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Area economy sees major growth

Twin Falls nonfarm jobs increase 5.3 percent

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Western Magic Valley's employers have been snapping up workers faster than new ones enter the work force. The result was May's low 3.6 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the valley's major labor market — Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined.

That was six-tenths of a point lower than the 4.2 percent joblessness of both the previous month and May 2002. And it was one of the lowest rates in Idaho last month. Those rates were revised since the Idaho Department of Labor forecast May jobs data earlier this month.

The three counties' civilian labor force of 54,030 in May included 3,540 more people than a year earlier, a 7 percent increase. Yet

as retail, construction, call-center and other employers added new jobs, the number of unemployed people in the labor force fell from 2,130 in May 2002 to 1,920 last month. That's 210 fewer people going without work, said a report that regional labor economist Grig Rogers released to *The Times-News* Friday, in advance of the Labor Department's publication.

Do the math and you'll see that, in May, 3,750 more people living in the three-county area were taking home paychecks than a year earlier.

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In other statistics, the Labor Department tracks sector-by-sector job numbers according to the location where the work is performed.

In Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties last month, the most notable May-to-May increase was in construction jobs.

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TRYING TO GET CLEAN

Drug Court aims to help people break their addictions

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The first thing one notices about Tyson DePew is his winning smile.

Combine that with his easy-going, affable nature, and the 23-year-old DePew is instantly likable.

But underneath the charm and good humor lurked something a little darker. DePew was a heavy drug user. You name it, he said, and he did it.

And he still would be if he hadn't been busted last year while he and a friend were carrying several pounds of marijuana in their car.

Who's In Drug Court

In the 8th Judicial District's Drug Court:

- Most participants are Caucasian, male and between the ages of 21 and 40.

- Most began using drugs in their early teen years.

- 88 percent have used methamphetamine.

- 78 percent have used marijuana.

- 14 of 52 active participants have used cocaine, six have used mushrooms and LSD, three have used heroin and Ecstasy, and three are drunken-driving offenders.

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Tyson Depew nails a sheet of hardboard into place in a house under construction in Twin Falls. Depew was arrested on a drug charge and is in Drug Court. "Without Drug Court, I wouldn't be getting my life back together," he said.

U.S. troops recover bodies of missing soldiers in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After days of intense searching by ground and air, U.S. forces on Saturday found the bodies of two soldiers missing north of Baghdad, as the toll of American dead since the start of war topped the grim milestone of 200.

Also Saturday, British forces were greeted peacefully as they returned to a southern Shiite town where six of their troops were killed in clashes. And the U.S. military

announced small rebuilding projects, ranging from the delivery of school and medical supplies to the restoration of power and water in several Iraqi towns.

The day's events highlighted the pattern of progress and setback that has bedeviled the U.S.-led occupation, facing daily attacks that distract from the mission of reconstruction.

Sgt. 1st Class Gladimir Philippe, 37, of Roselle, N.J., and Pfc. Kevin Ott, 27, of

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A U.S. soldier from the 1st Armored Division takes cover after hearing a shot while another soldier shouts to ask about the status of the squad in front of them in a Baghdad neighborhood Saturday.

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Surgery is becoming a popular weight-loss option.

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Medicare reform plan contains tangled prescription drug fix

WASHINGTON (AP) — You're 65, maybe older, and tired of paying hundreds, maybe thousands, of dollars for drugs.

So how is the government going to help?

Bills passed by the House and the Senate at week's end offer the first Medicare subsidies for drugs taken outside the hospital. They also would change Medicare to give older people more choices and hold down costs for a program forecast to go broke.

Congressional negotiators still must settle differences between the plans, with difficult compromises ahead on writing a single bill. But the basic outline of the benefit has come into view, albeit a bewildering one at times.

For starters, the prescription drug benefit is not going to begin until 2006.

In the meantime, you can buy a government-backed discount drug card for \$25 or \$30 that will offer some savings. The Bush administration estimates that you could save 15 percent, which means a \$500 prescription drug bill would fall to \$425 — not much of a gain after you pay for the card.

If you are poor, or close to it, you will get more help. Several hundred dollars will be credited toward your card and you will not have to pay the enrollment fee.

How poor is poor? If you earn less than about \$12,000 per year (about \$16,400 for a couple), you will get extra help in both the Senate and House bills — \$600 from the Senate or \$800 from the House. For those who are a little better off, earning close to \$13,500, the House would kick in \$500. The Senate would offer nothing more.

The real action on the prescription drugs comes in 2006, when a full drug plan is added to Medicare. But that will not be any easier to understand.

"I don't know all the fine details," says 76-year-old Lenore Cooper. She is hardly alone.

There are two ways you can get your drugs partly paid for.

One means joining a private health plan.

This could be managed care, a health maintenance organization,

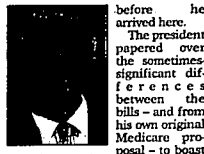
Bush eager to sign Medicare bill

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush, prepared to declare victory on an issue dear to millions of older Americans, said Saturday that lawmakers should hurry to complete the job of adding coverage for prescription drugs to the government's Medicare health plan.

The House and Senate early Friday approved offering legislation that would offer the first subsidies in the program's 38-year history for prescription medication, give people enrolled in Medicare more choices of health plans and benefits and introduce competition from private health insurance to hold down Medicare costs.

Negotiators from the two houses now face the thorny task of writing a compromise bill that melds both versions and is acceptable to a majority of lawmakers in each chamber.

Bush, who is spending the weekend at his ranch between fund-raising trips to California and Florida on Friday and Monday, taped his weekly radio address on the topic



President Bush

had accepted his central demand: that Medicare begin to incorporate the notion of choice.

He noted both bills also included another piece of his plan: the offer of a government-backed discount drug card that offers some savings before the drug subsidies take effect in 2006.

"Seniors who want to stay in the current Medicare system will have that option, plus a new prescription drug benefit," Bush said. "Seniors who want enhanced benefits, such as coverage for preventive care and a cap on out-of-pocket costs, will have that choice, as well."

which limits your choice of doctors to those on a list, or a preferred provider organization, which has looser rules and allows you to see doctors outside the network for an extra charge.

The HMOs exist in Medicare now. The PPOs will be new. Lawmakers expect them to be soliciting business starting in 2006.

Some see these PPOs as the future of Medicare and they would have to offer you at least basic drug coverage. There may be other advantages to joining one — for example, preventive care such as free doctors' visits or extra services that include eyeglasses. If some Republicans get their way, you could pay a lower premium if you pick a particularly efficient plan.

Another option is staying in regular Medicare.

If you do this, you still will get help paying for medicines, through a complicated formula.

The first decision is whether to sign up for the new drug benefits.

There will be a powerful incentive to do just that right away. If you do not join the program when you first become eligible, the government will consider how sick or healthy you are and adjust premiums accordingly when you do sign up.

The reasoning is that if you can't wait until they are ill and then join, the plan will be filled with sick people and will be much more expensive for everyone.

If you join, you will have to pay about \$35 per month, or \$420 per year. You will pay that premium every month, regardless of any drug expenses. For low-income people, some or all of the premiums would be waived.

Even after you have signed up and are paying the monthly premium, the government is not going to help with the first \$250 or \$275 of your drug costs each year.

NASA fires up another mission to Mars

Knight Ridder News Service

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA was poised to dispatch Saturday night the second of two robot geologists on a \$400 million mission to Mars.

The Opportunity rover — also known as Mars Exploration Rover-B — will look for evidence of past liquid water on the Red Planet's surface. The goal is to answer one of science's big questions: Were conditions present elsewhere in the universe for life to evolve? Water is considered an essential ingredient for life as we know it.

"We know Mars has water," said Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science.

"We know it had it in the past. It may have it in the present. What we don't know is how long this water persisted in any given place... If it stayed there for tens of millions of years, then there is a good chance life might have evolved."

To reach the Martian surface, Opportunity must complete a looping 298-million mile, seven-month journey, then safely land. That odyssey was set to begin Saturday night aboard a Delta 2 rocket launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Once in space, Opportunity will chase sister rover Spirit, which lifted off successfully on June 10. Spirit is scheduled to arrive at Mars on Jan. 3 and use parachutes

and impact-cushioning airbags to land near a 95-mile-wide crater south of the Martian equator. If all goes well, Opportunity will arrive three weeks later on Jan. 24 and touch down in an area of smooth plains where hematite — a mineral usually formed in conjunction with water — has been spotted in abundance by a NASA probe orbiting the planet.

The golf cart-sized rovers are designed to operate for at least three months on the surface of Mars and roam up to 1,000 yards from their landing sites. The robots are outfitted with cameras and instruments that will beam back to Earth photographs and analyses of the planet's mineral composition.

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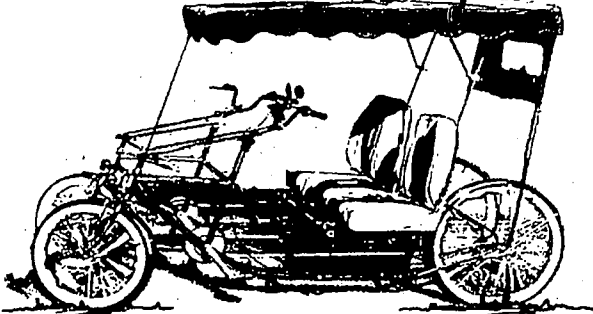
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After the riots

Young people
struggle to find
hope in troubled
Michigan town

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP) — They gather in front yards, ride bicycles and walk the streets of this southwest Michigan town where young people have plenty of one thing: time on their hands. Dante Allen is one of them. The 22-year-old has been looking for a job for weeks since returning to his native Benton Harbor from Atlanta, where he had worked in a grocery store bakery.

But jobs are scarce here. And with few summer recreation programs or facilities, even free time is difficult to fill in a city where nearly half the population is younger than 25.

"There's nothing to do," Allen says, sitting with a friend in the shade of a maple tree outside his family's home. "We can't even pull out a basketball rim on the curb without somebody getting mad."

These are the same streets where rioting erupted two weeks ago after Terrace Shum, a young black man, crashed his motorcycle while fleeing police from a neighboring township.

Dozens of people were injured and several houses were torched in a two-day melee that, on the surface, was about black youth protesting the actions of white police officers. But many of the predominantly black town's residents say Shum's death was just the spark that ignited anger over a host of issues — poverty and unemployment among them.

"People just hit their boiling point," says Dennis Sims, a black 24-year-old father of two who was laid off from his telemarketing job six weeks ago. "They just couldn't take it no more."

Clinton says ex-general would make a good president in 2004

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — While he's making no endorsements, former President Clinton says fellow Arkansan Wesley Clark would make a good president if he should decide to run.

Clinton says he has been impressed by the retired Army general's career from its inception, as a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy, where Clark finished first in his class.

"He has always exceeded in every endeavor," Clinton told The Associated Press on Friday, noting in particular Clark's major role as NATO commander, when he ran the 1999 Kosovo air war. "While I cannot take sides in the



Corey Blackmon, 25, walks to his job as a carpet layer Friday in Benton Harbor, Mich. Blackmon says he plans to move to work in Atlanta.

State Police helped patrol the city for a few days, and it has been quiet since. But Sims and others say it will take more than a visit from Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who came to town shortly after the riots and promised to help to solve deep-seated problems in Benton Harbor.

Here, according to the latest Census, nearly two-thirds of the housing is rental and the median household income is \$17,471. Just across the river in St. Joseph — a relatively prosperous tourist town on Lake Michigan — the median income is more than twice that. The communities are often compared because of their proximity and because their racial makeup is so different: Benton Harbor is 92 percent black; St. Joseph is 50 percent white.

Most young people in Benton Harbor don't condone the violence. But given the national attention it drew, 14-year-old Dennis Davis has come to a conclusion.

Democratic primary, I believe Wes, if he runs, would make a valuable contribution because he understands America's security challenges and domestic priorities," Clinton said. His comments were in an e-mailed response to a question to his New York office.

Clark is contemplating a presidential bid next year and has visited New Hampshire, as have the nine declared Democratic presidential aspirants.

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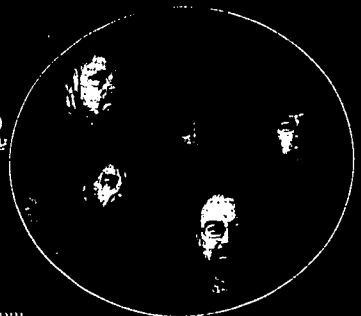
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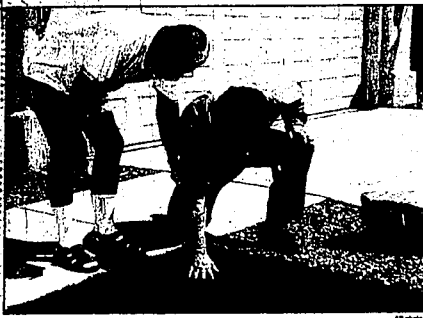
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Homeowner Rudy Rodriguez, left, and Michael Carpenter, owner of Artificial Grass of Las Vegas, look at the synthetic grass installed in Rodriguez's yard, June 19 in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas residents try out plastic grass

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Rudy Rodriguez takes pride in the manicured landscaping surrounding his house. His small front lawn packed amid desert rocks and foliage is a little greener and lacks the burned-out patches of yellow grass on the lawns of his neighbors.

Rodriguez's lawn is plastic. "I wanted grass but I wanted to save water," said Rodriguez, a retired longshoreman living in the Sun City-Summerlin section of Las Vegas. "The other houses looked nice with greenery."

Once maligned as the tacky turf of the polyester knit set, artificial lawns are gaining respect in Las Vegas, where drought has people searching for grassy alternatives.

"My challenge is educating people that this is not the straw of our parents," said Mike Carpenter, owner of Artificial Grass of Las Vegas.

Some water customers are getting money back from the Southern Nevada Water Authority for removing their natural grass and replacing it with the durable plastic mats.

Other customers are avoiding grass — and, they hope, high water bills — by installing artificial turf as their first lawn.

It's not only the rising price of water prompting the new look at a product that has been around, in one form or another, for decades.

The newest artificial grass is more realistic, durable and easier to work with than the AstroTurf of a generation ago, a dealer said.

"It's indestructible. It's non-flammable. Pets can't hurt it," said Harry Jackson, southern Nevada supplier for ProGreen. The product comes from a company based in Denver, where lawns and golf courses have died during the West's four-year drought.

Jackson said ProGreen can be used in active areas, for landscaping, and for arenas, football fields and golf courses.

Carpenter focuses on providing ProGreen for residential customers.

Officials said it can be combined with natural products to create landscaping that reduces water use and is kind to the environment.

The business got a boost several months ago, when the Southern Nevada Water Authority increased reimbursements from 40 cents to \$1 a square foot for people who use approved types of plastic grass as part of a conversion from natural turf to low-water-use desert landscaping, or Xeriscape.

"We don't see artificial turf as a substitute for living plants," said Doug Bennett, water authority conservation manager. "You don't want people to conserve water at the cost of the quality of life."

The water authority and its "cash for grass" program doesn't aim to encourage "paving over all of Las Vegas," Bennett said.

The authority expects artificial turf to let water soak through, and does not include all artificial turf in the program.

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Growth

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whose numbers rose 28.5 percent. Wonder why? Take a look at recent record lows in mortgage rates, and at rapid growth in the city of Twin Falls.

The city's home building set a new, much higher record in 2002, and gave local economy watchers cause for celebration. Last year's 344 building permits issued for new single-family homes citywide bested the previous record of 241 in 2001 by close to half.

In the first five months of this year, City Hall reported, home builders made progress toward a new record. They took building permits for 167 new single-family homes, up by 11.3 percent from the 150 such permits of the first five months of 2002. The total would have been even higher, but permit applications piled up faster than the building department could process them.

"Why such demand for houses? This has been fueled somewhat by extremely low interest rates, but there has also been significant in-migration," Rogers said.

Several new stores are boosting Twin Falls construction employment, even as they prepare to hire staffs of their own.

On the Snake River Canyon rim, a \$9,524-square-foot, \$2 million store is being erected for a sporting goods chain to sell hunting, fishing, camping, optics, clothing and footwear merchandise. Sportsman's Warehouse Inc. will join a growing congregation of stores lined up on the rim, in developer Neilsen & Co's Canyon Park project.

The Twin Falls store will start hiring in late July or early August and open by the Labor Day weekend, chairman and chief executive Stu Utgaard said in April. He expects a Twin Falls staff of about 65 employees, including about 50 full-timers.

Nearby in Canyon Park, Best Buy will lease an existing 24,000-square-foot retail space at the west end of the retail complex that houses T.J. Maxx, Michaels, Famous Footwear and Old Navy. Interior remodeling is under way to suit the space for Best Buy, which will employ between 80

Plentiful labor

Labor economist Greg Rogers is often called on to explain why he can promise potential employers "plentiful labor supply despite extremely low unemployment rates" in western Magic Valley. If they pay more than \$8 an hour and provide benefits, he says, they can find workers.

Here's the explanation he gives to businesses that consider locating in Twin Falls, Jerome or Gooding counties:

- **Wages tend to be low here.** The average wage is about \$10 per hour in the seven Magic Valley counties other than Blaine, because many jobs are service-related. But Rogers calculates a livable wage needed to support a family of four at about \$15 per hour (over \$20 per hour in Blaine County).
- **The result?** A wage gap of about 33 percent.

and 150 people, both full and part time. A spokeswoman has said 100 jobs is probably a close estimate.

Twin Falls especially is increasingly becoming a regional retail hub for south-central Idaho and northern Nevada," Rogers said. "With the addition of many new retailers, Twin Falls is seeing much less 'leakage' to Boise for retail needs that Twin Falls otherwise did not have, and this has helped stimulate the local economy and keep the dollars circulating in this area."

The stores, restaurants and bank already open in Neilsen & Co's canyon-rim project account for a chunk of the May-to-May nonfarm jobs gain, which totaled 2,080 more jobs for all sectors in the three counties.

That's 5.3 percent nonagricultural job growth over that 12-month stretch — the largest gain in Idaho.

"This growth has been remarkable given the condition of the national and state economy," Rogers said.

Another oft-noted contributor was Dell Computer Corp.'s new call center, which added jobs throughout 2002. Here are snippets of Dell's rapid expansion in Twin Falls: The computer maker's first local hires

So families resort to multiple incomes; one person in the family has more than one job, or two or more people in the household work. • **Only about 65 percent** of Magic Valley's work force enjoys some sort of job benefits such as health insurance and retirement, Rogers estimates. "We're one of the lower areas in the state."

- **Some workers with high skills or education are underemployed**, due to a shortage of professional jobs.
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In some cases, workers will even take pay cuts for jobs that include benefits or full-time work, Rogers said.

Other sectors that showed significant employment increases last month over May 2002 included educational and health services, manufacturing and transportation, with increases of 20.7, 13.5 and 11.1 percent respectively, the Labor Department said. The only sectors that showed May-to-May declines were wholesale trade, with a drop of 1.6 percent, and education, at 8.7 percent.

"The area has not remained totally uncashed from negative economic pressure," Rogers said.

Moore Wallace Inc. said in May that it will close its 30-year-old Jerome business forms plant in about mid-July, displacing 108 employees. Company leaders said they couldn't reconsider the decision despite an offer of help from Idaho's government.

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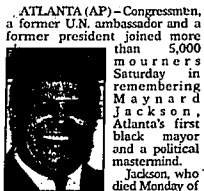
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Dignitaries mourn first black mayor of Atlanta



Maynard Jackson

ATLANTA (AP) — Congressmen, a former U.N. ambassador and a former president joined more than 5,000 mourners Saturday in remembering Maynard Jackson, Atlanta's first black mayor and a political maverick.

Jackson, who died Monday of a heart attack at age 65, influenced urban politics for decades after his 1973 election, including pioneering the practice of designating a portion of government contracts for minority-owned businesses.

Jackson "was a fearless, courageous, audacious leader," said Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin. "Maynard had our back."

Former President Bill Clinton paid tribute to his fellow Democrat, who helped him gain popularity in Georgia during his 1992 presidential campaign.

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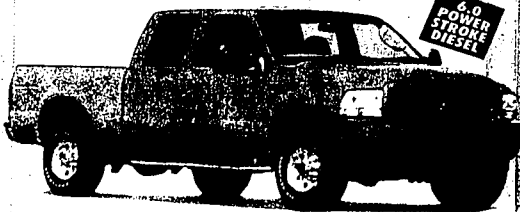
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NATION

Democrats court Hispanic voters, promise immigration policy overhaul

PHOENIX (AP) — Six rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination, courting the large and growing Hispanic community Saturday, promised to overhaul the nation's immigration policy and enlarge economic opportunities for newcomers.

"We need to change our immigration laws so that hardworking people who pay their taxes and have no criminal record have a faster track to citizenship," said former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. "Most importantly, we need jobs and opportunity again, and that will only come with a president."

Dean and the others spoke to a convention of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials, which represents a constituency that has been reliably Democratic in past elections.

Democrats and Republicans alike, however, agree that the party cannot be complacent about next year's campaign, because President Bush did better among Hispanics than previous Republicans in the 2000 election and has targeted the ethnic group as a key demographic in 2004.

Speaking of the increasing importance of Hispanics, who recently replaced blacks as the ethnic minority in the U.S., Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts spoke of the tiny North Carolina town where he grew up,



Howard Dean

which he said is now half Hispanic. "They are living the immigrant's dream," Edwards said, and "they are living the American dream."

Rep. Richard Gephardt told his audience that he helped beat back English-only legislation and pledged to work overtime to bolster turnout among potential Hispanic voters.

"We have to get the people of this country to participate and take this country back," said Gephardt, D-Mo.

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry noted his service in the Vietnam War, where a large percentage of those in the thick of battle were minorities. Many came back to the United States and found little opportunity, he said.

"I learned how tough it was, how promises were broken," Kerry said.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio offered to join his audience and "work together united for social and economic justice," said Kucinich.

Most candidates sprinkled their comments with Spanish, which drew derision from candi-

date Al Sharpton.

"I was going to make my statement in Spanish," said Sharpton. But, he said, "The people who need to hear what we are saying are the people who speak English who aren't being fair to the people who speak Spanish."

Sharpton noted that Bush speaks Spanish and frequently uses it on the stump. Hispanics should be wary, he said, of "people who visit you once a year, say something in Spanish, and you never hear from them again."

The six in Phoenix were not alone among politicians lavishing attention on the hundreds of Hispanic activists gathered for the annual convention. Sens. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Bob Graham of Florida held a forum with the group by satellite Friday.

The Bush administration dispatched a series of GOP officials to show the flag.

All six of the Democratic rivals lashed out at Bush for pushing tax cuts they argued largely benefit the rich, which forced spending cuts on crucial education and health programs.

While Hispanic voters have traditionally trended Democratic, Bush got 35 percent of that vote in 2000 and has made increasing that showing a priority in his reelection campaign.

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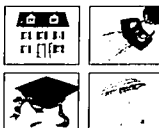
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Thousands blame government for lost luggage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline passengers have filed 6,700 complaints with the government about lost, stolen or damaged luggage in the six months since the Transportation Security Administration took on the job of screening fliers' checked bags.

The agency has paid almost \$39,000 to settle about 485 claims. About 145 were denied, and 47 were withdrawn. The rest of the complaints — more than 6,000 — are pending.

One cause of the huge number of pending cases is the likelihood that the airlines are responsible for some of the claims, an administration spokesman said.

"The vast majority still need to be resolved because we're trying to determine if it's TSA or the airline that's at fault," spokesman Robert Johnson said Saturday. "Did it happen when TSA was handling the bag, or did it happen when the airline was handling the bag?"

Johnson said the TSA is working with airlines to devise a plan for processing complaints when it's unclear when or how damage, loss or theft occurred.

"The majority of our complaints need to be resolved with some sort of formula that we work out with

the airlines," he said. "We want to get it done as soon as possible."

Until then, only the cases where blame is clear-cut will be processed. Everyone else will have to wait.

The airline industry does not report the number of claims it receives for lost, stolen or damaged luggage. Airlines disclose the number of reports of baggage "missing" but that figure includes luggage delays, a more common complaint for which claims generally are not filed.

Because of the airlines' policy on complaints, there is no way the number of complaints this year can be compared with that of previous years when airlines handled screening and all luggage handling.

The TSA reports the number of claims because, as a federal agency, it has an obligation to taxpayers, Johnson said.

David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, an advocacy group, said it's good to know the size of the problem. "The bad thing is that we have the problem in the first place," he said.

Stempler has been worried that the passenger might be left with no recourse while the government

agency and the airlines deal with overlapping areas of responsibility.

"We're discouraged that they haven't really dealt with this problem up till now," he said.

Johnson said the agency has handled between 250 million and 300 million bags since January. Even if the TSA were responsible for all 6,700 claims, he said, that's "a statistically negligible amount of complaints."

"On a systemwide basis, with such a small number of complaints as compared to the total number of bags that we handle, there really is nothing to worry about," he said.

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WORLD

THE DANGER OUT THERE

Troops find attacks routine in Iraq

By Mike Dornig
Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The American soldiers who patrol the darkened streets of Iraq know they are being stalked.

In Fallujah, opponents of the U.S.-led occupation fire off rockets to mark the movements of military police officers. In Baghdad, they signal the arrival of para-trooper patrols with bursts of gunfire — one if by Humvee, two if by foot.

Sometimes someone hidden on a rooftop or lurking in an alley or maybe standing in the open, blending in with a crowd, will open fire. Sometimes a grenade will be thrown.

"Most of the time, nothing at all will happen. The enemy is only shouting. The attack will come another day."

Attacks on U.S. and British forces in Iraq have become more frequent and more deadly in the last 10 days. Two U.S. soldiers who had been missing for days were found dead north of Baghdad on Saturday. Six British soldiers died in one day last week. At least 61 U.S. troops have died since the official end of fighting in Iraq — more than 20 of them in attacks.

The casualty reports, however, fail to capture the full extent of the perils that soldiers face in a conflict that simmers long after most Americans considered it over. The shrapnel wounds, the bullets hissing overhead and the grenade attacks that are an ordinary occurrence for troops in some parts of the country.

In a five-day stretch last week, coalition forces experienced 62 "significant" attacks, 10 of which either killed coalition troops or



U.S. Army Spc. Kelly Gardner from A Company 3rd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment patrols near the outskirts of Karbala, Iraq, Saturday.

injured them seriously enough to require hospitalization, said Maj. William Thurmond, a military spokesman.

"Now is the most dangerous time since we've been here. It's not like when we were first here — pushing forward, shooting at everyone who had a gun," said Staff Sgt. Zachary Conklin of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. "You get attacked, but there's no definite enemy. You can't shoot at all the civilians."

The experiences of three U.S. army units in the field last week offers a portrait of the resistance coalition forces face as they pursue remnants of Saddam Hussein's toppled regime.

Each military unit is located in a province or city neighborhood where significant portions of the population oppose the U.S. presence in Iraq. Their experiences are not typical of all coalition forces, but they reflect the types of assaults on troops in the large portions of Iraq that

remain hostile.

Officers in each unit described multiple attacks against their troops in the preceding week. In the largest unit, a 4,000-soldier brigade covering an 800-square-mile region of western Iraq around Fallujah, there has been an average of almost two attacks per day this month, said Maj. Jeffery Watson, intelligence officer for the 3rd Infantry's Spartan Brigade.

On Monday, just after darkness, about 10 miles outside Fallujah, a rocket-propelled grenade whizzed through a brigade Humvee, entering the vehicle through one door and exiting through the other just before exploding. The soldiers inside escaped with minor shrapnel injuries. One lost part of a finger.

Two hours later, a fuel convoy moving along the highway a few miles away also was attacked by rocket-propelled grenades, twice in three miles.

On Tuesday, late at night in a

Baghdad neighborhood heavily populated by former Iraqi army officers, a three-man sniper team hiding behind the pylon of a bridge opened fire on paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne but didn't hit anyone. Moments later, a grenade landed at a power station guarded by soldiers from the same company; the explosive didn't detonate.

At the barracks of the 1st Armored Division artillery battery, Pvt. Jonathan Mayberry, a soft-spoken 20-year-old from Tifton, Ga., was off patrol duty after being wounded twice in five days. Shrapnel had hit the gunner in the back of the head when an explosive detonated behind his Humvee on June 2; debris struck him in the face when someone rolled a grenade under his vehicle the previous Wednesday.

"Everybody's scared out there. If somebody says they're not, they're lying," Mayberry said. "There's no time you go out there when you're not wondering what's going to happen, what's around the corner."

For the most part, the attacks are not well-organized, army officials said. In many cases, grenades sail past their targets or gunmen are so poorly trained that their AK-47s bounce around as they fire away — a form of assault some U.S. troops have dubbed "spray and pray."

But there are signs that the attacks are growing more sophisticated. Soldiers in the 4th Infantry Division said that recently electricity has been cut off right before an attack.

"Right now, it's my soldiers who are being attacked. So I count them as real serious. I've had three soldiers wounded," said Capt. Reginald Harris, who commands a battery of about 100 artilleymen for the 1st Armored Division.

but it's OK now. He's home."

Melissa D'Orta cried tears of joy as her husband, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah D'Orta of Orange County, Va., approached her with daughter Nicole, and son, Vincent, already in his arms.

"I'm home, baby, I'm home," the sergeant said. "It's all right." His wife said later: "It's just wonderful."

Last wave of N.C.-based Marines returns from Iraq

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Families and friends greeted troops with tears and cheers Saturday as the last wave of Marines from Task Force Tarawa returned to their home base from Iraq.

"I'm super blessed," said Gunnery Sgt. Bryant Davis, 36, of Atlanta, who let out three "Woos!" after embracing his young nieces outside Camp Lejeune's barracks.

Davis was one of 2,000 Marines aboard the USS Kearsarge, the last of the seven-seventh Amphibious Task Force East that arrived on the North Carolina coast this past week.

"It's a beautiful day to come to the United States of America," said Davis, an 18-year Marine veteran.

Troops from the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, which saw heavy fighting and 23 members die during the war, began arriving in stages at Camp Lejeune and neighboring bases a week ago. A total of 7,000 ground troops and aviators were expected to be home by Sunday.

Marines came ashore on landing crafts as the sun rose Saturday. Awaiting families at the pier held children, signs and mementos of their returning Marines.

The parents of Lance Cpl. Michael Thompson carried a sign with the signature of first- and second-graders at St. Luke's Lutheran School in Culpeper, Va., where Thompson's mother, Andrea, teaches.

"We are relieved to have him home," Andrea Thompson said. "It's been an emotional roller coaster."

The Virginia-based flotilla carried about 5,000 sailors, more than 7,000 Lejeune-based Marines and tons of heavy equipment and aircraft during service in the Middle East. The Kearsarge is due back at its home port in Norfolk, Va., on Monday.

While in Iraq, brigade members helped rescue Army Pvt. Jessica Lynch and captured 1,000 prisoners of war. They also helped liberate the cities of Nasiriyah, Amarah, Diwaniyah and Kut. Fifty-eight brigade members were wounded.

"We can't forget the ones who didn't make it home," Andrea Thompson said.

Over half of Camp Lejeune's 30,000 troops were overseas in Iraq and other stations this winter and spring. About 2,300 members of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned a month ago.

Brenda Echterling, 44, of LaGrange, Ind., worried her son, Lance Cpl. David Echterling, would be delayed further when the Kearsarge was ordered to travel to Liberia to evacuate U.S. citizens after civil war broke out there. But the Kearsarge was ordered home again after a cease-fire agreement was signed in



Liberia earlier this month. Brenda Echterling said: "I started

crying when I found out his ship had been diverted to Liberia."

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WORLD

Family compels bride to marry at 15

Gypsy girl gives up dreams of studying medicine as a career

By George John
Associated Press writer

VOLUNTARI, Romania — Engines grumbling in the Balkan twilight, giant semi roll past the truck stop and its overflow of wedding guests.

Cars grind as the trucks leave the highway ramp and head northeast toward Bucharest, laden with goods for the capital's growing middle class — Japanese electronics, German roadsters, French cosmetics.

Obsessive to this parade of a changing Romania, partygoers at the roadside restaurant are celebrating a remnant of the old Romania.

It's a Gypsy wedding, and the 15-year-old bride is mourning shattered dreams of studying medicine as she steels herself for a life more Middle Ages than Modern Times. A schoolgirl just weeks ago, her soon will be little more than her husband's chattel.

After years of backwardness, most of Romania appears to be on the mend. Roads long the hane of the Balkans are fixed, rest-stop toilets are generally clean, and membership in the European Union is set for 2007.

Bucharest was the darkest capital of the Soviet bloc. Now, neon drizzles and pulsates in a city of light, whose vibrant pulse can be measured by the daytime din of construction and traffic.

At the Corina truck stop, where diesel fumes mingle with the smell of barbecue, the colorfully clad wedding guests also seem a part of the new Romania — on the edge.

Black Mercedes limousines are parked outside, and heavy gold chains glitter on necks and wrists. Roused by frenetic music, the bride and groom, surrounded by hands into the air and ways to the sounds of Gypsy folk — an eclectic mix of Romanian pop and traditional Gypsy music.

"I long live my husband, I've got the perfect wife," the sweetly finger wails, alternating between the roles of newlyweds extolling their partner's virtues.

Broad grins split the faces of the parents. The bride and groom — poised and pretty, she's a dream in white satin, huge gold earrings and faux pearls piled high in her hair.

But Narcisa Trasca's smile is forced and her mind seems far away as she obliges requests for a dance. Her wedding is a rite of passage into a role she dreads — cleaning, cooking, working in the fields and having babies. Her husband will decide on everything.

"I'd like two girls and two boys," says the groom, Marin Rupita. Asked if his wife agrees, the 18-year-old grin and says: "I don't know. I haven't asked her yet."

School? "Not once she's at my



Gypsy bride Narcisa Trasca, 15, drinks brandy May 29 as relatives and friends watch during her wedding in the village of Voluntari, on the outskirts of Bucharest, Romania. Narcisa's wedding is a rite of passage into a role she dreads. Yesterday she was a child. Tomorrow, she will be a Gypsy wife. And that means cleaning, cooking, field work and pregnancies.

house," says Marin, who hasn't seen a classroom from the inside since fourth grade. "She'll be busy with housework like the other women in the family!"

Just weeks ago, Narcisa was in junior high school in her town outside Bucharest, an A-student with dreams of studying medicine. She pleaded with her parents to let her continue her education.

No, they said. That is not the Gypsy way.

"I wanted to be a pediatrician," she says, resignation tugging at the corners of her mouth. "I told them again and again, but my parents just wouldn't listen."

Her father, Marcel Trasca, says that had he not agreed to the marriage, the alternative would have been worse: Narcisa's abduction by potential suitors who didn't want to wait for negotiation.

Now the best she can hope for is that her parents will manage to persuade their new son-in-law to live in the Bucharest area, rather than his home village about 200 miles away, so she can go back to school. Negotiations with the clan are under way.

Although the minimum age for marrying in Romania with a parent's consent is 16, some Gypsy brides are as young as 12. Narcisa's wedding won't be legal in the eyes of the state, but even under communism the government has never interfered with Gypsy marriage customs.

Though she could have completed eighth grade before her wedding, Narcisa left school several weeks early. Hours before the start of the wedding feast, her classmates — non-Gypsies — came to her house to bid tearful goodbyes.

"It would have been useless to

continue," she says, "As of tomorrow, I'll just be stooped over a pot or a broom all day anyway."

Narcisa's world is as old as the 14th century, when the ancestors of what now are an estimated 8 million European Gypsies started arriving from India.

Discrimination and clanishness created a gap that persists to this day. Millions of Gypsies scattered across Europe, particularly in the former communist states, are overwhelmingly disadvantaged in education, job opportunities and status.

Governments in the east now are pushing to do away with that divide, partially in recognition that it threatens their chances of meeting the standards of equal rights for joining the rich club of the European Union.

In a TV spot paid for by the European Union, an old Gypsy takes his accordion, transforms it into a school bag and gives it to his grandson. The ad fades out with this message: "Roma children want to go to school."

Roma, "the People" in their language, is what Gypsies prefer to be called.

With the blessing of both households, a cousin brought Marin to meet Narcisa seven months ago. Until the wedding party, the two saw each other briefly just four times.

Her parents reached a deal with Marin's family, a clan of prosperous horse traders: \$2,000 for Narcisa.

While many Gypsies fight pressures to conform to more modern ways, others are slowly opening to changes.

Asked whether it is time to put priority on education for young Gypsies, one of Narcisa's uncles quickly says, "We have to."

"School takes a long time," Marin Mihailache adds. "But we're (barely) at the survival level."

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Bush adviser, Palestinian leader meet

Militant groups plan truce announcement

JERICHO, West Bank (AP) — Seeking to advance a U.S.-backed peace plan, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice held talks with the Palestinian prime minister on Saturday, a day ahead of an expected truce announcement by Palestinian militants.

Rice's first stop was in the West Bank city of Jericho, where she and Abbas met at a plush hotel. Before the meeting, Abbas said he would press her for guarantees on the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

Rice will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Sunday, when militant groups are planning a formal announcement that they are halting attacks against Israelis for three months. However, some militants suggested the announcement might be delayed a day.

Together with a preliminary



Palestinian Naval Police recruits march in Gaza City Saturday.

agreement by Israel to withdraw troops from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Bethlehem, a truce could provide a major boost to Israel's military said. No injuries were reported and U.S. embassy officials refused to comment or give more details.

The Syrian-based leaders of the two main Islamic groups, Islamic Jihad and the larger Hamas group, agreed to a truce earlier in

Saturday, at least one vehicle in a convoy of U.S. diplomatic cars traveling in Gaza was damaged after two explosive devices blew up. Israel's military said. No injuries were reported and U.S. embassy officials refused to comment or give more details.

The Syrian-based leaders of the two main Islamic groups, Islamic Jihad and the larger Hamas group, agreed to a truce earlier in

the week, according to a Palestinian legislator involved in the negotiations. But Gaza-based militants initially denied there was a deal, then said details remained to be worked out.

"We have accepted a conditional cease-fire for three months," Mohammed al-Hindi, an Islamic Jihad leader in Gaza, told The Associated Press on Saturday. In the first on-the-record confirmation of the truce from a militant leader.

Ramadan Shalah, the main Islamic Jihad leader, based in Damascus, told the Dubai-based Al Arabiya satellite channel that Islamic Jihad "has agreed with the Hamas movement and the Fatah movement to suspend military operations" on Saturday. He said he expected an announcement Sunday.

Hamas leaders also have said they agreed to a truce but will only formally declare their acceptance in a joint document still being finalized.

Student: Arrests in Iran show deepening crisis

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran announced that more than 4,000 people were arrested during a month of violent pro-reform protests, and a student leader warned on Saturday that the crackdown was "only fueling the fire of protesting."

Iran's prosecutor general, Akhbari Namazi, said about 800 students and 40 key student leaders were among the 4,000 arrested as a result of the June 10-11 protests, the state-run daily newspaper Iran reported Saturday.

Namazi said about 2,000 people remained in jail.

Authorities had earlier said only 520 people — mostly "hooligans" — had been detained.

"The confirmation of 4,000 arrests shows how insincere the rulers are and how the crisis has deepened in Iran," student leader Saeed Allahbadi said. He told The Associated Press.

Also Saturday, four reformist lawmakers began a 48-hour sit-in inside parliament to protest the "violent and illegal continuing arrest of students."

Embassy: U.S. works on returning wounded Syrians

DAMASCUS, Syria — The United States is working on details to repatriate five Syrian border guards wounded by American forces during a fierce attack on the Syrian-Iraqi frontier this month, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman said Saturday.

The June 18 fighting at a border outpost south of the town of Abu Kamal had threatened to sour already strained Syria-U.S. relations. But both countries have tried to play down the incident.

The spokeswoman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the State Department's attorneys were working out the timing and logistics for returning the Syrian guards.

In the attack, U.S. warplanes and commandos struck a convoy of vehicles that the Americans suspected was carrying former Iraqi officials fleeing to Syria.

World in brief

spreading, "we are fully aware ... that this is only the start," the ministers from Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum countries said in a joint statement.

"Controlling SARS requires continued vigorous surveillance and containment of new cases, intensive regional and global collaboration," said the statement, a 14-point plan calling for greater cooperation in fighting the virus.

Beijing passes law protecting Great Wall

BEIJING — Beijing has restricted development close to the Great Wall of China to protect it from commercial encroachment, and made it a crime to damage its structure, local media reported.

No new development will be permitted within 1,550 feet of the wall, while commercial activities within two miles of it must undergo a special approval process, the reports said quoting a new law passed Thursday.

The law outlaws carving, painting, or plundering of stones or bricks from the wall and bans developers from setting up shops and stalls on it, the Beijing Times reported in its Friday edition.

It also restricts hiking and climbing along its untowered sections and requires authorization for television and movie productions, the paper reported.

Countries consider sending peace force to Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia — West Africa promised a peace force of

at least 5,000 troops for Liberia if warring sides halt fighting, and France suggested Saturday it was open to contributing troops — stepping in where the United States, Liberia's colonial-era founder, has so far declined to tread.

After a four-day battle between government and rebel forces for the Liberian capital, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the Security Council on Saturday to authorize sending a multinational force to enforce a cease-fire that fell apart soon after it was signed last week.

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Asia Pacific ministers warn that SARS fight is not over
BANGKOK, Thailand — Asia Pacific health ministers pledged Saturday to share more information about SARS and other infectious diseases to stem future epidemics that could threaten the region's public and economic health.

While screening measures have lowered the risk of the virus

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Nampa charter school, district clash

NAMPA (AP) — At their best, charter schools and traditional public schools work together, providing a variety of educational options to the community and smooth transitions for students switching between the two.

And then there's Nampa. The battles between Liberty Charter School and the Nampa School District have grown so heated that charter leaders made a bid to bypass the district completely and have the State Board of Education oversee the school. The legality of the effort is in doubt.

Meanwhile, the community continues to struggle with the educational rift.

"In Nampa, we have two separate issues," School Board Chairman Bob Henry said. "One issue is with charter schools in general. How they're run, how they're perceived and how they're funded. The second is management, and the interaction of a charter school with the granting district."

It is a problem faced by communities throughout the state. Legislators authorized the creation of charter schools in 1997, allowing anyone to petition for their own nonprofit, public charter school.

The law was designed to give parents a greater range of educational choices. But it drew fire



Nampa Mayor Tom Dale sits at Nampa City Hall Wednesday. Dale is a former band teacher at Liberty Charter School, and has joined the fight to shift control of the school from the Nampa School District to state authorities.

from many who contend charter schools are simply private schools surviving on taxpayer dollars.

Indeed, the demographics of Liberty Charter School appear to match most private school demographics more closely than they do that of the school district, according to a report by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory.

About 25 percent of students in the district are minorities, compared to only 9 percent at Liberty. The charter school also has one-third fewer students qualified for subsidized lunches.

Fifteen percent of students in

the district require special education programs. Only 5 percent need them at Liberty.

But the charter school grows more diverse each year, advisory board chairman Bart McKnight said.

"These aren't hand-picked children — they are run-of-the-mill children that were picked for admission by a lottery system," McKnight said. "You can't force someone to go to a charter school. We've even proposed to the school board that we'd open a charter wherever they say the demographics are the most difficult and we'll show them the program

works. For some reason, they've turned us down."

Henry said lower-income students were generally excluded at the start from the charter because it did not have the money for bus-ing or subsidized lunches.

Both are available now, but the charter school limits attendance and gives admission preference to siblings of current students — a rule Henry claims will ensure the charter's demographic status quo. For the 2001-2002 school year, Liberty had 295 students with nearly 1,000 on a waiting list.

Part of the draw is the school's high standardized test scores, new teaching methods and small class size.

Still, the friction continues, said Nampa Mayor Tom Dale — himself a former band teacher for the charter school, a local private school and a traditional public school. Dale has joined the charter's effort to shift control from the Nampa School Board to state authorities.

"There has been a paradigm created that you can't be pro-charter school and pro-traditional school. That needs to change, but it needs to be changed outside this framework," he said. "The emotional level in Nampa has risen too high."

Ideally, Dale said, traditional and charter schools would form a symbiotic relationship.

Judge cuts sentence after attorney misses deadline

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A judge has cut up to seven years off a prison term because an attorney missed the deadline for appealing the sentence of a woman who admitted killing her 11-month-old baby.

"It's a good reflection on how the justice system can work sometimes," defense attorney Steven Thompson said.

Seventh District Judge Gregory

Anderson agreed to reduce his original 9- to 27-year sentence to 7 to 20 years for Leticia Marie Castro, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the 1999 death of her daughter, Isabel.

Anderson's action makes Castro eligible for parole in 2006.

The judge said Castro has changed for the better since she has been in prison. She has taken

classes, and she has taken responsibility for her daughter's death. Her only failures in prison have been minor rules violations, he said.

"What I saw at the time of sentencing was a young lady that had been out of control, basically out of control for 10 years," Anderson said.

Bonneville County Prosecutor Dane Watkins Jr. pressed for the

sentence reduction during Friday's hearing, citing Castro's progress since her conviction.

"It struck me how far she had come since that tragedy in 1999," Watkins said.

The baby died of head injuries after her mother threw her to the floor of her Idaho Falls home because the child had pulled Castro's hair.

Superintendent blasts board for compliance plan

MOSCOW (AP) — State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard is blasting the state Board of Education for what she sees as a haphazard and embarrassing plan to meet federal deadlines under the "No Child Left Behind" law.

Howard says it is probably good that Idaho, like all the other states, has a compliance agreement with the federal government on student testing and accountability standards.

But she says the plan for accountability standards that board member Karen McGee of Pocatello submitted was developed in just three weeks, is filled with holes and inaccuracies and could become a potential liability for the state.

It was the latest confrontation in the power struggle between Howard and the board that took center stage for a week last winter when the Republican legislative majority stripped the Democratic schools superintendent of the authority over federal education programs for 40 years.

Democrats said the action was directed by GOP Gov. Diem Kempthorne and his GOP majority on the state board to reduce the political effectiveness of the only Democrat in statewide office.

"We recognize change is difficult," said Board President Blake Hall, a former state Republican chairman, after Howard issued her criticism of the compliance plan.

While the state's testing plan was finalized last year, little had been done until the June 8 deadline was looming for the accountability standards, and then the board took sole control.

In conversations with federal officials, Howard quoted them as saying "they had been told not to contact the department" at all about the compliance plan but go through the board.

"This damages the credibility of our entire process," Howard said, and of both her department and the state board.

The board's plan, she said, lists references to Idaho laws that do not exist, essentially eliminates early grade reading tests, makes expelled students eligible to register and includes a reference to translating the Idaho Standards Achievement Test into Spanish.

"We never even discussed that," Howard said.

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Chinook season reopens on lower Clearwater

OROFINO (AP) — The chinook salmon season reopened on the lower Clearwater River Saturday because of larger-than-expected fish returns.

Fish and Game Director Steve Huffaker, acting on authority given him earlier in the week, authorized resumption of sport fishing on the Clearwater from Lewiston to Orofino and on the North Fork of the Clearwater below Dworshak Dam because the 1,700 fish quota for hatchery and Nez Perce tribal needs was filled.

Last Monday the Fish and Game Commission reopened the Clearwater near Kootenai, the Pechia River and South Fork of the Clearwater.

The season runs through Aug. 3, except on the main Salmon, where it closed last Sunday.

Fishery managers warned, however, that this year's run is just about over and fish may be difficult to find.

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EPA helps with Silver Valley cleanup

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has increased financial support for the environmental cleanup of the Silver Valley.

The state's congressional delegation was advised by Administrator Christie Whitman that the allocation for the current budget year will be increased to \$17.7 million for the Coeur d'Alene Basin project. That is \$4.1 million more than the government committed to the effort last year.

"Be assured that the Bunker Hill Superfund Site has been, and continues to be, a high priority for this Agency," Whitman wrote to Sen. Michael Crapo last week before leaving office on Friday.

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OPINION

Justice Scalia's sarcasm goes overboard

During the last campaign, whenever President Bush was asked what he would seek in a Supreme Court appointee, the first name he brought up as his ideal was Justice Antonin Scalia. Last week's historic rulings in the University of Michigan affirmative action cases show why he needs to find another model.



DAVID S. BRODER

Virtually all the majority and dissenting opinions in the divided court displayed serious jurists wrestling with an issue that tests not just legal principles but fundamental social values. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the 5-4 majority that said race may be used as a factor in university admissions — but only under careful safeguards. Chief Justice William Rehnquist spoke for a different 5-3 majority that said the bonus point system Michigan used to boost minority applicants for its undergraduate student body violated those procedural protections.

Both delineated the issues carefully and showed great respect for the arguments that led some of their colleagues to disagree. But when it turned to the dissent Scalia filed to the O'Connor ruling, the tone was jarringly different.

It was sarcastic, dismissive, polemical and smug — everything that one would hope not to see on display from the president's judicial role model.

O'Connor's opinion readily acknowledged that, as a general and vital principle, the Constitution bars favoritism or

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discrimination based on race. Only if there is a "compelling state interest" can race be considered, she said, and even then, it must be as minimal as possible.

The "compelling interest" of the Michigan law school, she found, lies in having "a critical mass" of qualified minority applicants in each class, so that all students can encounter the widest variety of backgrounds, experiences and viewpoints as they prepare for their careers in a world brimming with diversity. She noted pointedly that the same interest had been asserted by many of the 300 organizations, including major businesses, unions and nonprofits, which filed briefs supporting the Michigan plan. And distinguished leaders of the American military, she reminded everyone, had said that the armed services would be badly damaged if race were ruled out as a consideration in selecting people for the military academies and campus ROTC programs.

Because the Michigan law school weighed each applicant individually, considering his or her entire background — and not just race — O'Connor and the court majority approved its plan.

Rehnquist disagreed, but in measured tones. And when it came to undergraduate admissions, where every minority applicant was given a 20-point head start toward the 100 points that guaranteed entry, the chief justice, joined by O'Connor and

four others, said the arbitrary "tilt" could not pass constitutional muster.

President Bush, who earlier had sent the Justice Department out to oppose both the undergraduate and law school admissions programs, applauded the court for seeking "a careful balance between the goal of campus diversity and the fundamental principle of equal treatment under the law."

And Scalia? During oral arguments, he had told Michigan's counsel that if the law school was so hell-bent on including more minorities, it should simply lower its admission standards — a stunningly patronizing and insulting comment. Having lost, he now said scornfully that the lessons of mutual understanding and tolerance Michigan was seeking to provide by building a diverse student body were more appropriately learned by "people three feet shorter and 20 years younger than the full-grown adults at the University of Michigan law school, in institutions ranging from Boy Scout troops to public-school kindergartens."

As if that ridiculous contention were not enough, Scalia then said that the O'Connor opinion opens the way to "racial discrimination" in public and private employment, adding sarcastically that he was sure that "the nonminority individuals who are deprived of a legal education, a civil service job or any job at all by reason of their skin color will surely understand."

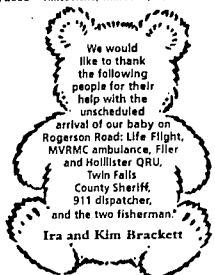
That's uncomfortably close to the infamous television ad Jesse Helms ran in 1990, when the former North Carolina senator was running against Harvey Gantt, the African-American former mayor of Charlotte. Helms' narrator said, "You needed that job. And you were the best qualified. But they had to give it to a minority because of racial quotas." Scalia's scare-tactic scenario constitutes almost as naked an appeal to racial antagonism. It's not what you expect to hear from a justice of the Supreme Court.

But it is becoming Scalia's pattern. Just three days later, dissenting again on the decision overturning the Texas anti-sodomy law, Scalia railed against "the so-called homosexual agenda" and declared himself on the side of those who "do not want persons who openly engage in homosexual conduct as partners in their business, as scoutmas-

ters for their children, and teachers in their children's schools or as boarders in their homes." That, too, echoes a favorite Helms theme.

And it's not a model Bush should seek to clone.

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Finance law's full-disclosure provision may make for awkward ads

The Washington Post

Amid all the twists and turns in the still poorly understood campaign finance reform law, there is a little-noticed provision designed to make it easier for the public to figure out who's paying for a particular campaign ad. But it also promises to make even

the slickest of ads seem a little awkward. The provision requires candidates for federal office, along with anyone else sponsoring certain types of campaign ads, to say, explicitly, in their television and radio spots, that they have approved of those ads. "Such statement shall be conveyed by an unobscured, full-screen view of the candidate

making the statement," one section of the law on television ads requires. "Or the candidate, in voice-over, accompanied by a clearly identifiable photographic or similar image of the candidate."

The requirement, dubbed the Stand By Your Ad provision, is intended to help hold candidates and interest groups responsible

for the ads' content. In recent years, advocates of the law complain, it has become increasingly difficult to determine who's paying for some campaign ads, especially negative ones.

Thus far, the provision has been implemented in only a handful of ads - and judging by those, the candidates haven't quite

learned yet how to seamlessly weave those requirements into their pitches. Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean, for example, in an ad running in Iowa, notes his opposition to the war in Iraq and the president's recent tax cut, before adding: "I'm Howard Dean, and I approve this message because it's time to take our country back."

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West End Men's Club meets Fridays, 6:30am, at the Grandstands

Moose meet Thursday, July 10 and 24, at Moose Hall

Castleford Men's Club meets Monday, July 14 and 28 at the Red Barrel

Chamber meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 12 Noon in the Grandstands, July 1

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Friday, July 4

All Day Mountain Men, McClusky Park

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7:30 pm "The Trouble with Summer People," Buhl Middle School

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Midsummer night brings on bronchitis

My Uncle Richard, a kid from Soda Springs, was transferred to an Army Air Force base in Tampa, Fla., in August 1942.

The temperature was 95 on the day he arrived, the humidity was 100, so he did the only sensible thing he could do that night: "Dude," he pulled his Army cot into the bathroom and directly underneath two huge ceiling fans.

And he woke up eight hours later with a fever of 102 and double pneumonia.

Now any doctor will tell you that rapid temperature swings, or getting your feet wet, or failing to baton up your overcoat in the wind, doesn't mean squat when it comes to catching a sudden chill. First, they insist, you need a malevolent microbe.

But your mother knew better, probably, even if you didn't grow up in a Southern Baptist family where the Law of Immutability Consequences was king.

The Law owes far more to Calvinism than to the blue-collar sensibilities of Anabaptism, but its premise is simple: You can't get away with anything, and the very act of trying to get away with something increases the severity of the consequences of failing to get away with the original act.

So while my Uncle Richard understood that he was stretching the rules by moving his cot out into the men's room that muggy August night, he guaranteed himself double the trouble.

The issue arises because I did the same thing as my Uncle Richard the other day: Visiting some friends in Boise, I dozed to the living room sofa early one stifling morning, cranked up the ceiling fan and woke up with no voice.

The doctor blamed allergies, but I knew otherwise. I was guilty of trying to get away with something.

Stories still circulate in my family about cousins who unwittingly ran the fall of 1918 and woke up with the Spanish Flu. At the family reunion a week ago, I even heard one of my cousins blame SARS on Frequent Flyer Miles.

"It's just tryin' get somethin' for nothin'," he proclaimed. "If God had meant for you to be a cornucopia, he would have gotten you a stunt job on '2 Fast 2 Furious'."

Implicit in the Law of Immutability Consequences, of course, is the notion that nobody is better than anybody else, so by attempting to get away with something you're trying to change the rules of life in your favor.

That's why you just don't lie and tell folks at the DQ that it's your birthday just so you can get a free Banana-Smoothie sundae. That's why you report the \$412 you received from the sale of your dad's DeSoto as income on your Form 1040. That's why you wear your mittens in April.

And that's why I, me, my Uncle Richard 65 years before me, violated the Law of Place by sleeping under a ceiling fan.

God meant for us to be hot, sleepless and miserable by dwelling in a sweating room that night. The fact that we made other plans smacks of slack character, and merited an immediate rejoinder.

At the time Richard got out of the hospital in Tampa, most of his outfit had shipped out for North Africa. So while he missed that part of the war, he didn't miss another year of perked insomnia.

In "Elmer Gantry," Sinclair Lewis observed that Southern nights were designed by God to leech the truth from the soul with glo. If that's true, how much wandering in the wilderness did that one night under the ceiling fans really cost Richard?

He never did get posted to Europe, but he was assigned, in succession, to Army Air Force bases in Pensacola, Fla.; Metairie, La.; San Antonio, Texas; Kingman, Ariz.; Santa Anna, Calif.; and - wait for it - the Panama Canal Zone.

So by the time he got back to Soda Springs, he'd sweated off 50 of his 150 pounds and never went south of the Mason-Dixon Line again.

That's virtue based on experience, the only kind of virtue most of us Baptists can afford.

After Congress repealed Prohibition in 1933, a couple of unemployed former reverends stopped by a roadside in rural Missouri on a broiled afternoon.

"Whiskey," one asked the bartender, "you got a 4/8 beer?"

"Mashin'," the barkeep drawled, "you got buy the whole thing."

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Manufacturer delays layoffs

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley french fry factory's soon-to-be-furloughed employees get a one-week reprieve.

McCain Foods USA Inc. in March announced plans to lay off 125 of its full-time workers this weekend, citing softness in the demand for frozen potato products.

But Dale McCarthy, senior vice president of manufacturing for the potato group of Oak Brook, Ill.-based McCain, said Friday that the 125 layoffs will be effective July 7, instead.

McCarthy is calling the layoffs temporary and will continue to provide some employee benefits to laid-off workers, at least initially. It won't get severance pay.

McCarthy on Friday could offer no projection about when McCain might call back the furloughed Burley workers.

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"Work is ongoing to find additional sales for that facility," he said.

The plant makes french fries and other frozen potato specialties. McCain in March said it might adjust the June layoff number depending on attrition and the demand for certain production lines. But by Friday the count remained at 125.

The layoffs are scattered across all pay levels at the Burley plant.

Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist, has estimated McCain workers' average hourly wage at \$11. At that rate, the loss of 125 jobs costs Magic Valley workers \$2.86 million in direct annual payroll - for as long as they're off the job.

Rogers on Friday released a report that predicts more high jobless rates in Mini-Cassia.

"The Mini-Cassia area will continue to see high unemployment for some period of time, and the contrast with the western Magic Valley is very pronounced," he said in the report.

"The area typically has a volatile and fluctuating unemployment rate because potato processors often have maintenance layoffs that can at times cause large upswings," Rogers said. "These are frictional and expected. However, with large permanent or indefinite layoffs a 'ratchet effect' takes place. This is where upswings in unemployment rate become chronic and rates do not return to pre-layoff numbers even after expected maintenance layoffs are over."

In a second phase of its shutdown, J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn spud plant this summer permanently laid off 52 people, including 20 temporary workers. The remaining employees are on notice that the plant will close in April 2004.

Layoffs at McCain, Simplot and elsewhere have "caused expected stress to the local economy," Rogers said. "However, the effect so far has been a little less than expected in market-driven sectors such as retailing and services."

Burley voters in late May approved both an \$18 million revenue bond issue and a \$7 million general obligation bond issue, clearing the way for construction of a new sewer plant.

"The construction phase of that project will create approximately 100 new construction jobs for two years with resulting economic benefits," Rogers said. "This will also improve economic development prospects since the city infrastructure will now be able to handle virtually any company's wastewater needs."

"It is expected that the Mini-Cassia economy will slowly improve over the next few years as the state and national economies improve," he said.

BLM gets fires under control

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Bureau of Land Management crews for south-central Idaho had under control by Saturday three human-caused fires that had started the night before.

A blaze on Highway 26 west of Shoshone grew to 200 acres before it was controlled around 9 p.m. Friday, said BLM Public Affairs Officer Sky Huffaker.

A fire under the Perrine Bridge reached 2 acres and was also controlled by 9 p.m. Friday.

A fire south of Ducio in Water Canyon that had started mid-afternoon Friday was controlled at noon Saturday at 125 acres. All three fires were confirmed human-caused, with specific details still under investigation Saturday.

Crowds spill into street for Filer Fun Days

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Big or small, the heart of any town is its main street. And the heart of Filer was displayed in a big way on Main Street Saturday.

Shoulder-to-shoulder or stroller-to-stroller, hundreds of visitors and residents of the small town lined up to view the annual Filer Fun Days Parade.

With a variety of entrants, the event provided a near hour of entertainment.

Youngsters scrambled for goodies tossed from passing floats and motorized vehicles.

Squeals and shouts of "Get me! get me!" were heard when the Filer Public Library float passed and young men with squirt guns let loose streams of water.

"This is the best parade for kids, they get tons of candy," said spectator Shari Hart.

The parade judges, however, didn't have easy time when it came to picking the top three winners in each of the six entry categories.

First place in the costume children's division went to Olivia Thomas and Frank Poppy as "bride and groom on horseback." Second place was awarded to the Filer Public Library, and Casey Knutson on bike took third place.

In the clubs and organizations, first place went to the Filer Fire Department Safe House, second to Wishong Star Foundation and third to Filer Church of the Nazarene.

Worthington and neighbors won the animal powered category with a horse-drawn 1900



Gary Thomas leads a horse carrying his daughter Olivia Thomas, 4, and Frank Poppy, 4, in a "shotgun wedding" during a parade in Filer on Saturday. The parade kicked off Filer Fun Days.

courting buggy and out-riders. In second place was the Midway Farms covered wagon and third place was Bob Holloway with a 1908 Sears & Roebuck doctor's buggy.

The Filer Junior Riding Club won first in the horseback club division followed by Part of the Arch 4-H Club in second and the

Foot Hills Lads and Lassies 4-H club taking third.

The Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers Oliver row crop 70 tractor with trailer won first place in the private vehicle category.

Darrel Edwards took second with a 1949 Chevy pickup and trailer. Third place was given to

two Oliver tractors shown by the Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers.

Cedar Lanes won the commercial division followed by US Bank of Filer in second and Western States Bus third.

The Down of the Farm 4-H club took top over-all honors and awarded a trophy for the best

depiction of theme, "small town, big heart," by the judges.

Riding in a horse-drawn carriage and honored as grand marshal of the parade was Roger Vincent.

The Filer Kiwanis Club, with Dave Moore as this year's parade chairman, sponsors the annual event.

Horsepower fans find their thrills at the Idaho Regatta

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BURLEY - If you're feeling the need for speed, you're sure to get some satisfaction at the 28th Idaho Regatta.

Besides lots of fancy, ear-blasting race boats there are the usual trappings that go with celebrations of horsepower: blinis, beer and macho food such as hearty smoked turkey legs, grilled onions and ribeye steak sandwiches.

A few thousand racing fanatics turned out for the events on Saturday. The event continues today starting at 11 a.m.

In their heyday for a half decade, former Magic Valley residents Josh and Heather Lee traveled almost 200 miles from Elko to attend. Looking around, Josh

Lee, who is a mechanic by trade, confirmed it was a racing crowd he saw.

"I'll bet most of the people here are stock-car people," he said.

School teacher Sam Bauda, 47, and his best friend since kindergarten, electrician Bill Lovelace, are from St. Louis, Mo. They wound up at the event after reading about it in *The Times-News*.

They said they watch similar boat races in their home state.

"This is a big deal in St. Louis," Bauda said, "only there are 20 or 30 times as many people."

"In St. Louis, it's a lot more raucous," Lovelace piped in. The pair of friends said they travel to different places each summer on their Harley. They said they hadn't planned on staying in Idaho but that once they landed in Twin Falls, they liked the area so much they decided to extend their vacation by a week.



Fans line up Saturday to get autographs at the 2003 Idaho Regatta from Crackerbox national champion Dan Doldge, who was the driver of 'Grampa Cracker.' His father, 84-year-old Tom Doldge, built the boat for the 2000 season.

They spent most of their time trying out the fishing. Then, finding out about the regatta was a nice

surprise with which to top off memories of Idaho, they said.

Dorothy Albers said they hit the Meridian residents Bill and

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Salt Lake police identify body in decade-old murder case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A body found in October 1990 east of Interstate 15 has been identified by the Millard County Sheriff's Office as that of a Seattle woman.

Millard County officials have received a positive identification

from dental charts that the remains are those of Patricia Caldwell, who was 24 when she died.

Deer hunters found the body on top of a juniper tree-covered ridge in the Baker Canyon area. There

were multiple gunshot wounds to the head.

Capt. John Kimball, who has been pursuing the case for more than 12 years, said the remains of Walsh's husband, Douglas Scott Zyskowski, were found in January

1990 near Interstate 10 east of Oxnard, Texas. His body was identified in 1992.

Kimball believes the two were killed by the same person. The connection between the two bodies was discovered earlier this

month when a worker for the Department of Justice in California told Tucson Ranger Brooks Long, who has been trying to find Zyskowski's wife, about an inquiry from Kimball about the Utah body.

Wyoming county bans feeding wildlife

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Teton County residents who feed deer, elk and other wildlife could be fined under a controversial new ordinance that takes effect Tuesday.

The ordinance, approved by commissioners in April after months of emotional debate, prohibits wildlife feeding on private land. Bird feeding is still allowed but must not be used to feed other animals.

Violators can be fined up to \$750. However, county officials said they planned to take an educational approach to enforcement — at least initially.

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TWIN FALLS



Norma J. Holmes
1940-2003

Norma J. Holmes, 63, a native of Twin Falls, died Sunday, June 29, 2003, at her home in San Jose, California.

Norma Jean Mitchell, daughter of Twin Falls residents Lloyd Calvin and Minnie Florence Estep Mitchell, was born April 11, 1940, in Santa Cruz, California.

During her childhood years her family moved many times. They lived on farms in Kimberly, Hansen, and Gooding, for a short while during WWII near Hawthorne, Nevada. She eventually settled into the home that had belonged to her grandmother Jennie Estep located in Twin Falls. After Norma graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1958 she pursued her college education for one year in Secretarial Studies at the University of Idaho.

On August 2, 1959, she married her high school sweetheart, Jimmy Dale Holmes, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls, Idaho where they were both members.

The young couple made their first home in Twin Falls, moving next to Moscow (Idaho) where Jimmy was attending the University.

When Jimmy graduated Norma also earned her PHD (Plumbing Husband Through Degree), which was officially issued by the University.

In 1968, after serving several years as an officer in the Air Force, Jimmy was hired by the United Airlines, so moved his young family to San Jose, California, where they have lived ever since.

A stay-at-home mother, her first concern was the happiness and welfare of her children. She allowed each of them to pursue their dreams in life, listening uncritically when needed, and advising when necessary. She also passed on to them the same high moral standards taught to her by her parents.

Among her many interests were sewing and doing crafts. In 1982 she began selling the things she made, eventually running her own craft boutique in her home called Charming Corner Boutique, which lasted until 1998.

Throughout her long illness (which began in 1991) she maintained a positive attitude, doing her best to live her life to the fullest even during the difficult moments.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy, a son, Steven D. Holmes of San Jose, California, three daughters, Linda E. (William) Jenkins of Rexburg, Idaho, Virginia J. (Steven) Beecher of Salinas, California, and Diane M. Holmes also of San Jose; her nieces, Lloyd C. and Minnie F. Mitchell of Twin Falls, two sisters, Darlene B. (Royce) Wise of Irvine, California and Arlene C. (Lloyd) Eakin of Kennewick, Washington; twelve grandchildren, and many other relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday, 20 June 2003, at Oak Hill Funeral Home. Interment was held following the services at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, California.

Donations can be made to the Scholarship Fund at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, 360 Sheehane St. East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

BURLEY



Rachel Kay Stout

Rachel Kay Stout, 66, of Burley, returned to the arms of her Heavenly Father on Thursday, June 26, 2003, while at her home in Burley.

Rachel was born March 4, 1937, in Delta, Colorado, to Rex L. and Johanna "Jo" Schmidt Barton, The

family moved to Rexburg, Idaho, where Rachel spent her youth. Later, Rachel and her mother moved to Merced, California. There she helped care for her grandmother, Sophia, whom she adored.

On May 18, 1954, Rachel married the love of her life, Leon Stout. Leon had the privilege of knowing her sweet wife a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on May 20, 1955.

Leon and Rachel moved with the military to Alexandria, Virginia. Following military service, Rachel returned to Burley and began their business, Magic Valley Electric. It was here that Rachel worked side-by-side with her husband and raised their two children. She later worked part-time for Sears and Roebuck for ten years. She then received her C.N.A. and worked in Home Health until 1989, when she began battling cancer.

Rachel's life was often spared through the many miracles she experienced during her valiant fight with cancer. The love for family and her strong character gave her the courage to carry on. We know Mom dealt with considerable pain daily, yet she never lost that beautiful smile and sense of humor. The joy she shared with her family and friends will stay in our hearts until that time when we meet again.

Ask not what the world needs, ask rather what makes your heart sing, and go do that. For what the world needs is people with hearts that sing. — Philip Taggart

Rachel was preceded in death by her parents, Rex L. Barton and Johanna "Jo" Schmidt Barton. She leaves behind her husband of 49 years, Leon Stout of Burley, her children, Gregory Leonard Stout and Debbie Kay Stout of Burley, her grandchildren, Sarah (Tate) Bailey, Emily Stout, Kirtland Stout, and Taylor Stout, two great-grandchildren, Maegan Bailey and Paige Bailey, and her loyal dog "Misty."

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at the Unit First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 255 South East, Burley, with Bishop Boyd L. Baggott officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends and family may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Monday, June 30, 2003, from 2 to 5 p.m. Burial will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.

Rachel and her family would like to thank the medical staff at St. Luke's, Dr. Regina Klein and staff, the radiologists and staff of Lakeview Hospital, and Cassia Regional Medical Center's Home Health and Hospice.

POCATELLO



Douglas Eugene Reed

Douglas Eugene Reed, 66, passed away Friday, June 27, 2003, at his home following a lingering illness.

He was born November 26, 1936, to Gene and Ginnie Reed in Buhl, Idaho. He went to school in Buhl, Castleford, and graduated from American Falls High School.

Douglas married Lois Glen in 1957 and they later divorced. He married Patricia Y. Lewis Flowers February 10, 1963 in Fayetteville, NC while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

He worked for the City of Burley, Rehn Farms, Ore-Ida, Roger Construction and Simplot. He retired as an electrician from Simplot in 1993. He enjoyed all sports, especially car racing, skiing, hunting and fishing. He had a special love for motorcycles, cars and snow machining and traveling. He lived life to the fullest and loved his family and friends and will be missed by many.

Douglas was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Y. Reed, Pocatello; daughter, Juanita LeRae (Gene) Sorg, Paul, ID; son, Kirby Ray (Lillian) Flowers, Pocatello; daughter, Shelly Lee (Chris) Ockberry, Oakley, ID; Lori Kay (Kim) Ball, Price, UT; his mother, Ginnie Reed, Declo, ID; a sister, Pat (David) Hildebrand, Horeford, OR; and his care for and raise Tony and Chris Mustafa and Carol Johns and a few more, 18 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his

father, two brothers, Pote and Richard, a son, Chris. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, 2003, at Colonial Funeral Chapel, 2005 S. 4th Pocatello. The family will receive friends from 10:10-10:45 a.m. prior to the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, please send any donation to the Hospice, Shivers, Walker Center (Gooding, ID) or any charity of your choice.

MURTAUGH

Ruth M. Johnson

Ruth M. Johnson, 92, formerly of Murtaugh, Idaho, passed away June 24, 2003, in a Nampa Care Center after an extended illness.

Ruth was born January 6, 1911, in Hastings, Nebraska, to Edward and Hattie Lundquist. After the death of her parents she was adopted by the Alford Farbanks family and moved to Wood River, Nebraska. Ruth graduated from Wood River High School and took teachers training there before moving to Twin Falls, Idaho, to be near 2 of her sisters. Ruth married George C. Mackey in Twin Falls, November 2, 1935. They had one son, George, before being divorced.

Ruth worked as a telephone operator and managed the Murtaugh exchange. While living in Murtaugh she met and married Charles (Chuck) Johnson on October 27, 1946. They had one son, Francis J. Johnson born in 1950. She lived on the Johnson farm in Murtaugh until October of 1992 when she and Charles moved to Nampa to be near her son and Charles' daughter (Chuck) Johnson. She was a member of the Murtaugh Methodist Church, active in the Women's Society, she was also a member of the Murtaugh Happy Hour Club. Ruth enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading and crossword puzzles. She will be missed by those who loved and knew her.

Ruth is survived by her husband of 53 years, Charles, two sons and their wives, George and Mary Mackey of Upland, California and Francis and Maxine Johnson of Caldwell. She is also survived by her stepson and wife, Chuck and Mary Johnson of Nampa, Idaho and a stepdaughter, Ellen Johnson of Ontario, Oregon. She has one grandchild, 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Hattie Lundquist. Graveside services are pending in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Arthritis or Alzheimer's Foundations.

BURLEY



Marion "Smookey" Davis

Marion Elias Davis, 68 year old Burley resident returned home to be with his Lord and Master on June 27, 2003.

He was born to Clifford Hugh and Pearl Katharine Jensen on July 26, 1934, in Beaver City, Nebraska, at his great-grandparents home. He was the youngest of four children.

Marion grew up on the family farm near the Kansas and Nebraska border. As a child, he learned very young how to do any task needed the farm, and was always helping everyone else, family or otherwise, that needed it. Being fortunate enough to know all of his great-grandparents, and grandparents, he had a lot of things he could do for all of them.

His schooling was done at the Cherry County Schools for several years. He then went to the Beaver City School where he graduated in 1951. Being the youngest in his class, it wasn't easy to start adult life. At 16, he was too young to get most jobs, so with odd jobs doing mechanics and working on the family farm, he gained knowledge to work as an adult. He then started working for harvest crews and going many places. He liked to do odd jobs and played in a western music band, while he was young. He worked as a Federal Marshall for a short period of time until he began working for himself as a professional truck driver. He worked for Mayflower, Galvan Steel, Thorton Trucking, Consolidated Trucking, as well as Garrett and Day Trucking. He was also a relief driver for the Greyhound Bus Lines.

He became a qualified machanic while he was in California. He did

heavy equipment operating, irrigation pumps, worked for Milner Bean, Boise Cascade, the Seattle Pipeline and contracted with Kraft to haul milk. He worked with friends to build and move houses and also contributed many years to helping with the LDS Church and helping many others in need.

He spent most of his life helping and doing things for those he knew. He was always interested in trying to do what everyone thought was impossible. He lived by the motto "being poor is the power of invention." He never thought anything was impossible, merely a little more difficult.

He always admitted that he had made his share of mistakes but denied to everyone if you haven't made any mistakes, then you haven't done anything. He always admitted that he tried to enjoy life to its fullest regardless of what may have happened. With his passing, he only hoped that he would leave an impression and that it wouldn't be all bad.

Survivors include his loving spouse, and best friend, Joyce of Burley; children, Terry Davis of Alaska, Stovep (Nancy) Davis of Nebraska, Brent (Debbie) Davis of Colorado, Ludean (Mark) Yockey, Katherine (Lauri) Fryer of Arkansas, Nils (Kathy) Schmidt of Wyoming, Neil (Merodith) Schmidt of Nebraska, and George and Mary Mackey of Upland, California and Francis and Maxine Johnson of Caldwell. She is also survived by her stepson and wife, Chuck and Mary Johnson of Nampa, Idaho and a stepdaughter, Ellen Johnson of Ontario, Oregon. She has one grandchild, 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Hattie Lundquist. Graveside services are pending in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Arthritis or Alzheimer's Foundations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Dale Davis; sister, Marlene Wilson; his loving son, James Davis; and a very close uncle, Elmer Veneman.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2003, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley. Interment will follow the memorial services at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

SERVICES

William Howard Neeum of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel in Wendell; interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls; viewing will be held from 5-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Vivlene Wade Goheen Hovey of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filmer Ave. E., Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

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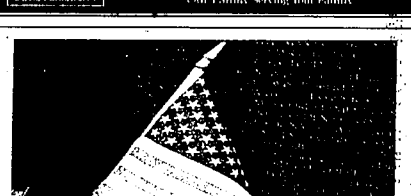
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Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties who are deployed to Iraq and the Middle East. Information supplied by their families.

Imelda M. Suggs



• Age: 25.
• Hometown: Burley.
• Local family: Parents, Willey and Imelda Early, and son Rico Suggs.
• Service, date of enlistment: Army, July 1997.
• Rank, assignment: Sergeant, HHID, 64FSB, 3BCT, Unit 92618, Iraq.

• Task: In charge of logistics.
• Additional information: Deployed in April. Her husband, Rico, is also serving in Iraq.

Joseph Visaraga

• Age: 23.
• Hometown: Twin Falls.
• Local family: Parents, Gaylen and Sheri Carson.
• Service, date of enlistment: Navy, January 2001.
• Rank, assignment: HA, medical corpsman with the Marines, Iraq.
• Task: Treats the medical needs of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1 Company, 2nd Platoon.
• Additional information: Deployed in January.

—Compiled by Arnie Thompson

For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Military Messages." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Sharissa Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharissab@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

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Nevada House delegation urges
cut in Yucca Mountain funding

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada's House delegation have enlisted 18 other members of Congress in the campaign to slash the budget for a proposed national nuclear waste dump northwest of Las Vegas.

Republicans Jim Gibbons and Jon Porter and Democrat Shelley Berkley said they sent a letter asking leaders of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water to cut money for the Yucca Mountain project.

Gibbons called the Energy Department program "irreparably flawed" and Berkley and Porter said spending money on it was wasteful.

They said Congress should require the Department of Energy to answer questions about the danger of transporting nuclear waste to Nevada and about unresolved technical and scientific issues.

Joe Davis, spokesman for the Energy Department in Washington, D.C., insisted the Yucca Mountain project is scientifically sound and dismissed the push to cut the budget as misguided.

"Their rhetoric doesn't match the reality," he said.

Davis also said that while 18 members of Congress sent the letter, he thought representatives from the 39 states in which nuclear waste is stored would support paying to move it to Nevada.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham warned the committee in February that budget cuts were threatening to delay development of the repository 90 miles from Las Vegas.

Department officials say they plan by the end of 2004 to submit an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to begin operating the dump in 2010.

Congress last year overrode Nevada's objections and approved plans to bury 77,000 tons of commercial, industrial and military nuclear waste beneath an ancient volcanic ridge near the Nevada Test Site.

Nevada is also suing the federal government over the decision. Arguments are scheduled in September in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

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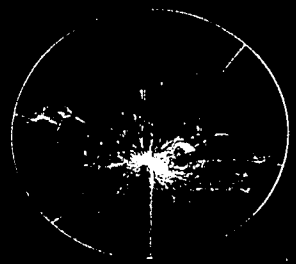
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MAGIC VALLEY

Dietrich residents want to keep its smaller size

By Jeanette Chambers
Times News Correspondent

DIETRICH - Residents here agreed last week that they want the city to have the smallest impact area possible.

More than 30 people showed up at the Dietrich Grange Hall Tuesday for the city's area of impact. By the end of the meeting, exact boundaries hadn't been established, but residents did agree they wanted a minimal impact area.

Impact areas are zones that cities consider eventually annexing and providing services to. By law, each city must have an area of impact established. As yet, Dietrich has none. This is due, in part, to the fact that the city and county have yet to agree on the proposed area.

At Tuesday's meeting, several area residents listened to City Councilman Wanless Southwick explain where the boundaries

could be under three different plans.

Most residents were concerned that if their properties were to be in the area of impact, they could then be annexed into the city whether or not the property owners wanted it.

Others wanted to be within the area of impact and subsequently annexed for obtaining city services.

Jerry Nance, Lincoln County commissioner, was on hand to answer questions concerning legal boundaries and other issues.

Industry boosts BSU scholarship

BOISE (AP) - A group of businesses gave Boise State University \$1.5 million in cash on Friday to start a new student scholarship fund.

The "Campaign for Students" will officially begin in the fall, said Richard Smith, vice president for advancement.

The new Boise Industrial Foundation Scholarship Fund will be administered by the school's foundation, which already oversees a \$26 million trust for scholarship support. All the scholarship money is earmarked for academic, rather than athletic, achievement.

"Academic excellence is the mark of a great university," said businessman Peter Hirschburg, a member of the industrial foundation board.

DEATH

NOTICES

Marguerite H. Wassom
BURLEY - Marguerite Helene Wassom, 85, of Burley and formerly of Bountiful, Utah, died Saturday, June 28, 2003, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Marcelino Miranda
JEROME - Marcelino Miranda, 33, of Jerome died Wednesday, June 25, 2003, of injuries received in a farm accident.

Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Patricia Johnson
JEROME - Patricia Johnson, 46, of Jerome died Thursday, June 26, 2003, at her home, following an extended illness.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may gather before the service at the cemetery. No viewing is planned.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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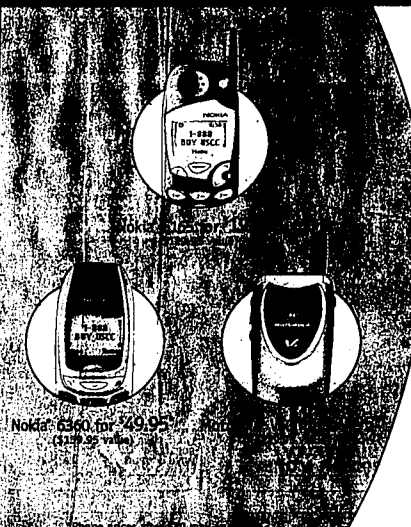
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Gas prices look stable in Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Gasoline prices across Idaho appeared to have stabilized in the past month as the Fourth of July holiday weekend approaches.

The Automobile Association of America put the average price for a gallon of self-service unleaded gasoline at \$1.57 on Saturday. That was up fractionally from a day earlier and almost identical to the price a month ago.

Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson sees it as a boost for tourism on a three-day weekend he already believes will be the busiest Fourth of July holiday in a decade.

"Lower gas prices could have a beneficial impact on travel overall, but there's enough pent up demand among travelers that gas prices alone won't be the deciding factor whether people travel," Carlson said.

While 18 cents below the record set last March, Idaho's average remains about eight cents higher than the national average of nearly \$1.49 a gallon and still ranks 11th highest in the country.

Only Utah and Wyoming have lower averages among the surrounding states.

The pump price in the Boise area was up two cents a gallon from Friday at nearly \$1.55, but that was a penny less than the price a month ago.

Church group says it's staging largest convention

BOISE (AP) — The Illinois-based Church of the Brethren holds its annual conference in Idaho next month in what convention officials say will be the largest organized gathering in the Capital city's history.

Nearly 4,000 church members are expected when the five-day conference opens July 5 at Boise State University.

It is the first return to Idaho for the church since 1937 when about 800 members met in Nampa for the annual conference.

Pastor Jim Hardenbrook of the Nampa Church of the Brethren said Idaho church members will be exposed to the national and international scope of their denomination.

"Also, people from our denomination that are from the West Coast and Midwest will be exposed to the work of our churches and the beauties and great people of Idaho," said Hardenbrook, who also serves as the chaplain of the state House of Representatives.

The Nampa church is the denomination's oldest in Idaho, founded in 1899.

U of I students say they have outwitted hackers

MOSCOW (AP) — Fed up with seeing computer hackers holding the upper hand, a group of University of Idaho students has come up with a new technological twist that could put hackers on the defensive.

"We decided to go after them before they came after us," said Albert Carlson, a 44-year-old doctoral student and chief engineer on a six-member development team.

"People don't just hack for fun," Carlson said, so the team invented what it calls CipherSmith to "make it so expensive they don't want to play with our system."

A software component that will soon be developed into a hardware computer chip, CipherSmith changes the way information

is encrypted hundreds of times per second. Conventional security software attempts to detect intrusions, build firewalls and protect against viruses among other functions.

"Throw out all the old conventional wisdom," said Carlson, who previously designed integrated circuits and software for various applications. "We decided to do everything we could to make the hacker defend against us."

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"We decided to go after them before they came after us."

— Albert Carlson, doctoral student

CipherSmith can exchange information under virtually foolproof security, Carlson said, and hackers will need luck on top of thousands of dollars worth of computer components and hours and hours at the keyboard to have any chance of cracking it.

The team is sponsored by the university's Microelectronics Research and Communications Institute and the Center for Secure and Dependable Systems. It includes postgrad-

uate researcher Liz Wilhite and computer engineering students Darin Evans, Philip Gregg, Thomas DuBuisson and Justin Cassidy.

The Idaho Research Foundation applied in May for a provisional patent on the invention.

CipherSmith will debut on Tuesday at Technology IV, a showcase for new developments sponsored by the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute.

Wilhite predicted the computer industry will "go crazy over it. I'm expecting that somebody at Microsoft is going to hear about us."

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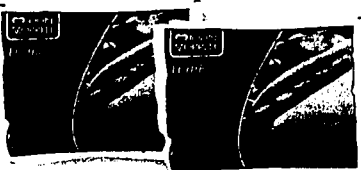


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Mormons contribute to S.L.C. renovation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church converted a block of Main Street for a plaza and bought a downtown shopping mall to make downtown more attractive, the faith's president said Friday.

Church President Gordon B. Hinckley spoke Friday at a luncheon celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Hinckley compared the renovation of the 92-year-old building to the church's more recent acquisition of the Main Street Plaza and Crossroads Plaza shopping center.

"I think this may sound a little brazen, but in my judgment what benefits the church in this community also benefits the city, benefits the community," Hinckley said.

Temple Square draws visitors who help the city by spending money downtown, he said.

"All of our efforts are in the direction of making this very attractive, which because it's the headquarters of the church, attracts millions upon millions of visitors," Hinckley said. "And when they come here, they spend money in your establishments and you benefit from that which occurs here in a very direct and meaningful way."

Hinckley recalled some backlash when the church began its \$42 million renovation of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, formerly the Hotel Utah. The renovation has been good for the community, he said, and the church's involvement in the plaza and mall should have a similar impact.

"Our great interest, I'd like to say to you citizens of this community, is to keep this city beautiful and viable and attractive and clean and delightful in every respect," he said. "That's the reason we reserved this building and spent the funds to make it what it is. That's the reason we've been involved in the plaza ... and that's the reason that we've decided to take over the mall over here," he said.

The church's purchase of a stretch of Main Street in 1993, which it turned into a plaza connecting the church's headquarters and Temple Square, prompted a legal battle public debate.

"I'd like to invite you to take just a few minutes to go back and walk out here to the plaza and look at this little piece of real estate that has brought about so much notice in the newspapers," he said. "And look at the beauty of it and feel the spirit of it and then smile as you walk down the street and say, 'Isn't that just great.'"

Report: Glut, lower demand sink timber industry profits

SEATTLE (AP) — Timber companies' profits plummeted and more job cuts are likely as the industry copes with a glutted market and lower demand, according to a new report.

The top 100 forest products companies worldwide earned \$3.1 billion in 2002 — half of their \$6.2 billion in profits the year before — on sales of \$301 billion, according to the report from PricewaterhouseCoopers in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mirroring the overall trend, the 28 U.S. companies on the list also saw their profits halved, to \$800 million.

The report projected the need for a 10 percent cut in the worldwide production capacity of lumber, paper, pulp and other products. Most of the cuts probably will come from high-cost regions like the United States and Canada as production shifts to cheaper operations in the Southern Hemisphere, China and Russia.

The top company by sales, International Paper, logged an \$880 million loss on sales of \$25 billion, while the No. 2 company, Georgia-Pacific, showed a \$735

million loss on sales of \$23 billion.

Idaho's top timber company, Boise Cascade, reported a slight \$1.8 million loss on \$7.4 billion in sales as three straight profitable quarters to nearly erase the loss recorded in the first quarter last year.

Federal Way, Wash.-based Weyerhaeuser, the third-largest forest products company in the world, reported a \$16 million profit on sales of \$16.7 billion, excluding its real estate division. Weyerhaeuser has already announced more than 3,000 job cuts in the past year.

Earlier this week it said it will temporarily halt production at some mills and timberlands in British Columbia, meaning temporary layoffs for about 2,200 people there.

Although the industry has cut jobs in the United States and Canada, overall employment at U.S.-based companies shot up 11,000 to 489,000 people with more hiring overseas.

Globally, the total number of people who work for the top 100 forest products companies remained constant at 1.1 million.



Eric Auclair of Pocatello plays with his 3-year-old daughter, Averi, at the Idaho Regatta Saturday at the Burley Marina. Auclair comes every year, but this is Averi's first regatta.

Utah court files new charges in murder case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Based on his alleged jailhouse admissions, Cache County prosecutors Friday filed five new felony counts against Cody Lynn Nielsen, the accused killer of a 15-year-old Hyrum girl.

Prosecutors also enhanced an existing capital murder charge by alleging Nielsen raped or sexually abused Trisha Aury before beating her to death, dismembering her body and burning and burying the pieces in June 2000.

In addition to the homicide, Nielsen, 30, already was charged with obstructing justice and desecration of a human body. The new charges include two additional desecration counts, which apparently reflect statements made by Nielsen to police that he dug up and reburied the girl's body in September 2000 and October 2000.

Prosecutors also charged Nielsen with second-degree felony counts of forcible sexual

abuse and kidnapping, and first-degree felony aggravated kidnapping.

The new charges stem from statements made to sheriff's officers in January. Nielsen pleaded guilty to capital murder, then asked to talk to sheriff's officers without his attorneys being present.

Nielsen allegedly told the officers he buried, dug up and burned the girl's body. But he denied cutting up her body or keeping a

jawbone as prosecutors allege. He also said the girl's death was "an accident."

Initially, 1st District Judge Clint Jenkins said the jail statements were inadmissible at trial, but last week reversed himself.

Nielsen withdrew his guilty plea in April.

Defense attorney Shannon Demler said last week that Nielsen had admitted some sexual conduct with the girl, but nothing of a violent nature.

Police say double homicide probably drug-related

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Orem police believe a double homicide earlier this month was drug related after investigators found more than \$20,000 in cocaine in one of the victims cars.

Investigators found the cocaine inside a hidden compartment in the car where the bodies of Maritza Aguilar, 22, and Pablo Montoya, 20, were found June 14. Both died of gunshot wounds to the head.

Authorities also found another compartment in the bumper of

the car, which belonged to Aguilar, that was likely used to store and transport cocaine. Drug residue was detected in that compartment, police said.

"The evidence and information that we have indicates it's a drug-related homicide," said Orem Public Safety Director Chief Michael Larsen. "It gives us a direction to pursue."

Investigators found a small amount of cocaine inside the apartment that the couple had shared in Provo for roughly two weeks.

It was unclear whether the apartment had been rummaged through, Larsen said.

However, police suspect that the shooter likely searched the vehicle after killing the couple, looking for the cocaine and possibly money, according to a statement by the Orem Police Department. Montoya's wallet is still missing.

Police said earlier that the killer was likely in the back seat when the couple were shot. Montoya was found outside the car, while Aguilar was slumped

over in the front passenger seat. Police say Montoya got out of the car after being shot, but died shortly afterward.

The bodies were found in a remote section of a farm and greenhouse by a greenhouse employee.

Although police believe they have found the likely motive in the shooting, no suspects had been identified as of Friday, Larsen said.

Police said they are not aware of any criminal histories on the victims.

Mormon church adds Laie parcel to property holdings

HONOLULU (AP) — The Mormon church has purchased another stretch of land adjacent to property it owns on Oahu's northeastern shore.

Hawaii Reserves Inc., the church's land management company, bought a 66-acre parcel in Laie, adjacent to the 6,000-plus-acre estate already owned by the

Mormons.

The acquisition — for an undisclosed sum — came after two years of negotiations with The Estate of James Campbell, according to Eric Deaver, president and chief executive officer of Hawaii Reserves.

Deaver said plans for the area include a housing development.

Regatta wraps up today

The Times-News

BURLEY — Today's the final day of racing at the 2003 Idaho Regatta, based at the Burley Marina.

Races begin at 11 a.m. and wrap up around 5 p.m. All boat divisions race today, including comp jets, crackerboxes, super stock, K boats, grand nationals and pro stock.

Vendors operate all day, selling food, drink and wares.

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Boise River Festival on Friday night and then shot down to Burley for the regatta. Bill Albers, who was wearing a regatta T-shirt from his first Burley event in 1991, said he just likes the "speed and power."

Though he admitted he doesn't know a lot about speed-boat engines, he said he and his wife like to attend car shows. He also said he has a race car project he's working on.

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Searchers recover boy's body from river

(SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The body of a 5-year-old boy was pulled from the Colorado River on Saturday, six days after he fell into fast-moving water during a family camping trip.

National Park Service rangers recovered the body of Andrew York, of Orem, Utah, three miles downstream from the Big Bend campground near Moab, Grand County sheriff's Det. Sgt. Curt Brewer said.

York's body was taken for positive identification to the state medical examiner's office in Salt Lake City, although there was little doubt it was him.

His body was recovered at 9:55 a.m. Saturday opposite Negro Bill Canyon on the Colorado River, Brewer said.

York was playing on a river bank when he fell into the water last Sunday.

Divers were kept out of the water by the fast-moving current at Big Bend rapids and poor underwater visibility. And the rocky riverbed kept searchers from dragging for the body.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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I hope we mend fences because we've obviously gone into another person's yard with our tractor-trailer and knocked down a few trees.

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— Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, on finding some compromise between the Big East and the ACC

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

The Jim Thorpe Award is given to the college football player who is best at what position?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Idaho Regatta, at Burley Marina
Racing begins at 11 a.m.
Legion baseball
Nampa-Caldwell Wooden Bat Invitational
Twin Falls vs. Minico, third place, noon
Big Sky Classic, at Bozeman, Mont.
Burley vs. TBA, TBA

IN BRIEF

Latham Match Play begins Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The 15th annual Latham Match Play tournament opens Wednesday with registration starting at 8 a.m.
The putting contest starts at noon with finals beginning at approximately 6 p.m.
The pitching and long drive contests begin at 3 p.m. and the barbecue begins around 6 p.m.
The tournament in Jackpot, Nev., runs off at 8 a.m. Tuesday.
The first round of the actual three-day match play tournament starts Thursday at 5:45 a.m.

Carey HS students play with all-star band

CAREY — Seven Carey High School students will participate at the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day.
The students — Serene Bingham, Bonnie Olsen, Whitney Peck, RayAnn Hennefer, Allison Shaffer, Naomi Harmon and Derek Thickett — are part of the Idaho High School All-Star Band, which will march in the annual parade.

The students have been raising money since the end of the school year through concession sales at school sporting events and other fund-raisers.

They are planning to sell hamburgers and hot dogs July 24 during the Pioneer Days celebration in Carey and will also sell ducks at \$5 apiece during Wagon Days in Ketchum.

To help the students with donations or other assistance, call Heidi Peck at 823-4711 or Hollis Pincock at 823-4389 or send any donations to Carey School, 20 Panther Lane, Carey, ID 83320, in care of Heidi Peck.

No YourSports

The community sports page YourSports was held for publication this week due to expanded coverage of the Idaho Regatta. It will return on Saturday, July 5.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Defensive back.

Go-kart business quenches need for speed



Two racers zoom around the course at the new Nazz Kart racing track in Twin Falls. The current record for the quarter-mile track is just over 28 seconds. The cars are capable of reaching speeds of 48 mph.

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Competition, speed and adrenaline make an addictive mix.

In three short weeks, that combination has sunk its teeth into area racing enthusiasts, judging from the busy Nazz Kart Indoor Go-Karting facility on Friday.

The new business, which opened in Old Towne June 13, has enjoyed immediate success, juiced by 6.5 horsepower Honda engines that can propel the go-karts up to 40 mph on straightaways.

Most of the time, however, the carts are slowed through the winding turns of the indoor racetrack, closer to 25 mph.

Nazz Kart

Where: Corner of Third St. So. Idaho Street and Third Ave. So.
Open: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday; noon to 10:30 p.m. Sundays.

That may not sound so fast, but, factor in a tight, winding course inside a warehouse and the speed junkies are hooked. Dave Pedersen of Ketchum said seeing the go-karts for the first time reminded him of his days racing on road courses at Chicago amateur speedways.

"They're quick," he said. "It's a challenge. You really have to drive it."

The competition should really

kick in once the facility adds league nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Leagues of four-person teams are expected to start the week after the Fourth of July weekend and judging from the handful of entry forms filled out, competition shouldn't be a problem.

"There's a lot of interest already," said Tonya Newhouse, one of the co-owners. "In addition to John Newhouse, John Newhouse and Susan Newhouse. Jason Newhouse came up with the name and the NASCAR-related theme is evident throughout the snack bar and various areas."

A \$50,000 custom-built computer system connected to each vehicle's transponder keeps track of lap

Photo by KART Page 10

2003 IDAHO REGATTA GRAMPS IS THE CHAMP



'Gramps Cracker,' driver Dan Doidge, stands and smiles at the crowd as rider Ken Knudson applauds after the pair captured the Crackerbox national championship Saturday at the Idaho Regatta at Burley Marina.

Doidge, Knudson garner second Crackerbox national championship

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — "Gramps Cracker" is the champ — again.
Dan Doidge drove his father's boat to its second Crackerbox national championship Saturday at the Idaho Regatta.

This one was sweeter.
"This was the icing of the cake," Doidge said. "We kinda backed into the first one (in 2001) when another boat was DQ'd."

Doidge and his rider/nephew Ken Knudson left little doubt, get-

ting out front at the outset and then steadily pulling away for an 11-second victory over Rick Frampton.

Doidge's victory was also one against attrition as his boat, after boat after boat, dropped out of the competition due to mechanical failures and bizarre happenstances.

Jerry Ross and the No. 69 boat, which came into the event as the

points leader, took a swim in the Snake River on the first turn of the first heat. His daughter, Amy Ross, was disqualified for moving out of her lane — which she denied and

causing the mishap. Steve Tustison, who dominated Friday's heat and shootout, broke down with a commanding lead in an early heat.

"I wasn't saving her for the main," he said. "You can see that. But I came here to have fun and I'm still smiling."

Tustison won the mink at the 1990 Idaho Regatta with the same setup.
"So, it's given me a lot of good mink," he said. "It just had enough."

Tustison was one of the first boaters to work his way through the crowd, which circled Ross for autographs after the race, to congratulate Doidge and Knudson.

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Regatta coverage — C6,7

Agassi nets win to reach Round 4

Five Russian women remain

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — It was enough to draw double-takes.

Was that really Andre Agassi charging the net the way a classic grass-court would? Serve-and-volleying as if he'd done it all his life? And winning the points?

It sure was. Hey, this is one of the guy quite capable of new tricks.

Adding a wrinkle — to his game, we mean — the 33-year-old Agassi moved a step closer to becoming the oldest Wimbledon champion in the Open era by beating Yousou El Aynaoui 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4) Saturday to reach the fourth round.

Agassi won the point all 10 times he came in behind his serve, and he was 27-for-30 overall at the net.

"I don't know what got into me out there," Agassi said, smiling. "I

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Andre Agassi plays a return to Morocco's Yousou El Aynaoui, during their match at Wimbledon Saturday.

Saturday at Wimbledon

A brief look at what happened Saturday on the sixth day of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships:

Weather: Sunny and warm with most light cloudless skies. High temperature was 73 degrees.

Attendance: 38,913. Last year on the sixth day it was 39,722.

Seeded winners — Men: No. 2 Andre Agassi; No. 3 Juan Carlos Ferrero; No. 6 David Nalbandian; No. 10 Tim Henman; No. 13 Sebastian Grosjean.

Seeded winners — Women: No. 1 Serena Williams; No. 3 Justine Henin-Hardenne; No. 8 Jennifer Capriati; No. 10 Anastasia Myskina; No. 15 Elena Dementieva.

Seeded losers — Men: No. 11 Jim Courier by Alexander Popov.

Seeded losers — Women: No. 11 Jelena Dokic by Maria Sharapova.

Stat of the Day — Five Russian women have reached the fourth round for the first time in any Grand Slam. They are: 21-year-old Elena Dementieva, 21-year-old Anastasia Myskina, 18-year-old Maria Sharapova, 18-year-old Svetlana Kuznetsov, 19-year-old Anna Zvonareva.

Yankees sweep Subway

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alfonso Soriano and Derek Jeter led off with consecutive homers and the New York Yankees held off the Mets 9-8 Saturday night for a sweep of their two ballparks, day-night doubleheader.

In the first game at Yankee Stadium, Roger Clemens earned his 301st victory, and Hideki Matsui hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high five runs in the Yankees' 7-1 win.

The Yankees built a 9-0 lead in the nightcap at Shea Stadium, only to see the Mets nearly come all the way back. Raul Gonzalez's three-run double off Mariano Rivera in the eighth cut it to 9-8, but Gonzalez got caught in a rundown between second and third and was thrown out.

That ended the Mets' best chance. Rivera struck out Ty Wigginton to get out of the inning and finished for his 13th save in 14 chances.

Brandon Claussen (1-0) allowed two runs — one earned — and pitched into the seventh inning in his major league debut for the Yankees, who have won six

Red Sox still rolling

over blowout — C4

Saturday's major league roundup — C4

straight.

The Yankees have won all five games against the Mets this year and go for a second sweep on Sunday. With three wins at Shea Stadium in 2003, the Yankees completed the first Subway Series sweep by either team since interleague play began in 1997.

The Mets have been swept in four doubleheaders this season.

Following the first game, the teams headed over to Shea Stadium in less than a half-hour — complete with police escorts — to play the nightcap in just the second two-park doubleheader in the majors since 1993. On July 8, 2000, the Mets and Yankees opened at Shea and finished in the Bronx, both 4-2 Yankees wins.

Matsui went 4-for-4 with an RBI in the second game, and 6-for-7 with six RBIs in the two games. The Mets have lost four in a row overall, and eight of their last nine.

SPORTS

Cowboys win again at Nampa wood bat tourney

The Times-News

NAMPA—Brett Miller's two-run double with the bases loaded sparked the Twin Falls Double-A American Legion team to a 7-1 win over Trementon, Utah Saturday at the Nampa-Caldwell Wood Bat Invitational at Rodeo Park.

The win sends the Cowboys into the third-place game at noon today.

Pitcher Nick Carr continued to improve, allowing only three hits and five walks while striking out six in a complete game. The one-base run was unearned.

"Nick did a good job," said coach Tim Stademeier. "He threw a lot more strikes. Overall, it was a big step for him and us."

Eric Hill, Brandon Christiansen and Steve Turner each had RBI hits while Todd Rehbein picked up an RBI on a bases-loaded walk.

Twin Falls (19-5 overall, 5-1 Area C) returns to conference play against Minico at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Local sports

Treasure Valley 9, Minico 1 Caldwell 7, Minico 2

CALDWELL—The Minico Spartans didn't get much from their offense Saturday and walked away with a pair of losses as a result at the Nampa-Caldwell Wood Bat Invitational.

The Spartans (9-10) first lost to 9-1 to the Treasure Valley Stars out of Ontario, Ore., in the morning at Rodeo Park in Nampa and then fell to Caldwell 7-2 at Simplot Stadium in Caldwell.

Ontario is the defending state American Legion champions.

The losses put Minico into the third-place game at noon today where they will face the Twin Falls Cowboys.

"Basically, we have to come together as a team and believe," Minico assistant coach Erin Runyon said. "They're a good

team but they can be beat. We just have to play better baseball and go hard for seven innings."

Marsh Falls Eagles Classic Freemont, Utah 9, Twin Falls 4

AMERICAN FALLS—The Twin Falls Single-A American Legion team settled for fourth place with a 9-4 loss to Freemont, Utah Saturday at the Marsh Falls Eagles Classic tournament in American Falls.

The Utah team built a 6-0 lead before the Cowboys (7-15) mustered their first run of the game.

Tyson Traveller had two hits and Tyler Anderson went 2-for-3 to lead Twin Falls.

The Cowboys head to Driggs on Monday before playing at Burley Tuesday.

Tuesday.

Late results

Burley splits at Big Sky tournament

BOZEMAN, Mont.—The Burley Bobcats split a pair of games at the Big Sky Classic in Bozeman, Mont., Friday, defeating Rigby 13-7 and falling to Bozeman 8-3.

Matt Hope got a pair of doubles and a triple against Rigby and Ricky Jensen picked up the victory on the mound while going 3-for-4.

The Bobcats didn't generate much offense in the second game.

For more information or registration forms, call Steve at 735-8583 or 732-6486 or stop by the CSI athletic department office located inside the campus gymnasium.

Swede takes one-stroke lead at St. Jude Classic

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Sweden's Richard Johnson shot a steady 2-under 69, giving the PGA Tour rookie a one-stroke lead over David Toms after three rounds of the St. Jude Classic.

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Sign up for CSI volleyball camps starting in July

TWIN FALLS—Registration is under way for three separate girls volleyball camps offered through the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program.

Camps are based on levels of experience for players including beginner (July 7-9, for girls in grades 6-8), intermediate (July 10-12) and advanced (July 14-16).

Camps will be run by CSI coach Ben Stroud and assistant Jing Ding with guest coaches. Setting, hitting and other skills will be taught.

The cost is \$50 for the beginner camp with the other two camps ranging in price from \$95-\$175, based on a camper's need for meals and dorm room.

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Griesse, Larry Csonka and the 1972 undefeated team.

These will be the first additions to the ring adorning the upper deck at Pro Player Stadium since Marino was fired Sept. 17, 2000.

Calzaghe stops Mitchell in second round

CARDIFF, Wales—Joe Calzaghe successfully defended his WBO super middleweight title for the 13th time Saturday, coming back from his first ever knockdown to stop former two-time WBA champion Byron Mitchell in the second round.

In a short but explosive fight, Mitchell sent the unbeaten Welshman spinning to the floor with a short right hand with 1:35 left in the second round.

Calzaghe (36-0) looked in trouble from the start in his 35-fight career before a sellout 5,000 crowd of his fans at the Cardiff International Arena. But he responded in the best way possible—stopping the American 20 seconds later with a chopping left to the side of the chin.

From that point, the Welshman ruined Mitchell's rights onto the head of the challenger and referee Dave Parris stepped in to stop the contest of the 24 seconds left of the round.

It was the first time that Mitchell (25-31), who lost his WBA title to Germany's Sven Ostergaard in the final round of the WBA title fight in Berlin in March, had been stopped.

Stanford holds lead at ShopRite LPGA Classic

CALDWELL TOWNSHIP, N.J.—Angela Stanford shot a 4-under par 67 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic, with Annika Sorenstam four shots back.

Stanford, who came into the day sharing the lead with two others, used solid iron play and putting to card five birdies en route to a two-day total of 132.

Four players were tied for one shot behind her, including two-time Classic champ Juli Inkster, while 13-year-old Michelle Wie was 11 strokes back after a 72.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Iowa high school coach stays put and wins

By Chuck Schoffner Associated Press writer

NEW ALBIN, Iowa—His sport is baseball and he has won more games than any high school coach in the country.

But Gene Schultz still knows how to tell a good fish story, like the big one he hooked in the Mississippi River on a recent Sunday.

"I thought, 'Oh, it's a great big walleye,'" he said. "It took me about 10 minutes to get up, and it was a big catfish. It must have been 12 pounds. ... It was so ugly, I took my lure out and let it go."

"Biggest catfish I ever caught," Schultz insists he's not exaggerating. His record is no exaggeration, either: 1,359 victories against just 292 losses for a winning percentage of .823. Fifteen appearances in the summer state tournament, eight championships, and six second-place finishes.

All of that has been accomplished in 34-plus years at Kee High School in Lansing, a town of 1,000 at the base of two cave-covered bluffs overlooking the Mississippi in Iowa's northeast corner.

"He doesn't re-create the wheel. He just does things better than anybody else," said Eric Van Brocklin, who played for Schultz from 1987-90. "He's done the same things while, before and after I played for him."

Kee is a small school—113 students in the top three grades—so the same kids generally play all the sports. Yet no other sport at the school can match the consistency of baseball.

"The coach has a lot to do with it," pitcher Andy Buege said. "He's one of the best in the country."

Tradition helps, too. When a program has won for so long, no team wants to be remembered as one that failed.

"Everybody tries to keep it up," catcher Blake Scholz said. "It feels like you let people down if you don't win really hard."

And Schultz makes them work—countless drives done over and over to get his players ready for any situation they could face in a game.

If a practice runs two hours, an hour and a half is devoted to defense. If it rains, Schultz has been known to pull out pencils and paper and quiz his players on the signs he flashes from the third base clubhouse box.

Van Brocklin remembers the squeeze-bunt drill. Players are paired off on one batting, the other on third and Schultz pitching. If the batter can't bunt the runner home, both have to run a



Kee High School baseball coach Gene Schultz hits a ball during infield practice prior to his team's game against Turkey Valley on June 12 in New Albin, Iowa. Schultz has coached at Kee for over 33 years and has won 1,359 games, more than any high school coach in the country.

lap. If the batter squares too soon, which tips off the play, Schultz throws it in.

That happened to Van Brocklin, who was told to take his lap and then try again. Later that year, in the state tournament, Van Brocklin executed a perfect squeeze bunt with two strikes to drive in a run.

"It's a lot of little things," he said. "But you put them all together and you get 1,300 wins."

Many of those victories have come at the school's tiny ballpark in New Albin, 11 miles north of Lansing.

Fans gaze out on pastures and cornfields beyond the fence and distant bluffs that fade from blue to black as the sun sets. When the corn's high enough, the Kee players sometimes run out of the field before a game, just like the ghosts in "Field of Dreams."

"When you play on a bad field, you don't really care if you win or lose or what people think of you," Scholz said. "But when you have something like this, you try to keep it nice and make it look like the best and then people might think of you as a good ballclub."

Baseball has been part of Schultz's life since he started playing tee-ball at age 6 in his hometown of Winona, Minn., 50 years ago. He played sports year-round in high school and was a baseball

and basketball player in college, first at Wisconsin-Platteville, then at Winona State.

Straight out of college, he landed a job teaching physical education and coaching at Kee, 55 miles downriver from Winona. Schultz had figured on staying maybe five years.

When I talked to people, they said they get a few years under their belt, they're looking for a place with beauty, water maybe, on the river or a lake," he said.

Schultz had all that in Lansing. He moved into a trailer along the river, then built a house. It used to be easy to spot. It was the one with the baseball seams painted on the satellite dish.

"I had almost like a retirement home," Schultz said. "Many people from Chicago and big cities come up and buy a summer home and wish they could be here all year."

Schultz never thought about doing anything other than teach and coach. He likes the breaks in the summer and is rejuvenated by working with youngsters.

"There's something about being around kids. It keeps you active and on their level a little bit," Schultz said.

Iowa high schools play baseball in the summer, but there used to be spring and fall seasons, too. One year, when Kee played in

both the spring and summer seasons, the Hawks went 63-9. It wasn't unusual to play a doubleheader in the morning and another in a second team that afternoon.

The state now limits teams to 40 games—some say Schultz is one of the reasons why—and Kee tries its best to play a full schedule. This year's team, ranked No. 1 in Class 1A, started 21-1.

"It gives you a full schedule for the first two months of summer," Buege said. "But almost everybody growing up in this area wants to do nothing but play baseball anyway."

Schultz gave up teaching a year ago. He goes to Mass at least three mornings a week. Other mornings find him in his boat, docked just across the road from his house.

He sees himself coaching at least until his youngest son, Quinn, an eighth grader this fall, finishes school. Five more years at his current rate would send Schultz past 1,500 victories.

But he'd like his players to remember him for something more.

"I hope they can say they played hard and learned more than the sport of baseball," Schultz said. "That they learned how to conduct themselves in society and how to take the good with the bad."

Wimbledon

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probably won't do that again until about 2010."

The first of his eight Grand Slam titles came at the All England Club in 1992, and he could break the Wimbledon record for biggest gap between championships (Bill Tilden won the tournament, in 1921 and 1930).

First things first, though. Agassi's opponent in the round of 16 will be Mark Philippoussis, a three-time quarterfinalist. The 6-foot-4 Philippoussis can pound serve with the best of them, and he compiled 33 aces in beating Radek Stepanek 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-4, 7-6 (6). The 1998 U.S. Open runner-up was broken once—in the opening game, when he double-faulted twice.

Also into the fourth round: No. 10 Tim Henman, the lone Briton left; 2002 finalist David Nalbandian; French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero; and No. 13 Sebastian Grosjean. Henman faces Nalbandian next. Two seeded players lost: Alexander Popp beat No. 11 Jiri Novak, while Olivier Rochus defeated No. 30 Jaroslav Skramny.

Philippoussis is unseeded after a string of left knee operations. "I've never doubted my ability," he said. "I've always said: 'If I'm healthy, I'm dangerous.'"

That's also the case with two-time major champion Mary Pierce, who had back, shoulder, armen, and groin pain and 10 lesions since winning the 2000 French Open. Now in better condition, Pierce reached Wimbledon's fourth round for the first time since 1999 by topping No. 23 Lisa Raymond 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Also advancing: defending champion Serena Williams, French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne, and Jennifer Capriati. Maria Sharapova knocked off No. 11 Jelena Dokic 6-4, 6-4 to become the fourth wild-card entry ever in the fourth round.

The 16-year-old Russian joins No. 10 Anastasia Myskina, No. 15 Elena Dementieva, No. 16 Vera Zvonareva and Svetlana Kuznetsova to give the country five women in the final 16 at a Slam for the first time.

Agassi, at this stage of a major for the 37th time, built his career from the baseline. As he said

before Wimbledon: "If I need my volleys to come through for me to win a match, then I'm hoping for a lot out there."

Yet there he was on Centre Court against the 27th-seeded El Aynaoui, served-and-volleying to end the match's seventh game. He did it again for the last point of the ninth game. He did it, mainly, to counteract El Aynaoui's slice backhand, which drops points and gives the Moroccan a chance to set up his big forehand.

"I wanted him to feel that he can't just get away with something like that," Agassi said. "I wasn't going to play a match where I have to constantly execute, while he just sort of hacks it around."

Said El Aynaoui: "I was hoping I could make him volley. But he volleyed well."

Agassi also won 15 of the 20 points with 10 or more strokes. He lost his serve only once, in the 11th game of the match, and it cost him the opening set. Then he dropped a total of three points on his serve in the second set, which he won by breaking in the final game.

Imagine that: Agassi, the greatest returner of his generation, needed 15 hours and two full sets to break serve. He did it in style, though, getting to 0-40 by stretching into the doubles alley with an "Uuuuhhh!" to flick a forehand return at a tough angle that El Aynaoui put into the net. An error forced by the line. El Aynaoui's last good chance came leading 6-5 in the fourth, with three set points at 0-40 on Agassi's serve. But Agassi won five straight points, including a second-serve ace.

The third-set tiebreaker ended with Agassi smacking a great return, setting up a backhand winner down the line. El Aynaoui's last good chance came leading 6-5 in the fourth, with three set points at 0-40 on Agassi's serve. But Agassi won five straight points, including a second-serve ace.

"That's why Andre is so good," El Aynaoui said. "At the crucial moments, he puts more and more pressure on you."

Agassi is the tournament's oldest entrant, the oldest man to be ranked No. 1, and he's tied for the tour lead with four titles in 2003.

Let's face it: People expect him to win. Philippoussis said, "Playing Andre is something I'm looking forward to. Obviously, I know how he's going to play."

Don't be so sure, Mark.

Lietzke grabs four-shot lead; Watson looms in second

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Bruce Lietzke has gone longer than 64, but never with so much riding on it.

One of the best rounds of Lietzke's 29-year pro career powered him to a four-shot lead through Saturday's third round of the U.S.

U.S. Senior Open

Lietzke's 7-under 64—which included five birdies on the home nine—left him at 9-under 204 heading into the final round. He has never before won a major championship, although he's had close calls over a long and productive career.

Vicente Fernandez, who started the day with a one-stroke lead over Tom Watson, shot a 71 and was double-bogied by Watson for second place at Sunday 208. Watson had a 70 that included pars on his final 10 holes.

Lietzke opened and closed his round with birdies. In between, he never seemed to be out of position and seldom hit a bad shot—or at least one that he couldn't recover.

His 64 was five strokes better than the next best score in the third round—just as Fernandez's 64 was the third before.

Lietzke played the final 10 holes in 6 under, again and again pulling off stunning shots as he skirted trouble with sometimes errant drives.

After letting a share of the lead slip away with two bogeys on the front side, Lietzke hit 7-iron to 16 feet at the bunkers-surrounded ninth hole to pull within a shot of Watson's lead.

He pulled even at No. 11, coming out of the heavy rough with a 9-iron approach that ended up 6 inches from the pin.

The Texan then strung together three birdies in a row to take command.

One of the longest hitters on the Champions Tour, Lietzke lamented the fact before the tournament that he couldn't hit his driver very often. So far, he hasn't needed it.

Fernandez had trouble off the tee all day as well, but he was unable to scramble for pars—or even better—as Lietzke did. He had four birdies but offset them with four bogeys.

Watson failed to make the long putts that had marked his opening-round 66. He had numerous birdie opportunities down the stretch but didn't make any.

Only one other player was in red numbers through 54 holes. Allen Doyle shot a 71 and was alone in fourth at 212, a distant eight shots behind the leader.



Bruce Lietzke chips to the 14th green at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, during the third round of the U.S. Senior Open Saturday. Lietzke leads the tournament at 9 under par.

Red-hot Red Sox set records in blowout

BOSTON (AP) — Florida third baseman Mike Lowell watched one Boston runner after another race by him in one of baseball's greatest offensive performances.

"The infield was chompy after about the first inning," he said, "but I don't want to make light of the fact that we were getting smoked."

There's nothing to laugh about on the losing end of Friday night's 25-8 blowout in which the Marlins' first four pitchers faced 11 batters and retired none of them.

"It was pretty miserable," Lowell said.

Ten runners roared past him — and past catcher Ivan Rodriguez, too — before the Red Sox made an out. That's a major league record. The 14 runs Boston scored tied an AL mark for most runs in the first.

"I've never seen anything like that," Boston's Kevin Millar said. "It was amazing."

The Red Sox set out in the offense to improve a pretty good offense. They hit .277 last year, second in the majors, but missed the playoffs.

On Friday, they raised their average from .294 to .299, best in baseball, with six regulars hitting .310 or better. One who isn't, Johnny Damon, became the only player in major league history to hit a single,

Hospital releases Florida pitcher

Florida Marlins pitcher Kevin Olsen was released from the hospital and put on the 15-day disabled list with a concussion Saturday, one day after being hit in the head by a line drive. Olsen needed six stitches for a cut that opened when he was struck near the right ear by Todd Walker's seventh-inning liner. The right hander lay nearly motionless on the mound for nine minutes, moving his legs and blinking his eyes before being immobilized and carted off the field on a stretcher. McKee said Olsen was conscious and talking while he was on the ground. Olsen was held overnight for observation at Beth Israel Deaconess

Hospital, just a few blocks from Fenway Park. He was released Saturday and was at the team's hotel, with plans to return to Florida with the Marlins on Sunday. The 26-year-old Olsen, in his third season with the Marlins, appeared to be hit behind the right ear as he followed through on his delivery. The ball bounced toward Florida's third base dugout, and Walker wound up with a double. Trainers from both teams rushed to the mound and players in both dugouts stood or sat silently, some appearing to pray.

— The Associated Press

double and triple in the same inning.

"This has been a little bit of a rough year for me," said Damon, who improved to a season-high .265. He went 5-for-7 after going 5-for-25 in his previous six games. Another Boston outfielder, Ted Williams, never had more than five hits in a game.

Bill Mueller had a career-high six RBIs, matching his total for his previous 23 games. David Ortiz scored a career-high four runs. Ted Williams, never had more than five hits in a game.

Florida starter Carl Pavano, traded by Boston in the deal for Pedro Martinez in 1997, gave up two singles, three doubles and a homer and couldn't figure out why.

"I can't put my finger on it. I mean, one after another," Pavano said. "I looked at the film. It was just a bad day. I made some good pitches and some bad pitches and sometimes you get away with them."

Michael Tejera replaced him and allowed three singles, a triple and a walk. Then Al Leiter came in and it finally happened.

Garciparra floated a pitch behind home plate. Catcher Ivan

Rodriguez went back as the ball headed toward the stands. But he had plenty of room. The ball fell into his glove and Garciparra became the first Red Sox player to return to the dugout without having scored.

"I have never been a part of it, when the first pitcher doesn't record an out and then the second pitcher doesn't record an out," Damon said, "but our bats were rolling."

Temper flared in the seventh after Walker was thrown out trying to score on a short flyout with the score 21-5.

"You want to add onto a 16-run lead? Go right ahead, boys," said McKee, who accused the Red Sox of rubbing it in. "They have to examine their own conscience."

Red Sox manager Grady Little spoke to McKee during batting practice before Saturday's game and there were no hard feelings, McKee said.

In the eighth, Ortiz was hit by a pitch. In the ninth, Boston reliever Hector Almonte threw behind Ivan Rodriguez. The benches emptied, but no punches were thrown, and Almonte and Little were ejected.

By then, the Red Sox already had piled up the second most runs in team history — the record is 29 — and tied the club mark for hits in a game, 28.

Giants top A's in Bay Bridge Series

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pedro Feliz singled home the winning run in the 10th inning, and Barry Bonds homered as San Francisco rallied from an early six-run deficit to beat Oakland.

The game was expected to be a pitchers' duel between Kirk Ruetter and Barry Zito, but it turned into a slugfest featuring 30 hits — including Bonds' 635th homer.

The A's loaded the bases in the top of the 10th, but Feliz Rodriguez (4-0) struck out Eric Byrnes to end the threat.

Nefti Perez led off the bottom half with a single against Keith Foulke (4-1). Grossman also singled, and Foulke hit Bonds with a pitch to load the bases.

Feliz chipped Foulke's next pitch into center field, easily scoring Perez as the Giants' dugout emptied onto the field in celebration.

White Sox 7, Cubs 6

CHICAGO — D'Angelo Jimenez hit an RBI single to score Magglio Ordonez as the White Sox beat the Cubs 7-6 Saturday and handed their cross-town rivals another ninth-inning loss.

Jose Valentin's ninth-inning homer on Friday gave the White Sox a 4-3 win.

On Saturday, Aaron Rowand hit a dramatic two-run homer in the eighth to tie the game at 6-6. He connected off Antonio Alfonseca, who gave up Valentin's winner Friday.

Ordonez was walked by Juan Cruz (1-3) to lead off the ninth and when Carlos Lee fled to right, he raced into second ahead of Sammy Sosa's throw.

Mike Renteria replaced Cruz and after striking out Valentin, issued an intentional walk to Tony Graffanino. Jimenez, who didn't start the game and was in a 7-for-11 slump, singled on an 0-1 pitch and Ordonez beat the throw home.

Billy Koch (4-4) pitched the ninth to win for a second straight game.

Reds 5, Indians 4

CLEVELAND — Rookie Rainer Olmedo's RBI single capped Cincinnati's two-out, two-run rally in the ninth inning.

Cincinnati had four RBIs for the Reds, who have won a major league-leading 20 games in their final at-bat. Cincinnati also has 18 wins by one run, a major league best.

The Reds were down to their final strike in the ninth against Danny Baez (0-6) when Adam Dunn doubled, Russell Branyan followed with a double to almost the same spot to tie it 4-4.

Olmedo, who entered the game with one RBI, followed with a bloop single to left.

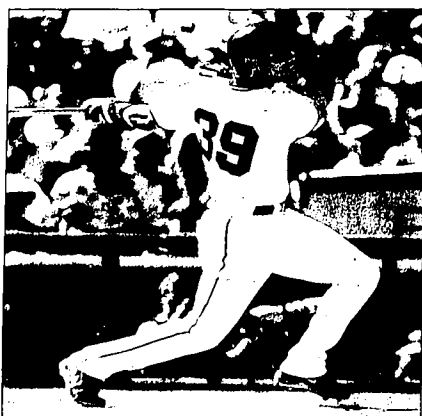
Chris Reitsma (7-2) pitched the eighth, and Scott Williamson worked the ninth for his 18th save.

Matt Lawton homered twice for the Indians.

Expos 4, Blue Jays 2

TORONTO — Rookie Claudio Vargas pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning as Montreal beat Toronto.

Carlos Delgado hit his major league-leading 26th home run for the Blue Jays.



AP photo

San Francisco Giants' Pedro Feliz follows through after hitting a game-winning single to center field off Athletics closer Keith Foulke in the 10th inning of their interleague game in San Francisco, Saturday. The Giants won the game, 8-7.

Vargas (5-3) allowed four hits, struck out four and walked one in 6 1/3 innings.

Four pitchers finished the five-hitter with Rocky Biddle pitching the ninth for his 22nd save in 25 opportunities.

Toronto starter Doug Davis (4-5) allowed three runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Astros 2, Rangers 0

HOUSTON — Jeremie Robertson won his fifth straight decision and Adam Everett's RBI single snapped a scoreless tie in the fifth inning as Houston beat Texas.

The Astros again turned to their stellar bullpen after Robertson (6-3) held Texas to five hits through six-plus innings. Brad Lidge escaped a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the seventh, Octavio Dotel needed only five pitches to get through the eighth, and Billy Wagner finished for his 22nd save in 24 chances.

After pitching four hitless innings, Tony Mounce (0-2) gave up both Houston runs in the fifth.

Devil Rays 9, Braves 7

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Damian Rolls drove in three runs to back the pitching of Victor Zambrano as Tampa Bay stopped a four-game losing streak.

Zambrano (5-4) allowed six runs on eight hits, walked six and struck out six in six innings to help the Devil Rays improve to 5-25 in June.

Jesus Colome pitched two scoreless innings and Lance Carter worked the ninth for his 13th save in 18 chances.

Rolls had an RBI single and a two-run double in his first two at-bats against Shane Reynolds (5-3).

Aubrey Huff and Marlon Anderson each had two RBIs for Tampa Bay.

Phillies 9, Orioles 5

BALTIMORE — Jim Thome homered, doubled and scored two

runs as Philadelphia defeated Baltimore.

Ricky Ledee and Tomas Perez also homered and Placido Polanco had four hits and three RBIs to help the Phillies to their seventh win in eight games.

The interleague game attracted 49,549 fans, the most ever to see a game at Camden Yards.

Brett Myers (7-6) earned the win despite giving up five runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Scott Podsednik was 2-for-4 and drove in two runs for the Brewers, who lost to Twins starter Kenny Rogers (7-3) for the second time in six days.

J.C. Romero and LaTroy Hawkins each pitched an inning, and Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 21 chances.

Burba (0-1), who turns 37 on July 7, scattered nine hits and three runs over 5 2/3 innings in his first major league outing since last Sept. 28, when he was, with Cleveland.

Twins 5, Brewers 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Torii Hunter and Corey Koskie spoiled Dave Burba's season debut with solo homers as Minnesota beat Milwaukee.

Hunter went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and Luis Rivera (1-0) pitched five innings, allowing seven runs, nine hits and five walks in his career-high fifth straight loss.

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Marlins 10, Red Sox 9

BOSTON — Mike Lowell hit a three-run homer in the ninth as Florida rallied to overcome another big Boston inning.

One night after Boston scored a record 10 runs before making

an out in a 14-run first inning, the Red Sox took a 9-2 lead with seven runs in the sixth. But the Marlins scored four in the eighth and four more in the ninth to snap Boston's five-game winning streak.

Nate Ljung (1-0) earned the win in his major league debut after being called up from Triple-A Albuquerque on Friday.

He allowed two runs in 2 1/3 innings.

Brandon Loper pitched the ninth for his 14th save.

Brandon Loper (3-4) blew his first save in 10 opportunities, giving up three singles — including an RBI hit by Ivan Rodriguez — before Lowell hit an 0-2 pitch into the Boston bullpen with two outs in the ninth.

Cardinals 13, Royals 9

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jim Edmonds hit two more homers and had four hits as St. Louis snapped Kansas City's five-game winning streak.

Edmonds went 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs. He has five homers in the last four games for the Cardinals, who took over sole possession of first place in the NL Central.

Neither starter made it out of the fourth inning.

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	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	1st
New York	50	30	.625	2-1	W-6	22-17	28-13	18-5		
Boston	46	33	.582	3.5	6-4	L-1	27-12	19-21	9-7	
Toronto	46	35	.568	4.5	2-4	L-1	22-18	24-17	10-7	
Baltimore	35	45	.440	14	3-7	L-3	17-21	18-22	5-12	
Tampa Bay	26	63	.293	23.5	2-8	L-1	15-25	11-28	3-14	

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	1st
Kansas City	42	35	.545	-	2-3	L-1	21-16	21-19	9-7	
Minnesota	42	37	.532	1	4-6	W-1	20-20	22-17	7-8	
Chicago	39	41	.488	4.5	2-3	W-3	23-17	16-24	10-7	
Cleveland	31	47	.397	11.5	2-4	L-1	17-22	14-25	5-12	
Detroit	18	60	.231	24.5	1-9	L-8	8-31	12-29	4-13	

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	1st
Seattle	52	26	.667	-	1-4	W-2	24-15	28-11	10-6	
Oakland	45	34	.570	7.5	2-5	L-2	28-11	17-23	8-9	
Anaheim	38	39	.494	13	4-6	W-1	20-17	18-22	9-7	
Texas	30	49	.380	22.5	3-7	L-1	18-23	12-26	3-14	

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Atlanta	50	28	.641	-	2-5	L-1	27-12	28-16	9-5	
Philadelphia	43	34	.558	6.5	2-2	W-4	23-16	20-18	7-6	
Montreal	44	36	.550	7	5-6	W-1	26-14	18-22	8-9	
Florida	41	41	.500	11	7-1	W-1	21-18	18-22	9-6	
New York	34	45	.430	16.5	2-8	L-4	17-21	17-24	5-9	

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St. Louis	42	37	.532	2-4	W-1	25-15	17-22	19-18	9-6	
Houston	42	38	.526	5	4-6	W-1	24-15	18-23	9-6	
Chicago	41	38	.519	1	2-3	L-4	20-19	21-19	7-9	
Cincinnati	38	41	.481	4	3-7	W-1	21-19	17-22	8-4	
Pittsburgh	33	44	.429	8	2-5	L-1	14-24	19-20	5-7	
Milwaukee	33	45	.418	9	5-6	L-1	15-27	18-19	5-6	

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	1st
San Francisco	48	31	.608	-	6-4	W-2	25-14	23-17	10-7	
Los Angeles	45	33	.577	2.5	2-5	L-1	24-16	21-17	11-5	
Arizona	43	36	.544	5	2-10	W-10	24-18	19-18	9-4	
Colorado	42	40	.512	7.5	2-3	W-1	29-13	13-27	9-6	
San Diego	26	55	.321	23	2-4	L-1	15-27	11-28	6-10	

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Philadelphia	4	17	.190	17	1-11	L-1	1-14	1-28	0-10	
Baltimore	2	17	.105	17	1-11	L-1	1-14	1-28	0-10	
Anaheim	3	17	.150	17	1-11	L-1	1-14	1-28	0-10	

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Florida (Perry 6-5) at Boston (Lowe 8-3), 12:05 p.m.
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Milwaukee (Ford 0-0) at Minnesota (Reed 3-8), 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Tomko 3-5) at Kansas City (Gore 9-4), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 7-5) at Chicago White Sox (Lozalis 11-2), 12:05 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 0-2) at Seattle (Garcia 9-6), 2:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od Perez 4-4) at Anaheim (Selo 3-6), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Muller 10-5) at San Francisco (Fopfert 4-6), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Wavner 3-6), 6:05 p.m.

LANCE'S CHANCE

Texan aims for his fifth Tour de France title

By Joseph Coleman
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Lance Armstrong is already one of the greats of the Tour de France, a member of a select group to have won cycling's premier race four times.

The question now: How close will he get to being the greatest? The Texan is aiming for his fifth consecutive victory when this year's Tour begins July 5. The feat would match a record held by only one man, Spain's Miguel Indurain, who won in 1991-95.

Three other racers have won five Tours, but none of them consecutively, and a victory this year would put the 31-year-old U.S. Postal rider in line for an unprecedented sixth win.

While the punishing three-week race is never easy, Armstrong won last year's Tour with a comfortable lead of more than 7 minutes, and even he is suggesting he wouldn't mind a little more competition.

"The Tour de France could be a lot closer," he said earlier this month during the Dauphine Libere race, which he later won. "That's more exciting, which is fine by me."

But Armstrong's enduring strength, his single-minded focus on the Tour and the lack of obvious challengers mean he remains the favorite to win again this year.

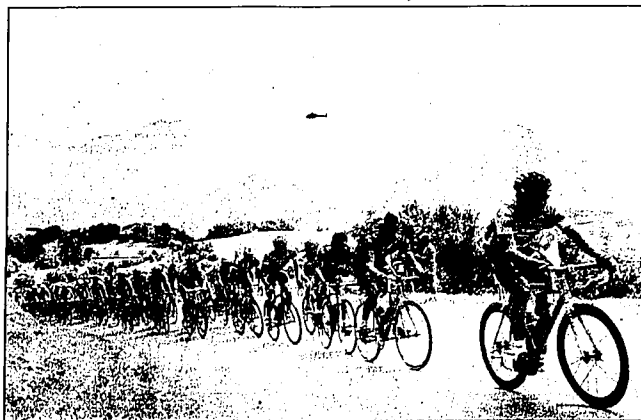
"There's a lot of talent out there, but nobody trains for the Tour like Armstrong," said Graeme Fife, author of "Tour de France: The History, the Legend, the Riders."

There are, however, a few factors that could complicate Armstrong's quest this year.

One is age. While racers have won the Tour well into their 30s, all of the five-time winners made their final successful bids before their 32nd birthdays — and two of them before they were 30.

Armstrong, who overcame testicular cancer to win his first Tour in 1999, is no stranger to adversity. While acknowledging that he's getting older, Armstrong insists he's still in top form.

His last win was a stellar season so far this year, however. He finished 20th at the Liege-Bastogne-Liege classic in Belgium at the



The pack rides with overall leader Lance Armstrong, right, in the lead, outside Mens, French Alps, on the way to climb the Ponsos pass, during the 15th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Valson-La-Romaine, southern France, and Les Deux Alpes, French Alps, in this July 23, 2002 photo.

end of April, and then didn't race until the Dauphine Libere, which ended June 15.

He also topped from his bicycle during the Dauphine Libere. While he continued — and won — the race, the fall still shook him up.

"First, I have to recover from my fall last week," Armstrong was quoted as telling the French newspaper 20 Minutes. "I've never had an accident like that."

This year's contest also marks the return of German cyclist Jan Ullrich, who won the Tour in 1997. He's coming back from nearly two years of injuries and a drug ban.

It's not clear whether Ullrich will beat the height of his powers after the long absence, but Armstrong sees him as a serious challenge.

"Ullrich looks in better shape than he's ever been, he's still one of the biggest engines in cycling, and he has that key factor because he knows he can win it," Armstrong said.

Armstrong has also listed as potential Tour rivals Spanish cyclist Iban Mayo, the runner-up at Dauphine Libere, and up-and-coming racer Tyler Hamilton, of Marlborough, Mass., a former U.S. Postal teammate who rides for Danish CSC Tiscali.

The 32-year-old Hamilton won the Liege-Bastogne-Liege on April 27 and Switzerland's Tour of Romandie in early May.

"Tyler's a threat, we know that."



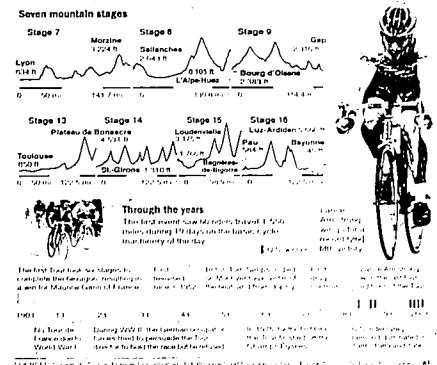
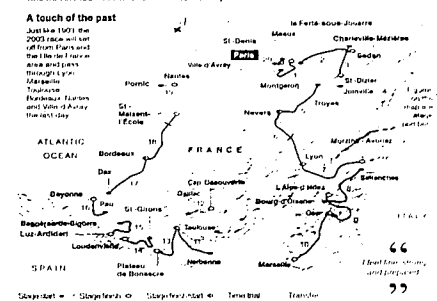
Lance Armstrong smiles as he jokes with his U.S. Postal Service teammates in Solvang, Calif., before a training ride, in this Jan. 27, 2003 photo.

If you had to name 10 people, he's on the list," Armstrong said. He claims well, he time-trials well. He has made a lot of progress over the years. I would say he is now a complete rider."

Another rival is Italian climbing specialist Gilberto Simoni, who has spoken of his plans to challenge the American in the mountains.

Tour de France 2003 Armstrong reigns 'suprême'

Lance Armstrong is looking for his fifth consecutive victory in the world's top cycling race, beginning July 5. He will face a tough challenge from a group of riders who won the Tour in 1991-95.



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Simoni was excluded from the Tour last year after testing positive for cocaine metabolites. He was later cleared by the Italian cycling federation and won this year's Giro d'Italia.

This year's route might not be optimal for Armstrong. While it has one more mountain stretch than last year — seven — there will be fewer of the leg-crushing uphill finishes that he thrives on.

Last year's race featured five mountain stages that ended in grueling climbs — all conquered by Armstrong in surges that left

competitors gasping for air.

Still, Armstrong's opponents don't see much evidence that he will race any differently than he has in the last four Tours — meaning they have a monumental task ahead of them.

"I'm sure he's going to be very strong. It's not easy to get the victory from him," said Bjarne Riis, the winner of the 1996 Tour and now Hamilton's manager. "But you never know what can happen — he can be sick, he can crash, have a bad day like anybody else."

— Associated Press writer Jerome Pugmire in Paris contributed to this story.

The Tour at 100: Grueling race keeps its mystique intact

By Joseph Coleman
Associated Press writer

PARIS — They cycled for weeks in blistering sun and cold night rains. Spectators compared them to bulls and gave them nicknames such as "the brute" and "the Chimney Sweep."

They struggled into Paris caked in mud and sweat — some after riding over broken glass strewn in the road by their rivals.

Much has changed in the 100 years since the Tour de France was first run in 1903 as a sports newspaper's publicity stunt, but one thing has stayed the same: the race remains a grueling battle of brawn, brains and ambition.

"It's the biggest race, I think the hardest race, the race that everybody wants to win, to do well in," said Bjarne Riis of Denmark, who won the 1996 Tour, and raced in it nine times before retiring.

This year's Tour will be no exception. The race, broken up into 20 stages, will run 2,077 miles, starting in Paris on July 5 and going clockwise around France, through the Alps and Pyrenees, and finishing on the Champs-Élysées July 27.

The focus again will be on Lance Armstrong, winner of the last four Tours and poised for his fifth in a row.

A victory by the Texan would tie the record set by Miguel Indurain of Spain, who won it from 1991-95. Three others have won five Tours, though not consecutively: Jacques Anquetil and Bernard Hinault of France, and Eddy Merckx of Belgium.

Despite the enduring domi-



A newspaper reproduction of the 1903 Tour de France with the winner, Maurice Garin, center, with pale jersey, during the first run of the race in 1903.

nance of Armstrong — and his own comment earlier this month that a tighter finish would be more exciting — the contest has always been a spectacle, even when it was founded in the early days of the 20th century.

The race was the pet project of Henri Desgrange, editor of upstart French sports newspaper L'Auto, and his assistant, Geo Lefevre. The two were searching for a publicity coup to knock established paper Le Velo from its pedestal.

A highly publicized bicycle race all around France — touted by L'Auto as "the greatest cycling trial in the entire world" — seemed to fit the bill. Within a couple of years, Le Velo was out of business and the Tour was a brilliant success.

The early tours were as brutal — and cutthroat — as they were exciting.

Riders cycled through the night, and rules dictated they repair their own bicycles, fix flat tires and wear the same clothes

from start to finish.

They were known as "convicts of the road," and Desgrange heaped even more punishment by adding backbreaking mountain stages.

The cyclists themselves often did anything to win. Riders scattered broken glass and fans tossed nails on the road to confound rivals. One rider in 1903 claimed he was poisoned. Competitors were accused of widespread cheating.

"The scandals fit in with riders'

rough, working-class image. Race boss Leon Georges was known as "the brute," Maurice Garin, who won the first Tour, was known as "the Chimney Sweep." The penchant for harsh nicknames far outlasted the early years. Eddy Merckx of the 1970s and '70s was known as "the Cannibal."

That image has only served to enhance the lore and mystique of the Tour, one firmly grounded in the charming and scenic French landscape and the ethos of the small farming villages that the race runs through.

"You can just feel it, the aura, the mystique is around you. Whole towns turn out hours in advance of the race coming through," said Graeme Fife, author of "Tour de France: The History, the Legend, the Riders."

"You just have to be in a town like that, and the whole place hums with expectation," he said.

The route this year was set to recall the 1903 race, starting in Paris and then going through some of the same cities: Lyon, Marseille, even Ville d'Avray, a leafy suburb west of Paris. Nine new towns will be on the route as well.

None of this year's stages starts or finishes outside France, although the 14th leg in the Pyrenees crosses briefly into Spain. There are two rest days, three individual time trials including the prologue, and one team time trial.

The Tour has seen many changes since the early years. The image of the single rider in the night has morphed into a modern cyclist with spiffily dressed teams and entourages.

Racers once had to flip their wheels to change gears now they ride finely tuned, state-of-the-art machines.

The competition has also fallen prey to history. Seasons were missed during the two World Wars, and despite the 100th anniversary, this Tour will only be the 90th.

While the dangers of exhaustion and falling (no bicycle were allowed part of the tour, some — including Armstrong — are now voicing growing concerns about protection from attack.

Doping — legal and alleged — has also dogged the Tour. In the most recent cases, Lithuanian cyclist Raimondas Rumšas came under suspicion of using performance-enhancing drugs after finishing third in last year's race. Rumšas denied taking banned substances, and he did not fail his drug tests.

Spanish cyclist Igor Gonzalez de Galdeano was banned from this year's contest after a test during the 2002 Tour found excessive levels of an anti-asthma drug.

Armstrong, who came under suspicion of drug use after recovering from testicular cancer to triumph in the 2002 Tour, said he doubted his sport would ever manage to escape widespread rumors of doping.

"I think it will move from cycling onto another sport," Armstrong, who has never failed a drug test, said of the suspicions. "But I think the fascination will always remain. We will never be free from it."

— Associated Press writer Jerome Pugmire in Paris contributed to this story.

2003 IDAHO REGATTA

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Kimberly rookie racer promises he'll be back

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Twin Falls rookie boat racer Darin Fairbanks got out of the gates with a couple of bangs Saturday at the 28th annual Idaho Regatta - one good and one bad.

He blew away the field in the first heat of the Competition Jets in his inaugural boat race. And he held a commanding lead when a part blew in his engine during the second heat.

Fairbanks may be a rookie but he's no stranger to taking the checkered flag as a successful stock car driver around the region in the early 1990s.

"Wow, that was fun," he said after the second heat. "It handles a lot like a car, really grabbing the corner. It was a blast."

Fairbanks, who is running "Toy II" in honor of late friend Gary Oliver, saw no problems getting the boat back in the water today.

"I know exactly what it is," he said. "I've got the part in my car at home. We'll be racing."

The crew scrambled to get the watercraft up and running for the Idaho Regatta, pulling a series of late-nighters.

"I looked at my watch and said 'It's late, no, now, it's early,'" Fairbanks said.

All the work paid off as "Toy II" was clearly the fastest boat on the water in its class.

Fairbanks sat back and enjoyed

the ride for the first lap of his first heat to get a feel for racing in the water.

"That's what they wanted me to do," he said. "And they said that if everything felt good to hit it from there. And that's what I did."

Indeed, he wasted no time pulling away from the rest of the competition for an easy 14-second victory over second-place Rodger Finney.

Finney, from Lake Havasu City, Ariz., won the second heat after Fairbanks' breakdown.

Finney left impressed with the rookie.

"He can drive," he said. "I don't mind being on the water with him at all. It really helps to have someone with his experience. It's good for our sport."

The Comp Jets are usually dominated by locals but Finney's presence is indicative that the class is making a comeback.

"I just love running up here," he said. "This is about the only place that we race anymore. Plus, Burley treats us so great."

Finney runs occasionally against the Grand Nationals at other races but he likes going up against his class.

"This is my calling," he said. "I grew up with these."

Finney hated missing last year's race but said he's definitely back.

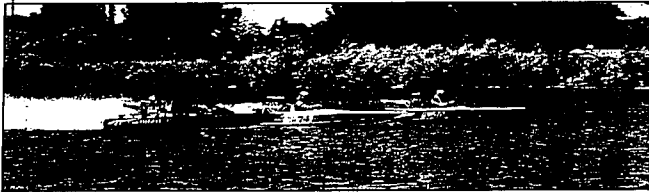
And Fairbanks plans to be back today.

"That was just a little part breaking down," Finney said. "It wasn't anyone's fault. He has the fastest boat, there's no doubt about that."

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VI Duro-Oliver kisses the driver of her Competition Jet, Darin Fairbanks, after he won the first heat for the boat classification Saturday at the Idaho Regatta. The boat was fixed to run in honor of Duro-Oliver's late husband, Gary Oliver, who used to race at the regatta.



Duff Daily, left, and Karl Loveless try to catch Ty Newton, far right, in the Super Stocks final Saturday at the Idaho Regatta. Newton took the early lead, but Daily won the race after Newton's boat broke down behind the island.

Floridian posts pair of victories

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Duff Daily made the most of the long trip from Florida at the Idaho Regatta Saturday, winning the K-boat and Pro Stock competitions while finishing second in the Grand Nationals.

Daily's victories were both by just a second and he fell to Doug Lightfoot by 5 seconds.

Lightfoot also won the 15-minute marathon in the Grand Nationals.

Ty Newton won the Super Stocks and held a large lead over Daily in the Pro Stocks when his boat gurgled to a stop, the victim of a mechanical failure.

Bill Faulkner Jr., the crew chief of Faulkner racing for which Newton drives, will be sure to do his best to get the Pro Stock boat up and going.

"Our crew is here every morn-

ing at 6 a.m.," Faulkner said. "We work very hard to be the best."

It certainly showed in the Super Stocks as Newton won by 7 seconds over Larry Hamilton.

Newton came into the weekend trailing Dave Bryant in the Super Stock point standings.

Bryant had to pull out of the race after flipping his boat Friday.

"We should have a big lead coming out of the weekend," Faulkner said.

Idaho Regatta Results

Finals
Crackerbox National Championship
1. Dan Dodge 3:59; 2. Rick Primm 4:12; 3. Mark Fricker 4:12; 4. John Canfield 4:18; 5. John Peters 4:20; 6. Brett Mann 4:31.

Comp Jets
1. Rodger Finney 4:05; 2. Glen Dilworth 4:10; 3. Mark Moyle 4:18;

4. Ralph Johnson 4:28.
Super Stocks
1. Ty Newton 3:15; 2. Larry Hamilton 3:22; 3. Charlie Marquard 3:31; 4. Karl Loveless 3:32; 5. Dennis Rankin 3:35; 6. Tim Hoffman 3:45; 7. Jeff Brockheuser 3:47.

K-Racing Runabouts
1. Duff Daily 3:52; 2. John Brinton 3:53; 3. Charlie Marquard 4:22; 4. Terry Blair 4:44.

Grand Nationals
1. Doug Lightfoot 3:24; 2. Duff Daily 3:29; 3. Lance Haselrigg 3:36; 4. Greg Gluck 3:38; 5. Ted Kolby 3:55.

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TAKING THE PLUNGE



The crowd took time out for a swim break between races at the Idaho Regatta Saturday at the Burley Marina.

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to get their boat, "California Girls" up and running for the main event Saturday but were disqualified from one heat and then had more mechanical setbacks in another heat. Still, the all-female team is having a great season, winning its first race in Bakersfield and finishing second overall for the weekend. The duo also placed third at the Western Divisionals.

Mr. Magoo
The father/son duo of Dwight Moody Sr. and Dwight Moody Jr. in the beautiful No. 66 "Mr. Magoo" boat assured that they aren't blind. "The original owner of the boat

couldn't see anything and we kept the name when we refurbished it," Moody Jr. said. "But we can see." Still, they nearly didn't make it to the race when they blew out a tire and almost went off the Interstate north of Beaver, Utah.

The boat, arguably the best looking at the regatta, was built in 1966. And the matching bus that pulls it took the Moody's years to get into shape.

"That's just beautiful," driver Dan Bridg said. "That could have been a shame."

National? championship
Of the 16 Crackerbox boats in the competition, none came from anywhere close to even the Midwest of the United States. The Crackerboxes are almost exclusively a West Coast boat. Fourteen of the

boats came to the regatta from California with one each from Washington and Nevada.

Better than fair
Darin Fairbanks reported after his first day of racing boats that it was "a little jump out there. No worse than waterskiing or anything like that."

OKboats
The K-boats are back at the Idaho Regatta. Last year, the regatta brought in a couple of drag boats when no K-boats showed up along the Snake River. But the K-boats were back with five entries.

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SPORTS

Police question team over missing player

WACO, Texas (AP) — Police have been questioning Baylor University basketball players in the disappearance of a teammate, who authorities fear may be a victim of homicide.

No body has been found, but authorities say Patrick James Denney, 21, hasn't been heard from in more than two weeks, and his sport utility vehicle turned up abandoned in a parking lot last week in Virginia with its license plates missing.

Coach Dave Bliss read a brief statement Saturday afternoon.

"Right now, the team, the university and all the members of



Patrick Denney

the Baylor family and myself are in tremendous disbelief about the recent events," Bliss said. "If fact, no part really seems real."

Investigators believe the 6-foot-10, 230-pound center may have been killed in the Waco area, though authorities wouldn't say what led them to that conclusion.

Waco police spokesman Steven

Anderson said police have interviewed Baylor players, as well as other people, in the case.

"Several sources have mentioned names of players," Anderson said. Waco police spokeswoman Joy Mauer said Saturday that authorities had no additional information to release.

Several team members did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press on Saturday afternoon.

Investigators have searched Denney's apartment at least twice in recent days, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported Saturday. They also sent at least one

detective to Virginia Beach, Va., to examine Denney's vehicle, Virginia Beach police spokesman Jimmy Barnes said.

The vehicle had been towed from a strip mall at the request of the mall's owner.

When the towing company reported the vehicle's identification number to Virginia Beach police, it matched the Waco missing person's case listed in national law enforcement database.

Denney grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and played for Wilcox High School in Santa Clara and St. Francis High School in Mountain View.

Kart

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times and also gives track operator the ability to slow down individual cars if the drivers are erratic or are intentionally bumping other cars out of the way.

"They learn real quick not to do that," said John Newhouse.

A lecture prior to racing clues in the new drivers right away.

Membership cards keep information stored on each driver.

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a premium on driving. The drivers' ability to avoid any side-

ways motion around turns makes a big difference.

"The carts get good G-forces going, traction and speed," said

regular. Terry Mode of Wendell.

"They keep the carts very equal so it comes down to the driver."

The track record of 28.490 seconds — an

average of 37 mph — is held by Bob

Latham Jr. Most racers were firing with 30 and 31 seconds once

they got used to the track and then cart.

Even mid-afternoon Friday, the

place had some drivers.

"You're just out to beat the

clock," said Allen Wilson, 20, of

Ivan Falls. "This is my third or

fourth day in a row. The competi-

tion is fun."

Most important to the enthusi-

asts — it's another entertainment

option, especially since it will be

open year-round.

"It's the best thing to do in

town," said Wes Overlin, 20, of

Twin Falls.

For those not speed-oriented,

the Oregon Trail Family Fun

Center provides an alternative

with slower and more kid-sized

cars that reach about 12 mph on

four available tracks. Toddlers,

aged 2-4 are on one track, with

others ranging from a junior track

for ages 5-8 and two others for

adults — a slick oval and a faster

road course.

The whole area is clearly

geared toward children with an

arcade, kiddie roller coaster,

bumper boats and bumper cars

also available.

The arrival of the Nazz Kart

facility hasn't slowed the busi-

ness at 2733 Kimberly Road,

where Oregon Trail has been

open for about seven years.

"They haven't hurt us at all,"

said Oregon Trail owner/manager

Lisa Mason.

"They're more for older kids."

A big difference is the cost.

Oregon Trail's fast track costs

\$3.50 for a 10-minute race, the

slick oval is \$3 while the junior

is \$2.50 and toddler

\$2.

The cost at Nazz Karts is \$12

for members and \$14 for non-

members for 10-

minute races. Membership

costs a one-time

fee of \$23 and then \$8 annually.

But the speed and handling of

the more advanced vehicles at

Nazz Kart makes the extra cost

worthwhile, Mode said.

"They're definitely not Oregon

Trail carts," Mode said. "They call

them all go-carts but these are

more like racing carts. It's like

night and day."

"Not even close," Pedersen

said.

That speed and many people's

need for it should keep the place

hopping, Friday and Saturday

nights are the busiest.

"It's very addictive," Mode

said.

Pedersen already knows where

he's headed when he next visits

Twin Falls. He stumbled across

the place while visiting town

Friday and was there that night.

"I'll be stopping in again," he

said. "It's great."

Times-News sportswriter Joe

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Truck series sees new winner

WEST ALLIS, Wis. (AP) — Brendan Gaughan overcame a mistake on the next-to-last lap and became the ninth different winner in nine NASCAR truck series races at The Milwaukee Mile.

Gaughan, the 2002 Rookie of the Year, whose four-length lead over Jason Leffler hardly could have been considered comfortable,

overdove the third turn and nearly lost control of his Dodge.

Leffler, also in a Dodge, cut the margin to a length, but couldn't

close any further as Gaughan

recovered to win the GNC Live

Well 200. It was his second victory

of the season.

Rain cancels qualifying;
points leader runs second

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — Johnny Sauter won the pole for Busch Series race at The Milwaukee Mile when rain washed out qualifying Saturday.

The field for Sunday's GNC Live Well 250 was set by car owner points. It was the fourth time this season owner points were used to set the lineup.

David Green, who leads the drivers' standings will start from the second position, and Scott Riggs will start third in the 43-car field.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Children's portrait studio opens in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS—Kiddie Kandids, a children's portrait studio, is now open near Waldenbooks and the Deb store at Magic Valley Mall.

With more than 60 studios across the country, Utah-based Kiddie Kandids caters to infants and toddlers. Certified photographers have trained to make moms and dads happy by taking the time necessary to create special portraits of children with supporting props and backdrops.

All Kiddie Kandids studios have been converted into digital portrait studios, offering customers new options. Customers can now take their portraits home immediately. Other benefits the company touts:

- Immediate viewing of poses.
- Dozens of custom borders to choose from.
- Addition of customized text.
- Montages of more than one image.

Optional old-fashioned looks with black-and-white or sepia tones.

There is no sitting fee and no appointment necessary. Manager Katye Anderson can be reached at 735-7497, or visit the Web site at www.kiddiekandids.com.

Department names SkyWest as top on-time airline in U.S.

TWIN FALLS—For the past three months, SkyWest Airlines was ranked by the U.S. Department of Transportation as the No. 1 domestic on-time airline in the country.

SkyWest calls itself the nation's largest independently operated regional carrier and carried 8.23 million passengers last year. SkyWest operates as carriers for Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines and serves a total of 97 cities in 28 states and two Canadian provinces and has more than 1,100 daily departures.

New Burley business offers coffees, smoothies

BURLEY—Coffee Craze, a new Mini-Cassia business, is open at 1635 Overland Ave. in Burley. The phone number is 878-2054.

Brandee Thomas owns and operates the business, which offers coffees, specialty coffees, smoothies, fresh fruit and yogurt, Italian sodas, teas, lemonades, muffins, bagels and donuts. A light lunch menu includes potato salad, soup, chips and sandwiches.



Brandee Thomas

with a variety of breads, meats and cheeses.

Free delivery in the Burley area is available on orders of \$10 or more. Orders under \$10 are charged a \$1 delivery charge.

A.G. Edwards is good firm to work for, Fortune says

TWIN FALLS—For the eighth consecutive time, A.G. Edwards was named one of the "100 Best Companies To Work For In America."

The St. Louis-based brokerage firm has been included on all six editions of Fortune magazine's annual list and is one of only a handful of companies nationally to appear on all eight versions of the list, originally published in 1984 by authors Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz.

Among the reasons Fortune cited for including A.G. Edwards this year is the access employees have to the firm's senior management. Also, the magazine noted the high level of employee stock ownership resulting from the firm's subsidized employee stock purchase plan. A.G. Edwards said it ranked 67th overall on Fortune's 2003 list.

In compiling the list, Fortune considered 269 companies, out of an initial list of 1,000. A survey was then sent to randomly selected employees of those companies, gauging their opinions about their workplaces. Fortune received more than 40,000 employee responses, supplemented by corporate material supplied by participating companies.

Qwest's long distance rises to 1 million customer lines

TWIN FALLS—Denver-based Qwest Communications International Inc. said it now provides long-distance service for 1 million customer lines across 12 states including Idaho.

In the few months since Qwest began offering long-distance, the business said, residential customers have been particularly responsive to a plan which includes unlimited direct dialed long-distance service for \$20 per month for the first 12 months when purchased with a Qwest home phone service package.

For small businesses, Qwest said it offers discounted long-distance rates based on the total monthly spending and term commitment with Qwest: month-to-month and one-year term agreements; and no monthly fee.

Qwest currently provides long-distance service in Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The company got approval last week from the Federal Communications Commission on its filing in Minnesota and will file for FCC approval in Arizona within the next few months.

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From left, Shewna Obenchain, Gregg Middlekauff, Dan Wille and Rick Carr present to Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Don Hall, right, a check from the Oasis Two Person Best Ball event benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. The tournament and auction raised over \$20,000 for the club.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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Jeff Mason, a personal banking representative at Zions Bank's Smith's branch, and Bruce Banks, vice president and commercial loan officer in the bank's Canyon Park branch, work on a home in Twin Falls during the bank's Paint-a-Thon.



Employees of Zions Bank in Burley hold their annual Paint-a-Thon recently. From left are John Craner, Neils Moller and Pat Moller.

■ Forty-seven homes throughout Utah and Idaho got spruced up during Zions Bank's 13th annual Paint-a-Thon. More than 2,500 Zions Bank volunteers and their families scraped, prepped and painted homes June 16-21.

This year, employees from Twin Falls and Gooding branches painted the Twin Falls home of Marsha Snow, and Alice Harkness of Burley saw her residence brightened up by employees from the Burley office and the eastern Idaho regional administration department.

Launched in 1991, Zions Bank's Paint-a-Thon began as a volunteer project for a dozen homes along Utah's Wasatch Front. Over the past 12 years, volunteers have worked on 428 homes throughout Utah and Idaho.

The Paint-a-Thon is targeted to low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners. The average age of this year's homeowner is 73, with an average monthly income of \$74.

Projects for the annual week-long event are selected with the assistance of state housing agencies, community organizations and local churches.

Zions employees also provide clean-up, pruning, mowing,

planting and minor repairs as needed by homeowners. The bank contributes the cost for paint and supplies.

■ For a second year, Magic Valley Subway Inc. awarded three employee scholarships for \$300 each toward higher-education expenses.

This year's winners are Jamie Branch from the Blue Lakes store, Sarah Stadelman from the Jerome store and Desiree Barton from the Lynwood store.

Scholarship applicants must be Subway employees, submit essays explaining why they deserve to be awarded the scholarship and present copies of their transcripts and grade-point averages. Winners must present copies of their new school year registration to verify college enrollment.

Branch will attend College of Southern Idaho; Stadelman will attend Idaho State University in Pocatello; and Barton will attend Albion College of Idaho in Caldwell. Albion College agreed to match Barton's \$300 scholarship from Magic Valley Subway.

There are 10 franchised Subway stores in the Twin Falls region. Gina Rudd is general manager of the Subway restaurants owned and operated by Magic Valley Subway Inc.

Market

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Employees:

Yip and Sokry operate the market and the gift shop themselves Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Start-up story:

Yip Tse worked for years at the family-owned Tse Chinese Restaurant down the street until the couple considered the idea of opening a market.

"We thought the population of the area was large enough, and we would really be the only Asian market here," Tse said.

But the Tses knew neither the operating details of a small business nor what products this area would support.

"We were concerned about the demand or lack of demand for the products we have to sell," Tse said.

Looking for direction, the Tses sought advice from the Idaho Small Business Development Center. The center gave them practical advice to take them in the right direction.

They opened for business in June of last year with the help of Yip's family, and a \$30,000 loan to be paid off over a three-year period. In total, the Tses had about \$60,000 in opening costs.

Measures of success:

Since opening, The Asian Food Market has seen revenue rise 5 to 10 percent each month.

In May, revenue rose around 10 percent from April, but the Tses predict that number might decrease in summer as people

begin cooking outdoors more.

Despite a successful year, the Tses have received no substantial profit from their efforts.

"We use the revenue to expand our inventory and pay off our loans," Yip Tse said. "We don't expect to see a profit for three to five years."

According to his research, that is average for this kind of business.

The Tses take a minute salary and use the business to provide their groceries.

For now, success comes in the form of customer service, Tse said.

"We now feel confident because of our regular clientele and the new customers that enter our store every day," Tse said, "and that this business will succeed and be an important part of the retail community in Twin Falls for years to come."

Goals:

The Tses will work to attract more customers to their new store and expand their gift shop inventory within the next couple months, which they hope will lead to further opportunities.

"We hope to expand the gift shop and open a booth at the mall this holiday season," Sokry Tse said.

Within the next five years, the Tses plan to move the market into a new building.

Getting in touch:

Visit 1043 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, north of Tse Restaurant.

Cafe

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The McCarrons saw success. The five-month period, January to May saw an overall 200 percent increase from the previous year, she said.

Measures of success:

"The first year, we broke even, which was amazing," Jane McCarron said. "The beginning was the most difficult. One year seemed like five, but we didn't lose money."

The second year, after the dining area had tripled, revenue tripled as well, but the McCarrons did not see much profit.

Besides the small salary they allotted themselves, the McCarrons saved any profit for a larger facility.

In December 2002, the couple moved into the larger facility with the help of a five-year loan, hired 35 additional employees and expanded their menu to include a dinner selection.

"The expenses of adding a din-

ner menu was worth the revenue coming in," she said.

Six months after the move, the McCarrons are beginning to see the profits of their labor.

Their advice: "Plan to work very hard and be very dedicated for about five to eight years to get things running smoothly," she said.

Goals:

Come September, the McCarrons will be taking over Brown Magnolia gift shop, adjacent to the restaurant, to serve as a private meeting room available for parties and business presentations.

"We hope to make a place available for businesses to hold events in a nice atmosphere," Jane McCarron said.

The couple is also looking to begin catering to outside parties.

Getting in touch:

Visit 2221 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Engineer

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Employees:

The company currently has 21 employees consisting of a four-member office staff, 17 engineers and designers. Eight of the engineers are licensed.

Start-up story:

The engineering company was started in 1984 by Dale Riedesel. The new owners purchased the business in July 2002 with a five-year loan.

At that time, Riedesel's company was firmly established.

"Dale had a viable business," Gergen said. "We just incorporated and didn't change much of anything."

The business began expanding shortly, opening a branch in Meridian in August.

Measures of success:

"The initial goal was to grow the company 15 percent with revenue and employees," Gergen said, "and that's where

we're at."

But cash flow continues to be an issue, Gergen said. Aside from salary draws, profit is put back into the company, Gergen says.

"We are putting 100 percent back into the company by adding staff and our Meridian office," Gergen said.

Goals:

Riedesel Engineering hopes revenue and employee growth will continue within a range of 10 percent to 15 percent while continuing to provide clients "a good product at a reasonable price," Gergen said.

Within the next few years, the company will look to expand further in Idaho, particularly in the northern area.

"In five to seven years, (we) maybe hope to have four or five other offices," Gergen said.

Getting in touch:

Visit 202 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, or call 733-2446.

Alaska Air execs take pay cuts

SEATTLE (AP) — Top executives of Alaska Airlines say they will take substantial pay cuts while seeking workarounds to return the West Coast regional carrier to profitability.

Chief executive William J. Ayer told union leaders this week that he will cut his own pay by 20 percent, Jack Walsh, Alaska Airlines spokesman, said Friday.

Three other executives — George Bagley, executive vice president of operations; Gregg Saretzky, executive vice president of marketing and planning; and Bradley D. Tilden, chief financial officer, will take 15 percent cuts, Walsh said.

Accruals to documents filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission, Ayer's salary, bonus and other compensation totaled \$475,644 last year. He has since been promoted to chairman of Alaska Air Group, parent corporation of Alaska and Horizon Airlines.

Bagley's total compensation last year was \$359,418. Saretzky received \$324,463 and Tilden got \$318,262.

The company previously announced that five unions representing Alaska Airlines employees have been asked to accept pay cuts and work rule changes.

The company has achieved or will soon realize cost cuts that total \$120 million in savings, Ayer wrote in a letter posted on Alaska Airlines' employee Web site.

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Bad bosses and how to deal with them

More workers struggle under their weight

By Marshall Lobb
Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — When labor markets are lousy, as they are now, bad bosses tend to flourish. People are desperate to get new jobs and let themselves be abused in their present ones.

Brutal bosses are only too happy to oblige. Consequently, it is in times like these that bad bosses and complaints against them rise.

By all accounts, more and more people now have to struggle and suffer under a bad boss — be it an insecure bully, an incompetent imp, an intimidating idiot, a duplicitous dweeb, a petty perfectionist, a malevolent martinet or a Napoleonic nincompoop.

There is a new tolerance, even admiration, for these types in much of corporate America, given today's investor-driven emphasis on the bottom line — profits at almost any price. If the boss can make his numbers and hit those oppressive quarterly targets, who cares if he leaves a little blood on the office floor?

"They don't sell \$18 billion worth of antidepressants in this country for nothing," says Kurt Landgraf, president of the Educational Testing Service. "The corporate culture is so accepting of these kinds of aggressive actions that they're not going to go away."

Research shows 17 percent of workers report being mistreated by their bosses. Gary Namie, a psychology professor and author of "The Bull at Work," says the victims are not only the employees but also the organizations they work for.

Another study by Joel H. Weisman, director of the Center for Applied Management at the State University of New York at New Paltz, concludes that bullying bosses produce hundred of millions of dollars in losses a year as a result of their bad influence on absenteeism, employee satisfaction, consumer satisfaction, product quality and productivity.

The number one cost is turnover, particularly of the best and the brightest," Namie says. "Bad bosses are very threatened by technically competent and socially skilled staff. By comparison with them, the boss looks worse. So, the most talented employees are often the ones the bad bosses drive out. This means a talent drain for the employer."

What if you are stuck with a truly bad boss? What can you do to ease your plight?

One thing is to recognize you are not alone. Bad bosses have always been with us, as have brilliant bosses who had occasional dark

flashes of manic malvolence.

Take Henry Kissinger, a towering ego. He famously ordered brilliant aides to write draft after draft of policy position papers, and then critically inquired as each version was delivered to him, "Is this really the very best you can do?"

Only after the third or fourth version reached him did Kissinger say to the exhausted author, "OK, now I'll read it."

Or take the original Henry Ford. When he wanted to fire a loyal officer, Ford did not trouble to tell him but simply had every last stick of furniture moved out of the victim's office. Sometimes the eccentric automobile genius had the furniture chopped into little pieces and stacked in a neat pile.

Another thing that victims can do to help themselves is to give up any notions that the boss will just go away or wondrously change. He or she will not. It is up to you to manage the situation — indeed to manage your boss. Try to find out what moves and motivates your boss, what irritates him or her and what his or her style is, and play to those motivations.

The key is communication — really, over-communication. The initiative has to come from you, not your boss. Keep the boss posted. Always ask what he or she wants from you. Constantly say what you are doing. Do not be afraid of being accused of kissing up.

Sell another thing you can do is to form a support group with other victims. You'll probably find plenty of them. Bad bosses and bosses tend to be equal opportunity abusers.

Share your experiences and find out if other employees have found better ways to cope. Often it pays for you and several colleagues to approach the boss and tell him your grievances. He or she will find it hard to dispute or discipline all of you.

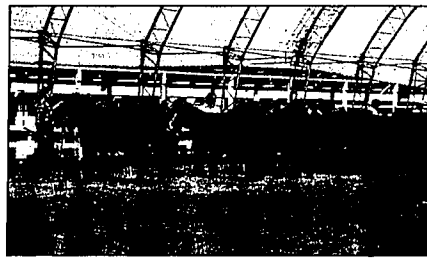
Do not blow your stack when the boss has a temper tantrum and badgers, belittles and brutalizes you. Says psychologist Harvey Horowitz, author of "Brutal Bosses," "Attacking back and accusing the boss does not work very well because it catches him up short. Focus on the content of his message, not the curses."

The California state legislature is considering whether some protections are needed. A proposed outlaw any "abusive work environment" and anything health-endangering would be actionable. Namie notes Britain and Australia have similar laws.

"Let's be frank," Namie says. "Employers are not going to get rid of bad boss syndrome until there is a law."

McDonald's tries to rein in antibiotic use

STANDING TALL



Up and coming beef producers gathered at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, Idaho, this week for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show and the Idaho Junior Beef Expo. Junior exhibitors from Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Colorado competed. These handlers were called in January 2002.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Wendell officials hope to woo ethanol plant

WENDELL — At a city council meeting on Tuesday, Wendell Mayor Paul Isaacson caught council members and other attendees off guard when he said he had been meeting with the Magic Valley Energy Coalition and its engineers to negotiate building an ethanol plant in Gooding County adjacent to Wendell city limits.

The potential \$50-million plant could bring up to 85 jobs to the city, Isaacson said.

Isaacson's announcement was a

Winston Inouye of the Coalition said his group has looked at several sites in Gooding County, as well as a number of others throughout the valley. He said he has talked with Isaacson, but there are no plans in the works with the city right now.

City council member Don Bunn said representatives from Magic Valley Energy Coalition met with city leaders last year, but no deals were struck. He said he was surprised to learn the company was again looking at nearby sites.

New rules for water-right transfers draw debate

SUN VALLEY — New rules issued last fall are helping speed up the process of transferring water right in Idaho, but some say the changes haven't solved the problems in the system.

Ten to 12 years ago water law attorney Kent Foster came to the conclusion that the process of doing water transfers in Idaho

was broken. Fewer and fewer transfers were being completed, and those that were done took longer and longer to complete.

But eight months after the new transfer rules were printed, the Idaho Falls attorney has yet to have a single transfer application accepted. Not only is he unsure that the process has become streamlined as promised, but he openly worries that the mitigation requirements are dangerous, by close to a taking.

"I think we've spent a lot of money making the process complex, but I'm not sure what the state is getting out of it," Foster said.

Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, argues that the state is getting its money's worth in developing a new ground-water model that predicts consumptive use. The model allows those involved in the transfer process to predict how moving a point of diversion from one point in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer to another will impact spring flows and other users throughout the aquifer.

Sugar beet crop progress pleases industry officials

TWIN FALLS — The local sugar beet crop could be headed toward high yields if Mother Nature cooperates. "The crop looks excellent," said University of Idaho plant pathologist John Gallian. "With all the rain during the spring, most growers have a very good stand."

Amalgamated Sugar Co. is projecting crop yields at two to three tons per acre above last year's numbers, said Gallian, who is scheduled to head the university's Research and Extension Center district office in Twin Falls.

Whether or not the crop achieves record-level yields — in record-level sugar content — will depend on the temperatures for the next three months, Gallian said.

Contemplate your needs before hiring a financial planner

By Marshall Lobb
Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — If you are in need of help with your portfolio, college savings plan or other investment matter, it's important to consider fee structures in the search for a good financial advisor.

Financial planners use a number of methods to charge their clients. One is an hourly rate — typ-

ically \$100 to \$300. Though a few planners who are compensated by the hour work on portfolios, most of these appointments are used for working out overall financial strategies, not individual investments, says Ryan Fleming, a partner at Armstrong, MacIntyre & Severns in Washington. Under the hourly plan, it's a good idea to consider your goals before the appointment and fax or send your

information in advance. For a consulting on a financial project like a simple retirement projection, you may be asked to pay a flat fee of \$1,500 to \$1,800. A portfolio review can cost \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Commission-based portfolios are usually managed for an annual amount of 1 percent to 2 percent of asset value. Though commissions can create a potential conflict of interest, choosing this

type of plan isn't always more expensive than an hourly rate. Clients paying an annual percent age on assets should be getting quarterly performance reviews, scheduled appointments and phone consultations as questions arise, says Fleming. If you're paying a commission and are not given sufficient access to your advisor, it may be time to find a new one.

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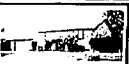
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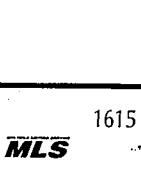
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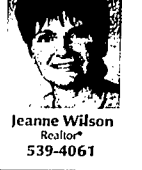
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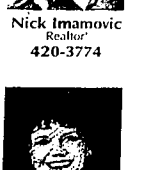
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 •2, possibly 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
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 •4 bedrooms, 2 baths
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 •3 bedrooms, 2 baths
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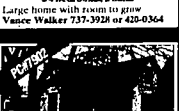
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 •4 bedrooms, 2 baths
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 •3 bedrooms, 2 baths
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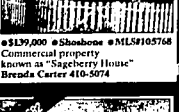
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 •\$174,500 •Buhl •MLS#105808
 •3 bedrooms, 2 baths
 Overlooks private pond with fishing
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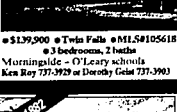
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 •4 bedrooms, 2 baths
 Master suite/soaking tub NF: Twin Falls
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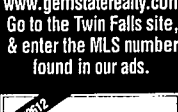
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 •4 bedrooms, 2 baths
 Artesian geothermal water 3.01 acres
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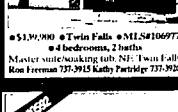
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 Slusher Construction 1948 sq. ft.
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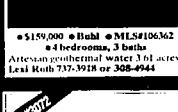
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 •4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
 Woodridge Estates 23M sq. ft.
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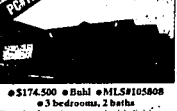
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 •4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
 Pleasant Valley Golf Course
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PC#1602
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 •3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2774 sq. ft.
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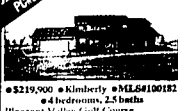
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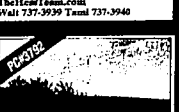
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 Commercial building, excellent cash flow
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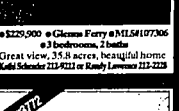
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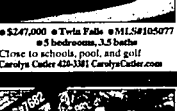
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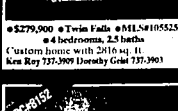
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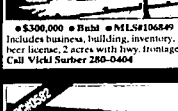
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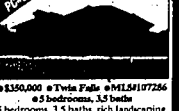
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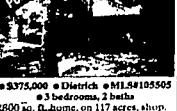
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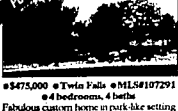
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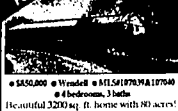
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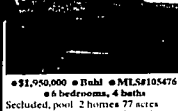
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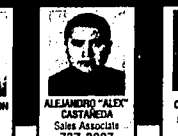
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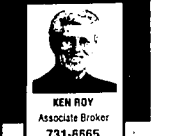
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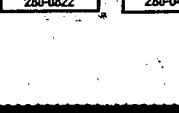
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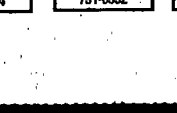
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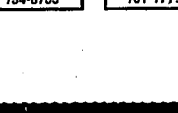
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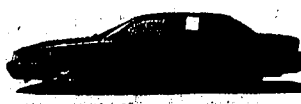
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Section E

Freedom from fireworks would be nice

My favorite day of the year will be here in about two weeks. Bet you can't guess why.

It's because that's about two weeks after the Fourth of July, the day when everybody finally runs out of fireworks.

OK, I admit it. I'm not the life-of-the-party type on Independence Day. But I am a loyal, upstanding, taxpaying citizen of the good old U.S. of A. I even have a son who will be an Eagle Scout next month, for heaven's sake.

I just happen to be scared of fireworks.

The only time I really enjoy a fireworks display is when the fireworks are being shot off by six firefighters, with three paramedics standing by. And even then, I prefer to be watching them from inside a house.

Sometimes I blame my fear of fireworks on my upbringing, having been raised around people who were trained in the you'll-put-your-eye-out school of parenting.

My grandmother used the phrase for BB guns. My mother used it for everything from pencils to lollipops to fireworks. Once, at a picnic, a school teacher told me I could put my eye out running with a fried chicken leg. I thought about that one for a long time and never figured out how it could actually be effectively accomplished.

But that didn't matter. The damage was done. I grew up hating everything that snapped, crackled or popped. I don't even like Rice Krispies.

I remember one Fourth of July, five years ago, spent at my son's Independence Day baseball tournament. My family was staying in a hotel that actually agreed to allow a dozen 12-year-old boys to run loose with matches. The hotel must have had great insurance.

I think the dads were even more thrilled than the boys when we were told that we would be shot off fireworks behind the hotel.

Meanwhile, the boys took special delight in trying to select fireworks that were loud enough to scare my daughter, who was a college student at the time. They needn't have bothered to put forth all that effort. My daughter is a lot like me, only more so. It doesn't take much more than a couple of popping balloons to set her off.

When both kids were little, I tried to keep our home fireworks-free, usually to no avail. The trend has continued through the years.

The day after the Independence Day baseball tournament, I opened the checkbook and saw that my husband had spent \$33.50 on fireworks. Later, I tried to act enthused as my son read the names off the boxes.

"This one is Jade Fountain," he gushed, "and this one is Bumblebee."

Before long, I started to notice that the golden fountain and the jade fountain were the same color - sort of beige - and the cuckoo was nothing more than the chrysanthemum with a new effects.

The whistling Dixie sounded just like the tweeting bird and, by the time we got to the "hen laying an egg," the whole project had laid one.

New I have another reason to hate fireworks.

Of course, my husband and son think all fireworks are magnificent.

Once, I checked out some Internet sites on fireworks, in the hopes that familiarity might banish all fear. I learned that no one knows who invented fireworks.

Some historians think it was the Chinese and others think it was the Arabs. A few attribute the invention to a German magician in the 1300s.

In other words, nobody has ever admitted to being the one who brought fireworks into the world.

Oh well, at least I wasn't born on the Fourth of July. Someone would surely light a sparkler on my birthday cake.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Amusement parks are worth the hunt

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FARMINGTON, Utah — The Pacific Northwest is the black hole of amusement parks.

Sure, you'll find the occasional roller-coaster and the odd Zipper, but they're mostly in traveling carnivals. What's the fun-minded, budget-conscious family to do the rest of the summer?

Get yourself to a destination amusement center like this one. Lagoon, a 45-acre theme-and-water park that was once a Great Salt Lake-side resort (the lake receded and the park was moved 2 1/2 miles inland), is relatively cheap, easy to get to and packed with enough family fun to see you through more than a few vacation days.

Or find yourself in Silverwood, Idaho's only full-blown amusement park — there isn't much competition — which bills itself as having a largest roller-coaster in the Northwest. It's located 15 miles north of Coeur d'Alene, nearly 600 miles from the Magic Valley.

In fact, in the entire Northwest there are only two other complete amusement parks worth the name: Six Flags Enchanted Village in the Seattle suburb of Federal Way and Enchanted Forest in Salem, Ore.

None of the four make the top 50 list of theme-park admissions — it's an industry dominated by Florida, Southern California, Ohio and New Jersey. There are 290 full-service amusement parks in the United States, according to Tim O'Brien Amusement Park Guide.

Still, the locals have their charms. Lagoon, which also features a water park and an on-site restored Old West town, is primarily known for its gut-wrenching rides, such as Cliffhanger, a contraption that spins you head-over-heels and then upside-down over a geyser-like wall of water, and the Samurais, which consists of six radial arms that spin as the entire ride rotates through an oval arc.

Lagoon, which opened in 1886, once featured an open-air dancing pavilion, but by 1893 the surrounding water was replaced by black mud — the result of a prolonged drought. So a developer built a nine-acre lagoon and moved the whole thing inland.

Lagoon added its first ride in 1906, but the resort was long considered primarily a swing-dance mecca, like the Big Band ballrooms of the East Coast. Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and the Glenn Miller Orchestra played the Dance Pavilion during the 1930s and '40s.

The resort burned in 1953, and it was rebuilt as a more familiar-looking modern amusement park.

The 200-acre Silverwood was the brainchild of an inventor and entrepreneur named Gary Norton, who built "The resort" in 1958 around a still-functioning airstrip near the town of Athol, Tremors, the giant roller-coaster that opened soon after, started drawing



Lagoon, a 45-acre theme-and-water amusement park in Farmington, Utah, has 12 major rides and an on-site restored Old West town.

Those fabulous Vegas parks

These fabulous Vegas parks • **Adventure Dome Theme Park** (at Circus Circus) (877) 224-7287 — Includes a looping roller coaster, a splashdown ride and more inside the pink climate-controlled dome behind Circus Circus.

• **In Search of the Obelisk** (at the Luxor) (888) 777-0188 — The same team that produced the "Back to the Future" attractions at the Universal Studios theme parks designed this motion simulator attraction.

• **Manhattan Express** (at New York-New York Hotel & Casino) (702) 740-6969 — The steel coaster snakes around the Statue of Liberty and other NYC landmarks in front of the hotel.

• **Race for Atlantis** (at Caesars Forum

Shops) (702) 733-9000 — It's a 3-D IMAX film combined with a motion simulator (the seats move in synch with the action on the screen).

• **Speed — The Ride** (at the Sahara) (888) 896-2121 — A magnetically powered roller coaster that tears out of the Sahara casino, explodes through its neon sign and roars down the Strip.

• **Star Trek: The Experience** (at the Las Vegas Hilton) (888) 732-7117 — Get transported to the 24th Century in this motion simulator ride, located at the Las Vegas Hilton.

• **Stratosphere Tower** (800) 998-6937 — The High Roller, the Big Shot, and the X Sky rides atop the 900-foot tower.

— Source: Arthur Levine, about.com

crowds from the Spokane, Wash., area 30 miles away.

The wooden roller-coaster, which is constructed both above

and below ground, features a 103-foot drop before plunging through four subterranean tunnels. It travels 60 mph on a 3,000-foot track.

Another ride, The Corkscrew, moved to Silverwood from California's Knott's Berry Farm. The Corkscrew was the first roller coaster in America to transport riders upside-down.

Silverwood's water park, Boulder Beach, will open for the first time this coming Friday.

There are full-service RV parks and campgrounds on the properties of both Lagoon and Silverwood. At Lagoon, full RV hook-ups are \$28 a night; tent space is \$20. Both fill up quickly, so reservations are recommended — and they can only be made Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon by phoning (800) 748-5245, Ext. 3101.

Full RV hook-ups at Silverwood

Top 25 theme parks (by attendance)

1. Disney World Magic Kingdom, Orlando, Fla.
2. Tokyo Disneyland
3. Disneyland Park, Anaheim, Calif.
4. Tokyo DisneySea
5. Disneyland Paris
6. Epcot, Orlando, Fla.
7. Disney MGM Studios, Orlando, Fla.
8. Universal Studios Japan, Tokyo
9. Animal Kingdom, Orlando, Fla.
10. Universal Studios Florida, Orlando
11. Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Blackpool, United Kingdom
12. Islands of Adventure, Orlando, Fla.
13. Universal Studios Hollywood, Universal City, Calif.
14. SeaWorld Orlando, Orlando, Fla.
15. Disney's California Adventure, Anaheim, Calif.
16. Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Tampa, Fla.
17. SeaWorld San Diego
18. Tivoli Gardens, Copenhagen, Denmark
19. Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif.
20. Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio
21. Six Flags Great Escape, Jackson, N.J.
22. Port Aventura, Costa Daurada, Spain
23. Kings Island, Mason, Ohio
24. Six Flags Magic Mountain, Valencia, Calif.
25. Gardaland, Castelnuovo, Italy

— Source: themeparkinsider.com

are \$21, and can be reserved by phoning (208) 683-3100, Ext. 199.

Lagoon

Farmington, Utah (800) 748-5245

• **Location:** 17 miles north of Salt Lake City and 17 miles south of Ogden, Utah, off Interstate 15, 202 miles from Twin Falls

• **Season:** Early April through early November

• **Hours:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays

• **Admission prices:** Admission is to some extent regulated by height. Regular: \$1 inches to 64 years of age, \$30.95 (includes rides, Lagoon A Beach, Midway, Pioneer Village, picnic areas and daily entertainment). Kidzergarten ages 4 to 50 inches, ages under \$25.95 (includes rides, Lagoon A Beach, Midway, Pioneer Village, picnic areas and daily entertainment). Toddler 3 years of age and under, \$16 (includes rides, Lagoon A Beach, Midway, Pioneer Village, picnic areas and daily entertainment). Senior citizen 65 years of age and over, \$18.50 (includes rides, Lagoon A Beach, Midway, Pioneer Village, picnic areas and daily entertainment).

• **Vehicle parking:** \$6 Over-sized, RV, Car-trailer, \$9.

• **Attractions:** Lagoon has 12 major rides, including Cliffhanger, Samurais, The Rocket, Wildmuders, Rattlesnake, Fire Dragon, White Rollercoaster, Turn of the Century, Merry-Go-Round, Centennial

Please see RIDE, Page E6

Try these ideas to brighten someone's day today

How to be a Daymaker

For your partner

- Write a love letter and send it in the mail. For a twist, give it to someone traveling and have them send it from out of town.
- Offer to take over something your partner usually does (like cooking dinner) when you know they are too tired.

For your children

- Create an herb garden together.
- Frame their artwork and hang it in your home and office.

Etc...

- Write them a letter on their birthday. Put it in a safe place and give it to them when they turn 18.

For your grandchildren

- Telephone your grandchild regularly, and let them know you are calling especially to talk to them.
- If you live far away, videotape yourself reading them a bedtime story.

For a stranger

- Put a quarter in a gumball machine and walk away.
- Buy a bike for your local child's shelter.
- Buy gift certificates to an ice cream shop and give them out on a hot day.
- For a coworker:
 - Pick up lunch for someone you know is swamped.
 - Drive someone home you know could use a ride.
 - Bring in a massage therapist to do chair massages.

For yourself

- Be an optimist today. Look on

the bright side of everything that comes your way. Repeat it tomorrow.

• Make your home a spa, with your favorite soothing music, scented candles, bath salts/foils, calming tea and your favorite robe. Unplug the phone, put the kids to sleep and enjoy two hours of bliss.

• Call someone just to say, "I love you and I'm glad you are in my life."

For more suggestions, see www.daymaker.net

— Sources:

David Wagner, author of "Life as a Daymaker," Seattle Times

Dog story contest

Could you write doggerel about your dog? Poems to your pooch? Sonnets to your spaniel? Here's your chance. The Times-News will sponsor a writing contest for readers about mutts. Make it prose or poetry, but the limit is 500 words.

We'll take the best and publish them in the Family Life section on Sunday, July 6. Entry deadline is Tuesday. The winner gets a copy of "Chicken Soup for the Dog and Cat Owner's Soul," co-authored by former Twin Falls veterinarian Mary Becker. Send entries to Dog Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, e-mail them to steven.crump@tn.com or fax them to (208) 734-5538.

One entry per person, please, and entries cannot have been published previously elsewhere.

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Menus
Monday: Chicken patty, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, dessert, bread.
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, vegetables, cookies, fruit, french bread.
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit salad, bread, dessert.
Thursday: Summer picnic - fried chicken and salads.
Friday: Closed for Fourth of July

Activities
Monday: Quilting
Tuesday: Blood-pressure checks, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Quilting
Thursday: Filks Card Club
Friday: Birthday dinner
Saturday: Pinchle, 1 p.m.
Sunday: Closed for Fourth of July

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St. Buhl.

Menus
Today: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread pudding.
Monday: Cook's Choice
Tuesday: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, salad, vegetable, dessert
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Kwanis fish fry, center closed.
Friday: Kwanis pancake breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m.

Activities
Thrift shop open every day
Monday: Buffet at 1 p.m. (\$4 for seniors; \$4.70 for under-60s)
Tuesday: Exercise from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Friday: Food Clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (cost is \$5)
Saturday: Closed for Fourth of July

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer

Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal time.

Menus
Tuesday: Chicken salad
Thursday: Shredded ham

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly

Menus
Monday: Weiners and sauerkraut, potatoes, carrot and pineapple salad, bread and butter, apricots, cookie, coffee, milk and tea.
Wednesday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, rolls and butter, cake and ice cream, coffee, milk and tea.
Friday: Closed for Independence Day.

Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Dominoes at 1 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

Menus
Monday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, peas, coleslaw, french bread, mixed fruit.
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, cake.
Wednesday: New England boiled dinner, potatoes, carrots, pears and cottage cheese, bread.

Activities
Monday: Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool at 9 a.m.
Thursday: Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Friday: Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday: Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.

Menus
Monday: Chicken patty, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, dessert, bread.
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, vegetables, cookies, fruit, french bread.
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit salad, bread, dessert.
Thursday: Summer picnic - fried chicken and salads.
Friday: Closed for Fourth of July

Activities
Monday: Quilting
Tuesday: Blood-pressure checks, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Quilting
Thursday: Filks Card Club
Friday: Birthday dinner
Saturday: Pinchle, 1 p.m.
Sunday: Closed for Fourth of July

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1010 Main St. Buhl.

Menus
Today: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread pudding.
Monday: Cook's Choice
Tuesday: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, salad, vegetable, dessert
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Kwanis fish fry, center closed.
Friday: Kwanis pancake breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m.

Activities
Thrift shop open every day
Monday: Buffet at 1 p.m. (\$4 for seniors; \$4.70 for under-60s)
Tuesday: Exercise from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
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Friday: Closed for Independence Day.

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Tuesday: Bingo at 7 p.m.
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Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday: Closed

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Menus
Monday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, peas, coleslaw, french bread, mixed fruit.
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, cake.
Wednesday: New England boiled dinner, potatoes, carrots, pears and cottage cheese, bread.

gested donation for seniors \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Menus
Monday: Ham sandwich, fresh vegetables, three-bean salad, Jell-O dessert
Wednesday: Not available
Friday: Closed

Activities
Thrift store open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.

Menus
Tuesday: Southern fried chicken, macaroni salad, English peas, sliced tomatoes with cottage cheese, biscuit, chess pie squares
Wednesday: Cheese ravioli with garlic and marinara cheese sauce, cucumber in sour cream, Italian vegetables, Philippine fruit salad, frozen raspberry yogurt, garlic bread
Friday: Closed

Activities
Monday: Wal-Mart trip at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: Bingo at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.

Menus
Monday: Assorted salad, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, biscuit, dessert.
Tuesday: Fruit salad, chicken fricassee, rice, muffin, apple pie.
Wednesday: Broccoli salad, barbeque on a bun, fries, corn, rice pudding.
Thursday: Oriental salad, sweet and sour pork, fried rice, oriental vegetables, muffins, ice cream.
Friday: Closed for Fourth of July

Activities
Center gift shop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Blood pressure taken from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riddleys at 436-1200

Menus
Monday: Pineapple from 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwindeman at 4
Friday: Closed

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland, Burley

All diners are served at noon.

Menus
Monday: Italian meatballs, pasta with sauce, french bread, corn, peaches and cream.
Tuesday: Spanish rice, corn and beans, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit cup.
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with milk gravy, pea, fried Jell-O, rainbow cake.
Thursday: Cold cuts, potato salad, tossed salad, pickles and olives, watermelon.
Friday: Closed for the Fourth of July

Activities
Monday: Pool at 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: Computer class at 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool at 10 a.m.
Friday: Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Saturday: Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Sunday: Pool at 10 a.m.
Monday: Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool at 10 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Friday: Closed for Fourth of July

New techniques for keeping pets safe and sane over the 4th of July

While the human family is oohing and aahing over fireworks, many family pets are frightened out of their wits and spend this time of year under the bed, in the basement, covering, shaking, drooling and seeking safety and comfort even if it means running through a plate glass window to find it.

Dogs' senses are much more acute than ours. They hear, smell and sense things only imaginable to humans. Because their hearing is more sensitive at both ends of the spectrum, a benign beetle rattle to us may seem like the first salvo of Armageddon to them. There are also strange smells of gunpowder, objects streaking across the sky, blinding flashes of light and darting children, all of which can trigger a flight or flight response.

Such sheer terror keeps veterinary emergency rooms across the country very busy. During this holiday, many veterinarians will see cases of traumatic fireworks injuries, injuries from pets running through windows, escaping from the house or yard and being hit by cars, not to mention diarrhea and colitis from severe stress.

"Leave your dog at home when you go to the fireworks display," said Suzanne Hettis, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist in Littleton, Colo., (www.animalbehaviorassociates.com). "Dogs do not enjoy fireworks, and you run the significant risk of your dog developing a severe noise phobia that will make summertime unpleasant for you both in the future."

"Keep your dog inside more in the days preceding the fourth," Hettis continues. "Sounds from fireworks are much more intense when the dog is outside as compared to inside. Keeping him in will not only offer some degree of dampening of the loudness, but he will have more places to hide inside than outside. Lastly, should he become panicked enough to try to escape, he won't be able to get out of the yard if he's inside."

"Phobias don't get better with age," said Amy D. Shojat, author of "Complete Care For Your Aging Dog." "A combination approach works best. I like the new plug-in device D.A.P. (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) that fills the air with a calming scent to take the edge off doggy fear. At the same time, give the dog a job to do during the fireworks like retrieving a tennis ball, practicing heel or gnawing on a rubber toy."

Although we try to comfort our pets, Dr. Rolan Tripp, a veterinary behaviorist and adjunct professor



THE BOND
Marty Becker

at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine said, "Don't reward the fear." What has a calming effect is for them to see that you aren't freaking out. If you remain calm and don't baby them, they'll be closer to learning how to handle loud noises.

"For some dogs, whatever their owners try to do for them on July the fourth to curtail their misery just doesn't work," said Dr. Nicholas Dodman of Tufts University and author of "If Only They Could Speak." "For those poor, sensitive creatures, medical treatment, including oral administration of the neurohormone, melatonin, often provides much needed relief."

Dr. Linda Aronson of PetShrink in Norfolk, Mass., said that melatonin works for about 80 percent of her patients and can turn their fears into acceptance or indifference in 10 to 15 minutes. Aronson said that melatonin is safe to use as long as necessary as there appears to be no habituation.

"The dose for dogs is 1 milligram for dogs under 10 pounds, 1.5 milligrams for dogs 10.25 pounds, 3 milligrams for dogs weighing 25-100 pounds and whereas 3 milligrams is often enough for dogs over 100 pounds, you can give them up to 6 milligrams," Aronson said.

Aronson cautions people to use plain melatonin tablets not sublingual, time release or capsule forms. Dodman cautions that while melatonin is available over-the-counter at pharmacies and health food stores everywhere, you should always consult your veterinarian for the best dose and timing.

Some dogs do well with melatonin in their system before the noises begin. The experts advise giving the first dose at least 30 minutes before you expect fireworks to begin. Aronson said you can give up to three doses a day, so if you live in a very unpredictable neighborhood, you can give it to your pets when you get up and repeat as necessary.

Unlike people on melatonin, most dogs don't sleep. A technique called progressive desensitization can help noise phobias. However, it may be too late to begin to desensitize him before the fourth of July this year.

Got game?

Car trips will be a lot more pleasant if you do

By Maja Beckstrom
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Parents with DVD players are all set for their long road trips with children. But what if you don't have one? Or the movie ends and you've still got 500 miles to go? Here are summer travel tips from parents and grandparents in the pre-digital era on how to keep your kids amused and your sanity intact when they ask, "Are we there yet?"

Long before movies, there were books. You can check out books on tape from your library. Don't forget extra batteries and headphones. Or you could make your own, like Carol Lenke, a longtime teacher from West St. Paul, who read picture books into a tape recorder before a trip. Her children would read along to the tape in the car. A xylophone marked the page turns.

Lori Macdonald of Vadnais Heights, Minn., filled two spiral notebooks with magazine images of things they were likely to see on their drive to Mount Rushmore: animals, road signs, trains, barns and construction equipment. When they saw the real deal out the window, her two boys, ages 3 and 5, would check it off. A few blank pages at the end and some crayons let them draw other things they saw, including a blimp.

They had a blast, Macdonald reports. "It was fun, easy and inexpensive."

For older kids, try travel bingo. Either make or buy bingo cards picturing what you'll see along the way and slap a marker on the square when you see it.

Many parents, including Jill Denker of Vadnais Heights, swear by surprise treats. Denker pulls out a goodie-bag of toys, puzzles and snacks during the final two hours of the trip. Alternatively, wrap items individ-

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ually and dole them out every 100 miles. They need not be elaborate. The key is novelty. A roll of tape can keep a pre-schooler occupied for miles. Other winners are a mini-Erth A Sketch, Matchbox cars, little books of crossword puzzles and other brain teasers, pads of paper, colored pencils and comic books.

Then there is food. In her book "Trouble Free Travel With Children," author Vicki Lansky suggests tying a bagel by a string to a toddler's car seat. Donna Allgood of Roseville, Minn., entertained her two children by filling each compartment of a plastic 31-ounce pill dispenser with snacks: dried fruit, popcorn, pretzels, M&Ms, cheerios, raisins, small licorice pieces, etc. Make it a game and let them open a compartment and guess the contents. A roll of tape can keep a pre-schooler occupied for miles.

Eat meals in the car to pass the time, and pass out or lullaby time for the rest of the trip. For drinks, use cups with lids so you don't have to worry about spills, or freeze juice boxes and use them to chill the cooler.

Of course, trips lend themselves to all sorts of geography games. Give each child a United States map. (Houghton Mifflin Education Place has maps you can print at www.eduplace.com/maps/.) Color the state with crayons when you see its license plate. Make a goal of coloring the whole map by the end

Hettis said. Make a commitment to work with a behaviorist as soon as fireworks season is over so you'll be prepared for next year.

Designate a safe place on holiday, while we enjoy our parades, picnics and fireworks, remember to protect your beloved four-legged family member. After all, since it's his job to protect and serve you the other 364, the least we can do is return the favor.

OPTIONS

Other things you can do include:

- Progressive desensitization — A proven way to help your pet is to expose it to commercial recordings of thunderstorms or fireworks and play them at increasing volume. Designate a safe place on your house and play the recordings at low volume — recognizing how acute their hearing is — and give praise and reassurance. As the volume and duration increases during subsequent sessions, give them tasty treats so they have the expectation of a repeat treat. Initially play the recording for five minutes, then leave it during daily activities as "normal" background noise.

- Mimic mommy — Mother dogs control and comfort their young by putting pressure on the bridge of their nose. Dogs can learn to mimic this by using a special head collar called a Gentle Leader. It fits around the neck like a band, going around the nose and behind the ears.

- Throw a slumber party — Remember when you were little and became afraid at night? To protect yourself you pulled the covers over your head and hid. You can work for pets. In times of trouble, dogs head for small, enclosed places. Myra Milani, DVM, a veterinarian and author of "DogSmart," says that by undraping a sleeping bag near your pet's favorite lounging spot so that they can burrow inside and hide.

- Give medications — For dogs that suffer panic attacks, anti-anxiety medication is almost always necessary, said Wayne Henthhausen, DVM, of Animal Behavior Consultations in Westwood, Kan. Veterinarians also use herbal sedatives, acupuncture and massage.

Dr. Marty Becker appears frequently on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and now on two nationally syndicated radio programs, "Pets Unleashed" a two hour live talk program and a two minute vignette, "The Pet Update" on the national news network, Talk OZ. Write to him in care of: Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, DC 20045.

of the trip or the end of summer. Another family makes trip albums on the go. Paste a photograph of a map in your car's empty glove compartment in a permanent marker. Add postcards, cut-up brochures and snapshots of the sights. Take turns writing descriptions of what you see.

If you didn't plan ahead, it's worth having a few old-fashioned word games up your sleeve that require neither props nor forethought. Rosie Barber of Hudson, Wis., played an alphabet guessing game with her children and grandchildren. Someone starts by thinking of an item you can buy at a store and giving a hint by saying, "My father works at a grocery store, and he sells something that begins with the letter 'A.'" Take turns guessing items that begin with that letter until someone guesses correctly. The older children, try Geography. Someone starts by naming a place, such as Afghanistan, and the next person has to think of a place that starts with that word's last letter, such as Nigeria.

Forgot the rules to your favorite childhood car games? No problem. Live and Learn, which sells educational games for older children, has a page of rules for such games as Twenty Questions, the Alphabet Memory Game and Cemetery at www.liveandlearn.com/cargame.html.

Finally, there is bribery. On a particularly windy leg of the journey through Florida, Lemke once offered each child a nickel for every 15 minutes of silence. Barber does the same in reverse. She gives each child a roll of coins at the start of the trip. Each time they ask, "Are we there yet?" they have to turn one in.

It's surprising how they think before asking," Barber reports. "They really have to give up any coins."

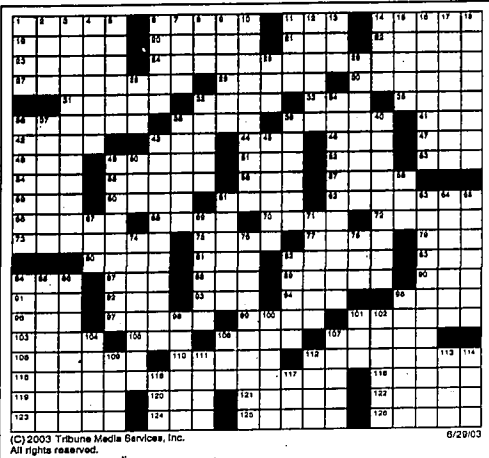
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By Robert H. Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Son tells bingo-addicted mom that her number is up

DEAR ABBY: My mother has a gambling problem. She plays bingo every night. She even has a lower-paying part-time job to devote more time to the game. She's close to retirement and has already gone through her life savings. She now lives off my deceased father's small pension.

I am the oldest of Mom's three sons. She routinely calls each of us to complain that she can't pay her bills. We give her what we can, but it has started causing problems between our spouses and us. We all work hard to support our families. Mother refuses to see how much trouble she's causing everyone.

We have tried talking to her about the gambling. She claims bingo is the only thing in life she enjoys and doesn't think she should have to give it up. What's the solution?

—STRESSED-OUT SON IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: As with any addiction, your mother cannot be helped unless she admits she has a problem. Under no circumstances should any of you accommodate her requests for money. Encourage her to contact Gamblers Anonymous, P.O. Box 17173, Los Angeles, CA 90017, or call (213) 386-8789. The Web site is www.gamblersanonymous.org.

An alternative would be the National Council on Problem Gambling, a nonprofit organization. It refers gamblers to qualified mental health professionals who have been trained to work with gamblers and their families. The hotline number is 1-800-522-4700; the Web site is www.ncpgambling.org.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, Universal Press Syndicate, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

The next time your mother asks for money, tell her only if it pays for her therapy.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with my boyfriend, "Bobby," for almost two years. We moved in one month. Bobby and I love each other, and I think we belong together, but it doesn't take much for one of us to get mad at the other.

When it happens, it turns into a screaming match. On more than one occasion, one of us will pack our bags and threaten to move out. At that point, we usually stop and try to talk things out — but nothing is ever truly resolved.

I now have an opportunity to move in with a girlfriend who is renting a house nearby. I have to give her an answer ASAP or she'll find another room. I think my relationship with Bobby might survive if we take a break from living together and date others. It would give us a chance to

miss each other. Bobby disagrees. He says if I move out, it's over. The truth is, I believe we will eventually break up whether I move out now or stay a little longer. Either way, I lose. Please help me make the right choice.

TIED OF THE TENSION ON THE FLORIDA COAST

DEAR TIED: Listen to your intuition and move in with your girlfriend. That little voice is telling you your relationship with Bobby is winding down, not moving forward. Trust me, this is the right choice.

—GIVES A TOOT IN POINT ARENA, CALIF.

DEAR GIVES A TOOT: I agree that a whistle can be handy to have in an emergency. However, I do not think that one should be placed around the neck of a small child. It's too easy for the cord to become tangled in something and cause a choking accident. Better to attach it to a keychain and attach the keychain to a belt loop.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Stubborn misbehavior requires stubborn love and discipline

The following are some things I've been thinking about lately, thought perhaps you might want to think about them, too.

If you truly respect a child, you expect a lot of the child. Respecting and expecting go hand-in-hand. Consider that, since the 1960s, America's parents and America's schools have expected less and less of children as they praised and rewarded them more and more and still more. That explains, I think, why so many of today's kids have an abundance of self-esteem and very little self-respect.

Being stubborn and strong-willed comes naturally to children. They are born to it. Stubborn misbehavior requires stubborn love and stubborn discipline. Today's parents need to ask themselves, "Is my discipline of my child as stubborn — as reliable, as trustworthy, as consistent, as unconditional — as my love?"

Be honest now. A fellow recent reader wrote that disciplining a child is a lot like training a dog. I responded politely, but in fact, I don't agree at all. A dog comes into the world wanting to please. A child comes into the world wanting to be pleased.

As Ken Blanchard, author of "The One Minute Manager" and "Servant Leadership," has said a



PARENTING
John Rosemond

child is born with a "selfish heart."

A dog comes into the world wanting to obey. A child comes into the world wanting to be obeyed. I could go on, but these differences should suffice to clear up any confusion.

When I was growing up in the '50s, what I call "high self-esteem behavior" — seeking attention, bragging, being sarcastic to adults and so on — was not tolerated in children. When you let yourself get carried away with the very natural and unattractive tendency to esteem yourself highly, your parents snatched their fingers and warned, "You're getting too big for your britches."

Are definitions of humility and modesty still included in contemporary dictionaries?

The most relevant and therefore the best parents are those who take child-rearing very seriously, but take the dramatic things children are inclined to do and say with a grain of salt.

In the 1960s, the old-as-the-hill notion that every person was wary of unconditional positive regard by every other person was quickly twisted into the very non-vague notion that just about anything anyone does is perfectly OK.

Human beings love to make choices. Unfortunately, they absolutely hate to be held accountable for the choices they make. The difference between parenting now and parenting 50 years ago is not that so many of today's moms work outside the home. My mom, a single parent for most of the first seven years of my life, worked outside the home. A good number of my friends' moms worked outside the home.

The difference between the working mom of today and the working mom of the '50s is that the latter did not come home feeling guilty. She came home tired, and with responsibility still on her shoulders, and she insisted that her children respect that, which we did.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 26B, Indianapolis, IN 46240 and at <http://www.jrosemmond.com>.

The sky is a time machine

One of the real "wow" factors of astronomy is the fact that the universe we see is actually a vision of the past. While the speed of light is breathtakingly fast (186,282 miles per second), the distances between celestial bodies are so large that light takes a long time to traverse them.

We see the Sun as it was eight minutes ago, and Saturn (the most distant naked eye planet) as it was about an hour and a half ago. The nearest star, light is only a few years old, while the most distant naked eye stars, images are millions of years old.

Could these stars have burned out since their light departed them? While it's possible in principle, a few thousands years is much less than a star's life span, so none of the stars we see are likely "ghosts" just yet.

The most distant naked eye object is the Andromeda Galaxy, currently in the pre-dawn sky. At 2.5 million light years, we see the light it emitted before our ape-like ancestors had learned to make stone tools or fire.

Powerful telescopes can now



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

glimpse galaxies, light that has been in transit for 13 billion years, from a time long, long before the Sun had even begun to shine.

In a sense, we can look into the future as well. Stars evolve so slowly that the only way to understand the process is to study many different stars in the hopes of catching them at different phases of their evolution. It's a bit like trying to understand human aging by studying a crowded stadium at a sporting event. If you looked at enough individuals from infants to the elderly, you'd eventually be able to infer something about how we grow old.

If we want to see Earth's future, we need only direct our attention toward other Sun-like stars. Like them, the Sun could — five billion years hence — puff off its outer lay-

Sky Calendar (through Saturday)

Planets
One hour before sunrise:
Mars: S
One hour after sunset:
Jupiter: WNW, very low

Moon
New moon today, 12:39 p.m. Near Jupiter Wednesday evening.

Other data
Earth at aphelion (farthest point from Sun) Friday, 12:00 a.m., 94,500,600 miles

ers, engulfing the Earth. Perhaps distant alien astronomers will someday see it as a favorite glowing nebula in their telescopes.

Next week: Observing at high altitudes

Chris Anderson is the planetarium production specialist at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Write to him at caanderson@csi.edu.

Speak your mind, Pisces; show your hand

IF JUNE 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... the new moon in your sign today indicates big changes in store. The paper has to be paid; unexpected and challenging situations will be faced, and you will become stronger. You have leadership qualities and are an ideas person. Others find you difficult as you have a tough veneer; inside, though, you're a softy. August travel, romance in October. A problem regarding marriage is solved, or marriage is entered into if single.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): The new moon today brings the unforeseen. Expect a change of plans or cancellations. Your signature today carries long-term effects. A neighbor or acquaintance has a pleasant surprise.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): You may have to reorganize your travel plans. Close relatives need your attention. You cannot swim against the tide. Use your artistic abilities to further your career.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Mercury, entering your house of money could cause a drain on your purse. A potential real estate deal is developing. Make the most of the

Horoscope

Jeraldine Saunders

next five days as romantic Venus is supportive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today's new moon in your sign and Mercury, the messenger, also entering your sign, bring dramatic changes in outlook and put a problem regarding marriage under scrutiny. Keyword is patience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Unseen forces could play tricks early this week. A legal situation has to be sorted out and could prove to be a storm in a teacup. Friends help to win others over. Use insight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your public persona comes under scrutiny. Events will unfold that bring opportunities to help break new ground. Remain flexible. A newcomer seeks your friendship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Career, commitments or lifestyle comes under attack. You may have to make last-minute changes. The new moon invites you to be resourceful. Mars and Uranus suggest taking the line

of least resistance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be planning a long-distance trip involving children, foreign countries and even ancient sites. A new romance is a possibility, or you meet someone who is on your wavelength.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Problems on the home front should be solved during the next few days. Avoid jeopardizing your chances by being too outspoken. Someone becomes distant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The new moon in your opposite sign signals that it's time to let partners know how you feel. Your dislike of taking risks helps you sidestep problems. Your cash flow is easing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money is running through your fingers. Your fears regarding work should dissolve as you see which way the cookie is crumbling. Avoid new ideas that you may later regret. Leo is supportive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Your intuition and sixth sense ferret out others' motives. Uranus and Mars in your sign in a harmonious pattern invite you to speak your mind and show your hand without fear.

Women pregnant with boys tend to eat more

Women pregnant with boys tend to eat about 10 percent more calories a day than those carrying girls, but don't gain more weight, new research indicates.

A study published in the British Medical Journal appears to explain — at least in part — why newborn boys are heavier than girls and suggests that signals between the fetus and the mother drive the appetite during pregnancy.

The shelf

Lewis and Nancy Hill learned about flower gardening by experimenting — and sometimes by making mistakes. Now other gardeners can learn from the Vermont couple's experience through their new book, "The Flower Gardener's Bible." The book provides a solid introduction to flower gardening, and it's sprinkled with lists and charts that guide gardeners such challenges as choosing good flowers for cutting, combining plants for a succession of blooms and choosing plants that will

thrive in their soil. Among the book's most useful features is a calendar that tells gardeners what maintenance tasks need to be done and when. The book also contains designs for 25 theme gardens, including information on how to care for the gardens over the years, as well as an encyclopedia with specifics on more than 100 flowering plants. "The Flower Gardener's Bible" is published by Storey Books and is priced at \$27.50 in paperback and \$37.50 in hardcover.

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HARRISON MEDALISTS



Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls announced its 50 in a Minute Math Medalists for the fourth quarter. Kindergartners are, from left, back row: Shaune Mortenson, Nichole Picard, Lacey Teske, Jaamine Thompson, Cassanule Vitale, Riley Shinde, Kody Calhoun and Austin Morales; middle row: Tiffany Toombs, Brooke Behunin, Casey Lane, Cynthia Marmolejo, Casey Campbell and Russell Dalton; front row: Jesse Garcia, Mychal Martinez, Derek Maxwell, Allie Wilson, Sara Ballard, Sydnee Pollard and Rylee Smullin. Not pictured is Anthony VanRyne.



First-grade medalists are, from left, back row: Yazmin Adam, Sydnee Dayley, Mystyc Graf, Robbie Kelly, Blake Maughan, Jaden Peterson, Drayke Cross, Logan Craner and Devin Duffy; third row: Colt Moon, Austin Waddoups, Pooyan Seddigh, Devon Anderson, Brock Potter, Dacia Baker, Alec Koepnick and Chelsea Mansfield; second row: Fahira Kremic, Kade Lindback, Natasha Owens, Abraham Ramirez, Breanna Brownlee, Alanya Jones, Lance Teske, Almira Colic and Uriel Arroyo; front row: Halle Gentry, Lexy Navarrete, Brandon Nelson, Lexxis Terry and Taryn Skahill.



Second-grade medalists are, from left, back row: Truman Whitney, Cody Hendricks, Dustin Brannon, Sabre Steams, Bailey Nielsen, L.J. Metcalf, Josh Hansen, Tonya Alaniz and Austin Gardner; middle row: Isamel Andrade, David Martinez, Whitney Adams, Ashton Gould, Deshae Galindo, Trae Blaph, Sara Basham, Emilee Butcher and Chelsea Bonnet; front row: Makenzil Baker, Anastasia King, Arjan Predojevic and Nikolina Marcell. Not pictured is Broke Dudley.



Third-grade medalists are, from left, back row: Alexis Bowler, Andrew Maslin, Anthony Allred, Bryanna Morales, Dylan Aufferhelde, Daniel Huey, Nicholas Kytie and Igor Joellio; front row: Michael Chapple, Alexis Crawford, Benjamin Etcheverry, Ashley Hollister, Korl Nelwith, Conner Stubbelfield and Jameson Brown.



Fourth-grade medalists are, from left, back row: Marina Flores, Robert Harrington, Braydon Cook, Kelsey Johnson, Mercedes Benavides, Kayla Hoffman and Korde Mangum; front row: Garret Alger, Herendira Arroyo, Elizabeth Attebury, Lisa Garibaldi, Kory Campbell, Matthew Hewitt, Darian Cantu and Christopher Hewitt. Not pictured is J.D. Nagel.



Sixth-grade medalists are, from left, back row: Joshua Mullins, Joseica Wilkinson, Sejdalla Saracevic, Cheyenne Davis, Tony Sanchez and Zalm Cabric; middle row: Eva Cox, Travis Hamby, Lindsay Henderson, Ashley Glegarich and Casey Haynes; front row: Ian Birch and Braden Casperson.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ramon Sandoval Lugo, son of Elena Lugo of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, June 7, 2003.

Jordyn Lee Powell, son of Heather Illene Louise Pilkington of Hagerman, was born Monday, June 9, 2003.

Dodge Asher Grover, son of Kimberly Star and Austin John Grover of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, June 17, 2003.

Anastasia Dawn Pierson, daughter of Dusti Dawn and Karl Wallace Pierson of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, June 18, 2003.

Juan Pedro Magana Quintero, son of Bertha and Elias Magana Cuevas of Burley, was born Wednesday, June 18, 2003.

Brogan Ray Leckleny, son of Deseria Ann and Andrew Ray Leckleny of Twin Falls, was born Friday, June 20, 2003.

Cooper Timothy Bingham, son of Christine Michelle and Ronald Lou Bingham Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Friday, June 20, 2003.

Travis Jay Folks, son of Jennifer Michelle and David Ray Folks of Kimberly, was born Friday, June 20, 2003.

Jaykob Raymond Gaoquette, son of Tammy Kay and Raymond David Gaoquette of Hansen, was born Saturday, June 21, 2003.

Brynden John Burnham, son of Paige and Elmer Lynn Burnham

To announce a birth
Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

Melissa Morgan
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
More information?
Call Melissa at 735-3278

of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, June 21, 2003.

Alliah Nikole Teller, daughter of Nancy and Daniel Teller of Jerome, was born Monday, June 23, 2003.

Travis Lee Wells, son of Genaura Kay and Todd Eugene Wells of Caldwell, was born Monday, June 23, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Sydney Neena Terry, daughter of Becky and Travis Terry of Heyburn, was born Monday, May 26, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Daniel Vargas Ranzel, son of Maria Del Carmen Ranzel Vargas and Florentina Vargas Garcia of Ketchum, was born Friday, June

6, 2003.

Austreberto Vargas, son of Maria Vargas Juarez and Geravacio Vargas Hurtado of Hailey, was born Saturday, June 7, 2003.

Jacob Wyatt Drummond, son of Brett and Kimberly Drummond of Hailey, was born Saturday, June 7, 2003.

Aydee Vilchez, daughter of Rosa Mercedes Coronado and Jenni Vilchez of Sun Valley, was born Monday, June 9, 2003.

Jordan Chance Todd, son of Jessica Pettit and Travis Todd of Challis, was born Monday, June 9, 2003.

Kal Austin Irvine, son of Frank and Nicola Irvine of Hailey, was born Tuesday, June 10, 2003.

Bryan Percy Meza, son of Percy and Meri Meza of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, June 10, 2003.

Jose Antonio Hernandez, son of Jose and Martha Hernandez of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, June 11, 2003.

Lily Ann Hogan, daughter of Gregory Hogan and Heidi Bates of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, June 11, 2003.

Rozalija Pauline Jurvich, daughter of Peter and Pamela Jurvich of Hailey, was born Thursday, June 12, 2003.

Alexis Darciann Robertson, daughter of Michael and Blair Robertson of Hailey, was born Monday, June 16, 2003.

Local artist reigns as grand marshal

WENDELL - Grand Marshal Emma Coleman of Wendell led the recent Dairy Days Parade in an elegant white buggy drawn by a horse owned and driven by Harold Ruby.

Coleman was born south of Wendell in 1916. Her parents, Manuel and Grace Porter settled there after coming from the Salt Lake Valley in 1915. Her grandfather, James Allison owned the Wendell Planning Mill during the 1920s.

Cole is an artist, instructor and one of the foremost painters of Western art in the Magic Valley, specializing in Idaho scenery, local farm and ranch scenes, working cowboys, historical scenes and Berals, reported her daughter, Irene Rounsefell of Wendell.

Coleman has had a life-long interest in art. She is a member of the Sage Brush Art Guild, and studied under Lee K. Parkinson of Ogden, Utah; Larry Milligan of Obsidian, Idaho; and Olaf Moller of Heyburn.

She has been a leader in creating interest in aspiring artists in the field of painting, and instilling creativity and originality, Rounsefell reported.

In addition to Rounsefell, Cole is the mother of two sons, Leo and Rick Coleman, and has eight grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Emma Coleman reigned as Wendell Dairy Days grand marshal.

Photo courtesy of ELISE ROUNSEFELL



EARLY LESSONS



Chris Harrison and Preston Arthur show lambs to children from the Mini-Casita Head Start at the Minico High School's Future Farmers of America-sponsored agricultural expo held at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. The FFA invited students from area grade schools and preschools to learn about various aspects of agriculture, including planting and animals.

TRENA TELLA / The Times-News

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Filer class of 1953 holds reunion next month

FILER - The Filer High School class of 1953 will hold its 50th reunion at 4 p.m. July 12 at El Sombrero Restaurant, 143 West Main St. in Jerome.

The committee is still looking for addresses for Roy Andrews, Sharon Bennett, Clifford Hill, Carol Malone, Don Robinson, Donna Rose Sears, Vera Waters and Melvin Willis.

For more information, call Barbara Prough Stein at 324-4807.

Kimberly School District destroys inactive records

KIMBERLY - Kimberly School District is required to keep special education records for five years after a child leaves the program.

Records prior to the 1997-1998 school year are no longer needed, and will be destroyed unless the parent requests in writing that they not be destroyed.

These records may be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes in the future.

All inactive special education records will be destroyed on Aug. 10.

For more information, call the district at 423-4179 or write to the Special Services Department, 141 Center St. W., Kimberly, ID 83341.

Twin Falls man celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Francis Rider will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday at his home 1605 Grandview North, Apartment 38.

Rider was born July 1, 1923, in Gettysburg, Penn. He served in World War II with the 8th Air Force. He has spent the last 40 years in Twin Falls working for Cain's and Furniture Outlet.

The event is hosted by his chil-

dren, Lynn (Garth) Osterhout of Burley and Roxie (Richard) King of Portland, Ore.

No gifts please.

Twin Falls man celebrates 97th birthday with event

TWIN FALLS - Raymond Hatcher of Twin Falls will celebrate his 97th birthday with an

open house from 2-4 p.m. July 6 in the Fireside Room at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Hatcher was born July 3, 1906, in Raymond, Mo.

He came to Twin Falls in 1938, and worked for Amalgamated Sugar Factory from 1942 to 1971. In 1974, he was employed at the College of Southern Idaho in the audio visual department, and retired in 1984.



Raymond Hatcher

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BROWNS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Brown and Laurabelle Lattin were married July 2, 1938, in American Falls.

They have spent the majority of their married life in Twin Falls on the same place, where they currently reside.

He farmed, had a dairy and raised beef cattle, retiring three years ago. He was active in the National Farmers Organization as a cattle buyer.

She worked for the Fidelity Bank (West One/US Bank) for 35 years as a bookkeeper, teller and in the escrow department. She was an active member of the Shamrock Club and a Camp Fire leader.

They have been active in the First United Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America Troop 67.



Boyd and Laurabelle Brown

The event will be hosted by their children, Ralph (Betty) Brown of Lee's Summit, Mo., Thelma Jean Maynard of Aberdeen, N.C., and David Brown and June (Gary) Custer, both of Twin Falls.

The couple has 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Cards and written memories can be sent to the couple at 3153 E. 3600 N., Twin Falls 83301.

THE KOCHS

WENDELL - Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Koch of Wendell will be honored at an open house Thursday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 6-10 p.m. at the home of Seymour and Lila Koch.

They were married July 3, 1953, at the Rupert Lutheran Church. He was a second corporal in the Air Force and served in the Korean War. He farmed, drove milk truck for Kraft, and retired from Idaho Trout Processor in 1995.

She was a homemaker and a certified nursing assistant at the Wendell Manor before retiring from Clear Springs Retirement Foods in 1999.

The event is hosted by their children, Mickey (Denise) Koch, Keri (Teri) Koch, Danny (Janice) Koch, Joyce McKean (David R.), Jana (Olin) Mink and Kelly Koch. The couple has 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Seymour and Lila Koch

THE MACIAS

HEYBURN - Mr. and Mrs. Juan Macias of Heyburn will be honored Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary at the Christian Center Assembly of God, 317 W. 27th St., Burley.

Macias and Guadalupe Davila were married Feb. 7, 1953, in San Pedro, Texas.

They have lived in Burley since 1971 and moved to Heyburn in 2000.

He worked at Boise Cascade for 25 years and she worked at J.R. Simplot for 23 years.

The event is being given by Juan Macias Jr. of Eagle Pass, Texas, Jose Macias of Heyburn, Maria Macias of Meridian, Jesus Macias and Paula Loya, both of Burley, Dolores Newton of Eagle,



Guadalupe and Juan Macias

Rosie Martinez of Castleford, Martin Macias of Jerome, Ramon Macias of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Guadalupe Macias of Beville, Texas.

The couple has 32 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

THE NELSENS



Jack and Joan Nelsen

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelsen of Jerome will be honored at an open house July 7 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 4-7 p.m. at McManahan's Restaurant, 220 W. Main St., Jerome. No gifts, please.

Nelsen and Joan Sonnichsen



They were married in 1953 in Jerome. They have lived in Jerome and farmed all of their married life. The event is hosted by their children, Jack (Emily) Nelsen and Jonathan (Kelly) Nelsen, both of Jerome, and Janice (Ken) Lehman of Greer, S.C.

The couple has eight grandchildren.

THE STALLINGS

RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Sherill Stallings of Rupert will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 7-9 p.m. at the Acequia 2nd Ward LDS Church.

Stallings and Shirley Poole were married June 19, 1953, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

They have lived in Rupert, where he farmed and she worked as a homemaker. They are currently directors of the Burley Family History Center for the LDS Church. They are active in the LDS Church and have served in many positions and church callings.

The event is being given by their children, Melani (James) McBride and Kent (Tonya) Stallings of Rupert, Tammy (Jerry) Hatch of Pleasant Grove, Utah, Laurie



Sherill and Shirley Stallings

(Mark) Suchan of Pocatello and Lisa (Gene) Wright of Mechanicsville, Md. The couple has 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

COSSEY-SILVA

TWIN FALLS - Larry and Pamela Cossey of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicholena Cossey, to Julio Abel Silva, son of Julio I. Silva of Twin Falls and Lydia Victorino of Picoabo.

Cossey is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Subway in Twin Falls.

Silva is also a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Calvary Chapel in Twin Falls. A reception

SWEESY-HOFKNECHT

TWIN FALLS - Vaughn and Edna Jones of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan A. Sweesy, to Hugo L. Hofknecht Jr., son of Betty Hofknecht of Twin Falls and the late Hugo L. Hofknecht Sr. Sweesy is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Wells Fargo Bank in Twin Falls.

Hofknecht is also a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Watkins Distributing in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for July



Nicholena Cossey and Julio Silva

will be held Aug. 30 at the Snake River Elks Lodge in Jerome.



Hugo Hofknecht and Susan Sweesy

12 at the Hofknecht home in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

WOLVERTON-O'DONNELL

TWIN FALLS - Don and Georgia Wolverton of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Dawn Wolverton, to Daniel Mark O'Donnell, son of the Rev. James and Patty O'Donnell, also of Twin Falls.

Wolverton is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School and received her bachelor's degree in international political economy and master's in education from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. She will graduate in December with a juris doctorate and a master's in international business from Seattle University.

O'Donnell is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School and received his associate of arts degree from Tacoma Community



Gina Wolverton and Daniel O'Donnell

College. He will graduate in December from the University of Washington with a bachelor of science in environmental science. He plans to attend law school after graduation.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 9 at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Seattle, Wash., where they will finish their education.

BLADES-WINSTON



Dan Winston and Tamara Blades

JEROME - Vivien Volkner of Jerome announces the engagement of her daughter, Tamara Blades, to Dan Winston, son of Don Winston of Caribou, Maine, and Jane Beech of Elberta, Maine.

The wedding is planned for July 26 in Maine. A reception will be held in their honor from 3-6 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Snake River Elks Lodge at 200 South and Highway 93 in Jerome.

The couple will reside in Fort Fairfield, Maine.

KITZMAN-CASTER



Amber Kitzman and Colby Caster

WENDELL - Ken and Judi Kitzman of Minot, N.D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber J. Kitzman, to Colby J. Caster, both of Boise. Caster is the son of Jim and Penny Watson of Wendell and John and Sandy Caster of Caldwell.

A Caribbean wedding is planned for January 2004. A reception will be planned for the following summer.

McEACHERN-BURWELL

TWIN FALLS - Jammie D. McEachern and Robert M. Burwell were married May 28 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Parents of the bride are Joyce McEachern of Chandler, Ariz., and J. McEachern of Mesa, Ariz.

The groom's parents are Richard and Susan Burwell of Twin Falls.

The bride is a web designer and developer with GERS, a retail software company.

The groom is a systems engineer with Network Appliance in San Diego, Calif.



Jammie and Robert Burwell

The couple is residing in Rancho San Pasqual in San Diego.

HANSEN-ZARYBNISKY

BURLEY - Emily Margaret Hansen and Eric Jack Zarybnisky were married April 26 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Officiating was the Rev. Gary Nettleton. Dr. Joseph Galema was the organist and Robert Hansen was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Hansen of Amarillo, Texas, and Nancy Mitchell of Lincoln, Neb.

Parents of the bridegroom are Jack and Mary Zarybnisky of Burley.

Friends of the bride, Jenny Caplan served as maid of honor, Elizabeth Lucas served as matron of honor and Jenn Routh served as bridesmaid. Shannon and Samantha Cox were the flower girls.

Darrell Walton, friend, served as best man. Groomsman included Michael Zarybnisky, brother of the groom, and David Hansen, brother of the bride.

Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer, Dr. and Mrs. R.C. Phillips, Marguerite Zarybnisky of Nampa, Bill and Helen McKinley of Caldwell, Ruth Hansen of Oberlin, Ohio, Barbara Doane of Ft. Myers Beach, Fla., Gene and Jackie Pessfield and Peggy Mitchell of Amarillo, Texas.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Wellesley College and Harvard



Emily and Eric Zarybnisky

Graduate School of Education. She is employed at Lawrence Elementary School in Brookline, Mass.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Declo High School and the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology and will graduate in June. He is employed with the U.S. Air Force.

The newlyweds will reside in Somerville, Mass.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the home of the groom's parents.

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FAMILY LIFE

Gamboling on a Pennsylvania sheep farm

By Cindy Looso
The Washington Post

The lambs calmly nurse or lie by their mothers until about an hour before sunset, when havoc breaks out in the pasture. Suddenly the lambs dart from their mothers' sides and run with abandon in small groups of three to 10 each. About half of the 700 ewes frantically bleat and amble over the hills in a frenzy, trying to retrieve their babies.

Other ewes simply continue grazing, without a care. I'm assuming those are the experienced mothers. They know that the lambs are simply gamboling.

Sheep farmer Jack Monsour says no one has any idea why lambs join little gangs to race and frolic for an hour or so each evening, but they do it all over the world, he says.

This particular gamboling incident takes place on rolling green hills that look like what you'd expect to see in the Irish countryside. We arrived at the Silhouette guesthouse on the Monsours' sheep farm one recent spring evening to find the gamboling well underway. There is a note on the door of the four-bedroom farmhouse that will be our private dwelling for the weekend: The door is unlocked; we should come in and make ourselves comfortable.

I walk inside to find a big country kitchen, and in the middle of a long table with a checkered tablecloth, a homemade apple pie that is still warm and smelling of cinnamon. I later learn that Kathy Monsour bakes something for every couple or group that books the farmhouse, which has a big yard surrounded by fenced sheep pastures. My first thought: I have to gather my relatives and host Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner here. Grandmother, after all, has moved into an apartment, and this is most definitely an over-the-river-and-through-the-woods kind of place.



Jack and Kathy Monsour own the Silhouette farm, where relaxing on a porch swing and in bentwood chairs is a favorite pastime.

By then — in fact, by Labor Day — the Monsours will have a second farmhouse for rent. The couple recently bought the property adjoining theirs, adding 120 acres to their 400-acre spread, plus a farmhouse that sleeps 16 and a primitive cabin on the mountain side. The couple is also in the midst of building a fourth rental property on the ranch, within sight of the Silhouette.

The adults in our party this weekend, including my mother and sister, immediately settle in on a porch swing and bentwood chairs to watch the sheep show. The kids, my 10-year-old and her 9-year-old cousin, rush off to investigate the well-kept property. They keep reappearing to report their findings: There's Ping-Pong and a pool table

in the basement, and a hot tub on the back porch. There's a swing, volleyball net, horseshoe pit and fire pit in the back yard, so they want hot dogs and marshmallows for dinner, and can we make s'mores?

The Monsours drive up for evening chores, which at this time of year primarily means checking the pastures for newborn lambs. They offer the kids another kind of treat: bottle-feeding the orphans. No ewes have died birthing this year, but as always, some either aren't good mothers or have twins and can't cope. During our mid-May visit, there are two lambs that have been abandoned and need a bottle four times a day.

Jack and Kathy welcome help with bottle-feeding. For the kids, it's a trip highlight.

As night falls, the Monsours sit on the porch with us and pass the time. We soon see how they came up with the name for their guesthouse: In the dying light, the sheep are silhouetted on the surrounding vistas.

The guesthouses, the couple says, help subsidize the family farm's income from selling wool and lambs. But Kathy says guests serve an even bigger need.

"We can't leave the farm long enough to see the world, so we like to bring the world to us," she says. Jack says he gets satisfaction from showing off a farm operation that is free-range and ecologically sound. Although the sheep are a stone's throw from the front porch, he notes, there is no smell. That's because dung beetles attack and



At the Silhouette, a guesthouse you can rent, the sheep outnumber the guests. The 400-acre farm is in the rolling green hills of Bedford, Pa.

consume the sheep manure the minute it hits the ground.

Guests' dogs aren't allowed, Jack says, but should you have horses, you can board them with the Monsours' Morgans, and ride the pastures, woods and lightly traveled country roads.

Before bed, I read the accolades written in the Silhouette guest book. Relaxation is a big theme, but the strongest testament comes from a mother who hosted her daughter's 12th birthday party here: Worried that the nine girls would be bored, she'd brought along six videos. "They watched only half of one," she reports.

We have a similar experience the next day. Although the area offers tubing, fishing, canoeing and swimming in nearby Shawnee Lake or the Juniata River, in addition to antiquing and historic sites, the kids are perfectly content to circulate between playing in the yard and the hot tub while they wait for Jack and Kathy to show up with bottles for the lambs. They sit on bales of hay on a farm tour by pickup truck.

The grownups discover that sitting on a porch, chatting and

watching sheep is a pleasant way to pass the time. I finally understand why counting sheep is considered a good system for falling asleep. There is something very calming in the way the animals go about their lives — sometimes standing around eating the rest of the time just standing around.

The Monsours also raise Great Pyrenees to guard the sheep and border collies to round them up. They happen to have a new litter of eight puppies that, despite newly opened eyes, joyfully greet us.

That afternoon, my daughter announces her own return plans: She wants to have her 11th birthday party here in October. Apparently, low-key, old-fashioned fun still has appeal.

We leave the farm only briefly, to drive to a Mennonite-run country store to buy picnic and s'more ingredients. We plan our final evening to see a movie in a theater in nearby Bedford that hasn't changed much, we're told, since it first opened for silent pictures.

But when evening comes, we find we're all content to be just where we are. Besides, we'd like to see the lambs gambol one more time.

'A Life Like Mine: How Children Live Around the World' illuminates differences

The Washington Post

Meet Arif. The 12-year-old lives in Bangladesh. His family is poor, and he has to work even though he's a kid. He used to have a tough job, painting, but now he has a great job as a youth reporter on a television show for, by and about kids.

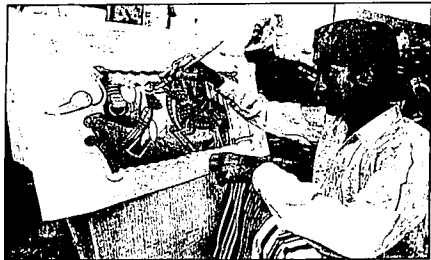
Meet Vincent. The 15-year-old lives in Rwanda. Both his mother and father have died, so he and his 14-year-old sister take care of their younger brother and sister. He wants to be a carpenter when he grows up.

Meet Mahasin. The 9-year-old lives in Sudan. She and her family are cattle herders. They travel from place to place seeking fresh grass for their herd. She loves her moveable life, but just because she doesn't have one home doesn't mean she can skip school. Her teacher travels with her community.

Vincent, Mahasin and Arif are just some of the kids you'll meet in "A Life Like Mine: How Children Live Around the World," a kids' post-summer reading selection.

The book was created by DK Publishing and UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. UNICEF works to protect the rights of children around the world so that they can live happily and healthily. A lot of the rights UNICEF supports are things you probably never even think about — the right to get enough food, to have clean water to drink, to be free to play and get an education, to be protected and live in peace. For many children around the world even those basic things are hard to get.

"A Life Like Mine" isn't just about kids' troubles. It's about kids' lives on six continents.



Arif, 12, lives in Bangladesh. His family is poor and he has to work, even though he's a kid. His story is told in 'A Life Like Mine: How Children Live Around the World.'

There are more than 6 billion people in the world (and more than 291 million in the United States). That's a lot of people, and lots and lots of kids.

Numbers that huge are pretty difficult to think about. Author David J. Smith has come up with a clever way to help you learn about the world's population. In "If the World Were a Village," he creates an imaginary village with 100 people. Each villager represents or stands in for about 62 million people. For example, if 62 million people around the world said their favorite candy was Skittles, that would equal one Skittle-loving person in Smith's imaginary village. In Smith's village, 61 people would come from Asia, 13 from Africa, 12 from Europe, 8 from South America and Central America and the Caribbean. Only five are from Canada and the United States,

and only one from Oceania — Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. (This is Smith's way of saying that 61 percent of the people in the world come from Asia, and so on.)

Lots of the people in the global village are kids: 39 out of the 100 are under 19.

Want to know more? Half of the world's people live in six countries (China, India, the United States, Indonesia, Brazil and Russia). But by 2020, when you might have kids of your own, it's predicted that parents in Nigeria and Pakistan will have so many children they'll knock Russia and Brazil out of the top six.

Around the world, more and more kids are living in cities. In 1996, more than half of the people were country folk; in 2020, 58 percent probably will be city folk.

Canyon, Corkcreek and Tinywood. A water park, Boulder Beach, opens for the first time this coming Friday. Its main feature is Big Moose Bay, a gigantic wave pool where you can ride wild surf or lie on the beach and watch all the action. Other attractions: Rumble Falls, where you can zip down "Pioneer Plunge," "Boca Loca Chute," "Sidewinder" or "The U-Oh." The Following Park Kiddies Area offers younger children plenty of slides, pools and splash areas. • Lodging: There's a 127-unit RV park and campground on the site, and hotels and motels 15 minutes away in Coeur d'Alene.

Special fabric will make photo quilts picture-perfect

Knight-Ridder News Service

When you put hours into a photo quilt, you want crisp images that will last. A new type of fabric made for printing computer-generated photos is designed to produce just that. Printed Treasures fabric sheets are 8 and one-half-by-11-inch sheets of cotton treated

with a finish that makes them receptive to the inks used in home ink-jet printers. The sheets, made of Pima cotton with a 200 thread count, maintain a soft feel after printing and can be machine-washed repeatedly without fading, according to the manufacturer, Milliken & Co. The product is fed through a printer just like

paper. After the image is allowed to dry for 60 seconds, a backing is peeled off, and the fabric sheet is ready for sewing. Printed Treasures sheets are sold in packs of five for \$17.99. They're available at some quilting and sewing shops. The product can also be ordered at www.printedtreasures.com.

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