, gravel-patched road to gaze at the Lynch family home — which, not so long ago, was literally off the beaten track.

Now Palestine has become the backdrop for a quintessential American phenomenon — the making of a national hero. Even if

details of Lynch's saga remain murky, even if other soldiers in Iraq paid a higher price for their service, the media and the public have embraced the wispy Army supply clerk above all others in uniform.

"We've had book writers, songwriters, you name it. And all of them want the same thing: They all want to be the first to talk to Jessica," said Emzy Ashby, whose What Not Shop, the only store in town, contains just about everything, new and used, including a kitchen sink.

Lynch, recovering from broken bones and fractures in a Washington hospital, has not spoken a public word since commanders rescued her in Iraq on April 1. Yet she has become a symbol of

spread decline in prices.

Policy-makers have mounted a virtuoso performance over the past six weeks to influence financial markets without even cutting rates. That should allay any worries that the Fed is in danger of running out of ammunition to stimulate the economy with interest rates already so low.

Analysts refer to the talking



Wirt County, W.Va., Assessor Debbie Hennen examines letters and gifts the county is holding for former POW Jessica Lynch in Elizabeth, June 18. The county is holding so many items that they fill a cell in the county jail.

American pride, a bigger media star than any other U.S. soldier who served in the war.

Lynch's 507th Maintenance Company convoy was ambushed March 23 near the Iraqi city of

Nasiriyah; she was badly injured and taken by her captors to a local hospital. Nine soldiers from the convoy were killed; five others

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U.S. troops in a humvee pass by a burning oil pipeline at Hit, 93 miles northwest of Baghdad, following an explosion Sunday.

Apparent sabotage hampers oil efforts

Iraq gets back into world market

The Associated Press

KIRKUK, Iraq — Iraq re-entered the world oil market Sunday with its first shipment of crude since the war, but sabotage and looting along its largest pipeline delayed the flow of freshly pumped oil — the key to the reconstruction of an economy devastated by sanctions and war.

In a reflection of the vulnerability of the country's decrepit oil infrastructure, a huge fire burned from a fuel pipeline west of Baghdad after an explosion the day before, apparently caused by saboteurs. South of the capital, attackers fired a grenade at a U.S. military vehicle, killing one American soldier and wounding another.

A wave of attacks have killed 17 Americans since major fighting was declared over May 1. Opponents of the U.S.-led coalition also have targeted Iraq's gas and oil network and other infrastructure, hurting efforts to get the country's most valuable resource moving again.

The U.S. chief administrator of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, acknowledged Sunday to industrialists and political leaders at the World Economic Forum in Jordan that

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After mother's death, bouts go under scrutiny

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Boxing announcer Mark Beiro has called scores of professional and amateur fights in his career, but he refuses to be ringside at Toughman bouts.

The competitions, pitting inexperienced fighters against each other in unregulated bouts, billed as "brawling for fun," appeal to the "uncaged savage in all of us," he said.

Every restriction that boxing currently has and makes it that much more dangerous, said Beiro, one of the nation's best known boxing announcers. "Personally, I am surprised more people haven't been permanently injured or killed in it."

Criticism of the events flared up again last week when a 30-year-old mother of two died after entering a Toughman competition in Sarasota. She was the 10th contestant to die in the 24-year history of Toughman.

In a statement, competition

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Stacy Young

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and cool. A slight chance of afternoon rain surfacing. Highs near 68.

Tonight: Isolated rain showers possible. Lows near 44.

Tomorrow: Fair with a few sprinkles possible. Highs near 67.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. A few showers or thunderstorms may develop in the afternoon. Highs in the 60s.

Tonight: Areas of light rain developing. Lows in the 40s.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain developing. Highs in the 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Scattered clouds and cool temperatures expected today. Scattered morning rain showers are likely along with a few rumbles of thunder.

Today Highs 48 to 60. Tonight's Lows 28 to 38.
BOISE
Puffy clouds harboring a chance of afternoon rain and thunder likely today. Cool temperatures will continue.

Today High/Low: 68 to 70 / 40 to 48
NORTHERN UTAH
Breezy with a slight chance of afternoon rain and thunder surfacing today and tomorrow.



Yesterday's State Estimates: High 69 at Lewiston. Low 27 at Stanley. Weather key: no sun, partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, cloudy, thunderstorms, showers, rain, snow, flurries, wind, misting.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cool with a slight chance of rain surfacing	Isolated rain showers possible	Fair with a few isolated sprinkles possible	Relatively dry and not as cool	Mostly sunny and comfortable	Mostly sunny and agreeably mild
High 68	Low 44	67 / 43	74 / 49	77 / 51	82 / 53

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High: 64 Yesterday's Low: 43 Normal High/Low: 70 / 50 Record High: 97 in 1971 Record Low: 38 in 1996	64 43 70 / 50 97 38	0.00" 0.21" 0.81" 0.76" 0.76"	29.97 29.97 29.97 29.97 29.97
Today's High: 68 Today's Low: 44 Water Year to Date: 3.07 Avg. Water Year to Date: 3.07	68 44 3.07 3.07	28% 24% 40% 40%	29.97 29.97 29.97 29.97

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 6pm yesterday

Moon Phases

June 23	July 7	July 13	July 21
New Moon	First Qtr.	Full Moon	Last Qtr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78
Idaho Falls	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78
Jerome	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78
Malta	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78
McCall	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78
Shoshone	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78
Thermal	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78
Yellowstone	64-74	68-78	64-74	68-78

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	64-74	68-78	Phoenix	64-74	68-78
Baltimore	64-74	68-78	Portland	64-74	68-78
Boston	64-74	68-78	San Diego	64-74	68-78
Birmingham	64-74	68-78	Seattle	64-74	68-78
Buffalo	64-74	68-78	St. Louis	64-74	68-78
Charlotte	64-74	68-78	St. Paul	64-74	68-78
Chicago	64-74	68-78	Tampa	64-74	68-78
Cincinnati	64-74	68-78	Washington	64-74	68-78
Cleveland	64-74	68-78	Yonkers	64-74	68-78
Dallas	64-74	68-78			
Denver	64-74	68-78			
Des Moines	64-74	68-78			
El Paso	64-74	68-78			
Fort Worth	64-74	68-78			
Houston	64-74	68-78			
Indianapolis	64-74	68-78			
Jacksonville	64-74	68-78			
Kansas City	64-74	68-78			
Las Vegas	64-74	68-78			
Los Angeles	64-74	68-78			
Memphis	64-74	68-78			
Miami	64-74	68-78			
Minneapolis	64-74	68-78			
Nashville	64-74	68-78			
New York	64-74	68-78			
Oakland	64-74	68-78			
Orlando	64-74	68-78			

Sunrise and Sunset

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	6:01 AM	6:01 PM	Phoenix	6:01 AM	6:01 PM
Baltimore	6:02 AM	6:02 PM	Portland	6:02 AM	6:02 PM
Boston	6:03 AM	6:03 PM	San Diego	6:03 AM	6:03 PM
Birmingham	6:04 AM	6:04 PM	Seattle	6:04 AM	6:04 PM
Buffalo	6:05 AM	6:05 PM	St. Louis	6:05 AM	6:05 PM
Charlotte	6:06 AM	6:06 PM	St. Paul	6:06 AM	6:06 PM
Chicago	6:07 AM	6:07 PM	Tampa	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Cincinnati	6:08 AM	6:08 PM	Washington	6:08 AM	6:08 PM
Cleveland	6:09 AM	6:09 PM	Yonkers	6:09 AM	6:09 PM
Dallas	6:10 AM	6:10 PM			
Denver	6:11 AM	6:11 PM			
Des Moines	6:12 AM	6:12 PM			
El Paso	6:13 AM	6:13 PM			
Fort Worth	6:14 AM	6:14 PM			
Houston	6:15 AM	6:15 PM			
Indianapolis	6:16 AM	6:16 PM			
Jacksonville	6:17 AM	6:17 PM			
Kansas City	6:18 AM	6:18 PM			
Las Vegas	6:19 AM	6:19 PM			
Los Angeles	6:20 AM	6:20 PM			
Memphis	6:21 AM	6:21 PM			
Miami	6:22 AM	6:22 PM			
Minneapolis	6:23 AM	6:23 PM			
Nashville	6:24 AM	6:24 PM			
New York	6:25 AM	6:25 PM			
Oakland	6:26 AM	6:26 PM			
Orlando	6:27 AM	6:27 PM			

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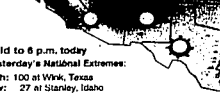
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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Lobbying

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In addition, two of his 120 or so clients became so discouraged, they just dropped out, Crumrine said.

"As a rule, the people who Crumrine looks out for tend to be highly motivated to work," said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Idaho, who also sits on the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. "That's why he considered restoring some of the money as a top priority."

"This is a program that helps people to help themselves," Darrington said. "That's the important point. If we hadn't restored that money, we wouldn't have been able to have the program."

But Ken Dibiart, who oversees the developmental disability programs for Health and Welfare, defended Health and Welfare's actions to reduce funding to the developmentally disabled more than to other programs.

The reason was that training programs for the developmentally disabled do not get federal matching funds, whereas many of the other programs — such as Medicaid, for example — get roughly \$3 to \$4 from the federal government for every \$1 the state spends.

"We tried to maximize services to as broad a spectrum of clients as possible by maximizing federal funds," he said.

In addition, Dibiart pointed out, the developmentally disabled population has access to a variety of other Health and Welfare programs, such as Medicaid, counseling, independent living programs and housing.

"They're still receiving services," Dibiart said. "They're just not what they were before."

But also, Dibiart disagrees with Crumrine's figures. He said his own figures show that when all the revenue streams are factored in, Health and Welfare only cut programs for the developmentally disabled 17 percent.

"In their numbers they are only speaking of the general fund appropriation," Dibiart said.

Dibiart suggested that Crumrine go after more grants and donations.

Crumrine said he's doing that, and he has succeeded in increasing donations this year. But he pointed out that during tough times there is more competition for grants and donations.

Kennedy said there were to be another round of holdbacks, he simply could not support shielding the developmental disability programs.

The good news is there probably won't be any holdbacks — at least for the coming fiscal year.

An \$80 million windfall from the federal government will likely keep the governor from holding a special session to raise taxes and also from having to order holdbacks, said Rep. Madeline Bell, R-Jerome, who co-chairs the budget-writing committee.

She said she understands Crumrine's dilemma in having to maintain programs at a certain level. But she also said she doesn't think it helps his cause when he and the other 10 directors spend so much time at the Statehouse.

Crumrine said he doesn't plan on changing his strategies. Since the early 1980s, he has seen two directors of Health and Welfare try to cut the funding for his programs 100 percent. It was intense lobbying that stopped it. But there have been many other times when the Legislature tried to make smaller cuts, such as this year, he said.

"Lobbying has always worked," he said. "It's been positive."

Defense attorney faces charges of attempting to deliver drugs

CHICAGO (AP) — A defense attorney taped a quarter-pound of marijuana to his thighs and tried to enter the Cook County Jail so he could pass the pot onto jailed clients, authorities said.

A "drug-sniffing dog" barked at Barry Alan Mattes as he entered the jail Friday, and he was arrested.

Iraq

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Security is a prerequisite for putting Iraq on the road to recovery. Bremer insisted security was his "first priority," blaming continuing political violence and acts of sabotage on "a very small minority still trying to fight us" that is loyal to deposed President Saddam Hussein.

He also suggested that Iraqi oil revenues could be distributed directly to the country's citizens, as Alaska does with its residents, or placed in a national trust fund to pay for pensions or other social programs.

Every individual Iraqi would come to understand that his or her stake in the country's economic success was there to see," Bremer said.

Sunday's oil shipment marked the first step. Iraq has the second largest oil reserves in the world, and all proceeds from sales are to go into a U.S.-controlled fund for rebuilding battered infrastructure and an economy devastated by more than 12 years of U.S. economic sanctions.

In neighboring Turkey, Iraqi, U.S. and Turkish officials gathered at the Mediterranean port of

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NATION

U.S. tests DNA of victims

Officials wonder if Saddam died in strike near Syrian border

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Defense officials said Sunday they are investigating whether a strike on a three-vehicle convoy fleeing Iraq near the Syrian border last Wednesday killed top officials in the government of former President Saddam Hussein, perhaps including Saddam or his sons.

The officials said DNA tests are being carried out on the victims, and the strike by a Special Operations AC-130 gunship had drawn high-level attention in the Pentagon. But they added that so far there is no evidence Saddam was hit in the attack. Some intelligence officials expressed doubt about whether the strike had targeted Saddam or his sons, Uday and Qusay. Together, they are the top three on the U.S. list of most-wanted officials in Iraq.

The attack on the moving convoy took place close to the Syrian border in western Iraq, officials said. One source said, "It chewed up something big," and added that the targets were believed to be among the top four or five Iraqis being sought. Separately, a senior defense official said there was "nothing specific" about Saddam in the intelligence that prompted the attack "although it was tied to the leadership in some manner or another." A third U.S. official said there was very good intelligence that "one or more high-value targets" were in the convoy.

The search for Saddam gained a new impetus June 16 when U.S. forces captured his closest aide, Abd Hamad Mahmud, in a house in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown. Defense officials said last week that Mahmud had told U.S. authorities Saddam and his sons

had survived the war and that the sons, along with Mahmud, had escaped to Syria, only to be forced to return to Iraq. Officials expressed uncertainty about whether Mahmud was telling the truth, and one official said Mahmud had not provided information on exact locations where Saddam might be found.

There have been a number of previous strikes on locations where U.S. forces believed Saddam was hiding, but no evidence that he was killed. The war began March 20 with what U.S. officials thought was good intelligence on Saddam's whereabouts in a bunker at a military command and control complex, Dora Farm, which was hit with cruise missiles. In another raid April 7, U.S. bombers hit a site in a Baghdad neighborhood after receiving reports Saddam might be there.

Lynch

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were captured and held apart from Lynch for three weeks before their release.

At one stage, Lynch — only 19 when captured — was depicted in a front-page story in The Washington Post as a fearless combatant who, though shot and stabbed, killed several of the ambushers and was ready to die rather than surrender.

That particular version is now discredited: by the Post and the military, and almost every aspect of the capture and rescue is tinged by some degree of uncertainty. She has told doctors she recalls nothing about the ambush, and many questions linger: How were her wounds inflicted? Did she try to fire her rifle? Was she mistreated by her captors? Did the U.S. military depict her rescue, immortalized in a grainy videotape, as more dangerous and dramatic than it really was?

Yet the American media — which eagerly made a celebrity — are in no rush to demythologize Lynch, as evidenced by ongoing high-powered efforts of TV networks to entice her into exclusive interviews.

The story of a caught-on-tape rescue of a young woman in danger — this one is so tempting," said Jeff Greenfield, a senior analyst with CNN. "People don't want to be told, 'It isn't quite what you thought it was.' The story as it was told was so powerful."

Lynch's rescue occurred at a point in the war when the U.S. drive toward Baghdad seemed to be bogging down. Military officials at Central Command headquarters were elated to have a good news story, and swiftly showed reporters video of the nighttime commando raid.

"No matter what war you're dealing with, you've got to create a hero, or the war is useless," said Allan Wolper, who writes about journalism ethics for Editor & Publisher.

Lynch was ideal for the purpose, said Wolper, a professor at Rutgers University's Newark, N.J., campus. "The fact of what she looks like, she becomes the face of America ... that looks like Doris Day. You have to have a face that makes the war worthwhile."

Lynch became a magazine cover girl; some radio stations, in her honor, played a patriotic song called "She's a Hero." She has been offered university scholarships, a trip to Hawaii, new cars, money. So many gifts — an encased flag and hand-knitted afghan among them — have arrived in Palestine that townswill has taken to storing

them in one of two cells at the county jail until she returns home.

Lynch has received a flood of offers that would magnify her fame — CBS News, for example, coupled its request for an interview with mention of possible book and TV deals. MTV has proposed flying in rap and R&B stars for a concert in her hometown — never mind that Lynch, her neighbors say, is more of a country music fan.

Even in Palestine, some quietly wonder why Lynch, as much as she like her, is getting so much more attention than the other POWs.

"What about that black girl from Texas? Why haven't we heard more about her?" asked Ron Petry, a 61-year-old Vietnam vet, referring to Shoshana Johnson, another ex-POW who was recently honored by the Congressional Black Caucus.

Rep. Diane Watson, D-Calif., helped arrange the visit by Johnson to Capitol Hill, motivated partly by what she felt was an imbalanced media obsession with Lynch at the expense of 507th Maintenance soldiers like Johnson and Lori Pietsawa, an American Indian who is the only woman service member to die in the war so far.

"Here's Shoshana, part of that same maintenance group, shot in both of her ankles, yet she was able to endure," Watson said in a telephone interview. "But we're not hearing about her. They made a hero out of Jessica Lynch and an also-ran out of Shoshana Johnson."

A spokeswoman for Johnson, Elsie Morgan, said Watson's views, did not necessarily reflect those of the soldier, who could not be reached for comment.

Alex Jones, director of Harvard's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, said it is hard to judge whether Lynch's celebrity has been fueled by her gender, race and appearance.

"You can never underestimate how prejudice can enter into things," Jones said. "But most of it had to do with being a very dramatic story, and she being an appealing figure. That can apply to someone black, white, gay, straight, male or female."

Members of Lynch's immediate family have declined to comment on the disputed media and military accounts.

"We don't care if she went down in blazing glory," said Pam Nicolais, Jessica's third cousin. "We just want her to come home."

Many in Wirt County — popula-

tion 6,000 — already are feeling protective and hope her privacy will be respected.

"When she comes home, and the media gets their first picture of her and sees that she's hurt and sees that she's in pain and sees that she needs to (be) left alone, I'm assuming they will," said Debbie Henneman, a family friend who has overseen several fundraisers for the Lynches.

The military, meanwhile, defends its handling of the Lynch story. "We were downplaying it," Defense Department spokeswoman Victoria Clarke told reporters. "We weren't hyping it."

Another Pentagon spokesman, Army Lt. Col. Gary Keck, said the saga took on a life of its own.

"We thought, 'This story will tell itself,' and we were surprised at some of the ways it went," Keck said. "Even when we tried to correct the record, the response was, 'We don't want to hear the truth.'"

Michael Getler, who as ombudsman for The Washington Post has faulted his own paper's early coverage of Lynch, said the Pentagon had not been overtly misleading, but perhaps could have been more active in correcting serious errors.

Getler said the Post's April 3 story, quoting intelligence sources as saying Lynch had been shot and stabbed while killing some of her assailants, should have been written more cautiously. On Tuesday, the Post ran a lengthy article stating that Lynch had not been shot or stabbed, was hurt when her Humvee collided with an Army truck during the ambush, and had trouble firing her rifle because it jammed.

"Somebody got this wrong, and nobody acted very quickly to try to probe it," Getler said.

However, as some journalists now ponder whether the coverage went astray, Getler stressed that Lynch herself deserves only admiration.

"This had nothing to do with Jessica Lynch — it has everything to do with journalism," he said. "She's gone through a terrible ordeal."

People in Palestine agree. "I wouldn't deny her anything good she gets," said Clifford Reynolds, a resident auctioneer and farmer.

Still, all the attention may be daunting for a young woman who, according to her grandmother, does not want to be singled out from her Army peers.

"She doesn't want to be seen that way. She wants to be just Jessi," says Wymena Lynch, who lives in a trailer across the road from the house where Jessica lived until she enlisted. "But she is our hero."

Florida homes flood after gate jams

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Emergency officials urged the evacuation of more than 600 homes downstream from a rain-swollen lake after a flood gate jammed on a dam for more than 12 hours Sunday. A handful of nearby homes flooded.

By 10 p.m. Sunday, emergency officials allowed residents to return to their homes near Lake Manatee. Two emergency shelters that had been opened for some 235 displaced Manatee County residents were empty, county spokesman Jay Moyle said.



Bradenton, Fla., Fire/Rescue EMT Barry Cornelison carries a dog Sunday in Bradenton, Fla., after rescuing it from a flooded home along the Manatee River.

Heavy rains since Wednesday forced flood watches in 18 counties and caused at least two other rivers to overflow Sunday.

The malfunctioning flood gate, one of three on the reservoir, caused water to stream into the 2,400-acre lake faster than it could be released.

Emergency managers began aiding residents living near the lake and downstream along the Manatee River to evacuate on Sunday morning.

At first, workers could only get the flood gate halfway open, which wasn't enough to drain the lake about 40 miles southeast of Tampa. The water pushed close to emergency spillways that have never been used, but it didn't reach the earth-walled channels designed to divert water away from the lake, Manatee County emergency operation spokesman Larry Leinhausen said.

Eventually, divers and crews using a crane and cables managed to pry open the gate. The lake, which had reached 5 feet above normal levels, was draining steadily late Sunday, Moyle said.

Residents of the 600 homes were given the "all clear" Sunday night because flooding around the homes wasn't as serious as expected, Moyle said.

It was not known late Sunday exactly how many homes were flooded or how much damage the water caused. Moyle said damage assessments were to begin

Monday morning.

Meteorologists predicted little rain overnight in areas around the lake. Manatee County had 1 to 3 inches of rain on Sunday and could have that much on Monday, when there's a 50 percent chance of rain, National Weather Service meteorologist Frank Alsheimer said late Sunday.

"We've been getting hit every day for about a week now," said Eric Oglesby, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Ruskin. "We should dry out on Tuesday."

Trial starts for woman accused of hitting man with car, leaving him stuck in windshield to die

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — It was hours before dawn on a high-way southeast of downtown. A "Homeless man walked along a shoulder of the road as a former nurse's aide drove home after a night of drinking at a bar.

What happened next isn't clear. "All Chante Javan Mallard could remember, according to police reports, was that her Chevrolet Cavalier hit the man with such force that his head and shoulders jammed into the windshield, shattering and his legs bent over the roof. His pants tearing almost completely off his body.

Chante kept going in and out of the garage telling the man she was sorry," the police report states. "She does not know how long it took the man to die; she quit going out into the garage."

It wasn't until the next day that Gregory Biggs, 37, a former bricklayer who had been living in a Fort Worth homeless shelter, was found dead, his body dumped in a park a few miles from Mallard's house.

Now, nearly two years later, Mallard, 27, heads to trial Monday on charges of murder and tampering with evidence. She faces life in prison if convicted.

Two of her friends, Cleo Deneal Jackson and Herbert Tyrone Cleveland, have pleaded guilty to dumping the body to help Mallard. Jackson received a 10-year sentence for tampering with evidence; Cleveland, nine years. As part of plea agreements, they will testify at her trial.

Police initially said Biggs lived for several days in Mallard's garage, slowly bleeding to death from his multiple fractures and cuts.

But Tarrant County Medical Examiner Nizam Peervani later said Biggs, whose left leg was nearly amputated, probably lived only a few hours after he was hit the morning of Oct. 26, 2001. He had survived if he had received medical attention, Peervani has said.

Police, prosecutors, defense attorneys and others involved in the case have not commented about it publicly since state District Judge James R. Wilson imposed a gag order after Mallard was indicted last year.

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K-9 units place in recent competition

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls area patrol K-9s made a good showing in a Western States Police Canine Association competition held recently in Twin Falls.

Jerod Sweeney and his K-9, Robby, from the Idaho State Police, placed fifth out of 38 competitors in drug detection.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Deputy Justin Diamond, with his K-9, Parker, placed second in agility and fifth in obedience in the novice division.

A competition not sanctioned by the association was the "drag dog," where a dog drags 40 pounds for 40 yards in order to apprehend a suspect; average speeds were less than five seconds. Sweeney and Robby placed second, and Diamond and Parker placed fifth.

Another category was the "tough dog" competition, which is based on how hard a dog will hit a subject and is judged by selected people from the audience. Sweeney and Robby placed second.

Twin Falls Sheriff's Deputy Morgan Case and his K-9, Gino, placed third overall in the open division.

M.V. hospital hosts session on blood sugar

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center today will host a community education session on target levels for blood sugar and what to do if your numbers are not in the healthy range.

Know Your Numbers will be taught by certified diabetes educators from Magic Valley Regional's clinical nutrition department.

Know Your Numbers will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today in the hospital's Sage Room located north of the Addison Avenue facility in Twin Falls.

Wood River advisory group meets Tuesday

CAREY — The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group will hold Technical Advisory Committee and general and executive board meetings at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Carey City Hall, 2040 N. Main St.

Routine business will be conducted. The public is invited.

Environmental book club starts Tuesday

KETCHUM — An environmentally themed book reading club will kick off at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Environmental Resource Center, on the corner of Sixth and Leadville streets.

The first book the group will discuss is "The Botany of Desire" by Michael Pollan.

The book talks about an Idaho farmer cultivating Russet Burbank potatoes for McDonald's, customers half a world away, among other things, and asks whether these potatoes have evolved to gratify certain human desires that humans will help them multiply. That and other intriguing questions from the plants' point of view.

Participants are invited to bring an appetizer to share; the resource center will provide the wine.

Resource center spokeswoman, Melissa Ellens said the book club plans to meet monthly and participants are welcome to attend, even if they haven't read or finished the book.

Blaine County receives award for preservation

HAILEY — Blaine County recently received an Orchard Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation by Preservation Idaho for the newly completed replacement stair and portico on the historic county courthouse in Hailey.

A surviving example of Idaho's pre-statehood public building design, the two-story Italianate-style brick building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

The Excellence in Historic Preservation Ordinal is awarded to projects that have demonstrated outstanding adherence to the secretary of the interior's standards in preservation, restoration or renovation. This was the only award in this category given this year at the award ceremony held May 31 in Crook.

Bruce Poe of Preservation Idaho said this project was "a case-study in sensitive and accurate historic preservation at its finest."

Other Ordinal awards given by Preservation Idaho were for contribution to historic preservation and included the restoration of the Messer Block in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff reports

'IT'S GREAT TO SEE HIM HOME'

Family, friends welcome Marine back from Iraq

By Rachel Hartgen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As Marine Lance Cpl. Tavin Reeves' family car rounded the corner onto Main Avenue Saturday evening, family and friends began cheering and proudly waving their hand-held American flags.

Confetti and streamers filled the air as he stepped out of his dad's truck to an anxious audience waiting to tell the Marine welcome home.

"It's awesome to be home," Reeves said with a smile on his face as family members greeted and hugged him.

Twenty-year-old Reeves, of the B Company 15 Weapons Platoon, returned to the Magic Valley from Twenty-Nine Palms, San Diego Saturday after arriving back in the United States from Iraq in May.

Upon his arrival in Twin Falls, Reeves' friends, family and strangers gathered for a welcome-home celebration in front of Dunkin's in downtown Twin Falls.

Reeves, a Twin Falls High School graduate, joined the Marines in August 2001, shortly after graduation. He was deployed to Kuwait in February.

"I knew we were going to go to Iraq," Reeves said, "and we went to do what we had to do."

The news was something his parents had feared but expected. "When they go into the military, you expect this to come," mother Shawna Reeves said. "You have to be prepared as a parent, so you tell them to do their job."

It's a job many are thankful for, such as Joyce Lowry of Twin Falls.

As Reeves arrived, Lowry gave him a hug and introduced herself.

"I wanted to thank you for serving our country," Lowry told Reeves. "My grandson is serving overseas in Kuwait also."

Lowry's grandson, Jeremy Ajeti of 2000, heard and came back to the Magic Valley also. Upon his arrival, Ajeti's family hopes they too will have a family celebration like that of Reeves'. It is something these servicemen deserve, Lowry said.

"If they are going to go and serve our country, people need to come out and welcome them."

Congress orders Forest Service to review cabin fees

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — City dwellers who find when they receive news of higher home property assessments might consider themselves fortunate.

They should see the property appraisals of highway recreation cabins in woodlands of the Sawtooth National Forest.

Forest Service resource technician Jackie Richter, who sends bills to cabin owners, says appraised values of mostly Spartan vacation cabins tucked away in the tranquil woodlands have jumped anywhere from 100 percent to 8,000 percent — resulting in corresponding boosts in fees that owners pay the Forest Service.

Fees on homes and cabins

range from \$400 to \$4,000 per year, she said. Dwellings are restricted to about 1,200 square feet in size, with the average about 800 square feet. Many have no plumbing or electricity and may only be used as part-time vacation homes, not full-time residences, Richter said.

But Congress has ordered the Forest Service to review its appraisal system and fees, allowing cabin owners — there are 181 in the Sawtooths — with some 15,200 in the national forests nationwide — until Aug. 11 to comment on requirements contained in the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act, which was enacted two years ago.

Richter said the Forest Service has been conducting ongoing

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Rural fire stations get cheap engines

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — Butting wildfires in Minidoka County was just made two fire engines easier.

The Minidoka County Fire Protection District is one of nearly 30 fire departments in south-central Idaho that have received affordable fire engines through a Bureau of Land Management surplus program.

Heyburn Fire Station and North Side Youth Ranch Station have each received a fire engine through the program.

The best part about it is that we can help them (the BLM) out on a first-response basis,"

Heyburn Fire Chief Mike Brown said. "They can only respond to so many fires."

In 2000, nearly all of the 30 rural fire departments in south-central Idaho were in need of a fire engine that could be used to assist the BLM, said a BLM press release.

South Central Idaho BLM Fire Management Officer Andy Payne authorized John Sabala, fire mitigation and education manager, to make as many engines as possible available for these departments.

In the past three years, Sabala has sold 16 heavy fire engines, 24 light engines, and six command vehicles to rural fire departments

throughout Idaho, said Sky Huffaker, public affairs officer for South Central Idaho BLM.

"No other field office in the country has come close to selling the number of vehicles that John has," said Gwen Rush, property utilization specialist at the National Business Center in Denver, which disposes of 300 surplus government vehicles each year.

"Most of the other offices just aren't as knowledgeable, so his work serves to educate others about the process as well."

The truck Heyburn received is a 1995 model with about 38,000 miles on it, Brown said. The dis-

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Council mulls fence at airport

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The past improvements and new construction has picked up over the past couple of years at Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport, most of it paid for with money from the federal government.

The result is a safer and more attractive airport, officials say.

The latest project that will be paid for with Federal Aviation Administration funds is a major fencing and sign project. Airport Manager Bill Carberry will recommend a \$401,301 bid to the Twin Falls City Council at its regular meeting at 5 p.m. today. If the council approves a contract, the project should start sometime in July, Carberry said. It is part of the FAA's ongoing homeland security mission, he explained.

The airport gets about \$1 million a year from the FAA. City Manager Tom Courtney said that's because the airport serves commercial airlines. Part of the FAA mission is to keep passenger airline airports in good condition.

The money does come with the condition of local matching funds. So, Twin Falls County and the city of Twin Falls each throw in about \$50,000, which together makes 10 percent match.

Last year the airport used the FAA money to refurbish the taxi lane, Carberry said.

But there has been other construction that was not paid for with FAA money. The Bureau of Land Management has recently established a firefighting station at Joslin Field. The agency built a tanker base loading dock with small warehouses and this fall will continue with an operations building.

Airport watchers no doubt have also noticed a conspicuous water tank going up recently. It is a replacement for the original water tank that held only 10,000 gallons. The new one holds 214,000 gallons, Carberry said. The new tank fund pump house cost about \$45,000. The city took out a loan to pay for it.

Then there are a couple of new hangars under construction, too. But they both belong to private owners. One is a small hangar for private use. A larger one is a speculative enterprise intended for commercial use. Carberry said the owner of the larger hangar expects the use of Joslin Field to increase rapidly in the near future, so there will be a market for his hangar.

Buhl revitalization wraps up

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The city of Buhl is about to wrap up its six-month downtown revitalization project on schedule.

When all is said and done, the city will have new sewer and water lines to the downtown businesses, better-flowing gutters, new sidewalks with red brick trim, newly planted trees, decorative street lights and new streets.

The final cost is not yet known, but the project is expected to come in around \$2.4 million, said Mayor Barbara Geitzen.

Project aspirations began about three years ago, and when construction began in January, the goal was to have revitalization complete by the annual Sagebrush Days celebration on

Join the party

The city of Buhl is planning a celebration for the Buhl community on Saturday to mark the completion of the city's revitalization project.

Two blocks of Main Street will be roped off, from Broadway to 12th Street, for the party, which starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m.

Mayor Barbara Geitzen will conduct a ribbon-cutting ceremony, present an extra-mile award and light up the new street lights.

The community of Buhl is invited along with special guests, the construction crews, Idaho Department

of Environmental Quality officials, businesses, school district officials, city crew and Idaho Transportation Department officials — all of whom played a large part in the project.

A DJ will have music flowing, and dancing in the street will be allowed.

A beverage garden will be in the Sag. Mor Drug parking lot and food will be served from the old Merc building parking lot on Broadway.

The menu includes chorizo, smoked sausages, hamburgers, beef, pork, marinated trout and potatoes with toppings.

blocks in each direction of the Main and Broadway streets.

The project got off to a rocky start when construction bids came in over the proposed cost.

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Joe Keart, North Side Fire Department volunteer fire chief, shows off the fire engine that North Side received at a discounted rate through a BLM surplus program.

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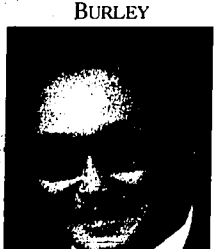
Niran Koroee

TWIN FALLS — Niran Koroee, 23, of Twin Falls, died Friday, June 20, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following an apparent heart attack.

Niran was born on May 9, 1980, the son of Karl Kummel and Susan Koroee. He grew up in Thailand and moved with his mother to Twin Falls in September 2000.

Niran is survived by his mother, Susan (Kim) Haynes of Twin Falls; two brothers, Nirun Koroee of Thailand and Louis Haynes of Twin Falls.

Graveside services for Niran will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. of the Islamic Center of Salt Lake City, Utah, officiating the service. At the family's request, there will be no public viewing. Arrangements and services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.



Roy N. Hondo

BURLEY — Roy N. Hondo, 80, died Friday, June 20 at his home in Burley. After a four-year battle with cancer, he quietly and peacefully left us.

Roy was born in Rupert on September 7, 1922 to Sumayyo Takouchi and Tokuchi "TM" Hondo. He grew up on the family farm along the Snake River, graduated from the 8th grade at Empire School and went on to graduate from Rupert High School in 1940. Roy farmed with his father and his brother, August, until he was drafted into the Army. After his tour of duty in Europe he was honorably discharged, returning to Rupert where he met Hattie Mae Ishino in October, 1946. They were married on February 2, 1947 in Rupert, and farmed there until 1949 when they purchased a farm near Burley. Roy and Hattie raised their children, "Patty" Gaylen, and Jimmy. Roy continued to reside at the home place after Mary's death in 2000.

Roy's passions were family and farming. He always had time for ball games and concerts, family parties and fishing trips. In 1970, he was honored as an Honorary Chapter Farmer by the Burley High School FFA. The Amalgamated Sugar Company recognized Roy, son Gaylen, and nephew Dan, as Mini-Cassia's top sugar beet growers in 1973. In 1983, Roy and Mary were Grand Marshals of the Cassia County Fair. In 1974, Roy and his sons, Gaylen and Jimmy, were featured in the Farm Lines newspaper as outstanding Magic Valley farmers. In 1999 they were honored as West Cassia SWCD Farmers of the Year. After retiring from active farming, Roy and Mary enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, and trips to Jackpot with the Good Sam Club and their many friends.

Survivors include daughter, Pat (Noble) Morinaka of Nye, OR; two sons, Gaylen (Carolyn) Hondo and Jim (Debi) Hondo of Burley; sister-in-law, Akiye Hondo of Burley; nephew, Dan (Kris) Hondo of Burley; nieces, Shirley (Warren) Murata of Ontario, OR; eight grandchildren, Chase Marinaka, Amy Marinaka, Chane Morinaka, Amy Hondo, Karlee (Eric) Rust, Ryan Hondo, Zaitelle (Ryan) Rust and Jamey H. Clark; and two great-grandchildren, Joshua William and Clark Clark. Roy was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; sisters, Tsuyuko Miyagishima, Mary Sunamoto and Tomi Watanabe; brothers, August Hondo and Moscov Hondo; and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 East 27th Street in Burley, with Rev. Al Trachsel, officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends who call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Tuesday from 10:00 to 8:00 p.m., and at the church from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral services on Wednesday.

Ray Huntington Flavel

TWIN FALLS — Ray Huntington Flavel, 92 of Twin Falls, went home to his Heavenly Father Friday June 20, 2003.

Ray was the youngest son born to William and Cora Flavel. He was born on September 30, 1922, in Spanish Fork, Utah. He had three sisters, two step-sisters, and one brother. Ray spent most of his early life in Richfield, Idaho. Later going to Utah, he met the love of his life, Mary Gulickson. They married on June 1, 1941, in Salt Lake City, Utah. They later had two children: a daughter, Judy Fae, and a son Jack Ray. He was a very loving and devoted father, and always had time for his children. His wife and children were always number one in his life. They lived most of their lives in Utah and Idaho. Ray was a hard worker and took pride in everything he did. He loved working with his hands. He was a great carpenter and fix-it man. He enjoyed driving, dancing, camping, R.V.-ing, traveling, motorcycling, and spending time with his family and friends.

Ray served his country as a young man in the Army, during WWII. He was in over-seas active duty for 19 months.

Ray retired from the Castelford School District, and later moved to Twin Falls. After retirement he and his wife volunteered as camp host during the summer months. They enjoyed meeting new people and spending time together. They also loved the beauty of the outdoors.

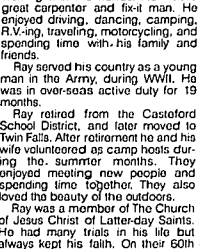
Ray was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had many friends in his life but always kept his faith. On his 60th Wedding anniversary, Ray and Fae were married in the Boise Temple.

Ray was loved and will be missed by loved ones and friends, for his kind and fun-loving ways and his wonderful sense of humor.

Ray is survived by his wife; his loved dog, Lady, a daughter Judy (Dan) Johnson of Jackson, Wyoming; his son Jack (Kris) Flavel of Twin Falls, Idaho; five grandchildren, Danny (Judy) Johnson of Roswell, California; Corey (Ray) Johnson of Rocklin, California; Ryan Flavel of Twin Falls, Idaho; Kristi (Bart) Hamilton of Higley, Arizona; and Brock Flavel of Twin Falls, Idaho. Four great-grandchildren, Whitney, Brittney, Sage, and Bailey Johnson. Four great-grandsons, Chance, Tanner, and Brayden Hamilton, and Steven Johnson. Two step-sisters, Gladys (Olen) Hondo of McKinleyville, California, and Kay (Bill) Poppleton of Boise, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Cora, and his step-mother, Erma (Sweet) Flavel. Three sisters: Estella Stanger, Mary grandmothers and aunts, and a brother Rex Flavel.

A graveside service will be held for Ray on Thursday, June 26, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A viewing will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday night June 25, 2003. Services are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.



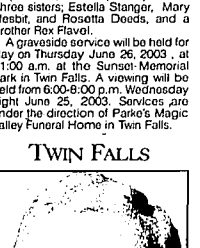
David Phillip Renfrow

DAVID Phillip Renfrow, 69, died Thursday, June 18, 2003, at home.

At his request, a graveside service will be held honoring him and his late wife, Beverly, at the Mountain View Cemetery, Fairfield, Idaho, at a later date to be announced by family. He chose to be cremated and his ashes will be spread with his over the Trinity Lakes. Arrangements are under the direction of Glendavid Funeral Home in Boise.

David was born on May 17, 1934, in Fairfield, at the old sawmill on Soldier Creek. He was a retired VA Officer and was currently living in Boise with his son, Carl.

He was loved and will always be remembered by his family and friends. Rest in Peace Dad, we love you. The family requests any and all donations be made to the VA Medical Center, in care of Voluntary Service, 500 W. Fort St., Boise, Idaho 83702, in his name.



George C. Pubanz

TWIN FALLS — George C. Pubanz, age 92, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, June 19, 2003, at Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born April 16, 1911, in Thayer, Nebraska, the son of Carl and Henrietta (Sackchinsky) Pubanz. He grew up in Nebraska, moving to Idaho in 1938, residing in the Twin Falls area. On October 4, 1940, he married the late, sweetheart, Alvina Holzen. They resided in Clover where he spent 23 years operating the planting plants for the Twin Falls Area. George moved to Woodstone in 1967. They returned to Idaho in 1973. He was a loving and devoted

father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. The raising of Arabian horses was his pride and joy. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church during which time he held various positions. He also maintained and repaired the school buses for Clover Lutheran School. He shared his fondness of the Lawrence Weik Show with his loving wife, Alvina.

Surviving: George are his son, Charles (Jan) Pubanz, daughters, Barbara (Carl) Rosenbaum and Wilmetta (Earl) Coker of Twin Falls; Sharon (Wayne) Seaman of Charlotte, NC and Janet (Warren) Yattaw of Odenton, Maryland; two sisters, Esther Smith of Filer and Alice Marquardt of Hebron, Nebraska; and one brother, Norman Pubanz of Winterhaven, Florida. 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and two on the way, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alvina, his loving wife of 62 years, his parents, one brother, and four sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services for George will be held Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Lawrence Vedder officiating. Interment will be held following services at the Filer Cemetery in Filer, Idaho. Friends may call Tuesday, June 24, 2003, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the George C. Pubanz Memorial Fund, c/o any branch of Farmers National Bank.

Castelford — She graduated in 1928. She married Boyd Jordan in 1930. They were later divorced.

On May 18, 1934 she married Jesse Frank Nipper in Idaho. She and Jesse resided in the rock house in Mellon Valley. Jesse Nipper had two children and a nephew who all lived at home. Inez, Irene, Ida, Ivelle, Ivan and Dorey Nipper (nephew). She and Jesse raised their children, had a peach and apricot orchard. She canned fruit and vegetables and sowed all the clothing. She loved her flower garden. She wove poultry, crocheted, knitted and quilted. For many years she played the piano for her church. She was a member of the Community of Christ Church, Buhl, Idaho.

Her beloved Jesse passed away January 8, 1967.

She is survived by her seven children: Donald Jordan, Maricopa, Co. Dale (Marjorie) Jordan, Castelford, Id., Dorothy Roling, Filer, Id., Joanne (Kenny) Smith, Twin Falls, Id., David (Betty) Nipper, Ft. Meyer, Va., Jesse (Clyde) Clifford, Hagerman, Id., Stephen (Anna) Nipper, Boise, Id., many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Emma Beck, Independence, Mo., Irene Lervin, Hagerman, Id., Duane, Soda Springs, Id., brothers, Howard Winger, Hagerman, Id. and Floyd Winger, Va. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Vernon Winger, Fraz Winger and Stephen Winger, children, Inez, Ida, Ivelle and Ivan.

Funeral services will be held at the Farmer Funeral Chapel 130 N. 9th in Buhl, Monday, June 23, at 2:00 p.m. Interment to follow at the West End Cemetery, Buhl. A viewing for friends and family will be Sunday, June 22 at the Farmer Funeral Chapel from 2-5 p.m.



Cody Ty Gold

WENDELL — Cody Ty Gold, age 11, of Wendell, Idaho, returned to his Heavenly Father and eternal family on June 20, 2003.

Cody was a member of West 2nd Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a Webelos Scout. He attended preschool and grades K-5 at Wendell Elementary. He loved the outdoors and was a loving nurturing boy who enjoyed holding babies and all animals. He played sports, played baseball with his brother, cousins and friends.

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Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2003, at the Wendell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will be in Wendell Cemetery.

Visitation for family and friends will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Dornay Funeral Chapel in Gooding.



Fern Nipper

TWIN FALLS — Fern Nipper, 93, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, Great-great-grandmother and, also, passed away Friday, June 20, 2003 in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born May 13, 1910 in Kittitas, Washington the first of nine children to Stephen Alfred and Emma Melnoche Winger.

She went to school in Kittitas from 1916 to 1919 when the family traveled to Shoshone by train.

There she attended school at Darrah Country School North of Shoshone. She traveled by horseback or walked 112 miles to school. In 1925 the family moved to a farm near Shoshone and Castelford where she attended high school at

Boise — She was loved and will be missed by loved ones and friends, for his kind and fun-loving ways and his wonderful sense of humor.

Ray is survived by his wife; his loved dog, Lady, a daughter Judy (Dan) Johnson of Jackson, Wyoming; his son Jack (Kris) Flavel of Twin Falls, Idaho; five grandchildren, Danny (Judy) Johnson of Roswell, California; Corey (Ray) Johnson of Rocklin, California; Ryan Flavel of Twin Falls, Idaho; Kristi (Bart) Hamilton of Higley, Arizona; and Brock Flavel of Twin Falls, Idaho. Four great-grandchildren, Whitney, Brittney, Sage, and Bailey Johnson. Four great-grandsons, Chance, Tanner, and Brayden Hamilton, and Steven Johnson. Two step-sisters, Gladys (Olen) Hondo of McKinleyville, California, and Kay (Bill) Poppleton of Boise, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Cora, and his step-mother, Erma (Sweet) Flavel. Three sisters: Estella Stanger, Mary grandmothers and aunts, and a brother Rex Flavel.

A graveside service will be held for Ray on Thursday, June 26, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A viewing will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday night June 25, 2003. Services are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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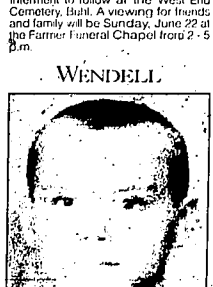
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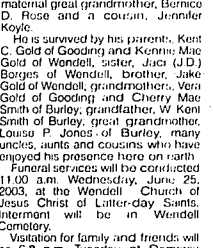
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Richard "Dick" Harper — BURLY — Richard "Dick" Harper, 73, of Burley, died Saturday, June 21, 2003, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2003, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Avenue, with the Reverend John Pickrell officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.



Dorothy Smith

SANDY, UTAH — Dorothy Smith, of Sandy, Utah formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, June 22, at the Crossroads Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Viola "VP" Schenk of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Ebenezer Congregational Church of Paul, 121 N. Second W.; burial at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Chapel, Rupert).

Brian M. Bugley of Burley, private memorial service for family and close friends at 11 a.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery.

Fern Nipper of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl; interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Niran Koroee of Twin Falls, graveside service at 4 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Maria Elena Moreno of Jerome, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. (Farrowsworth Mortuary and Crematory, Jerome).

Betha Chaburn of Albion, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

David Paul Withers of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl; burial will be at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Viewing will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Rena Louise Wicker Clark of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls 6th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St.; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

El Marian Haskett of Pocatello, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the El

DEATH NOTICES

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Runcho LDS Ward Chapel, 300 E. Chapel St.; family will receive friends from 7 p.m. today at Henderson-Cornelson Funeral Chapel, 431 N. 15th Ave. (Beattie) and from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Madeline Mickelson Douglas of Hazelton, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel in Hazelton; burial will be at the Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Lorraine Marie Kissinger of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary Chapel; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Roy N. Hondo of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., Burley; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Lynda Gill Nolevick of Buhl, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Castledale School, gymnasium (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

George C. Pubanz of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Ruth Elizabeth Finch of Jerome, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. E. Jerome (Farrowsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Howard E. Adkins of Twin Falls, memorial service for 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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M-C summer school gets more students

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - On one hand, a school full of children in the summer is a good thing; on the other hand, it means a school full of children need help.

That's the irony Federal Programs Director Jodie Mills sees in Minidoka County as summer school progresses this year.

Having nearly 400 preschool through fifth-grade students in summer school is exciting, but also discouraging, Mills said. It shows there are many students who need help. Attendance this year is nearly double that of last year.

Minidoka County summer school is held at Big Valley Elementary and runs through July 17.

Enrollment is high in Cassia County's summer school, too. About 412 students are studying at the five Cassia schools where summer classes are held. Cassia's summer program runs through July 25.

In previous years, only migrant students attended summer school, but this year other students are involved, Director Kevin Rogers said.

The goal in Cassia County is to increase a student's academic level, but reducing regression is a step in the right direction. Students may be well on assignments in the spring, but by fall "they've lost some of that success," Rogers said.

One way to aid students' success is to offer small classes. In Minidoka County's summer school, one certified and one classified staff member are in each classroom, Mills said. Classes are kept small—about 15 students per class in kindergarten through third grade and 20 students per class in grades four and five.

Teachers and students focus on reading and math during summer school. Small group instruction is a tool teachers use, Mills said, and will be emphasized next year in the Minidoka district, due to the No Child Left Behind Act.



Second-graders work on reading skills with help from Mary Garcia at Minidoka County's summer school.

Reading Specialist Donna Gordon talked with teachers at the end of the school year about literacy centers and she'll return in the fall to offer a presentation to parents and staff, Mills said. But literacy centers are in place this summer.

In one classroom, a group of students works with letters using Popsicle sticks. An adult presents a group of letters and asks the children to make a word. Then she changes the vowel and asks for new words. While the group creates words, other students practice the sounds of letters, under the supervision of another adult.

In another room, some students work on spelling using a board game and the other group reads out loud.

Last year summer school students made a lot of progress, Mills said. This year progress will be

measured by comparing spring Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores to a summer ISAT score when students in grades two through five take the test at the end of the summer session. Younger students will take tests including Early Literacy and Fluent Reading.

Minidoka County students had to qualify to attend summer school, Mills said. To qualify, they had to score in the bottom 25th percentile on the ISAT, score a one on the Idaho Reading Indicator, be recommended by a teacher or have migrant status.

Students in Cassia County's summer school are also those who are below grade level, Rogers said. Students who demonstrated they needed help received letters about summer school, encouraging them to attend.

Organizers stress good atten-

dance at summer school and aim for 90 percent in Minidoka County. Some students may have trouble getting to summer school—although buses operate throughout the district—and, Mills said simply, "It's summer."

Classes are held four days a week, giving everyone three-day weekends, and the session runs six weeks, leaving half the summer free, Mills said.

Rogers said transportation has helped to boost attendance at summer school in Cassia County. Buses run only in the Burley area this year because of money concerns, but bus service could be expanded next year, Rogers said.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042. Ext. 638, or by e-mail at schaney@magvalley.com.

Kids Art in the Park deadline approaches

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Registration closes at 5 p.m. today for Kids Art in the Park, a day-long celebration of creativity for children ages 3 through junior high school that's scheduled for Saturday, July 12.

Kids from throughout the Magic Valley are invited to participate in this event, which will be held in Twin Falls City Park.

An average of 500 children attend every year. Preschoolers and kindergartners will make pipe-cleaner people, stained-glass cellophane sun-catchers and nature printing. Parents must pre-register their kids and specify the hour they plan to attend.

Children in grades one through six will choose from a variety of arts, including acrylic painting, origami, theater games, print-making and exploring musical instruments.

Junior high students will spend the afternoon with local artists and teacher Lillie Brown, exploring the uses of watercolor pencils. New this year will be a children's variety show, which will take place during the noon hour. The public is invited to have lunch in the park and watch the fun.

Pre-registration is required, and forms are available at the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation, the Twin Falls Public Library, the YMCA, the Magic Valley Arts Council office, at any local businesses and several outlets in Jerome, Buhl and Kimberly.

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-ARTS.

Starting July 19, selected pieces produced during Kids Art in the Park will be displayed in the Magic Valley Arts Council offices.

School district debates shortened school week

OROFINO (AP) - Although School District 17 is going ahead with a shortened school week next fall, some officials worry the new schedule may not work out.

The new schedule will lengthen the school day by more than an hour—with classes running from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Even though students will spend one less day in class, teachers will see an increase in the amount of time they spend on the job. Educators will work on average 30 more hours per year, an issue Superintendent Al Arntzen said may come up during contract negotiations.

District officials decided to make the switch this spring after the school board realized it was facing a deficit, and state funding would be further reduced.

"As an educator I would never have taken this step, but we just simply don't have the money to keep going," Arntzen said.

Idaho legislators kept education funding at the level they established in 2002, but capped state funding for teacher and administrator salaries.

The Legislature's policies combined with decreasing property values in the district found itself with a \$650,000 deficit. The dis-

trict's budget projections for 2003-2004 were around \$8.7 million, down \$30,000 from last year.

The gifted-talented program, the alternative school and a part-time counselor were cut, as well as a number of staff members.

By shortening the school week by one day, officials hope to save between \$150,000 and \$180,000. The savings will come mostly from savings for non-teaching positions, such as secretaries, custodians, bus drivers and clerks.

"When 85 percent of your budget is in salaries and fringe benefits," Arntzen said, "it's the only place you can go."

Officials called the school board open for the change without a full examination of the consequences. They plan to go through with the new schedule next year and re-evaluate in the spring.

"We did not have enough time to really work out the details. So I don't know. Yeah, it's going to be tough," Arntzen said.

Many residents are worried the new schedule will place too much of a burden on students.

"I don't like it. That's too long for a day," Becky Jo Harris of Orofino said. "I have a kindergartner, and just going from 8:30 to 3 about kills him."

Program offers area students a chance to catch up

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

In both Minidoka and Cassia counties, students must meet certain criteria such as failing a basic subject, having a low grade point average or bad attendance or they must pay \$50 per credit.

BURLEY - Senior Alyssa Kendall has her eye on a diploma as she hits the books this summer.

Taking history and English classes should help her receive a diploma early, she said.

Lacey Frayer, hoping to be a ninth-grader at Minico High School this fall, is studying language arts and math at summer school. Summer school is helping Frayer turn failing grades into As and Bs.

There's little difference between summer school and school during the rest of the year in her view. "It's just as fun," she said.

Summer school is better than classes during the school year in Kendall's opinion, because there is more time for class.

Director John Kontos said

summer school operates on a 2.5-hour period, rather than the standard 70-minute period at Minico.

"You get your work done," Kendall said. "You don't have homework."

The Minidoka County summer program runs from June 9 to July 17.

Like the elementary summer schools in Mini-Cassia, secondary level summer school enrollment is up this year.

About 180 students are attending summer school. Kontos said adding junior high classes in Minidoka County boosted numbers.

In Cassia County, there are three two-week sessions of summer school for high-schoolers. Cassia Education Center Principal Laurie Bailey said. Enrollment is about 120 students per session.

have been able to obtain a reduction in appraisals after hiring outside appraisers at their own expense to challenge the Forest Service's figures, Richter said.

In a statement from its Twin Falls office, Forest Service spokesman Ed Waldlapfel said "the agency is obligated by law to assess a land use fee for these special use permits that is based on the principles of fair market value."

Continuing, he said, "In the

1980s, the Forest Service adopted a policy which established that the annual land use fee would be equal to 5 percent of the appraised fee simple value of each lot, a set of specifications for appraising recreation residence lots and a provision that lots would be reappraised at least once every 20 years."

He said the purpose of the process is to "establish a more consistent procedure for determining land use fees."

Engines

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trict paid the BLM \$16,000 for it and put another \$4,000 into paint, new hoses and equipment.

"It would easily cost double that on the market today," Brown said. A comparable truck purchased new would probably cost between \$65,000 and \$75,000, he said.

The North Side Station got a 1992 truck for \$8,000 from the BLM. Huffaker commended Sabala's ability to locate excess fire engines and other vehicles, bring them to Idaho and sell them.

The process can take from a month to six weeks, but Sabala has been able to shorten the process to an average of three days.

The work he does minimizes the workload of vehicle sales for the National Business Center by "at least 25 percent," Huffaker said.



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Buhl

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so city officials had to make cuts and search for more funds. One such cutback was eliminating proposed bumpouts at all intersections except for Main and Broadway. Bumpouts are a convenience to pedestrians crossing the street.

One of the first jobs was to fill in old basements in order to support the new sidewalks and streets. A few more basements were uncovered than originally planned but were added in the schedule.

The weather turned cold and rainy at the point, ruining a few sidewalks that had been replaced.

"We consider ourselves lucky because the weather could have been a lot worse than it was," said City Engineer Scott Bybee. "The contract was extended about 15

days due to the setbacks." During the final walk-through today, touch-up tasks will be noted, such as filling in cracks, smoothing edges, adjusting sprinkler heads and repairing any flaws made when the cement was wet.

The Main and Broadway intersection traffic light now has a camera that triggers the lights. There are push buttons for pedestrians to cross the street.

The Idaho Transportation Department has approved of the repaving of Broadway, a U.S. highway, and inspectors have approved of the paving of other streets.

Those who participated in—and put up with—the construction work got high marks from the project managers.

"Allstate Construction of Sandy, Utah, did an excellent job

and the cooperation of the property owners was outstanding," said Project Coordinator Mike Pepper of KMP Planning & Consulting. "Everyone had a positive outlook which made it easier to work together."

An unfortunate incident in the construction area did take place in May, when a Buhl woman died after she was hit by a water truck. The truck was backing up and struck Mabel Jane, 42, as she was crossing the street. She later died at a Boise hospital.

The downtown revitalization project was just one of the improvements the city that Gietzen wanted to see completed during her term of office.

"Even though some people compared the construction to the sites in Baghdad, when finished, 'Allstate' city will be beautiful," Gietzen said.

Who survived the first round at Wimbledon?

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SPORTSQUOTE

These guys are oozing with potential, talent."

—Eddie Jordan, about the Washington Wizards, after being named coach.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Which two players were drafted before Michael Jordan in the 1984 draft?

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf

Larry Malone Pro-Am, at Muni Legion baseball
Burley at Pocastello (2), 5 p.m.
Minico at Wood River, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls wins Legion tourney

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta — Sound defense, timely hitting and solid pitching down the stretch helped the Twin Falls Cowboys win their first title in recent memory at the Lethbridge Spitz Elks Class AA American Legion Baseball tournament. Twin Falls defeated the host 6-4 Sunday.

The Cowboys defeated Lethbridge 15-7 Saturday night to reach the championship against the same Elks. Lethbridge had its chances early as Cowboys starter Andy Coats struggled initially.

"He started off a little rough but he got out of a few jams that kept us in the game," said head coach Tim Studemeir.

Coats gave up five hits and six walks in five innings work along with seven strikeouts. Reliever Tim Meahler came in for the sixth, giving up one hit and forcing three ground outs.

Brandon Christiansen had two hits while Drew Bernhard, Tim Rehbein, Steve Turner and Brett Miller all had hits.

Twin Falls (15-3) plays at Minico Tuesday in a conference game before heading to the Tampa tournament Thursday.

Wartluft, Kaneaster take consecutive MVS wins

TWIN FALLS — Harold Wartluft passed rookie and pole position driver Mike Buddenhagen late and held on for the main event Modifieds win Sunday night at the Magic Valley Speedway.

Curt Kaneaster passed Randy Price during the final 10 laps to take the Grand Nationals main event. Wartluft was followed by Bruce Quale, TJ Woodhall, Rob Vest and Steve Jones. Jones leads Wartluft 472-432 in the season points standings followed by Thomas Powell with 409.

In the Grand Nationals, Price took second followed by Jerry Rice, Ray Van Holland and Dan Doan. Doan leads the season standings with 406 points to 372 for Price and 366 for Van Holland. Woody Cullen edged Billi Miles, Alan Larson, Mike Greco and Chad Packham for the Pony Stocks main event victory. Miles overtook Cullen for the season points lead, 440-433 while Alan Larson has 422, good for third.

Matt Bollar beat Terrence O'Brien, Brent Fehringer, Brent Keseman and Michael Zenger in the Thunder Stocks. Ernie Hall leads the season standings with 384 points followed by Fehringer at 380, Craig Nuthak, 349, O'Brien, 338 and Van Holland, 318.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Houston took Alvin Oja and Portland selected Sam Bowie.

Stanford forces decisive CWS Game 3

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — John Hudgins earned his third win of the College World Series, and Sam Fuld hit a leadoff home run to tie the CWS record for career hits as the Cardinal defeated Rice 8-3 on Sunday in the second game of the championship series.

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Hudgins (14-3) became the eighth pitcher to win three games in the tournament, and the first since Wichita State's Greg

College World Series

Brummett in 1989. Hudgins, who beat South Carolina in Stanford's CWS opener and Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday, held Rice (57-12) to three runs on 10 hits in seven-plus innings.

In 24 CWS innings, Hudgins has allowed five earned runs, walked six and struck out 15.

The Cardinal broke open a 3-1 game with a five-run seventh, highlighted by Jonny Ash's two-run double.

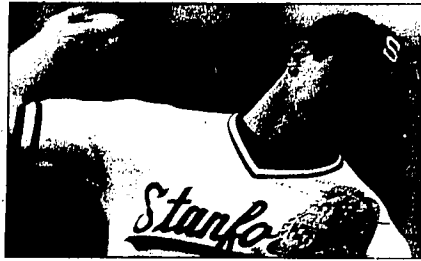
Fuld, who tied Texas' Keith Moreland with his 23rd CWS hit, led off the bottom of the first with his fourth homer of the season. The Cardinal added two more

runs in the third against starter Wade Townsend (11-2) when Brian Hall scored from third on Townsend's wild pitch, and Tobin Swope scored on Carlos Quentin's RBI single.

Rice made it 3-1 in the fourth when Quentin lost track of Matt Uecker's fly ball in right field. The ball dropped between Quentin and center fielder Fuld, allowing Craig Stansberry to score from second.

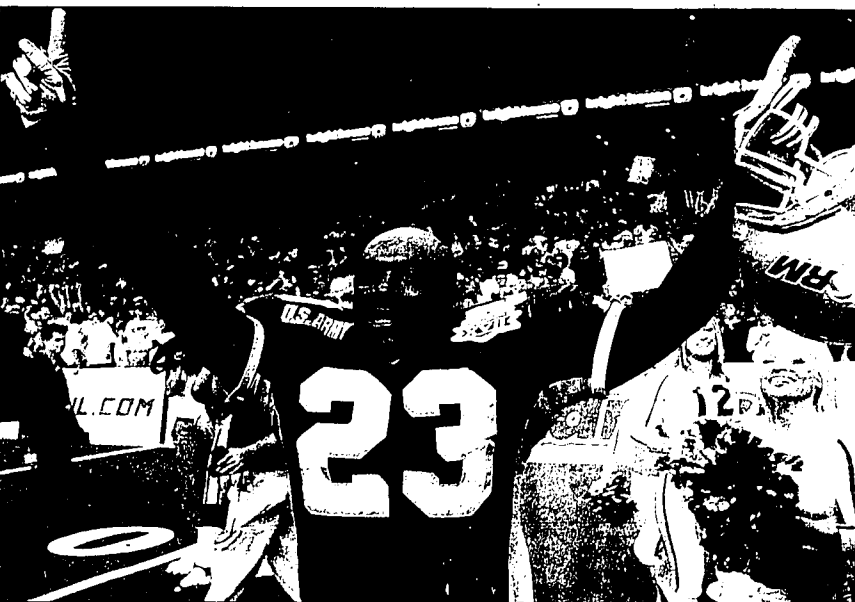
Stanford, helped by Rice first baseman Vincent Gini's two rare errors, built its lead to 8-1 in the seventh.

Hudgins left in the eighth after walking Stansberry and giving up Enrique Cruz's double and Uecker's two-run single that pulled Rice within 8-3.



Stanford pitcher John Hudgins delivers against Rice on Sunday.

Storm rattle Arizona



Tampa Bay Storm player Corey Sawyer celebrates his team's 43-29 win over the Arizona Rattlers in ArenaBowl XVII in Tampa, Fla. on Sunday.

Tampa Bay wins record fifth ArenaBowl title

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Music blared, confetti dropped from the ceiling and the city of Tampa celebrated another pro football championship Sunday night, saluting the Tampa Bay Storm's 43-29 victory over the Arizona Rattlers in the ArenaBowl.

Reserve quarterback Pat O'Hara threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third as the Storm won its record fifth Arena Football League title.

Tampa became the first city to have the Super Bowl and AFL champions in the same year. The Buccaneers beat Oakland in January to capture the NFL title.

Storm coach Tim Marcum hoisted the championship trophy for a record seventh time. It's his third title with Tampa Bay, which also won under him in 1995 and 1996. The Storm also won championships in 1991 and 1993.

Lawrence Samuels caught three touchdowns passes, and the Storm forced five turnovers to frustrate Arizona's offense. The Rattlers entered the game averaging 68.3 points per game in the playoffs.

O'Hara replaced John Kaleo, who left with a back bruise early in the third quarter, and threw TD passes of 9 and 43 yards to Samuels. His 3-yard TD run eliminated any realistic chance for an

Arizona comeback, dropping the Rattlers into a 43-22 hole with 10:39 remaining. Samuels also caught a 33-yard TD pass from Kaleo in the first quarter.

Sherrick Bonner completed 15 of 31 passes for 164 yards for the Rattlers, but lost three fumbles and was intercepted once.

Arizona's season ended with a championship game loss for the second straight year.

Turnovers undermined them a year ago against San Jose and Bonner's mistakes proved too much to overcome this time.

Kelvin Kinney returned one of the Arizona quarterback's fumbles 26 yards for a second-quarter touchdown. Omar Smith's third-

quarter interception set up O'Hara's first TD pass to Samuels, who had five receptions for 109 yards. The announced crowd of 20,496 was the second largest in ArenaBowl history.

In the days leading up to the game, players and coaches talked about the importance of putting on a good "show" for a national television audience likely to include millions drawn by curiosity of the league. Attendance league-wide rose 15 percent, and AFL officials are looking to expand by as many as six teams over the next three years with an emphasis on increasing the AFL's exposure in markets that also have NFL teams.

Change in the air at Wimbledon

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Pete Sampras is out, but the tennis men are considering setting up alternative tournaments if the Grand Slams don't fork over more money. The women are launching a new marketing campaign.

Change is in the air at tennis' most tradition-laden event.

There is one consolation at Wimbledon opens Monday: Serena and Venus Williams are counting on going to this fortnight.

Serena Williams can be forgiven if she's already looking ahead to the semifinals at the grass-court major. That's when she could face Justine Henin-Hardenne, the Belgian who ended Williams' 41-match Grand Slam winning streak at the French Open.

That loss was disconcerting to Williams for several reasons. It ended her bid for a calendar-year Slam. Her play was poor for stretches. The crowd cheered when she faulted. And she felt Henin-Hardenne breached good sportsmanship by not acknowledging a timeout called as Williams missed a serve.

"I thought I was playing well, but looking back, I didn't play well," Williams said, "so it's actually encouraging to know that players really are struggling and fighting — and cheating" to try to beat her.

She wiped away tears at the postmatch news conference in Paris and vowed to "be a little stronger next time." Well, next time against the Belgian could arrive July 5.

She begins defending her Wimbledon title Tuesday against Jill Craybas, an American ranked 66th. In a preserved tradition, the honor of opening Centre Court goes to reigning men's champion Lleyton Hewitt, who will face qualifier Ivica Karlovic on Monday. Andy Roddick — whose booming serve and new coach (Brad Gilbert) helped him win first grass-court title at Queen's Club — Kim Clijsters, Lindsay Davenport and Chanda Rubin also play Monday.

Venus Williams, the 2000 Olympic champion, plays Slovakian qualifier Stanislava Hrozenska on Court 2, the so-called "Graveyard of Champions" and site of Sampras' last Wimbledon title.

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Robby Gordon wins road race

The Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — This time Robby Gordon finished what he started, outracing Jeff Gordon on Sunday to win the Dodge/Save Mart 350.

Jeff Gordon, a three-time Indycar winner and no relation, looked for a while as if he might win. But Robby Gordon held off the four-time Winston Cup champion by 0.553-seconds — about four car lengths — in the battle of Chevrolet.

Two years ago on this same road course, Robby Gordon dominated only to see Tony Stewart slip past. Later that year at Watkins Glen — the only other road course on the 36-race schedule — Gordon was again the best car but lost



Robby Gordon leads early in the Dodge-Save Mart 350 on Sunday almost certain victory when the in-car camera battery exploded and started a fire.

On Sunday, he led three times for 81 of the 110 laps on the 1.949-mile, 11-turn course, including the last 31 laps. It was the second

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Gardner reclaims U.S. heavyweight title

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Rulon Gardner is back.

Gardner reclaimed his status Sunday night as America's top super heavyweight by defeating 2002 world champion Dmiel Byers twice in less than 60 minutes to win the U.S. World Team Trials title, six weeks after finishing third at nationals.

His second win over Byers, in a 2-2 match determined by criteria decision, gave Gardner a chance to compete against the world's best wrestlers for the third time since the 2000 Olympics. He will represent the United States at

October's World Championships in Grevel, France.

For Gardner, his second championship in this tournament demonstrated how far he had come since having the middle toe on his right foot amputated in February 2002.

"I didn't think I'd be here five minutes ago," Gardner said. "To be where I'm at now..." In three days, Gardner re-established himself as one of the world's premier super heavyweights. After losing to Byers 3-2 in the first match of the best-of-three championship round, Gardner overcame for three points and a 3-2 overtime win in the second match.

OTHER VIEWS

Salmon plans shouldn't leave humans upstream

Idaho Press Tribune (Nampa)

There are plenty of views on the salmon recovery plan, but we endorse the plan that four Northwest governors reaffirmed last week in Boise.

The quartet met in Boise last Thursday and reaffirmed their stand: Leave the four multiple-use dams - Ice Harbor Dam, Lower Monumental Dam, Little Goose Dam, and Lower Granite Dam - intact. Those governors - Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Washington Gov. Gary Locke, Montana Gov. Judy Martz and Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski - say the four lower Snake River dams should not be breached to recover the wild fish in the Snake and Columbia rivers.

They want to continue to find ways to gradually improve spawning habitat and hatcheries. The Pacific Northwest's wild salmon didn't become endangered overnight - and the recovery won't happen overnight either.

A month ago, the judge said the governors' plan adopted in 2000 fails to meet Endangered Species Act requirements. He ordered a rewrite and wants the hydroelectric dam operations

adjusted. In short, come up with a plan that shows more results or breach the dams. Never mind that breaching could destroy:

- An already vulnerable regional economy.
- The renewable and non-polluting electricity to homes and businesses that

provides 75 percent of the region's highest-voltage transmission.

- The hydro transportation system that farmers use for moving harvested crops.
- Farmers who count on water for irrigation.
- Recreational investments and opportunities on the waterways.

Who do you think is representing your best interests? The judge who doesn't care what happens if the dams are breached? Or the governors who have taken a five-H approach that says:

Recovery involves the entire life cycle of fish, requiring efforts across "all H's" - habitat, hydroelectric system, harvest and hatcheries - along with a fifth "H", for humans.

Where are the humans in the judge's plan? And what happens if future judges decide more dams should go?

We must balance the wildlife and humans.

Their view: This guest editorial by the Idaho Press Tribune in Nampa says breaching dams will cause more problems in the Pacific Northwest. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Bush, State Department diverge

JOEL MOWBRAY

"Many people at State want to embarrass the president," explains a State Department official - a comment echoed by others at Foggy Bottom alarmed that some of their colleagues are so brazen to openly plot against the commander in chief. Some of those wishing to harm President Bush politically are now in Iraq, where the president's vision of a free Iraq is being fought by State officials on a regular basis.

Of course much of the rhetoric could be nothing more than boastful bravado - particularly since such comments actually help in a building teaming with people who openly despise Bush and want him to lose in 2004 - but State's actions have clearly undermined the president, and it is only a matter of time until it takes a political toll. In that vein, the White House would be wise to heed the advice of former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who is renewing his calls for a "top-to-bottom transformation" of Foggy Bottom.

Although Gingrich's latest critique - an article in Foreign Policy magazine - has no doubt been labeled a "broadside," it is a relatively modest set of concrete proposals. Chief among them is increasing language proficiency of foreign service officers, in part by offering generous bonuses, so that the officers can better communicate with the locals in the countries where they are stationed.

Two other "radical" suggestions are more comprehensive continuing education programs and one-year sabbaticals after the sixth year and two-year hiatuses after the 14th year.

Though he pared back his original

emphasis in the American Enterprise Institute speech two months ago on State's incompetence, the title of Gingrich's article, "The Failure of Diplomacy," implies something about State that probably isn't accurate. The natural conclusion one would draw from the headline is that State somehow does not achieve what it sets out to accomplish. The real problem, though, is that State is incredibly effective at accomplishing its objectives. Look at the record.

State wanted Baathists to remain as a significant part of the post-Saddam transitional authority in Iraq, in large part because Foggy Bottom officials believed that those Saddam loyalists were the only ones with the requisite knowledge and skill sets to manage the country effectively. Until new civilian administrator Paul Bremer issued a sweeping de-Baathification order last month - banishing 15,000 to 30,000 former high-ranking party members from holding any public office - State was successful in installing Saddam loyalists into any number of key positions. One of the most vivid examples was State's reinstatement as president of Baghdad University Saddam Hussein's personal physician.

Despite President Bush's inclusion of Iran in the "axis of evil," State managed to initiate talks with the reigning mullahs. This was no small feat. The approved talking points for the meeting were changed from the friendly tone State wanted to a much harsher one endorsed by the so-

called "hawks," but having the talks at all with a government that might be on the brink of collapse was a victory in and of itself.

Proving that they are, in fact, exceedingly skillful bureaucrats, State officials managed to conceal for three weeks North Korea's March 31 admission to them that it was reprocessing plutonium - the first time Pyongyang had conceded that. Had State told the White House and the Pentagon, the talks with North Korea and China slated to start on April 23 in Beijing likely would have been canceled. But because of State's "shielding" of the information, the talks went off as planned.

Gingrich's proposed structural fixes of State could have a substantial impact. But it's hard to imagine that organizational reform alone will cure State's corrosive culture. If anything, Gingrich's modest proposals do not go far enough in reforming Foggy Bottom. There are many talented and dynamic foreign service officers, but they are outnumbered by those who adhere to State's culture, as Gingrich puts it, "that props up dictators, coddles the corrupt, and ignores secret police forces."

If the White House and Congress fail to act on Gingrich's recommendations, President Bush's policy goals could be jeopardized. If they fail to go even further by bringing in fresh blood and outside leadership, the president's political goals - namely reelection next year - could be jeopardized as well.

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Better to be fair than fast

One drawback of aging - along with hair loss and - not understanding hip-hop - is discovering how much of your education was baloney.

As an aspiring reporter in the 1970s, I learned "gotcha" journalism from grizzled newsmen. These elderly oracles, perhaps 30 years old at the time, offered a well-tested method for unmasking a scoundrel:

- First, assemble your facts. Make sure you have the scoundrel dead to rights.
- Next, phone the scoundrel: Demand an immediate response.
- If the scoundrel won't cooperate, employ the phrase, "refused to comment."
- If the scoundrel doesn't answer his phone, substitute "unavailable for comment."
- Rush your masterpiece into print.

Between the Lines
Clark Walworth

If you're like most people, that scenario probably strikes you as unfair - maybe even mean. But such were the rules taught to us "Watergate babies" in the era of Woodward and Bernstein.

This is one reason so many Americans loathe journalists. Recent scandals at *The New York Times* have prompted many U.S. journalists to revisit their ethical principles. But for Watergate babies, the past quarter-century already has required constant re-evaluation of what we learned as youngsters.

Here at *The Times-News*, we abandoned the "gotcha" style several years ago. Taking no prisoners may work for "60 Minutes," but courtesy counts in community journalism.

So nowadays, if a *Times-News* story contains damning allegations about someone, we try to respond. If we can't find the person with our first call, we call again. And again.

If necessary, we visit in person. We might send a certified letter. This procedure annoys some reporters, because sometimes people deliberately duck our calls. On the other hand, sometimes a person who seems to be hiding is merely busy, sick, or out hunting elk.

So we often delay a story for a few days, until we're sure the person knows we're looking for him but won't talk. One can tell a story for three weeks, calling, visiting almost daily in hope of an answer. We finally got one.

Our persistence occasionally irritates news sources. They sometimes complain of being hounded. We offer a simple solution: Answer your phone. Politely tell the reporter you don't want to talk. We'll get back to you.

Of course, we can't always sit on a story while awaiting a reply. We won't let a crafty newsmaker indefinitely bottle up bad publicity by dodging the reporter.

Also, if readers need the facts right away, or if a criminal suspect has been jailed, or if other media are already breaking the news, we may push a story into print unworried.

But even then, we should make every reasonable effort to talk with the target of the allegation. We generally try for a follow-up story, too.

This slow-hand approach might not work in New York or Washington, D.C., where multiple news outlets can scramble for scoops. But in southern Idaho, we'd rather be fair than fast.

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Is stealing from a cemetery really worth it?

People with "sticky fingers" - like the flowers from the cemetery disappeared. Oops, you dropped one - guess what, you were seen.

I hope you are displaying the flag with honor as it represents our servicemen and women - across the pond and here in the United States, besides the rest of the people in the United States, including you.

I hope when you look in the mirror each morning, you say, why did I degrade myself so and why did I stoop so low as to steal from the dead? You know, paybacks are bad sometimes.

GLENN RUFFING
Wendell

Road projects see numerous obstacles

I would like to respond to the June 17 *Times-News* front-page article. "Panel suggests tax hike to ease Idaho road problems." I would like to mention where I believe that the problem lies.

Funding: The reporter states that it has been seven years since the last fuel tax increase. If the money collected

from fuel taxes was dedicated exclusively to highway construction, there would be funds available. Fuel taxes are user fees and are fair, but they are also a burden on the already struggling trucking industry. Unfortunately, the legislators, both state and federal, cannot keep their hands out of the highway funds. Highway funds are constantly diverted to other uses.

Davis Bacon wages: This union-sponsored regulation was enacted during the '30s to ensure that union contractors could be competitive with non-union contractors. These artificial minimum wage requirements add significantly to the cost of every federally funded project, and take away from the contractor the option of negotiating for the lowest labor costs.

Regulations: If you look at bid documents for any project, at least two-thirds of the paper is devoted to regulations that have nothing to do with the quality of the finished job. You have sections pertaining to disadvantaged business enterprise set-asides, wage and labor rules, environmental constraints, source approval and many more. I periodically receive new printed regulations from the Idaho Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. The stack

of new regulations received in the last 12 months is more than 2 inches high. It seems that the regulators go out of their way to make highway motorists have been expensive.

Environmentalists: These people have done their best to make highway construction costly. Virtually every new project proposal of any size is challenged by environmental (read "no growth") groups. Many of these projects, vital to the safety of motorists, have been tied up in expensive litigation for years. Many projects have been stopped cold. The environmentalists have succeeded in pushing restrictive and expensive rules into existence. The required wetlands, endangered species and archeological reviews are time-consuming and expensive.

The richest nation in the world is letting its infrastructure crumble. It is not a question of additional taxes - it is a question of priorities. KENNETH HANSEN
Burley

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Judge's INEEL ruling was half-baked verdict

Well, here we go again. The

Department of Energy has decided not to remove the buried, leaking plutonium from over our water supply. The DOE has apparently decided that half the buried plutonium must be removed (*Times-News*, June 10). I believe they will win the appeal because the Idaho judge had to ignore a lot of evidence just to reach the decision that even half the buried plutonium was covered by the "Get the We Out" nuclear deal of 1995. Evidence, like Gov. Batt saying, "the deal did not cover the buried waste. It was not part of the negotiations" was kindly ignored by the Idaho judge.

Meanwhile, with our politicians' blessings, we are progressing with the opening of a new eight-acre plutonium particle dump, onsite and over our water. "History tends to repeat itself" and "stupid is as stupid does." Since ex-Sen. McClure is now a rich lobbyist for the nuclear business and he orchestrated the so-called "Get the Waste Out" deal, he is very responsible for the remaining buried plutonium. While he touts his feel good "Leave A Legacy" ad on TV, these billions of deadly plutonium particles are the real legacy McClure is leaving Idaho.

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Government rolls in tobacco revenue

Surgeon General Richard Carmona uncorked a bottle of political hypocrisy with his recent comment before Congress that he would support banning tobacco products.

Why didn't such a bold, sincerely delivered statement, coming from the nation's top physician, win him any measurable praise from the anti-smoking lobby and politicians who have long decried smoking? Leaving aside issues of individual freedom, adult responsibility, social engineering and political correctness, the answer may lie in that

TOMMY J. PAYNE

famous piece of advice: "Follow the money."

Carmona, perhaps unintentionally, revealed the ultimate game of wanting to have it both ways. The government is "addicted" to tobacco revenue.

Between 1998 and 2002, state, federal and local government collected nearly \$135 billion from U.S. smokers, who, according to our data, have a median annual household income of about \$35,000. Government pockets more tobacco revenue per minute than the average working family brings home in a year. About 47 percent of the cost of an average pack of cigarettes goes to government. In contrast, my company, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, makes a profit per pack of about 3 percent.

State governments are particularly dependent upon cigarette funding. If the surgeon general were to get his wish, for example, California would stand to lose \$2.3 billion annually. New York would be out \$2.1 billion. Texas would fall short by \$1.7 billion and Michigan more than \$1 billion.

In 2002, 44 states faced budget deficits. Twenty of them increased cigarette taxes to help make up the difference. To date this year, nine states have increased cigarette taxes.

It's a good thing that a suggestion that amounts to a ban on this enormous revenue stream came from a physician. A number of state governors might need CPR if they were told they'd lost their state tobacco revenues.

THE STRONG PREY ON THE WEAK



Ironically, even the anti-smoking lobby didn't warn up to the concept of banning cigarettes. Perhaps that's not as surprising as it might seem. Revenues from taxes and the Master Settlement Agreement between the states and major cigarette manufacturers have provided more than \$2 billion in funding for drug, non-smoking programs and other tobacco-control activities; many of the anti-smoking groups receive a portion of these funds.

Entirely apart from the government's financial dependence upon tobacco, banning a product used by nearly one-quarter of the adult U.S. population is a dicey proposal at best.

It is realistic to believe that more than 40 million Americans would just quit smoking? The black market look like by such a move would make "The Sopranos" look like a bunch of choirboys.

So, in supporting the abolition of the government's golden goose, did Carmona lay an egg? Perhaps not. He deserves credit for raising an intellectually honest question: Should cigarettes remain legal for adults in this country? If so, should they be

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manufactured and sold by a government monopoly, as in some nations, or by private enterprise? And if it's to be private enterprise, how should the manufacture and sale of a product with known health risks be regulated?

Among other things, current proposals to give the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate cigarettes could be tantamount to granting Carmona his wish. The U.S. Supreme Court has already ruled that, as currently chartered, the FDA would be obligated to ban cigarettes.

There are reasonable regulations that could be placed on U.S. cigarette manufacturers, in addition to those already in force, that would serve the public interest—for example, uniform good manufacturing practices, consistent standards for ingredients and their disclosure, and rules for communicating tar and nicotine yields.

But reasonable federal regulation should not include restrictions that restrain legitimate competition between manufacturers for adult smokers' business, nor should it lead to de facto prohibition by requiring that cigarettes be made in such a way that they become unpalatable to the adults who choose to smoke them.

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Soaring deficit draws far too little notice

BILL FERGUSON

The year was 1992. America was in the midst of an economic recession and a presidential election was looming. The two major parties produced a pair of candidates that had the electorate issuing a collective groan—a sitting president who seemed aloof and clueless on how to turn around the sagging economy and a slick-talking governor from Arkansas who seemed to have only a passing familiarity with the truth.

Out of nowhere rode a brash little Texas billionaire who ran one of the most successful third party presidential campaigns in history by spending a great deal of his own money and by broaching topics that the two "legitimate" candidates were afraid to touch. Perhaps most significantly, Ross Perot introduced the average American to hazards of runaway deficit spending and the looming financial disaster that was going to bring the government to its knees when the Baby Boom generation began retiring and collecting Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Even though Perot fell out of contention due to his own abrasive and flighty personality, his presence in the '92 campaign brought the issue of deficit reduction to the forefront of the nation's consciousness for a time.

Through the rest of the '90s, a combination of limited spending growth and a booming economy helped to shrink the yearly federal deficit, and some of us dared to hope that we would actually be able to start paying down the accumulated national debt and even at least mitigate the coming Social Security/Medicare disaster.

That was then, this is now. Contrary to the best wishes of optimists everywhere, the economy eventually cooled off and tax revenues withered as a result. Yearly deficits have returned and the people in Washington have grown complacent once again about the economic burden we

are poised to place off the shoulders of our children and grand children.

As a matter of fact, our president and his friends and enemies in Congress seem to be in a heated contest to see who can increase spending and cut taxes the most. No one in Washington has the backbone to say we shouldn't be cutting taxes right now—the debate is over who should benefit from tax cuts. No one in Washington is talking about the need to control the growth of social spending; the light is over how much we should increase benefits to cover prescription drugs for Medicare recipients.

It's like our government is buying new furniture for a house that is burning down, all around them. Next year we hold another presidential election, and no candidate has yet emerged who is willing to even discuss the deficit issue. Fiscal responsibility is simply not seen as a winning political strategy. Promises of tax cuts and increased spending on social programs and defense sell votes, averting financial disaster through making tough economic choices does not.

So unless old Ross gets back in the game or some unlikely dark horse fills the void he left behind, we won't be hearing much about the \$400 billion deficit we ran up this year or the fact that President Bush had to raise the federal debt ceiling by \$984 billion to \$7.4 trillion to pay for his latest tax cut.

How, then, should we be bothered with such trivial details? We've got enough to worry about, like who should really have won the last "American Idol" contest.

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Community

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The road back to Plessy and Jim Crow

JOHN HASNAS

Any day now, the Supreme Court will announce its decision on the constitutionality of the University of Michigan affirmative action policies. Advocates for minorities hope that the court will uphold the program. They should not. Such a decision will almost certainly damage the long-term interests of the very groups the proponents of diversity seek to protect.

Consider the implications of such a decision. To uphold the university's admissions policies, the court would have to find that diversity constitutes a "compelling" state interest; one that is so important that the government may treat citizens differently on the basis of their race or ethnicity to achieve it. But if assembling a diverse student body in state universities constitutes a compelling interest, what does not?

Civil liberties groups are currently concerned about the Bush administration's treatment of Muslims and men of Middle Eastern extraction. These groups decry the special registration provisions that the INS has imposed on residents from Islamic countries, the Department of Justice's practice of arresting men of Arab descent without probable cause and holding them for extended periods as material witnesses, and the administration's designation of Muslims such as Yusef Hamdi and Jose Padilla as enemy combatants in order to circumvent their constitutional rights as American citizens. They accuse the federal government of engaging in a virulent form of ethnic profiling in its zeal to wage the war on terrorism. But if the court rules that the government may classify citizens by race and ethnicity to assemble diverse student bodies, how could civil libertarians seriously argue that it may not do so in the interest of national security?

The odious Jim Crow legislation that mandated racial segregation in the South was enacted on the ground that it was necessary to maintain order and protect public morals. Surely the last thing minorities should want is for this to again serve as a constitutional basis for discriminatory legislation. But if the court

rules that diversity in the classroom is a compelling interest, how could minority advocates reasonably argue that the states' interest in preventing public disturbances and maintaining civic virtue is not?

Liberal advocacy groups regularly cite the Roosevelt administration's internment of Japanese-Americans as an archetypal example of invidious governmental discrimination. At a time when there is a real risk that comparable "national security" measures may be taken, is it really beneficial to minorities for the court to make it easier for the government to classify citizens on the basis of race and ethnicity?

Clearly, the supporters of affirmative action want to permit the government to make racial and ethnic distinctions only for benign purposes. But we have been down that road before. When originally adopted, the 14th Amendment permitted benign race-conscious governmental action. The same Congress that passed the Amendment also passed the Freedmen's Bureau Act that provided benefits exclusively to African Americans.

But once vested with the power to classify citizens by race, politicians quickly learn how to turn it to oppressive purposes. Only 28 years after the passage of the 14th Amendment, the Supreme

Court decided *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which permitted the States to segregate the races for the supposedly benign purpose of preserving "the public peace and good order." It took another 58 years of living with Jim Crow and the consequences of the internment of Japanese-Americans for the court to learn that the only way to prevent politicians from exploiting minorities was to deny them the power to classify citizens by race and ethnicity altogether. This was the wisdom embodied in Brown v. Board of Education.

Advocates for minorities who want the court to extend the government's power to treat citizens differently on the basis of race and ethnicity must believe that contemporary politicians can be trusted not to abuse this power. This position is strangely at odds with their denunciation of the current administration's policies and judicial nominees as hostile to civil rights.

Disregarding the wisdom of Brown, these advocates would re-embark on the path that led to Plessy, once again confirming that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. If they are fortunate, the court will save them from the consequences of their historical amnesia by declaring the university's admissions programs to be unconstitutional.

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Sharon: Israel can expand settlements

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli tanks shelled a group of Palestinian militants in northern Gaza late Sunday, killing three, witnesses said, after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel can still build Jewish settlements in defiance of a U.S.-backed peace plan.

Palestinians said Israeli tanks fired at least two shells at a group of militants from the Al Quds Martyrs' Brigades, affiliated with the mainstream Fatah movement, in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

Israeli forces have maintained a presence near Beit Hanoun for several weeks, trying to pressure Palestinians from firing rockets at a nearby Israeli town.

Four men were wounded seriously in the shelling, doctors said. Earlier, Sharon told his Cabinet that settlement construction in the West Bank and Gaza Strip should proceed quietly, a senior Cabinet official quoted the prime minister as saying. Israel TV's Channel 1 said Sharon told the ministers that settlement building "isn't part of the road map, it's my personal commitment."

Under the so-called "road map" for peace, Israel would have to observe the building ban in the coming months, after the Palestinians begin dismantling militias and Israel removes dozens of settlement outposts.

Sharon adviser Raanan Gissin said Israel would continue construction in built-up areas of settlements. Asked about the required freeze, he noted that the Cabinet, in voting on the plan, attached objections.

Police detain man as royals celebrate prince's birthday

LONDON (AP) — In a breach of royal security, a publicity seeking comedian burst onto the stage at Prince William's 21st birthday party and snatched a microphone from the prince as he addressed 300 guests, including his father and Queen Elizabeth II, news reports said Sunday.

Police detained the intruder, who was identified by his father as Aaron Barschak, 36, a comic who has staged at least one other similar prank and who calls himself a "comedy terrorist."

Barschak said his son was probably trying to advertise his act by gatecrashing the Windsor Castle party Saturday night.

"He would not have been trying to harm anyone, not at all. He is actually not at all anti-royal," Fred Barschak, 72, said outside his north London home. "He is a professional standup comedian who is desperate to be a serious actor."

Police said Barschak was unarmed. He was arrested in suspicion of burglary, which covers unauthorized entry to premises, and was released Sunday without being charged.

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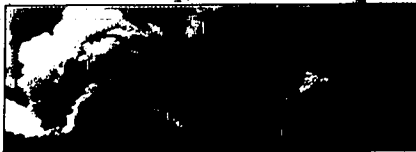
Mountaintop blaze's direction may help firefighters

SUMMERHAVEN, Ariz. (AP) — The uncontrolled wildfire that destroyed more than 250 homes in this mountaintop community moved on a course Sunday that would take it into an area where terrain and lighter vegetation will make it easier to fight, fire officials said.

However, crews didn't know how soon they would be able to attack the fire in that area, and the blaze's growth in other forested areas was still creating difficulties.

"This fire's going to be here for a while and it's going to be very large," said Jeff Whitney, deputy commander of the team battling the fire.

The fire had burned across more



A wildfire continues to rage on Mount Lemmon near Tucson, Ariz., Sunday.

than 8,800 acres in the mountains northeast of Tucson and was only about 5 percent contained Sunday. Firefighters don't expect to totally control it for a few weeks.

The blaze was fueled by pine for-

est ravaged by years of drought

and a beetle infestation and driven by wind gusting to 60 mph as it roared through Summerhaven on Thursday. The flames soon spread across the top of 9,157-foot Mount

Lemmon and headed down the north slope.

Firefighters focused their efforts Sunday on an area around a University of Arizona observatory and a group of radio and television towers, and a ridge where they hoped to stop the fire before it advanced on scattered homes.

Three towers had already been lost.

Whitney said the fire had charred a half-circle around the observatory. Crews planned to fight backfires by Monday to close the circle, depriving the fire of the fuel it would need to move into the observatory complex.

Crews also planned backburns to clear vegetation along the ridge,

where they were making a stand between the flames and homes southeast of Summerhaven.

Whitney said officials evacuated a camp that had been scheduled to host 250 people beginning Sunday. The camp was about three miles from the fire's northern edge.

The cause of the fire, which began Tuesday, remained under investigation. Investigators were expected to survey the fire's start-up point today.

The community of Summerhaven had about 100 year-round residents but its population grows during the summer and weekends as Tucson residents drive up the mountain to escape the desert heat.

Bishops: Sex abuse reforms are proceeding

ST. LOUIS (AP) — America's Roman Catholic bishops face a critical six months ahead in which a series of reports will either support their claim that sex abuse reforms are on track or provide ammunition to their increasingly vocal critics.

"The bishops are more hopeful. I think we feel more confident. I think we're beginning to get a handle on it," Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a weekend interview as the group's semiannual meeting adjourned.

Across town, however, members of a clergy abuse victims' group attending their own national conference said they doubted the bishops' claims.

More than two dozen members of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests took to the microphone during the meeting to describe their own ordeals and the betrayal they felt in the church's response.

The bishops' future credibility in the eyes of the U.S. laity — 66.4 million strong — will depend heavily on the National Review Board, an independent monitor-

ing panel of prominent lay Catholics, and two investigations the board is supervising: a statistical survey of abuse cases and an audit of how each U.S. diocese is complying with reform policies.

The board plans to issue a progress report to the Catholic population after its next meeting, July 28-29 in Chicago.

Around the end of the year, the board also will produce a major document on the causes of the sex abuse crisis that has roiled the church for the past year and a half.

Board will recommend shuttle foam repairs

Los Angeles Times

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board is preparing to recommend as early as this week that NASA fix foam insulation problems linked to the shuttle tragedy before resuming space flights, an official close to the investigation said.

The recommendation might put a chill on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's plans. Space agency officials have vowed to fly again by early next year, even though they have not figured out how to fix all the problems related to the foam debris.

Despite the intense investigation since the Columbia accident Feb. 1, the foam problem remains poorly understood and a significant challenge to the space program. A piece of foam became a ballistic weapon during the Columbia launch, striking the orbiter's left wing and most likely causing grave damage.

Investigators have determined that the insulating foam applied to the space shuttle tank has contained voids and other defects in the past, but they have not been able to explain the precise mechanics of the why foam falls off during some launches and not during others.

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All the news that's fit - to get wrong

We are worried, here in the newspaper business (motto: "What, YOU never make mistakes?"). We're hearing that you readers have lost your faith in us. Polls show that, in terms of public trust, the news media now rank lower than used-car salespeople, kidnappers, tapeworms, Hitler, and airline flight announcements. (We are still slightly ahead of lawyers.)

Of course, these poll results were reported by the news media, so they could be wrong. In fact, there might not actually have been any polls. It's possible that some reporter made the whole "media credibility" story up.

But I don't think so. I think the public is genuinely unhappy with us. Lately, when I tell people I work for a newspaper, I've detected the subtle signs of disapproval - the dirty looks, the snide remarks, the severed animal heads in my bed.

"How did we get into this situation? Without pointing the finger of blame at any one institution, I would say it is entirely the fault of The New York Times."

For many years, the Times was considered a great newspaper, capable - as no other paper was - of publishing a Sunday edition the size of a Buick Riviera. But then a Times reporter was caught faking datelines. For example, he wrote a story with a West Virginia dateline, in which he said that the

father of Pvt. Jessica Lynch, quite shocked up as he stood on his porch here overlooking the French Alps.

This turned out to be incorrect, and the Times published an 843,000-word, 58-second correction, concluding that "from his porch, Mr. Lynch would actually have been looking up at the French Alps."

But it was too late: The barn door of trust had been left open, and the horse of newspaper credibility had run off, leaving behind the doots of reader doubt. Suddenly, people were taking a hard look at many of the so-called "facts" reported by the so-called "New York Times."

Tragically, because of this one "bad apple," the public is losing faith in all newspapers. So in an effort to restore my profession's reputation, today I want to take down "head-on," the hard question that you, our readers, are asking:

Q: How come when I read a newspaper story on a topic I'm familiar with, it always contains errors?

A: This requires a complex team effort, which I will explain by putting key terms in capital letters: **THE REPORTER** gathers information by interviewing people and trying to write down what they say, getting approximately 35 percent of it right. **THE EDITOR** then writes a story, which goes on to be edited. **THE EDITOR** then writes a story, which goes on to be edited. **THE EDITOR** then writes a story, which goes on to be edited.

The editor decides that the reporter has put together a point of the story in the 14th paragraph, which the editor then attempts to move using the "cut and paste command," which results in the story disappearing into another dimension, partly because the editor has the mechanical aptitude of a rutabaga, but also because the new computer system has a few bugs as a result of being installed by a low-level vendor whose previous information-technology experience consisted of servicing Whack-A-Mole games.

So the reporter and the editor hastily slap a story together from memory, then turn it over to a graphic design person, who cannot actually read but is a wizard on the Apple Macintosh and who will cut any essential or accurate sentence out of the story to make room on the page for a colorful, "reader-friendly" chart.

Yes, it's a lot of work, but we do it right after night, with story after story, all so that when you, the reader, go out to your front yard to get your newspaper, it's not there. Check your roof, OK? If you don't see it, feel free to contact us. Because we want to help. It's why we're here! In the French Alps.

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Tracks of tears

The shifting world of allergy medicine prices blows some away

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Only the prescription antihistamine Allegra seems to do the trick, controlling B.J. Milam's allergies, but Milam's insurance company begs to differ.

"When I went to get my prescription refilled, the co-pay had gone way up," said Milam, 28. "They wanted me to use another, cheaper drug."

Specifically, Claritin - Schering-Plough's immensely profitable non-sedating antihistamine that the federal Food and Drug Administration ordered last fall be sold without a prescription after its patent expired.

Before that decision, a month's supply of Claritin would cost you about \$60 if you didn't have insurance. Now it's \$30 - \$17 in Canada - and the price is expected to continue to drop with the introduction of Alavert and other generic drugs.

By contrast, a day's dose of Allegra, manufactured by New Jersey-based Aventis Pharmaceuticals, averages \$2.06.

"We're seeing it happen a lot," said Cathi Ketterling, owner of Sav-Mor Drug in Bull and the incoming president of the Idaho State Pharmacy Association.

For people without insurance that covers medications, cheaper Claritin is good news. But allergy sufferers used to a \$10 or so insurance co-payment for their drugs are paying more.

It's the result of a campaign driven by the insurance companies, and increasingly, state governments, to steer consumers toward cheaper drugs if it can be demonstrated that those drugs are equally effective as their more expensive counterparts.

Aetna U.S. Healthcare, one of the country's largest health insurers, now requires allergy sufferers to get pre-certification (or special permission) before getting a prescription, non-sedating antihistamine like Allegra.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - Colorful beads, sparkling rhinestones, polished jewels and wooden hoops adorn the season's swim fashions, especially bikinis, which are on store racks now. Hardware, such as a strings of beads for straps or gold-toned clasps, is the top trend in 2003 women's swimsuits.

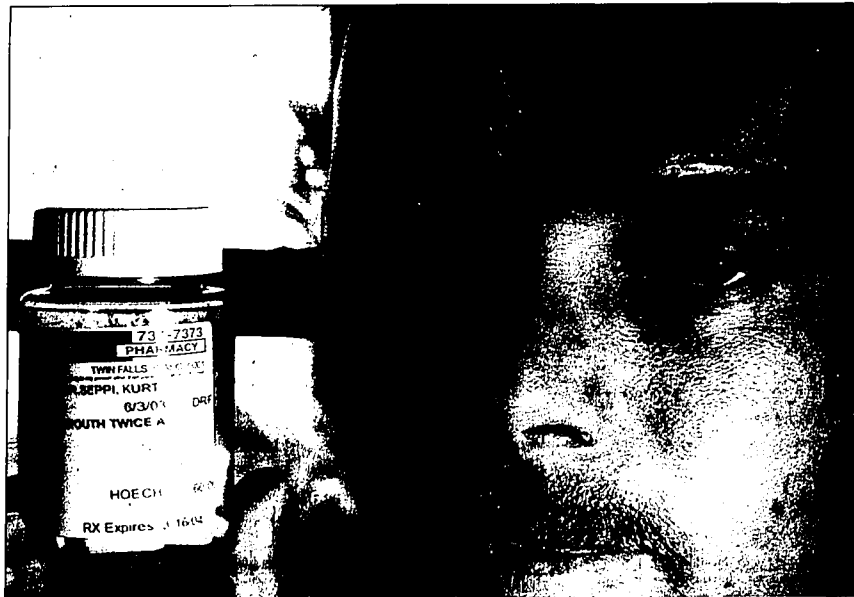
"People are going with the style. The bigger and bulkier it is, the more they go for it," said Christian Todd, sales associate at La Plage Swimwear in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Miss Bikini Wahine 2003.

The movement to affix accessory-like items to fabric started quickly last year but has taken off this season, Todd said. Fashion trends often begin in California, and cutting-edge clothing label bebe led the style by adding beadwork to swimsuits, said La Plage manager Kris Clark. On the East Coast, Capezio's S.C.-based designer Tina Grinna has added touches of hardware to suits for years. La Plage is owned by Tina Grinna and carries the line and Grinna's Limoncello label.

"She has always been a step ahead," Clark said.

The Tina Grinna label, which specializes in swim separates, this year features belts on low-cut bottoms and gold hoops on tops.

Hardware on suits now can be found everywhere from mainstream department stores to specialty surf shops. Target's Mossimo line has a black suit with wooden buttons.



The major allergy surgery which left him with scars above both his eyes in 1990 didn't eliminate B.J. Milam's need for allergy medication. His insurance company won't pay for the prescription pills that he believes he needs to keep his allergies under control.

Before Aetna will approve Allegra, Zyrtec or Clarinet, members need to show that they have worked with a doctor and tried other options, spokeswoman Karen Michlewicz told the Akron Beacon-Journal.

"That pre-certification is really in place to help encourage the appropriate and cost-effective use of certain drugs," she said.

Critics contend that prescription decisions are increasingly being made by insurance companies, not by doctors.

"It's just an observation, but I think Claritin is probably a little less effective than some of the prescription antihistamines," Ketterling said.

Dr. Greg Kadlec, a Twin Falls allergist, describes the Big Three - Claritin (and its prescription drug variant, Clarinet), Allegra and Zyrtec - as useful to most people for controlling allergies, but often not as effective as one older, cheaper, over-the-counter alternative.

"I tell people to go to the store and get themselves some Chlor-trimeton," Kadlec said. "It might make you sleepy, but it's going to be more effective in controlling your sneezing and runny nose."

Chlor-trimeton has been around forever and costs \$5 for 24 tablets. But as a first-generation (H1 blocker) antihistamine, it tends to cause side-effects such

as drowsiness that Allegra, Claritin and Zyrtec don't.

"The fact is that contrary to what people have been led to believe, not everybody who uses a (first-generation) antihistamine will get sleepy," Kadlec said. "It only happens to some people."

But if you're one of them, you may not have a long wait until Allegra and Zyrtec are sold over-the-counter, just like Claritin.

Last year, FDA's scientific advisers recommended that the agency do just that. Aventis and Pfizer, which manufactures Zyrtec, haven't sought the change, but Blue Cross of California petitioned the FDA to force it. The agency still is debating what to do.

The cost-shifting to consumers might become even more dramatic if the FDA goes ahead, and Kadlec expects it will only be a matter of time before it does.

"It's a business that's going to get even stranger," he predicted. "And there really isn't another blockbuster antihistamine in the (research and development) pipeline right now."

The Akron, Ohio, Beacon Journal contributed to this report.

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Go for glitter: Accessorize your swimsuit

“People are going with the style. The bigger and bulkier it is, the more they go for it.”

— Christian Todd, sales associate at La Plage Swimwear

boob-style rings in the top's center and at the hips. The Xhilaration line by Target includes turquoise beads on white suits and rhinestones on yellow fabric.

Swimsuit colors and jewels have borrowed from popular fall trends. Earth tones such as chocolate, tan and turquoise are the hip hues. Turquoise beads and other Southwestern-style jewelry took off in the fall but hold up for the beach, according to Todd and Clark.

Clark pointed to a brown, red and turquoise striped two-piece suit by bebe. The boy short-style bottom is tied off with a flowing fringe belt similar to ones sold in accessory departments this fall. Ultra trendy women may also go for the matching skirt, a short

brown fringe piece with a horse-shoe shaped turquoise brooch that picks up colors from the bikini's top.

Don't worry about the beads, braches and buttons falling apart after a few dips in the water.

"All of it is tested before they put it on suits," Todd said.

Even popular surf labels Roxy and Quiksilver added small touches of jewels to this season's suits.

"Surfer girls are going to get less bells and whistles," said Aaron Probase, buyer for Surf City in Myrtle Beach.

One popular new item is a new short by Billabong, he said. The short is a cross between the boy short and a shorter board short. Women go for the style because of comfort and coverage, he said.

At the surf shop, earth tones are also popular with brown and cream adorning even the men's section. Guys this year will still go for going for classic board shorts.

"More of a '70s look is in," Probase said.

Todd, who often wears various types of suits in her roles as Miss Bikini Wahine and a Tina Grinna model, likes a range of styles and colors. One of her favorites this year is an earthy orange bikini with raised cream embroidery. She also likes a cream, brown and gold Tina Grinna suit called Sexy RG. But at heart, she prefers the classic.

"Black or solid white," she said. "I love solid white."

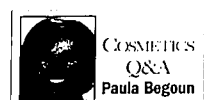
Seeing eye to eye on skin care

DEAR PAULA: I tend to agree with you in most cases and have enjoyed your information. However, on the subject of eye cream I disagree wholeheartedly.

You condone eye cream only if the skin around the eye is different from the rest of the skin. The skin around the eye is anatomically different from the rest of your skin - you can feel it and tell it is different. It is thinner, the pores are smaller, and it doesn't have oil glands. How many people get pimples under their eyes? That is the reason the eye area can tolerate and needs more oil than other areas of your skin.

I have times used the moisturizer I use on the rest of my face on my eye area, and notice a huge difference when I use a separate eye cream. I know I am not alone in this either. In fact, I previously didn't like the eye cream our company had, and therefore never recommended it. Now they have different eye creams available and one of them is really good, so I do recommend it and hear nothing but great feedback. I really think you're off base on this one!

— KIM VIA E-MAIL
DEAR KIM: The differences you mention, oil glands and pore size, would only be true for those women who have active oil glands or open pores on their face. If they don't they would have similar skin texture issues under their eyes. In essence, the skin around your eyes



is not drastically different from that on your face and definitely not different enough that it would in any way substantially affect skin care. (The difference you feel is about fat and bone not skin.)

Besides, thickness or thinness of skin does not alter skin care needs. Plus, there are plenty of women who get milia (a form of clogged pores also known as whiteheads) around the eye area and who do occasionally get blemishes, something that thick, oily moisturizers or too-moisturizing concealers can cause.

Not assuming that the difference between eye creams and face creams is their oil content, and that is not the case (a quick glance at the ingredient label will show that to be true). Often the only difference between eye creams and face products are the waxes put in eye products to make them thicker, and for daytime, most eye creams don't contain sunscreen. None of that is helpful for skin and the lack of sunscreen is dangerous.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Insurers debate wisdom of pill splitting

The Washington Post

At Grubbs Care Pharmacy in Washington, a pack of 10 Viagra tablets in 50-milligram doses costs \$105. A pack of 100-milligram Viagra tablets also costs \$105. So pharmacist Ed Dillon says it makes economic sense for someone prescribed the lesser dose to buy the higher-dose pills and cut them in half.

The potential cost savings—not only on the roughly 10 million Viagra tablets sold each month in the United States but also on millions of other prescription sales—explains why some large health insurers and government agencies encourage pill splitting as a way for some patients to hold down health care costs.

As the practice of pill splitting has grown in recent years, debate has intensified over whether patients should be urged to participate.

On one side stand health insurers such as CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and Aetna Inc. Their concern centers on the possibility that patients might mis-medicate themselves incorrectly. "It's a patient-safety issue, really ... fraught with a lot of problems," said Mark Rubino, Aetna's chief pharmacy officer. "It's just a bad idea."

On the other side, Kaiser Permanente asserts that splitting pills saves money for the HMO and, in some cases, its members. UnitedHealthcare, the nation's largest health insurer, also endorses the practice for some medications, as does the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Medicaid program in Illinois.

"You can get a better price on the drug, and you can end up with a better impact on the premium," UnitedHealthcare's chief executive, George Halverson, said in a recent interview. "And therapeutically I have not heard of any negative issues."

There's another player in the debate: the drug manufacturers, who stand to lose money each time a patient breaks a pill in half.

"We don't recommend it for patients," said Daniel Watts, a spokesman for Pfizer Inc., which makes Viagra, the medication for erectile dysfunction. "Most medications are available in an adequate range of doses to meet the patients' needs, so splitting is unnecessary. Splitting can lead patients to receive too much or too little medicine. In fact, splitting pills can cause them to break into numerous pieces, wasting the medicine, which I've done myself at home, trying to break them for my kids."

By encouraging splitting, insurers are taking aim at one of the thorniest issues in the health care industry: rising drug prices. The issue is in the spotlight this week as the Senate debates how to reshape Medicare, the government health program for the elderly and disabled.

Up to now, Medicare has not covered most outpatient drug purchases. Under a \$400 billion Senate reform bill, the government would help subsidize Medicare members' drug costs—a change that would still leave patients with the decision of whether to buy double doses.

Before it became a cost-saving tool in the 1990s, pill splitting was an accepted practice for patients who were prescribed odd-sized doses, such as a tablet and a half a dose.

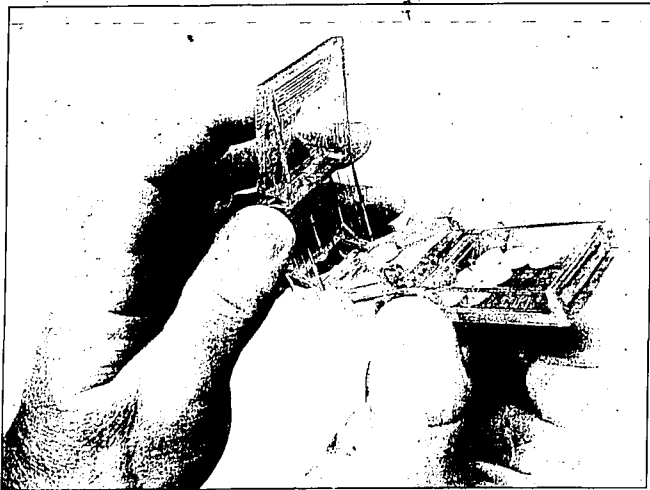
The savings for large health insurance plans that encourage pill splitting are "in the millions of dollars," said Glen Stettin, a physician who is a vice president of Medco Health Solutions Inc., which manages drug benefit programs for employers and insurers, including UnitedHealthcare.

Many pharmacists, insurers and doctors, including Stettin, say pill splitting is not recommended for certain types of patients and drugs. Frail or confused patients may have difficulty organizing and performing the task, resulting in inaccurate dosages, they say. Patients may also decide to split pills that shouldn't be cut, such as controlled-release capsules, which can lose their effectiveness when halved.

"If you have an individual who already may be taking, oh, maybe anywhere from five to 10 other medications, and then they have to remember that they're supposed to split this one particular one, it would be quite easy to temporarily forget that and maybe take the whole tablet," said Paul Hepp, a pharmacist and associate director of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

A recent Medco Health Solutions study reinforces this concern. The study identified 7.9 million instances in 2002 in which seniors took clinically inappropriate doses or took medications that had potentially dangerous interactions.

"Whether a person is elderly or young, there are definitely people for whom the whole idea of pill splitting is not the right thing," said Stettin, co-author of the study.



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You're never too old to jump rope to health

The Dallas Morning News

The last time you jumped rope, Cinderella was probably dressed in yella, heading upstairs to kiss her fella. Yep, she made a mistake, kissed a snake and how many doctors did it take?

Then you and your buddies were called to supper—tuna-noodle casserole maybe, or chicken potpies. You rolled up your rope and carried it inside. The next day, you'd gather in the driveway and start the rhymes and jumps all over again.

You may think you're too old to jump now, that jumping rope is kid stuff.

Not so, not so. Freddie Cox of Dallas is 56 and hasn't jumped rope since—well, since she and her buddies Diane, Linda Sue and Joanne did it together as preteens.

Now, though, she spends 45 minutes just about every Wednesday evening taking a jumping rope class.

"When we were kids, we just jumped rope," Cox said. "We didn't do things like 'walk the dog.' I was really shocked at what you can do. Rachel might say, 'We're going to do side-swing, side-swing, double, double, double.'"

Rachel is Rachel Van Castle, jump rope aficionado and instructor of Cox's class. She led its jumping rope with helping her lose the last 10 pounds after her baby was born.

"I decided to take my rope and go into the studio," she said. "It helps me regain my body."

And once she realized what a great workout it was, she wanted to share it. So she talked to her supervisor and got the OK to teach a weekly class.

Her class is part of a resurgence of jumping rope, which even includes a competitive bracket. Plus, jumping rope is officially recognized as a sport by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

Exercise is part of the large number of jumping movements that are prescribed by Chinese traditional medicine practices to "move" someone's "qi," or energy.

Tai chi is a sort of introduction to qigong taught at many health clubs and fitness centers. The East Bank Club in Chicago offers traditional tai chi and a tai chi stretch class.

Qigong, despite its outward similarity to sitting or standing meditation, is more intense and exhausting for body and mind. Its deep-breathing component is much more than a matter of inhaling and exhaling air.

"A deep breath alone will not bring you more oxygen," said Roger Jahnke, an osteopathic physician based in Santa Barbara, Calif., and author of "The Healing Promise of Qi" (McGraw-Hill/Contemporary Books, \$24.95).

"You must get yourself into a state of relaxation as tai chi ('the deeper, more purposeful breathing')."

Make no mistake: The muscular movements of qigong, such as squeezing and releasing the splinter-like muscles (fascia) that surround the body, are demanding. Qigong students routinely work up a river of sweat.

Qigong is a series of what appear to be simple deep-breathing exercises and subtle movements, such as flexing torso muscles.

Tai chi could be called a subset of qigong. Tai chi's gentle, flowing

Tips for getting started

Interested in starting a jump-rope routine? Here is one caveat: Ten minutes of jumping rope, if you're not used to it, can seem like several times that.

Here are tips to get you on your way. They're from Rachel Van Castle, who teaches a jump-rope class.

• **Stretch your calves** before and after the workout. Otherwise, the next day you might have a hard time walking.

• **Wear cross-training shoes.**

• **Rope choice** is as personal as shoe choice. For instance, cables—ropes—those with a plastic or nylon coating—are lightweight, turn easily and are good for speed, agility and cardiovascular strength.

Beaded ropes—those often used in elementary schools—are slightly weighted and good for beginners.

• **Jump on a wooden deck**, a padded floor or carpet with a short nap.

• **To determine whether a rope** is the right length, step on it with both feet. The handles should reach your armpits. The more skilled you get, the shorter it can be.

• **Start slowly**, even if you're in shape. Try for a minute or two initially, then rest and stretch your calves.

• **Don't worry about lifting your knees high**; it can be a waste of energy. Ditto for "double bouncing" as you jump.

• **Start with a two-foot "boxer shuffle"** in which your feet stay close to the floor.

• **Keep your elbows close** to your sides as you turn the rope.

• **If you keep tripping over the rope**, try spinning the rope faster.

• **Make rope jumping part of a fitness routine**, not the whole routine. For more information, check out jumpnrope.com or usaif.org (USA Jump Rope).

—Source: The Dallas Morning News

Americans discover qigong

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — By self-admission, Nate Davison was once the prototypical Angry Young Man.

I was so angry and full of rage that I would punch my wall," said Davison, 28, of Burrington, Ill. "I mean, punch a hole right through."

Davison secured a prime candidate for a martial arts discipline. But he picked one, qigong, not known for its punching, kicking or screaming. His daily qigong practice helped him use his head rather than literally bang it into walls.

Qigong (pronounced "chee-gung") is a centuries-old Chinese healing art that Americans are rediscovering. Some upscale health clubs and spas have added classes, and companies such as Prudential Financial and Mattel are offering qigong workshops for employees.

Some of us might better recognize the relation to tai chi ("the deeper, more purposeful breathing"). Tai chi could be called a subset of qigong. Tai chi's gentle, flowing

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Breast Cancer Support Group meets today

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the reception area of St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Adair Ave. W.

The ongoing group is open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends.

For more information, call Linda Gallman at 717-2971 or Mary Howard at 714-1766.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Baby and Me Fitness."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 717-2971.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will

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be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through July 23, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and newborn including breastfeeding and bottlefeeding, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free and preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-

mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants.

The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2007.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

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Cosmetics

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In terms of skin care, what's needed is to provide the skin with ingredients that resemble the skin's own structure, along with skin protection (sunscreens) and antioxidants (all of those factors can differ from the eyes to the cheeks, or even the chin. What does differ is how emollient the product is (the amount of lipids it contains), and where you put it depends on how dry the areas on your face are.

Without knowing what products you are talking about, I assume

that the product you were using on your face wasn't emollient enough for the skin around your eyes, and that is completely understandable. However, if you were using a well-formulated and emollient face product, using it around the eyes would also have been great.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (6th edition) (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Greenway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

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GALLSTONES PART I

WHAT ARE GALLSTONES?

Gallstones are pieces of solid material that form in the gallbladder. Gallstones form when substances in the bile, primarily cholesterol and bile pigments, form hard, crystal-like particles.

Gallstones vary in size and may be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a golf ball. The gallbladder may develop a single, often large, stone or many smaller ones, even several thousands.

WHAT CAUSES GALLSTONES?

Progress has been made in understanding the process of gallstone formation. Researchers believe that gallstones may be caused by a combination of factors, including inherited body chemistry, body weight, gallbladder motility, and diet. The gallbladder absorbs water from the bile, causing it to thicken in some people, tiny crystals form from the cholesterol and pigments. These crystals grow gradually until one or even hundreds, of gallstones develop.

Cholesterol gallstones develop when bile contains too much cholesterol and not enough bile salts. Besides a high concentration of cholesterol, and other factors seem to be important in causing gallstones. The first is how often and how well the gallbladder contracts. Incomplete and infrequent emptying of the gallbladder may cause the bile to become over concentrated and contribute to gallstone formation. The second factor is the presence of proteins in the liver and bile that either promote or inhibit cholesterol crystallization into gallstones.

In addition, increased levels of the hormone estrogen as a result of pregnancy, hormone therapy, and use of birth control pills, may increase cholesterol levels in bile and also decrease gallbladder contractility, resulting in gallstone formation.

Next week a discussion of those at risk for gallstones and the symptoms they may suffer.

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Wavefront technology gives more precision to Lasik

Los Angeles Times

Dr. Judd Hoffman hated putting in contact lenses. Laser eye surgery was just as unappealing. Not only did he shudder at the thought of an instrument touching his eyes, he was afraid something would go wrong.

So, nearsighted though he was, the 30-year-old businessman from Hermosa Beach, Calif., stuck to eyeglasses even as many of his friends underwent the surgery—the most common is called Lasik—and urged him to try it.

Last month, Hoffman changed his mind. He was persuaded, he says, by recent improvements in the procedure. Doctors said this new technology essentially takes out all the complications, Hoffman said. "So I felt, now I have to do it."

The technology, called "wavefront," maps the cornea before a laser reshapes it, more accurately measuring imperfections in the eye and yielding a more precise correction than has been possible. The advance is so significant, "doctors say that it could reinvigorate a Lasik market that has flattened out in recent years."

Lasik became available in the early 1990s and was increasingly popular for about a decade. Most Lasik patients report satisfaction with their results, but as many as 10 percent have a second surgery "touch-up" surgery to refine the

correction. About 1 percent suffer permanent complications, such as dry eyes and poor night vision.

Wavefront-guided Lasik, experts say, dramatically reduces night-vision problems, such as glare and halos, and the need for second surgeries. The first wavefront technology, from Alcon Laboratories Inc., was approved by the Food and Drug Administration late last year. And, last month, a second system, from Visx, was approved. Other companies, such as Bausch & Lomb, are working furiously to bring their own wavefront systems—often referred to as "custom Lasik"—to the marketplace.

"Even though Lasik is a wonderful procedure, wavefront-guided Lasik represents a significant advancement," says Dr. Andrew Caster, director of the Caster Eye Center in Beverly Hills, Calif. "We are looking at really big improvements in night vision."

The wavefront technology is expected to add \$500 per eye to the cost of Lasik, which ranges from discount fees of \$500 per eye to the more standard \$1,500 per eye. The technology has long been used by astronomers adjusting their telescopes to account for distortions caused by the Earth's atmosphere.

The wavefront machine beams a ray of light into the eye, and the

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— Dr. Andrew Caster, director of the Caster Eye Center in Beverly Hills

light is reflected off the retina and back into the device. The waves of light are computed into a pattern that displays the irregularities. While conventional Lasik applies a single correction to the eye, wavefront technology measures about 200 places on the cornea and applies a correction to each spot.

The actual surgery remains the same. A flap is made on the outer layer of the cornea and a laser is used to reshape the cornea before the flap is replaced. The difference now is that the computer-guided laser delivers a more detailed reshaping of the cornea.

"There are fewer side effects with wavefront," says Dr. Brian Boxer Wachler, of Boxer Wachler Vision Institute in Beverly Hills. "It's a more precise Lasik procedure."

Doctors insist, however, that the improved technology doesn't mean that the millions of people who have already had conventional Lasik received a second-rate service.

"I get a lot of patients coming in saying, 'Did I do something wrong getting Lasik?'" Caster says. "If your vision is fine, then, no, you didn't do the wrong thing."

But experts expect wavefront-guided Lasik to appeal to people who are dissatisfied with the results from conventional Lasik.

"There is a whole subset of patients who have had Lasik and are not as happy with the quality of their night vision who are good candidates for being fine-tuned with wavefront-guided Lasik," says Dr. Stephen Brint, an associate professor of ophthalmology at Tulane School of Medicine in

New Orleans who was a leading investigator of the traditional Lasik system.

The new technology may also appeal to people who, like Hoffman, have been nervous about conventional Lasik. "People have been waiting for something that makes them feel very comfortable" about the low risk of complications, Boxer Wachler says.

Lasik procedures peaked around 2000 and have dropped each year since, according to Market Scope, a company that tracks the Lasik business. Because only about 10 percent of people who are candidates for Lasik have had it, many experts believe there is still a large market to be tapped. Manufacturers are even touting wavefront-guided Lasik as technology that can improve vision beyond 20/20—providing so-called "super vision."

But some doctors caution against such heightened expectations.

"Until we can achieve that in every person, I think we should stay away from that kind of hype," Caster says.

Wavefront-guided Lasik isn't perfect. Doctors still expect that

a small number of patients will require a touch-up surgery and that some complications may occur, such as infection or, later, dry eyes or problems with halos and glare. The surgeon's abilities remain a significant factor in getting a good result in any Lasik surgery; on rare occasions, people have lost their vision due to surgeon error.

Most eye surgeons have strong preferences for one type of system—either Alcon and Visx, for now, though others will soon be available—but the systems share many more similarities than differences.

Consumers should "pick a surgeon he or she trusts and then trust the system they use," says Dr. Robert Maloney, director of the Maloney Vision Institute in Los Angeles. "Good surgeons can get good results with any system."

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE PAGES

BURLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Page of Tucson, Ariz., will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Springdale LDS Church, 200 S. 475 E. Burley. A program will be held at 7 p.m.

Roma Martindale graduated from Albion Normal and taught school in the Basin area where he farmed. They were married June 21, 1943, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

The couple farmed in the Basin, Springdale and Unity areas until 1965 when they moved to Tucson, where they have since lived. They owned and operated a dairy and a milk processing plant in Tucson.



Roma and Wilton Page

They have six children, Dennis (Peggy) Page of Marana, Ariz., DeAnn (Harley) Howard and Hal (Jeanne) Page of Burley and Kim Page, Kent Page and Lucinda (Steve) Blain of Tucson. They have 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

THE WALKERS

HEYBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker of Heyburn will be honored at an open house for the 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend at 6 p.m. Saturday at their home, 531 S. 200 W., Heyburn.

Walker and Dixie Eppers were both born and raised in the Magic Valley. They met after he served in the Korean War and were married June 28, 1953, at the Rupert First Christian Church.

He worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 35 years and the National Guard for 20 years. He also farmed in between schedules and is now retired. She worked for the Rupert Canning Kitchen for 13 years and the Mindoka County School Lunch Service for 16 years. She is also retired.

The couple has four children, Kevin (Bonnie) Walker of Kalmar, Ore., Rick (Karen) Walker of Hood River, Ore., Robyn Watson of Paul, and Loren (Amber) Walker of Heyburn.

They have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Dixie and Bob Walker



Dixie and Bob Walker

ENGAGEMENT

SHEETS-GROVE

JEROME — Bill and Sandy Sheets of Corvallis, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessie Sheets, to Cody Grove, son of Barbic Grove of Jerome and Gordon Grove of Twin Falls.

Sheets is a graduate of Corvallis High School and attended the University of Montana Western in Dillon, Mont.

Grove is a graduate of Jerome High School and has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Montana Western. The wedding is planned for



Cody Grove and Jessie Sheets

Saturday at the Daly Mansion in Hamilton, Mont. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

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Your father's IRA account passes to you free of creditor claim as long as you are the beneficiary and his estate was not made the beneficiary. For this and other reasons (including tax deferral) it is wise to name an individual rather than an estate as beneficiary of an IRA or 401K account.

Life insurance proceeds are exempt from creditor claim at the death of the insured so long as they pass directly to a beneficiary other than the decedent's estate. The rationale here is that the insured made a contract with the insurance company to pay benefits to a named beneficiary at the death of the insured. The decedent's estate has no right to these proceeds nor do creditors of the deceased.

Tip: Make sure estate planning - done during lifetime - and estate settlement - done at death - take these protections into account.

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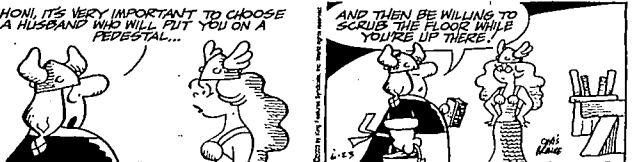
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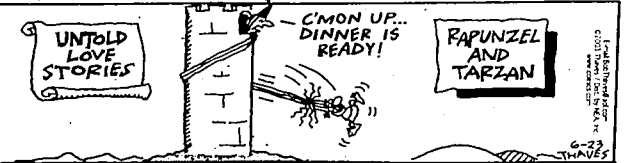
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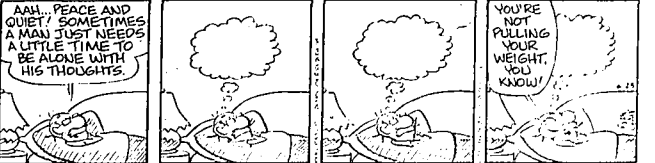
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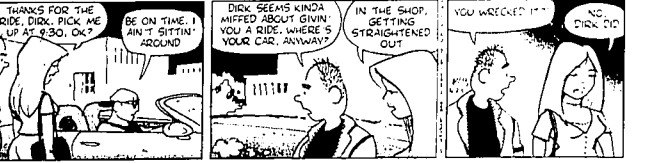


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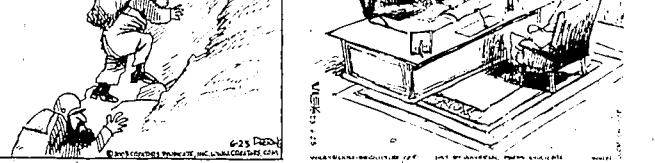


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MAGIC VALLEY

CSI TODAY

Today

Music Fest 2003, all day, Fine Arts building.
CSI women's basketball camp through July 3, all day, gym.
CSI Summer Tech camp, all day, Aspen 149.
Magic Valley Soccer League games through Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m. every Monday-Thursday, 5-9 p.m. every Friday-Sunday, CSI soccer field.

Tuesday

Music Fest 2003, all day, Fine Arts building.
Snake River Council Cub Scout day camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center and surrounding areas.
CSI Summer Tech camp, all day, Aspen 149.
Herrett Center for Arts and Science summer hours, 1-9 p.m., Tuesday-Fridays.
"Sky Quest" with live sky show, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest.
"Through the Eyes of Hubble," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

Music Fest 2003, all day, Fine Arts building.
Snake River Council Cub Scout day camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center and surrounding areas.
CSI Summer Tech camp, all day, Aspen 149.
Jostens summer yearbook instructional workshop, all day, Shields building.
Amalgamated Sugar Co. summer meeting, all day, Taylor 276.
"Mystery of the Missing Seasons" with live sky show, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.
"Through the Eyes of Hubble," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

ON THE AGENDA

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley.
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main.
Hailey City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.
Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B., Shoshone.
Mandalay County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday

Burley Public Library Board, 5:30 p.m., library conference room.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St.
Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 627 Idaho St.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Jerome School Board, 6:30 p.m., telecommunications room, high school, 104 Tiger Drive.
Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.
Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wednesday

Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., board room, 1501 Highland Ave., Burley.
Hedburg City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 157 W. Main.

Thursday

Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Friday

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

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Thursday

Music Fest 2003, all day, Fine Arts building.
Snake River Council Cub Scout day camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center and surrounding areas.
CSI Summer Tech camp, all day, Aspen 149.
Jostens summer yearbook instructional workshop, all day, Shields building.
Twin Falls County Health Net Youth Leadership Conference, all day, Aspen building.
Snake River Council Cub Scout

Amalgamated Sugar Co. summer meeting, all day, Taylor 276.
"Sky Quest" with live sky show, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Through the Eyes of Hubble," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Friday

Music Fest 2003, all day, Fine Arts building.
Snake River Council Cub Scout

day camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center and surrounding areas.
CSI Summer Tech camp, all day, Aspen 149.
Jostens summer yearbook instructional workshop, all day, Shields building.
CSI dual credit program Japanese Drumming event, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., CSI tower.
Twin Falls County Health Net Youth Leadership Conference, all day, Aspen building.
"Mystery of the Missing Seasons" with live sky show, 4 p.m., Faulkner

Planetarium.

Huggie Bears... Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
"Through the Eyes of Hubble," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

Snake River Council Cub Scout day camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center and surrounding areas.

United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145.
North Side Head Start parent group fashion show and tea, 1 p.m., Taylor 276-277.
"The Dinosaur Chronicles," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Sky Quest" with live sky show, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Through the Eyes of Hubble," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.



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HealthNet honors 'Asset Builders'

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia HealthNet Coalition recognized community "asset builders" and school Lunch Buddy participants and their families at a recent barbecue on the lawn of Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

High school students who participated in the Lunch Buddy program and their elementary school counterparts were introduced, and spoke briefly about the fun they had through the year.

"We get nothing but positive feedback from this program," Asset Builder Sara Bott said. There are 80 active Lunch Buddies at this time.

In the program, older students were mentors to younger students.

There were 12 Asset Builders chosen, and each were introduced and given a certificate. They are Joann Rogers, Dan Kistal, Amber Young, Jeni Sawyer, Burley Wal-Mart, Shop with a Cop committee, Renee Wells, Shari Chancey, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Cassia Regional Medical Center, 4-H Teen Association and Debra Roudy.

HealthNet is a coalition of agencies promoting health.

The coalition is focusing on assets, which are defined as developmental building blocks so young people can avoid risky behaviors.



Minico High School student Erin McCall laughs when frosting ends up on her 'Lunch Buddy,' Amber Staker, left. Another Lunch Buddy pair also decorates cookies at the end of the year celebration May 2.

Buhl High School announces honor students

BUHL — Buhl High School announced its second semester honor roll.

Straight A Honor Roll - (4.00 GPA)

Seniors
Candice Arroyo, Jodi Elam, Tracie Elliott, Tracy Franson, Stephanie Frey, Sarah Griffith, Christine Hulse, Sarah Jarolimek and Stephanie Ordover.

Juniors
Krystal Avelar, Trevor Jones, Tori Metzner, Joe Popplewell, Ashley Schmitt, Kacie Sherman, Michelle Viola and Keaton Wilson.

Sophomores
Cristi Clements, Karly Hedrick, Alex Serrano, Alyssa Welch and Liz Woods.

Freshmen
Bethany Eusesti, Angela Hutchinson, Cody Stutzman and Cassie Tipton.

High Honor Roll - (3.50 - 3.99 GPA)

Seniors
Byrann Andersen, Michael Barker, Andrea Beede, Mandy Belvel, Adrianna Billings, Brandon Carter, Abilee Espinoza, Chelsia Ewing, Audie Hernandez, Johanna Hatt, Maria Higginson, Cami Hutchinson, Rebecca Lawrence, Ashley Peterson, Zuzanna Siedicka and Russell Wiersma.

Juniors
Chris Ahlin, Jayme Andersen, Anthony Avelar, Megan Berks, Kristine Bingham, Jessica Brown, Chase Cantrill, April Dieter, Jake Goodhart, Julie Hall, Janna Heaton, Stormy Henderson, Caleb Higginson, Brooke Linderman, Rose Meiers, Tyler Mink, Zack O'Connor, Nicole Pearson, Nick Popplewell, Monica Routt, Dana Scott, RC Sisson, Jocelyn Smith, Vance Spencer, Lara Welch and Jenny Wolf.

Sophomores
Wayne Baxter, Adam Flint, Kayla Hewerth, Cody Hoffman, Andi Hulse, Zach Leckenby, Janessa Nye, Teanna Pack, Mitch Quigley, Christy Sailer,

Michael Stocking, Caleb Thom, Brett Twiss and Katherine Wornick.

Freshmen
Jessica Adams, Mitch Bournier, Amanda Cox, Wendy Hasehuhn, Jessica Houston, Marissa Jimenez, Kasi Kimes, Rachel Linderman, Paden Mabey, Ashley McClain, Cassie O'Donnell, Angela Oglesbee, James Osterkamp, Abbe Reynolds, Anthony Tomkins, Amanda Vance and Jarem Wray.

Honor Roll (3.00 - 3.49 GPA)

Seniors
Micah Alexander, Matthew Busby, Brenda Cortez, Tiffany Cramer, Karl Eggleston, Carrie Geiger, Courtney Gamar, Angela Henson, Jill Hosman, Brittany Jacobsen, Ananda Kimball, Sherry King, Martha Lizarraza, Troy McDonald, Jude Mead, Keyri Negrete, Veronica Ruyes, Jessica Seal, Chris Serrano, Chris Smith, Amie Stutzman, Ryler Van Zante, Devin Vance and Chris Wolf.

Juniors
Will Baggs, Kara Darrell, Kara

Davidson, Casey Ferguson, Elizabeth Garabrandt, Yelena Gelevert, Mark Grimes, Jennifer Hasehuhn, Gus Hatt, Brandi Hosman, Brandon Jacobson, Matthew Jacobson, Dani Kippes, Erin Lowder, Janell Nipper, Simon Olsen, Alisa Parsons, Andrea Probasco, Johnathan Puente, Rachael Rabine, Mike Rippee, Crystal Rustin, Sara Seal and Michael Welch.

Sophomores
Sarah Archer, Urivia Arizmendi, Chris Fields, Adeline Gonzalez, Destr Griffin, Perry Hamilton, Garrison Heninger, Andrew Hutchinson, Ali Lauda, Rikky Lawrence, AJ Lewis, Kate Martinez, Mayoli Negrete, Jamie Nicholson, Whitney Ordover, Amanda Owen, Juan Quinza, Kelsey Speck and Kaitlin Van Sickle.

Freshmen
Luke Alexander, Trevin Belvel, Veronica Bettencourt, Shyla Cantrell, Josh Harmon, Brady Irish, Alex Johnston, JR Kippes, Fernando Morales, Anthony Owens, Morgan Peterson, Ana Ruiz, Heather Schell, Romy Strack, Camryn Suberka, Judd Spencer, Courtney Watson, Matt Wiggs, Nick Wilson and Layne Woo.

UI student engineering projects win kudos

The 110 creations of engineering students' "Minds in Motion" at the University of Idaho's May 2 Engineering Design Expo were judged by professionals. Regional students were among the winners.

The projects that won awards: Future Truck Glass Cockpit: The team installed a computer into a 2002 Ford Explorer Hybrid vehicle.

The system will be used for advanced diagnostics and entertainment, and the user will have access to Internet-derived weather information, Internet, radio, CD and DVD. Matt Benke of Glens Ferry was a team member.

The People's Choice: The Flat Part Manipulator team created a machine that removes a manual step in existing lean manufacturing cells. Denis Johnston of Mountain Home was a team member.

Hogland receives agricultural scholarship

Danielle Hogland of Buhl, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship as part of the fifth annual Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship program.

Hogland is one of 100 high school seniors from across the United States who received this award due in part to their outstanding commitment to the field of agriculture. Hogland is expected to attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall.

The scholarship program is open to high school seniors from all 50 states, and is offered by Monsanto in association with the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. This year's award recipients were chosen by an impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders. Applicants also were evaluated on their academic record, extracurricular activities and personal essays submitted as a part of the application process.

Castleford releases honor roll

CASTLEFORD — Principal Andy Wiseman has released the fourth-quarter honor roll for Castleford Middle and High School students.

Sixth grade

High Honor Roll - 4.0 to 3.50 grade point average
Megan Choate, Amanda Elmer, Julie Kaminski, Calvin Kenison, Belinda Kinyon, Elizabeth Lopez, Gabrielle Madson, Jenna Vulgamore and Rikki Wiggins.

Honor roll - 3.49-3.00 GPA

Whitney Black, Dustin Chandler, Tyler Connell, Jorge Hernandez, Shelby Lammers, Aaron Monge and Billie Schurman.

Seventh grade

High Honor Roll - 4.0 to 3.50 GPA
Miranda Bernier, Timothy Frey, Nathan Graybeal, Zachary Kline and Rachel Rodgers.

Honor Roll - 3.49 to 3.00 GPA

Kinz Clark and Gabriela Medina.

Eighth grade

High Honor Roll - 4.0 to 3.50 GPA
Megan Durham, Jessica Elmer, Daniel Hill, Joseph Hurley, Anna Lopez, Anthony Machado, Landon Schofield and Lindsay Wiggins.

Honor Roll - 3.49 to 3.00 GPA

Patrick Farnsworth, Rhianne Horner, Benjamin Torres, Michael Torres, David Wiseman and Sage Wyatt.

Freshmen

High Honor Roll - 4.0 to 3.50 GPA
Lauren Kline and Cindy Lopez.

Honor Roll - 3.49 to 3.00 GPA

Laure Black, Jessica Bohangs and Angela Gontemmer.

Sophomores

High Honor Roll - 4.0 to 3.50 GPA
Larissa Black, Andrea Fry, Lori Hernandez, Rachel Meves, Daniel Mota, Ryan Murphy, Erica Reinhold and Louisa Zerk.

Honor Roll - 3.49 to 3.00 GPA

Kala Bower, Cory Gontemmer, Holly Haley and Abica Parks.

Juniors

High Honor Roll - 4.0 to 3.50 GPA
Robert Comer, Keegan Cothren, Jesse Hill, Tim Hill, James Hurley, Carl Kinnison, Evan Nolevanko, Matthew Reinhold, Wesley Rodgers, Jorie Schurman and Kelly Tabet.

Honor Roll - 3.49 to 3.00 GPA

Stephanie Gaertry, Linda Kinsinger, Aaron Meves, Cory Tvedy, Heidi Wiseman and Roso Zavala.

Seniors

High Honor Roll - 4.0 to 3.50 GPA
Courtney Bader, Jill Brubaker, Benjamin Graybeal, Malorie Graybeal, Danielle Hogland, Adrian Lopez, Duane Stutes, Christopher Benjamin Boder, Bobbie Sherman, Jennifer Seacata and Zane Wyatt.

Honor Roll - 3.49 to 3.00 GPA

Rachel Bullock, Brent Hand and Tina Stultius.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



The oxidation of copper was the experiment by fifth-grader Holly Shapnick that took best-of-show honors at the Sawtooth Elementary School Science Fair on May 8 in Twin Falls. Jason and Emma Bride were first in the first through third grades, and Lani Roemer was first among the fourth-grade submissions. Runner-up awards went to Hannah Holman (first through third grade), Jeffrey Ward (fourth grade) and Kara Tarter (fifth through sixth grade). Pictured are, from left, front row: Jason Bride and Emma Bride; back row: Hannah Holman, Lani Roemer, Kara Tarter and Holly Shapnick.

Bliss names second semester honor students

BLISS — Bliss School announced its honor roll criteria for the second semester.

High school

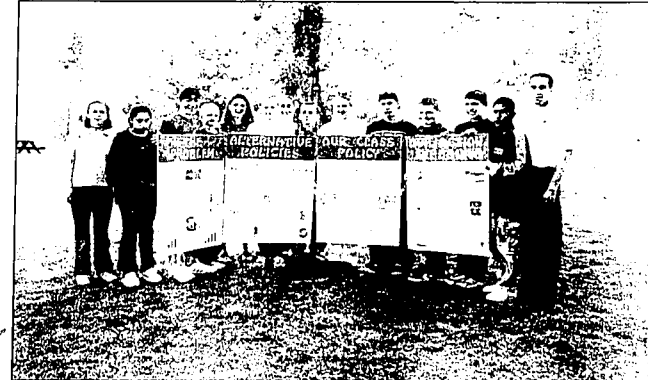
High honors 3.7-4.0 GPA

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Chase Erkins, Stacy Goolsby, Joseph Huxhold, Rusty Perron, Britney Turner, Honor roll 3.4-3.699 GPA, Mariah Burk, Gabby Gallardo, Malorie Kast, Stephanie Morris, Jeremy Myers, Dorey Fowler, Daniel Wood

Junior high

Shane Carnohan, Stephanie Goolsby, Karina Paulsen, Breckanelli Stromlie, Adam Burk, Regina Thompson, Michael Paulsen, Leon Holton, Ian Kast, Lacy Wood



Bliss eighth-grade students show their 'Project Citizen' on alcohol, which received second place at a state competition in Boise. This was the third time in three years that Bliss has placed in the top two against schools in the state of Idaho.

Bliss students take second place in Project Citizen competition

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

BLISS — Bliss eighth-graders placed second in the annual state Project Citizen competition among a record number of entries.

The school has placed in the top two for the last three years.

Project Citizen is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, a federally-funded program designed to teach students how government works and how to

get them involved in government.

It has children looking at their community and any of its problems. They propose a solution on how to improve the problem and finally, implement the solution.

"This year, the eighth-graders looked the problem of alcohol," said Nick Smith, social studies teacher at Bliss. They looked at MAD, DARE, and Red Ribbon Week, and they noticed that they were all run by adults and that the kids didn't participate."

The eighth-grade students went into other classes, and talked about harmful effects of alcohol and what it does to the body and family.

Students also made posters for their project and a portfolio about their project and how they intended to implement their solution for improvement.

The project was judged at the state competition, Benjamin Boder, against all schools from around the state. The winner went on to the national competition.

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