



### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Small chance light rain, otherwise partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 60s  
 Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s  
 Tomorrow: A low degree warm with scattered clouds. Highs in the mid to the upper 60s

### TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today                           | Tonight                         | Monday                        | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                      | Thursday               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                 |                                 |                               |                         |                                |                        |
| Breezy with partly cloudy skies | Scattered clouds and mostly dry | Not as cool and partly cloudy | Warmer with a low cloud | Warmer with mostly sunny skies | Becoming sunny and hot |
| High 63                         | Low 43                          | 68/44                         | 78/62                   | 81/64                          | 82/65                  |

### Yesterday's Weather

| City          | High | Low | Wind | Clouds |
|---------------|------|-----|------|--------|
| Burley        | 54   | 38  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Donner Pass   | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Coeur d'Alene | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Idaho Falls   | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Jerome        | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Malheur       | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Shoshone      | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Twin Falls    | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Wendover      | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |
| Yellowstone   | 61   | 43  | 0-10 | 100%   |

### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cooler than average and breezy, a few sprinkles of rain possible. Highs in the lower 60s  
 Tonight: Scattered clouds and mostly dry. Lows in the lower 40s  
 Tomorrow: Not as cool with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the 60s.

### IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. There is enough moisture and energy in the atmosphere for a light shower today and early on Memorial Day. Also be prepared for strong and gusty winds at times.

### BOISE

We will continue our warming and drying trend through Memorial Day with mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. However, winds will be brisk at times.

**BOISE** 65-80  
**IDAHO FALLS** 65-80  
**COEUR D'ALENE** 65-80  
**SHOSHONE** 65-80  
**TWIN FALLS** 65-80  
**WENDOVER** 65-80  
**YELLOWSTONE** 65-80  
**WINDY** 65-80

### ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

| Temperature            | Precipitation | Humidity | Barometric Pressure |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|
| Yesterday's Low: 37    | 0.00          | 70%      | 30.02               |
| Today's High: 63       | 0.00          | 68%      | 30.02               |
| Record High: 81 (1983) | 0.00          | 63%      | 30.02               |
| Record Low: 10 (1983)  | 0.00          | 20%      | 30.02               |

### Sunrise and Sunset

Today: Sunrise: 6:04 AM, Sunset: 7:57 PM  
 Tomorrow: Sunrise: 6:02 AM, Sunset: 7:59 PM  
 Wednesday: Sunrise: 6:00 AM, Sunset: 8:01 PM  
 Thursday: Sunrise: 5:58 AM, Sunset: 8:03 PM  
 Friday: Sunrise: 5:56 AM, Sunset: 8:05 PM

### MOON PHASES

Today: Waxing Crescent  
 Tomorrow: Waxing Crescent  
 Monday: Waxing Crescent  
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 Wednesday: Waxing Crescent  
 Thursday: Waxing Crescent

### Pollen Count

Today: High  
 Tomorrow: High  
 Monday: High  
 Tuesday: High  
 Wednesday: High  
 Thursday: High

### REGIONAL FORECAST

| City        | Today | Tomorrow |
|-------------|-------|----------|
| Boise       | 65-80 | 65-80    |
| Idaho Falls | 65-80 | 65-80    |
| Shoshone    | 65-80 | 65-80    |
| Twin Falls  | 65-80 | 65-80    |
| Wendover    | 65-80 | 65-80    |
| Yellowstone | 65-80 | 65-80    |

### NATIONAL FORECAST

| City          | Today | Tomorrow |
|---------------|-------|----------|
| Atlanta       | 75-85 | 75-85    |
| Chicago       | 65-75 | 65-75    |
| Denver        | 55-65 | 55-65    |
| Houston       | 75-85 | 75-85    |
| Los Angeles   | 65-75 | 65-75    |
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|-----------|-------|----------|
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| Calgary   | 10-20 | 10-20    |
| Edmonton  | 10-20 | 10-20    |
| Winnipeg  | 10-20 | 10-20    |
| Vancouver | 10-20 | 10-20    |

### WORLD'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today  
 Yesterday's National Extremes  
 High: 101 in CHARINA, Texas & Death Valley, Calif  
 Low: 20 in SALT LAKE, Utah, Nev.

## Bush reiterates support for 'one-China' policy

BEIJING (AP) — President Bush reassured Chinese officials that Washington will stick to its "one-China policy" toward Taiwan, China said Sunday days after it criticized the United States for letting the island's vice president stop there en route to Latin America.

Bush's comments to Chinese President Hu Jintao, released by China's Foreign Ministry, appeared to be an attempt to soothe Beijing's anger over the trip by Vice President Annette Lu at a time when Washington wants Beijing's support for a settlement in Iraq.

In a telephone conversation with Hu Saturday night, Bush "strongly reiterated that the United States would adhere to the one-China policy, abide by the three Sino-U.S. joint communiqués and oppose Taiwan independence," the ministry said on its Web site.

The American president's reassurance comes as Lu began a trip Friday to Central America that includes transits in the United States — a move that the

## Honors

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lives for people they'll never meet," Dole told a crowd estimated at 140,000 by police.

Many veterans gripped canes. Others sat in wheelchairs. The hardest among them grabbed their wives and danced in the aisles when 1940s swing music wafted over the crowd. Young people came up to old people and said thank you.

"I figured this would be the last time to wear a uniform," said William E. Ryan, 80, a retired colonel from Fairfax, Va., who fought in France and Germany with the Army's 3rd Infantry. He was in full-dress whites, a Purple Heart among his chest decorations.

Covering seven landscaped acres, the World War II Memorial was built with a sense of urgency: one Washington resolved to go ahead with it. Veterans are in their late 70s and in their 80s. Of the 16 million who served, only about 4 million are still alive and veterans from that war are dying at a rate of 1,056 a day.

"These were the modest sons of a peaceful country," said President Bush. "They gave the best years of their lives to the greatest mission their country ever accepted."

Many veterans lamented that the nation's tribute came too late for their comrades.

"I wish they would have done it much sooner because there's a lot of people from that generation who are gone," said Don LaFond, 81, a Marine Corps veteran from Marina del Rey, Calif.

Dole, 80, called the gathering "our final reunion."

Cool temperatures and bright sunshine greeted the dedication, a relief to emergency crews prepared for large numbers of medical problems. Authorities said they treated 110 people, mostly for minor conditions such as mild dehydration, scrapes and twisted ankles, of whom 30 were taken to hospital as a precaution.

Former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, sitting next to each other on the stage, jumped up to help a Medal of Honor winner who fell from his wheelchair near them; the man stayed for the rest of the event after a medic checked him.

At a morning service at

## Memorial brings granddaughter closer to veteran from Twin Falls

By Troy Foster Times-News writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Emily Helwell never knew her grandfather, but Saturday's World War II Memorial dedication brought her closer to the late first lieutenant.

Oscar Helwell flew a C-47 transport plane on what was known as the Burma Road in the China-Burma-India theater during the war. He passed away in Twin Falls in 1976.

"It reminded me of him," said the younger Helwell, a 24-year-old corporate communications employee for National Public Radio in Washington, D.C. "I don't have a strong connection to him but it was nice to participate in something I know he would have wanted to know."

More than 1,000 World War II veterans pass away each day, and Saturday's dedication at The National Mall was described by former Sen. Bob Dole, a veteran himself, as their "final reunion."

While the event drew thousands of veterans, it also attracted the sons, daughters and grandchildren of the men and women who served in the war but passed on before their memorial became a reality.

That's why Emily Helwell attended.

"In comparison I've done so little in my life," she said. "I can't even compare what I've done to the sacrifices they've made."

Helwell attended the dedication as a volunteer. She stood at one of the ceremony's entrances, checking tickets and counting the number of people entering the gate.

While the World War II veterans were easy to identify with

## Guard

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28 and arrive at Fort Bliss by July 1.

Once their training in Texas is complete, brigade members will undergo a mission readiness exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

When they arrive in Iraq, Mansano said the Guard soldiers will serve in a way that supports rebuilding efforts.

"They're going to be doing a stability and support role," he said.

Members of the 116th Cavalry Brigade were put on alert

## Washington National Cathedral, a few miles north of the Mall, dignifies spots of celebration and thanksgiving.

The elder Bush, a Navy pilot shot down over the South Pacific in 1944, said the World War II generation was remarkable for the challenges it faced, but Americans today, as in any point of history, can rise to the same level of commitment.

"These were average men and women who lived in extraordinary times," said Bush, who turns 80 on June 12. Singling out the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944, he paid tribute to the millions of fighters who "helped save the world."

Among them: Clarence Larson, 83, a survivor of the Bataan Death March who spent more than three years in captivity. He came to Washington with his daughter, Mrs. Larson, and her Minn. "I thank the good Lord that I made it and that I'm here today," said the Air Force veteran.

He recalled his release last

## day of the war, when the Japanese camp commander "came out and said, 'The American forces have defeated Japan. There will be no work today.'"

Coast Guardsman Wilbert Huebner, 84, of Readdy, Iowa, spent two years on the destroyer USS Lansing, sailing off North Africa and Europe. "So many are gone and for those of us who are still alive, some can no longer labor because they have medical problems," he said.

Raymond Veley, 80, of Marysville, Ohio, fought in Italy with the Army and spent 17 months as a POW. Running into other ex-prisoners in Washington was a powerful experience, he said, because "we all know what the other one went through."

The Veterans Affairs Department deploys several dozen counselors to help people deal with the emotions of the day. Counselor Art Woods talked with a distraught veteran who sat by a tree after telling his war story to others in a tent.

"He just needed someone to talk with," Woods said. "It was

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# ABUSE FATIGUE

## Poll says Iraq prison photos tire many Americans

CHICAGO (AP) — It has been all but impossible to miss the widely circulated photos of American soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners, which set off an all-out media blitz. And there are more images that have yet to be made public.

But when is enough enough? A recent CBS News poll found that while 55 percent of respondents said the prison abuse scandal is "very serious" problem, 61 percent felt the media has spent too much time on coverage, compared with 49 percent who said the same shortly after the news broke in late April.

Associated Press reporters in several regions of the country fanned out this week to talk to Americans about the issue, catching many people as they took time to sip coffee or settle down for a meal.

Several college students near Chicago bucked the national poll, fervently calling for more, or all, the photos to be made public.

They included Michaela DeSoucy, a 25-year-old graduate student in sociology at Northwestern University who thinks there should be more coverage of the scandal, not less.

"I think people are too afraid to confront what's going on beyond their coffee and muffin," DeSoucy said as she sat outside the Unicorn Cafe in Evanston, Ill., with her sheep dog, Mickey. "Maybe it's just the conspiracy theorist in me, but I think there's a reason they're being hidden."

Inside the cafe, Tom Graber, a 32-year-old math instructor at Northwestern, agreed that the coverage has been worthwhile. Because of it, he said, "my impression is that reporters have been more aggressive" about war coverage in general.

Others — no matter their opinion of the war — have had enough and are experiencing what you might call "abuse fatigue."



Detainees of the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad, Iraq, wave from a bus as they are escorted out of the prison, Friday. It was a further major release of prisoners from the facility since the scandal broke over the abuse of detainees last month.

Leslie Johnson, a 27-year-old New Yorker who was stepping out of a Starbucks coffee house in Harlem on her day off, said she thinks it's "good for people to see the other side" of war.

But coverage of the prison abuse in Iraq has reminded her of the twin towers falling on Sept. 11, 2001.

"When 9/11 happened, they kept showing the buildings being hit," she said. In this case, too, she's "had enough of seeing it."

"You don't want to see people being humiliated," said Johnson, who works in publishing.

John Dorsainville, a 52-year-old New Yorker who's originally from Haiti, said he's cut back on his consumption of stories about the prison abuse because he was starting to get upset at the United States.

"I started building hate in my

heart," said Dorsainville, a fire safety director for a Manhattan building.

He thinks it's important that people involved are punished but wants the media to stop showing the images. "If you keep showing the pictures, you inflame things," he said.

Even at the 35th Street Bistro in the Seattle neighborhood of Fremont — where it's difficult to find someone who supports the war — people were more than ready to stop seeing the images.

"I kind of just turn it off now. It's just kind of disappointing," said Jennifer Lam, a 35-year-old restaurant server who was dining at the bistro.

She also worries about its impact on the United States' image overseas — since she already found it to be low during her travels to southeast Asia and Mexico a few years ago.

# Report: Military intelligence troops face more accusations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several U.S. guards allege they witnessed military intelligence operatives encouraging the abuse of Iraqi prison inmates at four prisons other than Abu Ghraib, investigative documents show.

Court transcripts and Army investigator interviews provide the broadest view of evidence that abuses, from forcing inmates to stand in hoods in 120-degree heat to punching them, occurred at a Marine detention camp and three Army prison sites in Iraq besides Abu Ghraib.

That is the prison outside Baghdad that was the site of widely published and televised photographs of abuse of Iraqi detainees by Army troops.

Testimony about tactics used at a Marine prisoner-of-war camp near Nasiriyah also raises the question whether coercive techniques were standard procedure for military intelligence units in different service branches and throughout Iraq. At the Marines' Camp Whitehorse, the guards were told to keep enemy prisoners of war — standing for 50 minutes each hour for up to 10 hours. They would then be interrogated by "human exploitation teams" or HETs, comprising intelligence specialists.

"The 50/10 technique was used to break down the EPWs

“ Our training manuals specifically prohibit the abuse of detainees, and we ensure all of our soldiers trained as interrogators receive this training. ”

— Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander

and make it easier for the HET member to get information from them," Marine Cpl. Otis Antoine, a guard at Camp Whitehorse, testified at a military court hearing in February. U.S. military officials say American troops in Iraq are required to follow the Geneva Conventions on POWs for all detainees in Iraq. Those conventions prohibit "physical or moral coercion" or cruel treatment.

The Army's intelligence chief told a Senate panel this month that intelligence soldiers are trained to follow Geneva Convention rules strictly.

"Our training manuals specifically prohibit the abuse of detainees, and we ensure all of our soldiers trained as interrogators receive this training," Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The Marine Corps judge hearing at Camp Whitehorse case wrote that forcing hooded, handcuffed prisoners to stand for 50 minutes every hour in the 120-degree desert could be a Geneva Convention violation. Col. William V. Galle wrote that such actions "could easily form the basis of a law of war violation if committed by an enemy combatant."

Two Marines face charges in the June 2003 death of Nagem Saloon Hatib at Camp Whitehorse, although no one is charged with killing him. Military records say Hatib was asphyxiated when a Marine guard grabbed his throat in an attempt to move him, accidentally breaking a bone that cut off his air supply. Another Marine is charged with kicking Hatib in the chest in the hours before his death.

Army Maj. Gen. George Fay is finishing an investigation into military intelligence management and practices at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere in Iraq. Alexander and other top military intelligence officials say they never gave orders that would have encouraged abuses.

# Army says friendly fire probably killed Ex-NFL player Pat Tillman

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — The shots that killed Pat Tillman, the football player who became a patriotic icon by giving up a \$3.6 million contract to become an Army Ranger, probably came from his fellow soldiers, military officials said Saturday.

According to an Army investigation, Tillman was shot to death on April 22 after a U.S. soldier mistakenly fired on a friendly Afghan soldier in Tillman's unit, and other U.S. soldiers then fired in the same direction.

Initial reports by the Army had suggested that Tillman was killed by enemy gunfire when he led his team to help another group of ambushed soldiers. "When there was no specific finding of fault, the investigation results indicate that Cpl. Tillman probably died as a result of friendly fire while his unit was engaged in combat with enemy forces," Lt. Gen. Philip R. Kensinger Jr. said in a brief statement to reporters at the Army Special Operations Command.

Kensinger said the firefight took place in "very severe and constricted terrain with impaired light" with 10 to 12 enemy combatants firing on U.S. forces.

But an Afghan military official told The Associated Press on Saturday that Tillman died because of a "misunderstanding" when two mixed groups of American and Afghan soldiers began firing wildly in the confusion following a land mine explosion.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the Afghan official said, "(There) were no enemy forces" present when Tillman died.

Kensinger, who heads Army Special Forces, took no questions Saturday morning after reading the Army statement. An Afghan Defense Ministry official declined to comment on whether enemy forces were present, while U.S. military officials in Afghanistan referred all queries to Fort Bragg.

In Washington, Pentagon officials refused to comment on the Afghan report.



Pat Tillman Played for Arizona Cardinals

According to the Army's investigation, Tillman's team had split from a second unit when a Ranger whom the Army did not identify fired on a friendly Afghan soldier, mistaking him for the enemy.

Saying that gunfire and not realizing its origin, other U.S. soldiers fired in the same direc-

tion, killing Tillman and an Afghan soldier. Two other Rangers were wounded in the gunfight.

"The results of this investigation do not diminish the bravery and sacrifice displayed by Cpl. Tillman," Kensinger said.

Tillman, 27, left his position as a starting safety for the Arizona Cardinals to join the Army following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

He was posthumously promoted to corporal and awarded a Purple Heart and Silver Star, one of the military's highest honors, awarded for gallantry on the battlefield.

"Thousands of people, including celebrities and politicians, attended a memorial service at Sun Devil Stadium earlier this month at a memorial service in his hometown of San Jose. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., called him "a most honorable man."

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# Iraq dominates Bush's diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Bush joins other leaders for D-Day ceremonies at a French beachhead Ronald Reagan called "this place where the West held together," he will be hard pressed to reconcile the allied unity in World War II with today's chaos in Iraq.



President Bush

Never has the trans-Atlantic alliance been so strained as now, 60 years after the epic invasion that turned the tide against Nazi Germany. U.S.-European bonds cemented during that war have been loosened seriously by deep

differences over Iraq. Bush will use his visit to Normandy and other European stops to try to mend fences and press his request for more international assistance on Iraq.

"He certainly needs help on Iraq. But he's got a big hole to climb out of," said presidential historian Thomas Cronin, president of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. "After going it alone and not doing the alliance-building that his predecessors did, I don't know whether he's capable of it."

Bush is embarking on a month of international gatherings — two trips to Europe and an economic summit in Georgia — that will draw some of his harshest European critics, including French President

Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. American presidents usually bask in meetings with world leaders or, at least, view them as welcome distractions from problems at home. Bush's month of diplomacy does not offer the promise of a respite from bad news in Iraq.

"When he stands next Sunday near where allied forces stormed ashore on June 6, 1944, Bush is expected to ignore the need for allies to unite yet again," Topf, Iraq faces new enemies and a generation of Americans has stepped forward to defeat them," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

This time it is the global fight against terrorism in which Bush considers Iraq a major front.

It could be a hard sell. Dislike of Bush is widespread in America. Tensions between him and some Western European leaders are all too evident. Some resent what they see as American arrogance, even though Bush has moved in recent days to seeking a larger role in Iraq for other countries.

Germany and France have said they will not send peace-keeping troops to Iraq after an interim government takes over this summer. Other NATO partners seem unlikely to take on new burdens in Iraq until the U.S. presidential race is resolved.

Even staunch allies are horrified by pictures of the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners and troubled by the inability of U.S. forces to restore stability.

# INDECISION 2004:

## The undecideds are decidedly few

Los Angeles Times

CLAYTON, Mo. — Marshall Burstein, mayor of action, is stuck.

"I run a company or two. I have to be decisive," he said. But when it comes to choosing the next president, the 44-year-old Burstein is waiting to see who Sen. John F. Kerry picks as a running mate. And he wants to hear the presumed Democratic nominee and President Bush debate.

"A lot of people are picking Kerry because they don't like the war (in Iraq). ... I'm still learning about him," he said.

In most election years, the next line might read, "And Marshall Burstein is ready about this spring, he very nearly is."

With the nation clearly divided on a number of issues, the presidential campaigns operating nonstop and torrents of political ads already unleashed, undecided voters are fast becoming an endangered species.

Here in the graceful suburbs that radiate out from St. Louis it took scores of interviews to find a handful of undecided voters more than five months before the election.

There will always be those like Cheryl Colonnello — a pregnant pediatric resident who lives in University City, works 80 hours a week has a toddler, a husband and a dog and barely has time to brush her hair, let alone pay attention to the candidates.

But political experts believe many of the undecided voters are of a different breed. Generally centrist and turned off by what they regard as strident partisanship, they are thinking about the election and "wrestling with their choice," said Tim Hibbitz, an independent pollster in Portland, Ore.

Those who are still contemplating their choices should give both major-party candidates pause. The war in Iraq looms large with many, and has created doubts about Bush. But Kerry has yet to introduce himself well enough to win them over.

Abbie Carlin, 51, who says she has never voted for a Democrat, can't bring herself to vote for the Republican this year. On opening day of the Clayton Farmer's Market, she shopped for organic produce and ried the violence in Iraq.

Persuaded that Saddam Hussein harbored weapons of mass destruction that could be turned against the United States, Carlin said she initially believed that invading Iraq was the right thing to do.

# Many Dems distance themselves from Kerry

The Washington Post

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Some Democratic candidates might feel sheepish about distancing themselves from their party's presidential candidate. Not Inez Ienenbaum, who Democrats desperately hope can win the open U.S. Senate seat in Republican-leaning South Carolina this year.

Her campaign Web site prominently displays a newspaper article that says, "Ienenbaum has been careful not to become too closely identified with the national Democratic Party or with the presidential campaign of Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry."

Several Democratic offices in South Carolina or elsewhere are criticizing Ienenbaum's faint loyalty, however. They know that Southern Democrats find it increasingly difficult to win statewide elections without distancing themselves from the party's more liberal policies and leaders.

They also know that this year's crucial battleground for control of the Senate is in Dixie, where Republicans are eager to grab five seats being vacated by Democrats. The Democratic hopes, meanwhile, rest largely on moderate, independent contenders such as Ienenbaum — along with Eskine Bowles in North Carolina and perhaps Betty Castor in Florida — who focus heavily on local issues and doggedly avoid the liberal label and discussions of Kerry vs. President Bush.

Ienenbaum summed up the strategies in an interview saying Republicans "will use every label to try to define me" as a classic Democratic liberal. "Fortunately the people of South Carolina know me. ... I think it will fall on deaf ears, that attempt to label me and try to nationalize me."

The stakes are high, the statistics stark. With Republicans holding 51 of the Senate's 100 seats, Democrats are retiring in five states — Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina — that Bush carried in 2000 (although his Florida win was razor-thin). If Republicans duplicate their success of two years ago — when they won all four open Senate seats in the South — they will put a virtual lock on their Senate majority and dominate the region's delegation, 18 to 4.

# Vets motor onto White House lawn

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — It will be one of the more unusual White House photo ops. And perhaps one of the loudest.

Today, amid a weekend of veterans events, a procession of Harley Davidson will make its noisy way up to the White House's South Lawn and the riders — members of the Rolling Thunder veterans group — will get an Oval Office tour from the president.

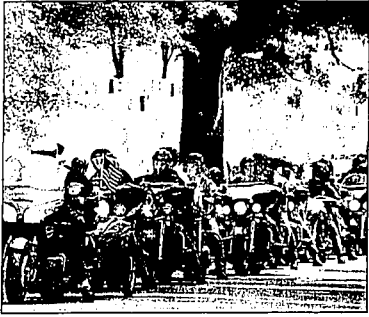
"It's kind of a new thing," said Michael "Battlesnake" Cobb, chairman of the board of Rolling Thunder, which will hold its 17th annual ride to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial over the holiday weekend. "To us it feels like we've finally made it after 17 years."

Rolling Thunder started its cross-country rides and commemorations in Washington, D.C., as part of an effort to draw attention to issues related to American prisoners of war and those missing in action. It has grown into an annual part of the Washington holiday cycle, with hundreds of thousands of motorcycle riders converging on the capital each Memorial Day weekend to make a drive around the Mall and hold demonstrations and commemorations.

But this is the first year the group has been invited to the White House.

Administration officials said the Rolling Thunder visit is part of President Bush's effort to reach out to veterans over Memorial Day. Others see more electoral calculations at work.

Officially, Rolling Thunder is



Hundreds of motorcyclists arrive at Arlington National Cemetery as part of a "Rolling Thunder" ceremony for Vietnam Veterans on Saturday in Arlington, Va. The groups leaders will meet with President Bush on today.

not affiliated with a political party. But the group endorsed Bush for president in 2000 and has endorsed him a second time this year.

In a year in which the president's National Guard service during the Vietnam War is being compared to Kerry's medal-earning combat record, Rolling Thunder's endorsement is undoubtedly welcome in the Bush camp.

"It's not that we don't like Kerry; we just don't like some of the things he's done," said Cobb, referring to Kerry's anti-war activities. "President Bush is the lesser of two evils."

Kerry has also made his play

to both hog-riders and veterans. In November, Kerry drove a Harley onto the stage of the Jay Leno show. And on the campaign stump, he repeatedly accuses Bush of unfairly cutting veterans' benefits.

"That issue is one Cobb said he planned to raise with the president.

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# Governor accuses cleric of failing to keep peace

**KUFA, Iraq (AP)** — The U.S.-appointed governor of Najaf accused radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Saturday of failing to honor a deal to end fighting as U.S. soldiers clashed with Shiite gunmen. Three Marines were killed Saturday in separate fighting west of Baghdad, pushing the number of U.S. deaths to more than 800.



Iraqis look at an unexploded device lodged in an airconditioner at a home in the Iraq town of Najaf Saturday. U.S. soldiers and fighters loyal to a radical Shiite cleric exchanged gunfire Saturday, raising new fears about whether a plan to end a seven-week standoff here will hold.

Al-Sadr's fighters said they killed one Iraqi policeman and captured another during an exchange of fire in Kufa. Three Iraqis were injured in clashes, hospital officials said. There were no reports of any U.S. casualties.

Gov. Adnan al-Zurufi complained al-Sadr had done little to stop his fighters from brandishing their weapons in public or to send home militiamen not from this city — key parts of the agreement he struck with Shiite leaders to end seven weeks of fierce fighting around Najaf and Kufa.

"Unfortunately, there have been no positive initiatives from the office of Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr so far," al-Zurufi said. "Armed men are filling the streets and there have been a number of attacks on state employees in Kufa."

Ragtag fighters wielding Kalashnikovs and rocket-propelled grenade launchers exchanged fire with U.S. soldiers approaching the center of Kufa.

The militia accused the Americans of shooting first. Coalition officials said U.S. soldiers were attacked by rocket-propelled grenades and fired back.

Neither side released any casualty figures. "God has protected us because truth is on our side," said one fighter, Salam Abdel-Aali. "Truth is in our side. Truth is always victorious."

Al-Sadr's uprising, which began last month, opened a second front for the U.S. military, which had already been battling Sunni Muslim guerrillas to the west and north of Baghdad and in the capital itself.

The three Marines died in action in Anbar province, which extends from just west of Baghdad to the Syrian and Jordanian borders, the U.S. command said. No further details were released. The U.S. military reported.

Also Saturday, the U.S. military reported two other service member deaths — one soldier from the Stryker Brigade who died Friday from non-hostile causes in northern Iraq and the other soldier from the 81st Brigade Combat Team, who was killed Tuesday in a mortar attack south of Baghdad. Nine soldiers were wounded

in the mortar attack, the military stated. The casualties pushed the number of U.S. service members who have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq to at least 803. It was unclear if the official death toll included the deaths on Tuesday and Friday.

Explosions could be heard in the center of Kufa, where al-Sadr's fighters took up positions in the streets surrounding a mosque. Militiamen manned checkpoints, standing near concrete barriers including one with a graffiti that read "Yes to armed resistance."

In Kufa's Furat al-Awsat hospital, Ali Moussa, 22, lay in bed with shrapnel wounds. His head was wrapped in a bandage and his black T-shirt was soaked in blood. Moussa would not say if he was a member of the al-Mahdi Army.

Al-Sadr's office has denied the allegation. An attacker opened fire Friday on al-Qubani after he led prayers at the Imam Ali mosque, according to the cleric's spokesman Qasim al-Illahemi.

# Strategy, lethal tactics push cleric into deal

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**NAJAF, Iraq** — As he prepared last month to send soldiers across a volatile swath of Iraq to battle a rebel militia threatening to ignite a wider Shiite Muslim uprising, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey provided lethal instructions.

"Tactically, what we said to our soldiers is if you are attacked, turn and fight and finish it," Dempsey recalled. "Don't allow the militia to live to fight another day."

The blunt instructions, backed by a subtle strategy, pressured rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his al-Mahdi Army militia, eventually backing them into a corner with almost no way out.

After seven weeks of the bloodiest skirmishes since President Bush declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq in May 2003, a cease-fire of sorts began late last week in parts of al-Sadr's last strongholds of Najaf and nearby Kufa as the rebel cleric sought a negotiated way out of his improbable fight with the Americans.

When the cease-fire holds remains to be seen. On Friday, insurgents launched mortar attacks against the main U.S. base and a four-hour firefight erupted between U.S. forces and militiamen in Kufa.

Whether the deal represents full-fledged U.S. success is also open to debate. Al-Sadr's fighters marched in the streets of Najaf after word of the agreement spread on Thursday, claiming victory. But the understanding with Sadr fails to resolve two key demands that U.S. officials have been making since al-Sadr launched his uprising — the dissolution of his militia and al-Sadr's surrender to face murder charges in the death of a rival cleric.

Instead, according to the deal reached between al-Sadr and Iraqi officials, militia fighters not from Najaf or Kufa must return home, and the ones who remain behind cannot carry weapons in the street. Also, Iraq security forces will be allowed to move back into both cities. Al-Sadr's legal status remains unclear.

"I don't obey the occupation. Never," al-Sadr told an interviewer from Al Jazeera satellite TV channel on Friday. For his militia, composed mainly of poor, young men at the bottom rung of society, the cost of fighting was devastating. U.S. military officials estimate that hundreds died during weeks of clashes from Baghdad's Saeed City slum to the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, and others, apparently, simply quit.

U.S. commanders estimated that there were 2,500 al-Mahdi fighters across the country at the beginning of the uprising. And whether the deal represents full-fledged U.S. success is also open to debate.

# New Iraqi leader must address security issue

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — Iyad Allawi's selection as Iraqi prime minister gives Washington a major policy success after a series of embarrasing setbacks.

God has protected us because truth is on our side," said one fighter, Salam Abdel-Aali. "Truth is in our side. Truth is always victorious."

His contacts in Saddam Hussein's former army are extensive and date back to 1990 when he set up the Iraqi National Accord, an opposition group that attracted scores of senior army officers who fled Saddam's regime and engineered a failed coup attempt in 1996.

Allawi has been courted by the CIA since setting up the group, and his Washington backers will look to him to recruit the best of the former Iraqi officer corps to lead the new, U.S.-trained Iraqi military. That force will gradually assume responsibility for security after the U.S.-led coalition hands over power June 30.

The groundwork for Allawi, a former member of Saddam's Baath party, to start the recruitment drive for the new army already is in place.

L. Paul Bremer, the chief U.S. administrator in Iraq, has recently relaxed the policy barring

## Council nominates prime minister

Iyad Allawi, a Shiite Muslim and member of the Iraqi Governing Council, was nominated Friday to become prime minister in the new government taking power June 30.

- Neurologist and businessman
- Involved in the opposition since the 1970s
- Survived 1978 assassination attempt while in exile in London
- Founded the Iraqi National Accord with other former military officers, which advocated a coup against Saddam
- While organizing anti-Saddam opposition in exile, Allawi had support from CIA, State Department and British intelligence officials



Allawi

the three top tiers of Baath party hierarchy from joining the military or the government. That meant any officer from the rank of colonel and above could not serve in the new army.

The use of senior officers from Saddam's army already has proven useful in the restive city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad. The city saw almost daily attacks against American troops for a year until the Marines cut a deal with former

Iraqi officers to establish the Fallujah Brigade to take charge of security.

Since then, attacks against U.S. troops in the Fallujah area have fallen sharply.

"I see him as a good man and a loyal son of Iraq," Governing Council member Nassef Kamel al-Chaderchi said of Allawi. "He is known for his ability to make decisions quickly and he also is decisive."

Despite those attributes, Allawi's past associations — particularly with the CIA and British intelligence — could be a serious liability.

"Anyone who sold himself to the CIA is not fit to be the leader of the Iraqi government," said Abdul-Majeed Abdul-Rahman, an engineer from Baghdad who, like most Iraqis, nurtures a deep distrust of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council.

Sheik Haid al-Saadi, the Friday preacher at Baghdad's Kazimiyah shrine, one of Iraq's holiest Shiite sites, said, "He has been appointed by the Americans and will serve the interests of the Americans."

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# NASA eyes robotic mission

### Technology could help the Hubble, if challenges can be overcome

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — With human hands no longer available to prolong the Hubble Space Telescope's life, NASA is now pinning its hopes on robots.

But while agency officials and other supporters of the groundbreaking telescope express optimism that a robotic mission could bring a longer life to the Hubble, they acknowledge that the technical, financial and timing challenges could stymie the plan.

this week, and to pick a plan in the fall. That will start the clock on a high-stakes race to build, test and launch a mission before the Hubble's batteries run down, which could happen as soon as the end of 2007.

But whether such a mission can ever be reality remains far from certain.

"We're positive enough to continue to study it in depth and really get a feeling for whether it's worth pursuing," said Edward Weiler, the head of NASA's space-science office and an astronomer who worked on the development of the telescope.

"Is it going to be difficult? It's not going to be easy, but the beauty of it is, if we can pull it off, it takes the human risk and shuttle-safety issue off the table in the debate," he said.

But the space agency is looking at robots because NASA chief Sean O'Keefe scrapped plans to send a space shuttle to the Hubble to replace the batteries and

the gyroscopes used to steady the telescope, as well as to add several new instruments. The decision, announced Jan. 16, stunned the scientific community and has drawn fire from Congress and the general public.

Without any upgrades, the Hubble will die in orbit in late 2007 or early 2008, when its batteries run down.

In an effort to extend the Hubble's life and quiet the criticism — without taking what O'Keefe thinks is an unacceptable risk in using astronauts to do the work — NASA began putting out feelers earlier this year to determine what kind of robotic options might be available. More than two dozen responses came in, giving Weiler and others enough confidence to press ahead.

NASA is looking for as much benefit for the telescope as possible. But the minimum requirement is a safe de-orbiting of the Hubble when it is no

longer operating, something the agency had been planning for several years.

If that capability can be developed, the next step would be a way to replace the telescope's gyroscopes, which keep it stable, and batteries. The gyroscopes are expected to fail even sooner than the batteries, although the result would not be fatal.

"That's not a desired situation, but, you know, it's like deep sleep as opposed to death," Weiler said.

Ideally, a robotic mission would also include the installation of several new instruments, which were to have been added during a 2006 visit that had been scheduled for the shuttle.

Weiler said there was no "silver bullet" among the ideas NASA has seen so far.

"There's no magic solution; that's the bottom line," Weiler said. "It's got to be a combination of things and a combination of technologies."

# Beach restoration comes under fire

The Washington Post

EMERALD ISLE, N.C. — The morning after Hurricane Isabel hit last September, Town Manager Frank A. Rush Jr. dashed off an e-mail.

"The town of Emerald Isle was extremely fortunate, and sustained very little damage," Rush wrote on Sept. 19 to town officials. "Beach erosion ... is minimal."

But Emerald Isle turned to the government for help. After the beach resort was declared part of a federal natural disaster area, the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded the town nearly \$1.5 million for street signs, tennis court lights and sand for the resort's carefully manicured beaches.

"I have a great deal of difficulty using FEMA for wealthy beach towns getting money for sand," said Emily Farmer, the former mayor of the town of 3,500. Emerald Isle basically paid FEMA as an insurance policy.

It is not alone.

Dozens of wealthy beach towns and coastal communities turned to the federal agency after Isabel and received tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer-funded disaster relief, records obtained by The Washington Post under the Freedom of Information Act show.

The bulk of the money was used to clear debris and pay for emergency workers' overtime. Hundreds of thousands of dollars, however, were used to repair flagpoles, signs, bike paths and ball fields. And, in what some environmental groups and regulators say is a troubling development, the federal agency is paying for an estimated \$15 million worth of sand.

Emerald Isle was a declared area and they were an eligible applicant and they were funded," said Paul Wilson, a disaster recovery specialist in FEMA's Atlanta office.

Agency officials did not respond to requests for additional comment.

Why is the nation's disaster relief agency paying for sand? Under FEMA's policies, beaches such as those in Emerald Isle are viewed as part of the public infrastructure, similar to a water plant or an electric utility. As long as the beaches are maintained and there is a fed-

erally declared disaster — such as a hurricane — a community can apply for funds to replace any washed-away sand.

The rationale is that the FEMA-funded beaches and sand dunes protect property and reduce storm damage. But some environmentalists say that FEMA, by paying for sand, is encouraging risky development in the very places that people should be avoiding, and exposing the federal treasury to an endless cycle of bailouts in the process.

"There is no emergency if you stay out of harm's way," said Orrin Pilkey, a Duke University geologist and longtime critic of federally funded beach fills. "It's only when people build on the shoreline that it becomes dangerous and you get all of these other problems."

FEMA's growing role in the sand business comes as several important developments are reshaping the economic and political landscape of North Carolina's coast. In the past two decades, beach towns have undergone an unprecedented building boom, transforming sleepy fishing villages into modern resorts. Land values have doubled and tripled, and oceanfront lots selling for \$1 million or more. Quaint shore cottages have been replaced by hulking rentals with 10 bedrooms, game rooms, elevators, whirlpool bathtubs and pools.

At the same time, some sections of the North Carolina shoreline are running out of sand, leaving local officials to scramble for replacement sand and the money to pay for it.

In the past, many of these towns would have turned to the Army Corps of Engineers for help. Although better known for building bridges and dredging harbors, the Corps has also served as the largest source of federal sand dollars for eroding beaches.

Since the mid-1950s, it has spent an estimated \$1.5 billion in inflation-adjusted dollars on sand.

But in recent years, those projects have been criticized as wasteful, and the Bush administration's new budget has called for an end to new projects.

In the meantime, beach towns are looking for new sources of funds.

Some, including Emerald Isle, are turning to FEMA.

# End looms for Schwarzenegger honeymoon

Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — For six months, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has managed to keep his position unknown on a host of potentially divisive issues. Now he is going to have to start filling in the blanks.

After acceding repeatedly to a Republican governor focused on delivering on campaign promises, the Democrats who control the State Senate and Assembly this week approved a number of measures that likely will force the governor to make some difficult choices.

The Assembly endorsed increasing the minimum wage to \$7.75, a 15 percent increase. If the more liberal Senate concurs, as expected, the governor will have to choose between being a champion of low-wage workers or signing a bill that small businesses and the California Chamber of Commerce say will cost the state jobs.

The Legislature is also poised to approve a handful of measures that would encourage individual Californians and state agencies to import prescription drugs from Canada, where they are cheaper. The notion is popular among elderly voters and could save the cash-strapped state millions. But approving those bills would put Schwarzenegger on a collision course with the pharmaceutical industry and the Republican administration in Washington, D.C., both of which oppose drug imports.

Schwarzenegger may have to choose between politically appealing measures and some of his bigger campaign supporters in other areas. Car dealers, for instance, will strongly urge him to veto a measure that would allow used car buyers to return a car within three days of sale. The bill passed the Assembly this week. Automotive interests have donated \$124,338 to Schwarzenegger, according to ArnoldWatch.org, a consumer activist Website.

"In getting into the grist of the legislative session, the public will start seeing his points of view on many issues," said Democratic Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg.

Until now, the Legislature, still somewhat shell-shocked by last year's recall and the implicit criticism of them that it included, generally has avoided confrontations with the governor. I fear that the public would reproach them for any gridlock and cowed by the neophyte governor's deft threats of initiatives, lawmakers over the last half year have rolled back the car tax, repealed the law giving drivers' licenses to illegal immigrants and agreed to business-supported changes to the state's workers' compensation rules.

But that is changing somewhat as lawmakers — many of whom are up for re-election this fall — press forward with their own priorities.

# Lawyer struggles to put finger on why he was arrested in bombing

Los Angeles Times

PORTLAND, Ore. — For a single moment, all eyes were on the finger, left index, pale and slender as a flower stem. Brandon Mayfield held it up for all his family to see, and even he gazed at it with amazement.

"It was this one," he said softly.

His wife Mona looked up from her dinner plate. His oldest son, Shane, 15, working on a computer behind the couch, craned his neck. The youngest son, Sawyer, 10, tinkering with his mother's cell phone, glanced up. And Sharia, the only daughter, 12 years old and curled up on the couch, shifted her eyes to get a good look.

For two weeks, Mayfield and the man who owned it was implicated in a terrorist attack 8,000 miles away, in Madrid, Spain, a series of train bombings that killed nearly 200 people. The FBI was convinced that a print from Mayfield's finger was found on a plastic bag of detonators left near the scene.

Mayfield, who hadn't traveled outside the United States in more than a decade, was arrested May 6 and held as a material witness for two weeks until Spanish police announced that the print belonged to an Algerian.

In his first in-depth interview, Mayfield talked with restrained anger about his ordeal. He was held in solitary confinement for the first week, was handcuffed, forced to wear leg irons and subjected to regular strip searches. In the second week, he was put in with the general prison population. Mayfield, who was told by a guard to "watch your back," feared for his life.

The FBI, greatly embarrassed, apologized to Mayfield and his family. It was all a big mistake. Investigators blamed it on a bad copy of the print.

On Thursday evening, Mayfield — an attorney, former army officer and a converted Muslim — was back home in his living room, having dinner, and feeling his way back to his life. He is 37, slender, about 5-foot-9, with a wispy beard and a shag of curly brown hair. Blue eyes peer through small, professional glasses. There's a softness to his voice that could be mistaken for timidity. Mona refers to it as his trademark "calmness."

His overall demeanor was of a man trying to recover from shell-shock. As if the events of the past month have not yet settled in his mind, and may not settle for a long time. "I'm still trying to absorb this," he said frequently.

His family, too, is still reeling, still cautious in their joy, and still fearful that they are being watched by investigators. But on this night, the Mayfield family was together, at home.



Portland attorney Brandon Mayfield, left, leaves a press conference with his son, Famir, 10, after announcing in Portland, Ore., Monday that a federal judge dismissed the case in which the attorney had been arrested in the Madrid train bombings investigation.

and not even ultra-calm Mayfield could completely contain his joy.

"I'm so happy to be home. To be with my family," he said. "Two weeks ago, I was on a track to a death sentence."

Dinner was casual in the Mayfield house. It took place in the living room. Friends and relatives who had come to support the family were still there. Some ate, some didn't. Some sat on the carpet, others on the couch.

At the moment, the Mayfields were doing what they had been doing continuously since his release on May 20: trying to sort out the story from beginning to end. There were pieces of the story still missing.

The topic turned to his time behind bars.

Mayfield, sitting on the couch and taking occasional bites from a chicken leg, spoke as if weighing every word. He said he was still exploring the possibility of filing a civil suit against the government, so he didn't want to disclose too many details.

He was held at the Multnomah County Detention Center. A U.S. Marshal assigned him a pseudonym, Randy Taylor. Later, a guard asked his name, and he said it was Randy Taylor. The guard said he knew who he was, and that he better not lie again.

Another guard told him he believed he was innocent. And one guard suggested he write a book about his experience, which Mayfield said he was also considering.

"I never felt safe. I didn't trust anyone, not even the guards," Mayfield said.

He was moved from a cell to cell, section to section, jail to courthouse. Each time, he was handcuffed and forced to wear leg irons.

He spent the first week in "lock up," which was a way of keeping him separate from the rest of the prisoners. Federal public defender Steven Wax said that was done for Mayfield's protection, because some inmates might harm a suspected terrorist.

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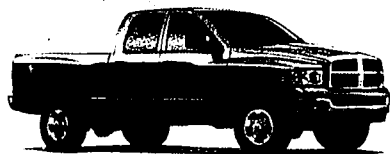
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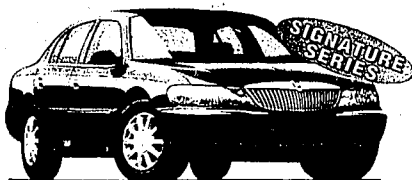


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NATION

# Sam Dash, counsel in Watergate hearings, dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sam Dash, the former chief Watergate counsel who became a household name in the 1970s for his penetrating interrogations into President Nixon's secret taping system, died Saturday after a lengthy illness, his family said.

Dash, who cultivated a reputation for independence and as an ardent advocate for legal ethics, was 79. He died early Saturday at the Washington Hospital Center, according to family members.

Dash had taught constitutional law and legal ethics at Georgetown University Law Center until January. After that, he "went to the hospital and never came back," said David Molyneux, his son-in-law.

As the lead lawyer on Sen. Sam Ervin's Select Committee on Watergate, Dash was prominent during the committee's televised hearings.

During a pivotal moment in the 1973 hearings, Dash pressed White House aide Alexander Butterfield over who knew about a secret taping system in the Oval Office.

"The president ...," Butterfield replied. The existence of the tapes led to Nixon's resignation in August 1974.

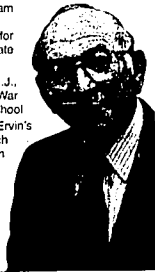
A lifelong Democrat, Dash

PROFILE

## Legal advocate Sam Dash dies at 79

The former chief Watergate counsel, Sam Dash, died Saturday after a lengthy illness. He had cultivated a reputation for independence and as an ardent advocate for legal ethics.

**Early years** — A native of Camden, N.J., he was an Air Force officer in World War II, and a graduate of Harvard Law School. **Career** — Lead lawyer on Sen. Sam Ervin's Select Committee on Watergate which led to President Nixon's resignation in 1974. In 1994 served as the ethics advisor to Kenneth Starr in the Whitewater investigation, but he resigned after four years; taught constitutional law and legal ethics at Georgetown University Law Center. **Family** — Wife and two daughters.



AP

again made headlines in 1994 when he agreed to serve as the ethics advisor to independent counsel Kenneth Starr in the Whitewater investigation of President Clinton.

But he resigned four years later, saying that Starr "unlawfully intruded" by aggressively advocating that Clinton be impeached. Dash, in fact, helped draft the independent counsel law that Congress passed as part of the post-Watergate reforms aimed at assuring

impartial investigations of certain activities in the executive branch.

"As a prosecutor, your job is to seek justice, not just to convict. Other lawyers feel this way too, but it is an absolute mission with me," said Dash in explaining his criticism of Starr.

A lawyer for more than a half century, Dash recently had expressed concern about the threats to individual freedoms as a result of the Bush administration's fight against terrorism.

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## Scientists announce Chicago is sinking

The Washington Post

Chicago is sinking! That was the conclusion of scientists presented at a joint meeting of the U.S. and Canadian Geophysical Unions in Montreal a few days ago. Researchers from Northwestern University's geology department and collaborators from the United States and Canada have been using global positioning system (GPS) technology to map the way the land is slowly bringing itself back to equilibrium since the glaciers that once blanketed the area melted about 12,000

years ago. Based on 10 years of GPS readings at 200 points in North America, they discovered that with the weight of the glaciers gone, the land in Canada and the northern part of the Great Lakes is slowly rising—and like a seesaw, Chicago is sinking.

"Hudson Bay in Canada is rising about 10 millimeters a year, and Chicago is subsiding by about a millimeter a year," said Giovanni Sella, a postdoctoral fellow at Northwestern. "Harbors are getting shallower on the Canadian side and deeper on the U.S. side, so we'll have more

erosion on the U.S. side and Canadians will have the illusion that the water table is dropping, when in reality the land is rising."

Although one millimeter might not sound like much, over the past century the Chicago area has sunk approximately four inches.

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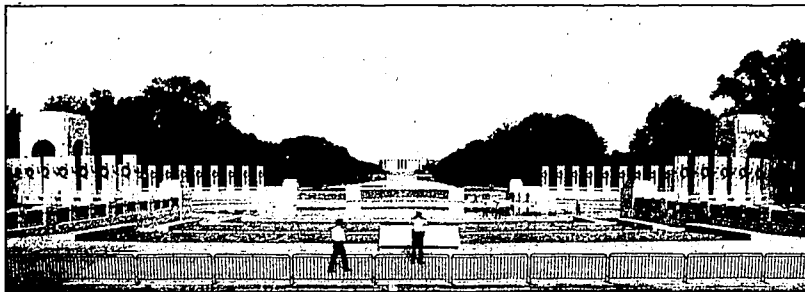
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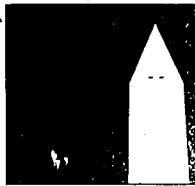
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# AMERICA SAYS 'THANKS'



The World War II Memorial before the start of the dedication ceremonies on Saturday.



Military aircraft pass by the Washington Monument during a fly-over at the conclusion of the dedication ceremony of the World War II Memorial on Saturday in Washington.



Collis Turner, 81, from Phoenix City, Ala., observes a moment of silence during the dedication of the World War II Memorial. Turner served in the Army Air Corp in the Pacific Theater during World War II.



Edward White, 97, who served as a Army combat engineer in the 103rd Division, sits in the audience on the Mall before the World War II Memorial dedication.



Five-year-old Ben Grimes of Cordova, Ill. shows his gratitude to his grandfather, a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne serving in World War II.

## Many vets struggle with homelessness

Los Angeles Times

After the homecomings are over and the yellow ribbons packed away, many who once served in America's armed forces may end up sleeping on sidewalks.

This is the often-unacknowledged postscript to military service. According to the federal government, veterans make up 9 percent of the U.S. population but 23 percent of the homeless population. Among homeless men, veterans make up 33 percent.

Their ranks included veterans like Peter Starks and Calvin Bennett, who spent nearly 30 years on the streets of Los Angeles, homeless and addicted.

Or Vanessa Turner of Boston, who returned injured from Iraq last summer, unable to find health care or a place to live.

Or Ken Saks, who lost his feet because of complications caused by Agent Orange, then lost his low-rent Santa Barbara, Calif. apartment in an ordeal that began when a neighbor complained about his wheelchair ramp.

"I'm 56 years old," Saks said. "I don't want to die in the streets. . . This is what our (soldiers in Iraq) are coming home to? They're going to live a life like I have? God bless them."

Studies indicate that some will. Male veterans are 1.3 times more likely to become homeless than non-veterans, women 3.6 times more likely. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the estimated number of homeless Vietnam veterans is more than twice the number of soldiers - 58,000 - who died in battle during that war.

In the past, data quantifying homelessness among veterans did not exist, said Phillip Mangano, who heads the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

"It's been precisely the lack of research that we had us groping in the dark as far as what our response should be," he said. But in 1996, a comprehensive study on homelessness by the Census Bureau, co-sponsored by the VA and other federal agencies, offered a disturbing look at the men and women who once wore uniforms.

Although 47 percent of homeless veterans served during the Vietnam era, the study found soldiers from as far back as World War II and as recent as the Persian Gulf War also ended up homeless.

It is impossible to know exactly how many U.S. veterans are on the streets, but experts estimate that about 300,000 of them are homeless on any given night and that about half a million experience homelessness at some point during the year.

Now, as fighting continues in Iraq and Afghanistan, social service providers wonder what will happen to this generation of service men and women returning home from war.

"What are they going to do for these guys when they come home. . . other than wave a flag and buy them a beer?" asked Paul Camacho, a professor of social science at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and a Vietnam veteran.

Nobody can pinpoint a single cause for homelessness among veterans. As with non-veterans, the reasons vary: high housing costs, unemployment, substance abuse, poor education. Veterans may also contend with war injuries, post-traumatic stress syndrome and frayed family relations.


The transformation from spit-polish soldier to urban nomad is as much a question of what does not happen in a person's life as what does. The strict, orderly world of military life - where every soldier is housed, fed, and treated when ill - does not necessarily prepare veterans for the randomness of life outside.


Even the VA loan guarantee, which has helped generations of veterans purchase homes, is useless for those too troubled, or earning too little, to take advantage of it.

Homelessness among veterans is currently the topic of joint talks between the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, said Peter Dougherty, the VA's director of homeless veterans programs.

"Traditionally what happens to you after you leave has not been a concern of (the) service," he said.

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# Private talks raise fears about Afghan elections

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — A week of private talks between envoys for President Hamid Karzai and various current and former Islamic militia leaders have raised fears of a power-sharing deal that could undermine internationally backed elections scheduled for September.

The negotiations here with members of the Northern Alliance coalition have angered leaders of Karzai's Pashtun ethnic group and alarmed foreign diplomats and election observers, who say a deal with religious strongmen will send a message to a nation preparing to embark on its first democratic vote.

The Northern Alliance is dominated by ethnic Tajik militia leaders who were given key roles in a coalition government set up by the United Nations in 2001. In recent meetings, participants said, Karzai's representatives have sought their support for his candidacy in return for posts in a future administration and partially appointed parliament.

"This is like saying that the only ticket to the palace is having Europeans behind you," said one European diplomat. "These elections are costing \$200 million, and if that can't produce a credible and legitimate process, then all the money will have gone down a black hole. It's not only a lost opportunity, it's a regression to the past."

Aides to Karzai said his aim in holding such talks is to ensure a trouble-free election, not to sabotage it. They said reports that he had promised Northern Alliance leaders important government roles, but they said he was seeking to bring them into the fold so they would not be tempted to thwart the country's progress to democracy.

These are not negotiations. They are talks about building an

understanding based on certain principles," said one presidential aide. "The president believes that although elections are a step forward, they will not remedy all the ills of Afghanistan. To strengthen the peace process, he believes it is important to move cautiously and neutralize forces that might want to destabilize it, and they are going to lose it."

The Northern Alliance is a coalition of Islamic militias that fought occupying Soviet troops in the 1980s and were later allied with U.S. forces against the Taliban, which was toppled in late 2001. Many Afghans are wary of these groups because they held power during a chaotic and destructive period of civil conflict in the early 1990s. Nevertheless, the United Nations gave several Northern Alliance leaders a prominent role in the temporary post-Taliban government, which they are determined not to lose through elections.

In the past week, concern and speculation about a possible deal between Karzai and the alliance have overshadowed news of progress toward holding elections for president and the lower house of parliament. On Wednesday, officials announced an electoral law that had been delayed more than two months.

Voter registration has continued a slow climb, reaching 2.6 million out of some 9.5 million eligible voters, and nearly 600 rural registration sites are now open. The number of political parties officially registered rose to more than a dozen, although party leaders complained of bureaucratic delays, cumbersome requirements and political bias against some groups.

Meanwhile, several public debates have been held, with political leaders and likely candidates.

# Gunmen attack compounds

## Militants take 45-60 hostages in Saudi Arabia

KHOBAR, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Suspected Islamic militants wearing military-style uniforms sprayed gunfire inside two office compounds in the heart of the Saudi oil production region Saturday, killing at least 10 people — before taking dozens of hostages at a luxury expatriate resort.

Saudi security forces stormed the walled Oasis Residential Resorts complex and surrounded the attackers on the sixth floor of a high-rise building, a police officer told The Associated Press. Security officials said between 45 and 60 people were being held hostage, mostly Westerners including Americans and Italians.

Statements posted on Islamic Web sites claimed the attack in the name of the Al-Quds (Jerusalem) Brigade. One statement was signed the "al-Qaida in the Arab Peninsula." It said the attacks targeted U.S. companies and that a number of "crusaders" had been killed.

The attack was the second deadly assault this month against the Saudi oil industry and came amid oil prices driven to new highs partly by fears that the Saudi kingdom — is the world's largest oil producer — is unable to protect itself from terrorists.

Osama bin Laden, blamed for past terror attacks in Saudi Arabia, has vowed to destabilize the oil industry and undermine the kingdom for its close ties to the United States.

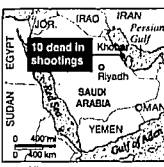
British and Filipino citizens were reportedly also among those killed in the shooting, as well as Saudi guards and a 10-year-old Egyptian boy whose father



A burned-out car seen in an image from television from the eastern Saudi Arabian city of Khobar on Saturday after gunmen opened fire on compounds housing offices of oil companies. At least 10 people were reported killed, including a 10-year old boy and three Westerners according to local sources.

## Fatal shootings at oil plant offices

Suspected Islamic militants sprayed gunfire inside two Saudi oil industry compounds killing at least 10 people before taking about 50 hostages at the expatriate residential complex.



WORKS FOR AN OIL COMPANY. The kingdom's Crown Prince Abdullah said about 10 Saudis and foreigners were killed.

The attack started Saturday morning in the city of Khobar, 250 miles northeast of Riyadh, near the Persian Gulf coast, where the suspected militants

mat, told The Associated Press that five Lebanese hostages had been released.

One of them, Orna Naoufal, said she covered in her apartment with her four-year-old son for five hours after a brief encounter with two of the gunmen, whom she described as clean-shaven and wearing military uniforms.

She told AP by telephone that the gunmen asked her where the "infidels" and foreigners were, and whether she was Muslim or Christian.

"I replied: 'I'm Lebanese and there are no foreigners here,'" she said. She told the gunman to her to "Go convert to Islam, and cover up and go back to your country."

One of the targeted oil industry compounds contains offices and apartments for the Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation, or Apicorp, and the other — the Petroleum Center building — houses offices of various international firms.

A civilian car had slammed into a sign outside the Apicorp compound, and there was a burned car at the entrance and glass shards on the ground.

Witnesses earlier said at least 10 ambulances were outside the Oasis, and that hundreds of policemen had surrounded the complex with helicopters overhead.

In addition to Apicorp, oil industry companies with offices in the compounds include a joint venture among Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Total SA and Saudi Aramco; Lukoil Holdings of Russia; and China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., or Sinopec.

The Egyptian boy who was killed was the son of an Apicorp employee, said Mahmoud Ouf, an Egyptian consular officer in Riyadh.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency quoted his father Samir, as saying his son was on his way to school with other students.

# It's a job trying to find work in Sao Paulo

Los Angeles Times

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Not even the sun rises as early as Antonio Mariano.

The stars are out and the streets deserted when she shuts the door behind her and catches a lonely bus downtown at 4 a.m.

The ride takes nearly 90 minutes.

It's still dark and chilly when she reaches her destination — a queue that already snakes around a building and down the block.

The line is led by people who camped out the night before or managed to arrive even earlier than she did.

Luckily, she is among the 240 applicants who make the cutoff and get ushered inside the office of Brazil's largest workers' union.

Yet a few more hours will pass before she finds out whether there's any chance of getting what she desperately needs: a job.

Mariano, 48, has been searching for work for more than a year, after the graphics company for which she cooked and cleaned collapsed under a mound of debt.

Week in and week out, she makes the rounds of Sao Paulo's union-run employment centers, then hits the pavement, passing out her resume from business to business, shop to shop.

All she has earned so far are regretful shakes of the head and a pair of tired feet.

"It weighs you out more than working," Mariano said. "When you go to work, you've got something fixed; you know where you're going. When you go out looking for a job, you just don't know whether you'll find anything."

Her plight seems endlessly replicated in this sprawling megalopolis, South America's largest, with a population of 18 million in the greater Sao Paulo area.

Joblessness and despair plague the city that has long been the powerhouse of the Brazilian economy.

Last month, the unemployment rate here hit 20.7 percent, the worst for any April on record, with 2 million people idle.



## EVENTS

### Friday, June 4

- Twin Falls Western Days Welcome ..... City Park hosted by Doulos & Checkers
- Boys & Girls Club Carnival ..... Behind Blue Lakes Ford
- Presentation of colors, National Anthem ..... City Park honoring past and present military personnel and introduction of city leaders
- Original Braun Brother ..... City Park
- Muzzle Braun and the Boys ..... City Park
- Micky and the Motorcars ..... City Park

### Saturday, June 5

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- Food, Crafts & Vendors ..... City Park
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# Sharon heads for clash over pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon geared up for a head-to-head clash with hard-liners in his Cabinet over his Gaza pullout plan, hoping the heated debate would win him a government majority for the U.S.-endorsed proposal, officials said Saturday.

Preparing for what was expected to be a long, contentious meeting, Sharon held up Saturday at his Touch in southern Israel and took the opportunity to slam his rivals in an interview with Israel Radio.

In the stinging interview, Sharon accused unnamed Cabinet ministers of "anonymity" and seeking "personal political advancement at the country's expense. He appeared to be taking aim at his greatest adversary, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sharon might talk to Cabinet members later Saturday in a



Young relatives of Aymen Hassan cry during his funeral, in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, Saturday. His family said Hassan was a civilian and died overnight from wounds from Israeli gunfire.

and dealing during Sunday's Cabinet session. Sharon will ask the 23 Cabinet ministers to debate a "phased disengagement plan" that calls for the evacuation of all Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements.

Except for minor changes, the plan is almost identical to one vetoed by Sharon's hard-line Likud Party in a referendum earlier this month.

Attempts to find a compromise that would have won him a Cabinet majority failed. So Sharon decided that if the plan was going to bring down his government he wasn't going to water it down.

However, Sharon "doesn't want to do it as a rebellious move but rather get it passed," an adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said. Since most ministers don't want to see the government collapse, it is likely constructive ideas will result from Sunday's debate.

he added. The conflict over the plan has led to sharp confrontations between longtime adversaries Sharon and Netanyahu, with anonymous confidants trading insults in the media.

Netanyahu originally expressed support for the plan when Sharon returned from a White House meeting with President Bush with unprecedented U.S. commitments in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal.

After Sharon lost the Likud referendum, Netanyahu decided to oppose the plan in the Cabinet, leaving the prime minister one vote short of victory. The United States and Egypt, meanwhile, keen supporters of the proposal, are waiting for Sharon to make a move. Due to the pullout plan, Bush backed Israel's desire to hold onto chunks of the West Bank under a final peace deal and prevent Palestinian refugees from settling in Israel.

# Israeli attack kills senior Hamas leader, assistant

JERUSALEM (AP) — A senior Hamas commander, his assistant and a bystander died in a fiery Israeli air strike in Gaza City early Sunday, hours before Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was to confront his Cabinet over his plan to pull soldiers and settlers out of Gaza.

Hamas called the attack a "cowardly assassination crime" and said it killed Wael Nassar, 38, a top Hamas commander; his assistant, Mohammed Sar-

sour, 31; and an unidentified bystander. The two Hamas leaders were on the motorcycle when it exploded, witnesses said.

The Israeli military said its air force carried out the strike, aimed at "two senior Hamas commanders who were responsible for many attacks against Israelis, including suicide bombings, and were planning further attacks."

Witnesses said they saw a

flash in the sky before the motorcycle exploded. Outside the hospital morgue, angry Palestinians, most of them Hamas supporters, chanted "God is great." Amplified statements from local mosques mourned Nassar, one of the founders of the Hamas military wing called Izzedine al-Qassam. Nassar planned many Hamas attacks against Israelis, Palestinians said.

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu

Zohri accused Israel of a "cowardly assassination crime," part of Israel's "bloody escalation" against the Palestinians.

The attack came just hours before Israel's Cabinet was to debate Sharon's "unilateral disengagement" plan at its regular weekly meeting on Sunday. Sharon's Likud Party turned the plan down in a referendum on May 2, and Sharon appeared to have no majority for the program in the Cabinet.



A vehicle crushed by rocks, which fell from the mountains during Friday's earthquake, is seen on the Chalous road in northern Iran, Saturday.

# Debris litters road after quake kills 35

MAIZANABAD, Iran (AP) — Giant boulders and crushed cars littered a mountain road Saturday, a day after landslides were unleashed by a strong earthquake in northern and central Iran that killed at least 35 people and injured 250 others.

A helicopter flying a provincial governor and three of his aides who had been surveying the damage crashed in the northern mountains Saturday, killing all eight on board.

Fatollah Najafi was busy with his dozen customers at his roadside restaurant Friday afternoon when he felt the ground move and ran out to see huge boulders crushing cars and people.

"It was like a bomb exploded under my feet," Najafi, 60, recalled Saturday. "The only thing I saw was huge stones that looked like they were rolling down the mountain, smashing cars and people."

One of the boulders hit Najafi's modest restaurant near Marzababad, 45 miles north of Tehran.

"Thank God I'm alive," he said. The quake was felt in eight provinces in central and northern Iran, damaging more than 80 villages.

Many of those killed were crushed by falling boulders or buried in their cars along the mountainous road that connects Tehran with the city of Chalous, about 55 miles north of the capital.

There were no scenes of devastated villages, a common sight after earthquakes in Iran, which sits on a major fault-line.

A magnitude-6.6 quake in Bam, a historical city in south-eastern Iran, killed more than 26,000 people last December.

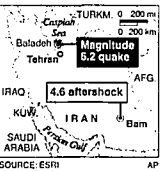
Large boulders riddled the road, which was covered by rocks, giant boulders and damaged cars. Trucks were being used to haul away the cars.

One driver squeezed into his car, whose rear side and passenger compartment were completely crushed, and slowly drove it away.

The landslides cut off road access to about a dozen villages, and army helicopters were ferrying rescue teams to assess the situation in those villages.

## Quake death toll climbs to 35

Army helicopters ferried rescue teams into earthquake-shattered villages in northern and central Iran, while the death toll rose to 35. Twenty aftershocks were reported after Friday's powerful earthquake.



The Iranian Red Crescent Society dispatched rescue teams with search dogs, as well as medical teams, tents and lanterns to the stricken areas. The official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted officials as saying about 50 villages were shaken.

Official Tehran television reported that the governor of Qazvin province was in the crashed helicopter, together with three aides, a journalist working for the state-run television and three crew members. The report did not name any of the officials, but the governor of Qazvin is Masoud Imani.

The helicopter crashed in the mountains just north of the city of Qazvin, about 80 miles north-west of Tehran.

Twenty aftershocks were reported after Friday's quake, including one 4.6-magnitude tremor Saturday morning in Bam that state-run Tehran television said caused "some damage but no casualties."

A weak tremor that lasted about five seconds was felt around midday Saturday in Tehran, which has a population of about 10 million people. Friday's quake had cracked or shattered windows in the extreme north of the capital, more than 60 miles from the hardest-hit villages.

Out of fear of a greater quake, many people in Tehran slept outdoors.

# Agency says many countries helped Libya's nuke program

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Libya's nuclear suppliers stretched over three continents and included states as well as individuals who provided equipment and expertise to the North African nation, the U.N. atomic agency said Friday.

An internal report by the International Atomic Energy Agency made available to The Associated Press did not name the countries involved.

But diplomats familiar with research that supported the document said the former Soviet Union, South Africa, Pakistan, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates apparently either providing support or serving as a base for individuals selling nuclear components or know-how to Libya.

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WORLD



Dominican people ask for food during a food distribution in Jimani, Dominican Republic, about 124 miles southwest of Santo Domingo on Saturday.

# Rains threaten island nations

## Rescuers rush to bury bodies in Haiti, Dominican Republic

JIMANI, Dominican Republic (AP) — Dominican troops buried bodies on a hillside surrounded by crocodiles Saturday as doctors warned of health hazards from shallow mass graves holding some of the 1,100 victims killed in floods along the border of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Survivors scavenged for food and shelter from a blistering sun that raised temperatures to 95 degrees. A weak earthquake hit in the disaster zone in the south-central part of the island of Hispaniola, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

Venezuela sent a plane-load of food, clothing and medicine along with doctors and disaster aid workers to Haiti.

A Spanish Red Cross plane left Madrid Saturday for the Dominican Republic, a former Spanish colony, carrying 12 tons of relief equipment including water-purification gear, cooking kits and two large tents to set up field hospitals.

Aid workers and troops from a U.S.-led multinational force in Haiti were trying to reach villagers cut off days ago when tropical rains had buried entire communities.

Among them was La Quarenta, a neighborhood of the Dominican border town of Jimani, population 13,000, where all that remains are palm trees, lopsided headstones in a cemetery and the cement foundations and chunks of wood from uprooted houses.

"We were sleeping and didn't hear the water coming in, then I felt it on my face and tried to get out with my family. And that's the last thing I remember," said

Alexandro Novas, 35. He was found the next day, Tuesday, two miles from his home, with gashes in his legs. His wife was killed; and his two children, ages 5 and 3, were presumed dead.

"Now I don't have my family and I don't have a house to live. I'm lost," said Novas. He and 500 others from La Quarenta have taken over an abandoned government housing project, where the buildings — roofless concrete shells — are upwind of the stench of rotting bodies.

On Wednesday, Dominican authorities stopped trying to identify bodies and said they were just burying victims where they found them.

A group of Dominican doctors warned decomposing bodies buried in shallow mass graves without protective plastic sheeting could cause an epidemic.

"The contamination is already beginning to be felt," public health specialist Luis Roa said in a radio interview broadcast Saturday. "Sooner or later we're going to have to bury them."

Vice Admiral Ramon Lara Salcedo, president of the National Emergency Commission, confirmed troops were burying bodies in graves three to four feet deep, but said the military was doing the best it could under the circumstances.

"It's very easy to speak about this stuff from outside, but we're the ones dealing with this terrible situation," he said.

Officials said they planned to spray disinfectant from crop-dusting planes to prevent disease, but it was not clear when that would happen.

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# Al-Qaida finds niche in Japan

NIIGATA, Japan (AP) — To his Japanese neighbors, Lionel Dumont was a mystery.

When police and immigration officials asked about the Frenchman, Dumont's landlord had no idea who he was, even though the landlord lived right across the street and had only 36 tenants in his apartment building.

"They showed me a black-and-white picture and asked if I remembered him," Jubei Sato said. "I couldn't place him at all. I don't think I saw him once the whole three months he lived here. He blended right in, never caused any trouble. But I found out after he left that he'd only paid half his rent."

Last week, Sato — and the rest of Japan — found out why authorities were interested in the 33-year-old starting a few months ago.

Dumont, according to police, may be the first al-Qaida operative to have infiltrated Japan since the Sept. 11 attacks. And he did it with amazing impunity, entering on a faked passport and apparently, his case made headlines only last week when he was serving a 20-year sentence for the murder of a Bosnian policeman during a robbery. He was in Bosnia fighting alongside other Muslims.

Dumont also was convicted in absentia by a French court in 2001 for a string of violent crimes while a member of the Roubaix gang and was sentenced to life in prison.

Though he was arrested in December at a Munich, Germany, airport, his case made headlines only last week when he was extradited to France.

Dumont, a convert to Islam, is now jailed in the northern French city of Douai, in the region where the Roubaix gang operated. He will be retried in keeping with French law on absentia convictions.

It is too early to say how he will plead, according to the



Bosnian policeman handcuff Lionel Dumont of France after his trial in central Bosnian town of Zenica for a series of robberies in Bosnia in this July 16, 1997 file photo. Senior al-Qaida member Dumont was based in Japan for more than a year, and investigators suspect he was trying to establish a terror cell, Japanese media said May 18.



A muslim man takes off his socks at the entrance of a makeshift mosque in a prefabricated building at East Port neighborhood of Niigata on the Japan Sea Coast, Tuesday.

contacted by Dumont after he left Japan. The five — three Bangladeshis, an Indian and a Malian — were arrested for immigration violations or the falsification of documents.

The Dumont case has prompted calls from the highest levels for heightened vigilance, including an order by Public Security Intelligence Agency chief Takasumi Ozumi for authorities to act as if "Japan were at risk of being the target of a terror attack tomorrow."

But what is most frightening about the Dumont case for many Japanese is the challenge it poses to a deeply held assumption — that while the rest of the world is a dangerous place, this island nation is too homogeneous or too isolated to be penetrated by foreign terrorists.

"Who would have expected a person like that to have come to Japan, and especially here of all places?" said housewife Sumiko Tsuji, one of Dumont's neighbors. "I guess they can be anywhere."

Niigata would seem an unlikely place for a foreign fugitive. Located on the Sea of Japan coast, it is far from the anonymous crowds of Tokyo. Surrounded by rice paddies and lush green hills, it maintains the

feel of a small, provincial capital despite its population of 480,000.

Unlike his low profile in town, Dumont was well-known here. "We all called him 'Santuz,' car dealer Nadhem Abdul said. "He was a gentleman. Very devout, a very hard worker."

According to Abdul and several other dealers, Dumont worked at different car lots, parking and taking care of the vehicles.

Dumont is suspected of trying to establish an al-Qaida cell to carry out a terrorist attack, Japanese media have reported, quoting anonymous police officials who called him a "senior, al-Qaida member."

But French authorities say that is "largely exaggerated." Police contacted by The Associated Press confirmed only that they believe Dumont was linked to al-Qaida, but they refused to elaborate.

Prosecutor Joachim Ehrenhofer, who handled the case in Europe, said the French extradition request cited only robbery accusations and did not mention terror-related activities. But French investigators have linked the Roubaix gang, named after the city where it was based in the late-1990s, to a radical Islamic network, contending that robberies were used to finance extremist activities.

# Pakistan detains tribesmen after deal falls through

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Warning of renewed military attacks if arm-twisting fails, Pakistani security forces detained dozens of tribesmen Saturday after tribal elders failed to register and disarm foreign militants suspected of links to the Taliban and al-Qaida.

The crackdown also included the seizures of vehicles and closings of businesses. It focused on the Ahmdezai Wazir tribe in South Waziristan, a region bordering Afghanistan and a possible refuge for extremists, including Osama bin Laden and his chief aide, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Pakistani authorities took the action after a compromise reached with tribal elders in the semi-autonomous region two months ago broke down. The tribes were supposed to register foreign militants who, in exchange, would be allowed to stay in the region if they laid down their arms and renounced violence.

No militants have registered, Pakistani officials said.

"We began this operation today," said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security in the region, referring to the detentions. "If it does not achieve the required results, the option of using force is there."

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Britain's Prince William, right, drives a six-wheel buggy with farm manager David Wilson at Home Farm near Tetbury, Gloucester, Saturday. Prince William and his father, Prince Charles, took part in this organized media opportunity and in return the media will leave Prince William alone at his Scottish university.



## Prince hints at armed forces career

LONDON (AP) — Prince William hinted strongly on Saturday that he will join the armed forces when he graduates from university. William, second in line to the throne after his father, Prince Charles, praised British soldiers for risking their lives for their country and said he would be proud to do the same. "I haven't really ruled anything out, but a career in the armed forces would be the best thing at the moment because it would be lovely to recognize all the hard work that the armed forces are

doing," the 21-year-old said at Prince Charles' Duchy Home Farm in Gloucestershire. "It is a risky business but there's a lot of guys out there risking their lives," he told reporters at a photo opportunity, one of the few chances journalists have to ask the young royal questions. Charles and William appeared for reporters as they made an inspection of a royal herd of cows. A stint in the armed forces after studies is traditional for male royals, but there have been rumors in the media that William, who has

just finished his third year of a four-year geography degree at St. Andrew's University in Scotland, did not see his future in the military. "The young prince is reportedly keen to work in farming but he said Saturday that joining the armed forces 'would be a very important thing to do.'" "I wouldn't do it reluctantly, because I really value all the efforts and the professionalism of those guys," he said. "I would do it wholeheartedly and enjoy doing it."

## Deals to end war in Sudan don't stop the suffering

KALMA, Sudan (AP) — When insurgents signed a deal with the government last week to end Sudan's 21-year civil war in the south, it did little for Musa Juma Ahmed. Driven out of his village by Arab gunmen on horses and camels, the middle-aged man has become one of a million people made homeless by a different war in Sudan's vast western region of Darfur.

The agreements signed Wednesday pave the way for an end to the conflict in southern Sudan and have won international plaudits for President Omar el-Bashir's government and the rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

But impoverished, Iraq-sized Darfur is not included, and the 15-month-old conflict here continues between rebels demanding a greater share of wealth and power in the country, and a government fearful that its concessions to the southern rebels will embolden rebels elsewhere.

Ahmed described the Arab raiders riding into his village, killing and looting.

"They took our animals, our food. They did not leave a thing. They did not even leave our homes. They destroyed everything completely," Ahmed said.

He fled to Kalma, a camp of grass huts hastily put up in the desert.

Like the conflict in the south, Darfur's reflects the hybrid nature of Africa's largest country: part Arab, part African; part Muslim, part Christian; and always ruled from the Arab north.

Tensions have long existed between the region's African farmers and Arab nomads, fueled by competition for land and scarce resources even though they are all Muslim in Darfur. Past disputes were dealt with locally by fighters using spears and swords. Now the region is saturated with guns.

Darfur's rebellion started in February 2003, when black African insurgents took up arms saying they had long been neglected by the government in Khartoum.

Since then, the violence has escalated. Human rights groups accuse Bashir's Islamic government of arming Arab militia to carry out ethnic cleansing. The United Nations says 2 million people, half of them homeless, are in short of food and medicine, making the situation here the world's worst current humanitarian crisis.

"They tell us we are black and they are Arabs," Ahmed said. "They say we are black Africans ... They want to shoot us and this is all because of President Omar el-Bashir. He gave the weapons to the Arabs to kill all the blacks and they completely destroyed us because we have nothing to eat."

The government dismisses the allegations of ethnic cleansing, blaming rebels for the destruction. It says the agreements with the southern insurgents will help solve the problems in Darfur.

"I would like to reassure you that the peace deal we have just signed will give us impetus," Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha said Thursday. "We will begin, as of tomorrow, to double our efforts to close the page of conflict in Darfur as we closed the page of war in the south."

The government also is accused of restricting aid workers' access to the region. A Swiss humanitarian group says it will host a meeting Tuesday between the Darfur rebels and government officials in Geneva about getting aid to Darfur.

But in Kalma, 12 miles from Nyala, the capital of South Darfur state, there is little optimism that the violence will end soon.

The camp is home to some 23,000 women, children and men who fled their villages, and another 300-400 families arrive daily, said Abdulmalik Omar, a coordinator with the U.N. World Food Program.

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## EDITORIAL

### Pick up the torch of a brave generation

Take a glance at the obituary page today, or any other day. You'll see a generation of heroes fading into history. The men and women of World War II rose to the challenge of defeating their century's most dire threat.

Today's Americans could likewise learn from the resolve that carried the WWII generation through a four-year ordeal.

U.S. forces in Iraq have suffered more than 800 deaths and thousands of injuries in the war on Iraq, and hundreds more in Afghanistan.

**Our view:** Traits possessed by the World War II generation are sorely needed in today's war on terror.

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

But the passing of time is rapidly thinning the ranks of surviving warriors. As we lose these veterans, we also lose their valuable perspective on sacrifice and steadfastness. World War II required a high level of dedication from all Americans. While some crossed oceans to put their lives on the line, others did their share at home.

These Americans' character had been shaped by the Great Depression, and they knew the meaning of sacrifice. Giving up consumer products on the home front was the minimum contribution. For many, the cost was far greater. A total of 400,000 Americans lost their lives in the war, second only to the American Civil War.

Those soldiers and wartime citizens received a fitting tribute in Saturday's dedication of the World War II monument on the National Mall. Tomorrow's Memorial Day celebration will precede next week's 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

Those Americans made sacrifices that are embarrassingly absent in today's war on terror. At a time when the costs of war in Iraq are being passed to future generations of taxpayers, today's citizens might ask how we can share the burden of de-

fending America. Today's Americans could likewise learn from the resolve that carried the WWII generation through a four-year ordeal.

U.S. forces in Iraq have suffered more than 800 deaths and thousands of injuries in the war on Iraq, and hundreds more in Afghanistan.

Today, however, news about the war is being manipulated for political gain. When the critics have harsher words for our secretary of defense than for Saddam Hussein, our collective focus has been lost.

Our soldiers and national leaders deserve better. Perhaps the best way to honor those who fought for freedom six decades ago is to stand behind those who fight today.

Former Sen. Bob Dole, a WWII hero, offered these words about today's military: "They've already demonstrated that they can do a better job than we did. They're more knowledgeable, they're tougher, they've got a global sense..."

"The caliber of these men and women — they're now the greatest generation."

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## LETTERS

### Dress code takes away students' freedoms

I have a concern about the story you did about the new dress code for the high school next year.

If the school does this kind of thing, students will no longer have individualism or freedom within the school. People go to school to learn, not to be told what not to wear; that's what parents are for. I don't go to the school anymore. I am done with school, but I feel that the remaining students aren't being treated fair. The school district wants everyone to wear the typical "preppy" style, but that's not what everyone is. I, for one, enjoy wearing the type of clothes that will be forbidden and have piercings that show, and I am not trying to rebel just because of this.

But I feel that the school district is trying to act like another parent, when we don't need them. Also, if students are forbidden to wear their personality, so to say, they will be more likely to drop out or not try their best, and I thought that's what the district was trying to prevent.

I agree with the part about not wearing clothes that show a lot of skin. To me, it is kind of distracting and frustrating to see girls and guys portraying themselves like that. But I don't see how baggy clothes, chains on clothing or piercings are distracting, if someone wanted to get a piercing for their own

pleasure or liking, they wouldn't be able to until they were out of school, and that is an invasion on our freedom and personal lives! And if someone has a tattoo that is easily seen, like on the hand, how are they going to cover that up? It is their personal choice and the school district has no right to invade that and take away our individuality and freedom of expression.

ALYSSA VIRTIS  
Twin Falls

### If you can't vote locally, do you pay locally?

After going to vote Tuesday and finding I had been restricted and was not allowed to vote for anyone locally to represent me, I have one really stupid question.

If I am not allowed to vote for someone locally to represent me, does that mean I am not expected to pay property tax on property I own locally? I know it is a stupid question, but someone has to ask it.

GIVEN VAN NOY  
Twin Falls

### No wonder Bush took a spill riding his bike

Regarding President George W. Bush having an accident while riding his bicycle.

All we hope he is OK. But has the Secret Service found the culprit that removed the training wheels?

LAWRENCE HOLLER  
Rupert

## A reality check is needed for Iraq

The panic gripping Washington over the state of Iraq makes it clear we have been spoiled by the seemingly easy, apparently bloodless victories of the past decade. From the Persian Gulf War of 1991 to the Afghanistan war of 2001, we've used to winning largely through air power. There were casualties, of course, but few of them were on our side. In Kosovo, we managed to prevail without losing a single person. We forgot what real war looks like. Iraq is providing an unwelcome reminder of how messy and costly it can be.

### MAX BOOT

By comparison with the wars of the past decade, what's happening in Iraq appears to be a terrible failure. Things look a little different if you compare it with our conflicts.

Look at three key indicators: — Casualties. As of Wednesday, we've lost 800 service people in Iraq (666 of them from hostile fire), and more than 4,500 have been wounded (600 in 1,769 separate duty within 72 hours). At least 200,000 soldiers and Marines have served in Iraq — including many who have since left — so that amounts to a total casualty rate of about 2.5 percent. If you add Air Force, Navy and logistics personnel supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom (at least 150,000), the casualty rate drops to 1.5 percent.

How does that compare with previous U.S. wars? By my calculation, using data from Information Please and the Oxford Companion to American Military History, the losses we've suffered in Iraq are so far among the lowest of any of our conflicts. Comparing the number of U.S. wounded and dead with the size of the force deployed, in Vietnam the casualty rate was 6.2 percent; in World War I and World War II, slightly more than 6.5 percent. On D-day, June 6, 1944, more than three times as many



servicemen were lost as died in Iraq in the past year.

The Iraq war rate seems high only because our unstated benchmark is the 1991 Gulf War (total casualty rate: 0.14 percent). This is not meant to denigrate the sacrifices of our soldiers for friends and family members, no statistics can assuage their grief. But, from a historical vantage point, what's remarkable is how few casualties we've suffered, not how many.

Nation-building. No, we haven't established a liberal democracy in Iraq. But it's only been a year. We occupied West Germany for four years after 1945. Japan for seven years. We occupied the Philippines for almost a century after the Spanish-American War. More recently, Bosnia is still occupied by the international community nine years after the end of hostilities, as is Kosovo five years later.

It takes a long time to bring order out of chaos. The most successful examples of nation-building, such as the British in India, required hundreds of years. No one is suggesting that the United States should occupy

Iraq nearly that long of course, but it's unrealistic to expect too much in only a year. The fact that an interim Iraqi government will be established June 30, and elections held by Jan. 30, is actually pretty speedy by historical norms.

Abuses. I make no excuses for the sadistic creeps at Abu Ghraib whose misconduct deserves the harshest possible punishment. But let's be serious. For all the media's coverage, this is no My Lai (1968) or No Gun Ri (1950) — both instances in which innocent civilians were gassed down by U.S. troops. Nor is this comparable to the abuses that occurred during the Philippine War (1899-1903), when Brig. Gen. Jacob Smith instructed his men to mist the island of Samar into "a howling wilderness" and "kill all persons — who are capable of bearing arms."

In Iraq, there is no evidence of the kind of systematic torture employed by the French in Algeria (1954-62) or the kind of "concentration camps" invented by the British in the Iloer War (1899-1902). U.S. troops haven't simply leveled whole

towns, as the Russians did in Chechnya (1994-95) or the Serbians in Hama (1962). Even in World War II — the "good war" — there were numerous instances of Americans shooting enemy soldiers trying to surrender, to say nothing of the carpet-bombing of German and Japanese civilians.

On the historical scale of abuses, the misconduct of a few soldiers in Iraq ranks pretty low. Most soldiers and Marines actually have exhibited great restraint in the face of an enemy that hides behind civilians and fires from mosques. I don't mean to imply that everything is going great in Iraq. There are huge problems, especially the lack of security, and the Bush administration has badly bungled many aspects of the occupation. All I'm suggesting is that we keep a sense of perspective: Mistakes and setbacks occur in every war. At least in every war before the 1930s.

Max Boot, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, writes a weekly column for The Los Angeles Times.

## Same-gender classes had some limitations

I appreciated reading your columns on Friday, May 28. However, your report about the decision at Kimberly Middle School to drop the program was missing many of the details that led to the decision.

The first thing that needs to be understood is that there are an incredible amount of scheduling intricacies that occur when trying to schedule single-gender classrooms, at a middle school, on a block schedule. It is not as simple as just separating the boys and the girls.

For example, in this sixth grade next year our two girls classes would have 30 students in each. Our two boys classes would have 22 students in each. Depending on how many new students check in to our school

### READER COMMENT Jeff Jones

district (we usually have 10 to 15 new in each year), these numbers could become even worse.

Another point to understand, when students move on to seventh and eighth grade, they begin branching off into different math levels (seventh math, seventh pre-algebra, eighth pre-algebra and eighth algebra). We have one math teacher at each grade level. So in the seventh grade, you offer a boys pre-algebra and a girls pre-algebra. It just so happened that 35 boys needed pre-algebra and 26 girls. Also, 27 boys needed seventh-grade math and 21 girls.

Because we have a block

schedule, these same class size discrepancies must continue on to one other core class. So two out of the four core classes had significant class size discrepancies. Guess which classes made the largest gains on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test — the smallest classes, regardless of gender.

Finally, keep in mind that while the federal government is making it easier to offer single-gender classes, you can rest assure they will not provide the necessary funding to hire enough teachers to balance the classes. I am trying to make the best decision possible for all students, not just those lucky enough to be in the smallest classes.

I sought feedback from all stakeholders (students, parents

and teachers). Interestingly enough, on a blind vote, the students voted to end the program by an 80 percent majority school-wide. Out of a staff of 25, only four staff members voted to keep the program. The parent responses I received were almost split 50-50. I think one parent put it best when she said, "I like the idea of single-gender classrooms, but if it comes down to single-gender versus class size, I will take smaller classes every time." I agree and there actually is plenty of data to support that position, contrary to your editorial.

Thank you for this opportunity to share the whole story.

Jeff Jones is the principal of Kimberly Middle School.

## LETTERS

### Infuriating letter was an insult to U.S. efforts

I'm writing in regard to Ron Weiner's letter in *The Times-News*. "Rumsfeld has to go and Bush with him."

I would guess from the content of your letter that you are a liberal Democrat with a burning hate and rage toward our president and secretary of defense.

Thank God we live in the greatest country in the world that we are free to express our opinions freely.

What reaction would your letter have received had you lived in Iraq when Saddam Hussein ruled and you sent your letter to him using his name instead of Bush and Rumsfeld?

When we were so busy blaming Rumsfeld and Bush for the Abu Ghraib Prison guards' conduct harming Iraqi prisoners, perhaps you have forgotten that some of these prisoners were Iraqi soldiers and may have killed American soldiers.

True, this does not excuse a small percentage of people for violating the Soldiers Code of Conduct; they should be held accountable for their conduct and are already charged and

court-martials proceedings are scheduled. Investigators are following involvement up the chain of command as far as it goes.

I am curious about your statement, "Prisoners in Abu Ghraib Prison were enormously harmed."

What would your statement say concerning what happened to Nick Berg regarding the harm done to him?

When you refer to President Bush as stumbling and bumbling, I suggest that you revisit the records of President Clinton and John Kerry; perhaps you haven't heard John Kerry's admission of committing atrocities in Vietnam, or maybe you chose to ignore this information so you could make your suggestion that Secretary Rumsfeld should have the integrity to throw himself on his sword.

You might want to think about a more deserving recipient for your suggestion. I find this tirade unbecoming for Secretary Rumsfeld has never killed anyone (that has happened to John Kerry or Iraqis).

Forgive me; I am not perfect, but I do not understand you. I am sure you are perfect. And never made a mistake.

Your remark, "This is America in the 21st century and we no longer have much truck with honor," infuriates me that you could make such a statement.

I can only feel this is unbred, illbred and misplaced rage, not the ramblings of a perfect man.

EDSON VINYARD  
Eden

### Ticket for dog droppings worth howling about

Well, I stopped taking the papers to save money and trees — mistake!

Here in little old Hagerman, the council and mayor decided to enforce the "leash law," and I found out the hard way via a ticket!

Now, here's what my "infraction" was — I did "poop" on the neighbor's lawn. Mistake — it was our mayor's lawn! She was just saying, "Welcome to the neighbor hood, Mr. Rogers!"

One can't help but wish that my ticket could have been for something exciting like prostitution, illegal gambling, safe cracking, drugs, breaking and entering, shoplifting, drunk driving, embezzlement, cattle wrestling,

child abuse, double parking, speeding, bath tub gin, murder, reckless driving, illegal fishing after 77 years without some kind of infraction citation with the law, mine is dog poop! You can understand.

Now, I've lived here 30 years and always been an upright citizen, civic minded, and when I brought my house, it wasn't even in the city limits. My two "girls" have never been out at night turning over garbage cans, unattended, or mean, snarling, chained and vicious animals.

Let me tell you about Trudy, the old gray muzzled, 15-year-old culprit.

She belonged to my son, and I've had her five years. My son died from a heart attack and she stayed by his side three or four days until he was found, drinking dry the toilet water and whining.

If you sit down, she has her head in your lap for "loves." When I fell last summer and broke my ankle, she was on top of me licking my face until I was found, drinking dry the toilet water and whining.

She's a heroine in my book! MARTHAJANE "MJJ." FREEMAN  
Hagerman



## In God, and the GOP, religious voters trust

If the last presidential election was any indication, the outcome of November's contest will be decided in large part by voters' religious commitments. The more often you attend church, the more likely you are to vote Republican. What polling data don't tell us is why the religiously observant vote as they do.

DAVID KLINGHOFFER

The statistical trend is striking. In 2000, Voter News Service reported that the 14 percent of voters who attended religious services more than once a week voted for George W. Bush over Al Gore by 63 percent to 36 percent. Meanwhile, the 14 percent who never went to services supported Gore over Bush by an equally commanding margin, 61 percent to 32 percent.

What is it about the policy positions and cultural attitudes described as Republican or conservative that makes them so attractive to religious voters? What principle links, say, a passionate defense of gun ownership and a strong preference for low taxes? The link can be summarized in three words: individual moral responsibility.

For more than a century, our culture has been divided on the question of whether individual moral actors may justly be held responsible for their deeds. Marx and Freud rocked the 19th-century faith in moral responsibility and freedom of will, arguing that human beings are unknowingly in the grip of, respectively, powerful economic and psychosexual forces. Later analysis would discover other latent structures in society that supposedly determine our moral choices.

Today, the ideological struggles of liberals and conservatives mirror the clash initiated by Marxists and Freudians with 19th-century individualism. Conservatives encourage individuals to make their own choices, except where those choices invariably harm the innocent (as in abortion) or undermine the pillars of civilization itself (as in gay marriage). Liberals see the function of government as parental, with citizens in the role of children too unaware and irresponsible to cross the street by themselves.

Consider the following, admittedly broad, generalizations: The gun-control debate pits conservatives, who are content to place moral responsibility on the gun owner, against liberals, who think that that responsibility can safely be placed on only the state. Liberals tar conservatives for their apparent stinginess on

government social spending, but conservatives respond that society should depend more on individuals to support the needy. Heavy taxes are a sign that society has relaxed the individualism of the United Nations.

Affirmative action bothers conservatives, who think even a person from a historically oppressed race is free to rise above the suffering of his ancestors. Liberals doubt that transcending the structure of institutionalized racism is always possible.

The Iraq war troubles liberals, who think that only the collectivity — in this case, the international community in the form of the United Nations — should take responsibility for making war. Conservatives argue that the individual moral actor, or a single country when it comes to war, can make that decision for itself.

Conservatives dislike the myriad safety regulations — for example, anti-smoking laws and lawsuits — promulgated by liberals. The question is whether a person is responsible for his own health, or whether the collectivity, the state, needs to step in and assume responsibility.

On education, conservatives accept the judgments of individual parents as to children's best interests; hence the enthusiasm for individual choice and home schooling. Liberals feel better when society — the state, the teachers unions — takes the responsibility to educate children.

And so on. Generally speaking, the choice of individualism versus the individual, while conservatism trusts him enough to give him a chance to make the right, or the wrong, decision. If he makes the wrong one, he will have to answer to his own conscience, or to his God.

Looked at this way, it becomes apparent why religious Americans gravitate to conservatism. By far the majority of them are Christians and their biblical religion is premised on the glory of individual moral responsibility. Traditionally, religious faith presumes that God commands us to act in certain ways — which in turn presumes moral freedom. Otherwise, how could God hold us responsible if we refuse to obey?

Not all Democrats fully accept the strictly "liberal" view, of course, but they belong to a party that, of the two main parties in American political life, is the one identified with the belief that moral choices are profoundly conditioned by circumstance and therefore aren't truly free. It may be too much to suggest that God himself is a Republican. Then again, it may not.

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## Dumping Chalabi adds to the deception

The rise and fall of Ahmad Chalabi should send Americans a coded red about the Bush administration's botched war in Iraq.

Either Chalabi, an Iraqi exile during Saddam Hussein's reign of terror and the darling of neo-cons from sea to shining sea, lied to U.S. officials about those infamously invisible WMD, mobile biological-weapons labs and Saddam's supposed nuclear build-up in the mother of all power grabs — or President Bush, itching to finish off the war his father started a decade earlier, bought the lies knowingly.

To the tune of \$340,000 a month for "valuable tactical intelligence" provided by Chalabi and his exile group's "intelligence" garnered from defectors of Saddam's regime who couldn't even pass a lie-detector test. News reports before the war indicated Powell, too, didn't trust Chalabi's sources.

But not to worry. The president's main political man, Karl Rove, saw the electoral possibilities in a quickie war against a tyrant. Never mind if the tyrant wasn't Osama bin Laden and didn't have a connection

MYRIAM MARQUEZ

ed, and some of his INC people implicated in a sleazy plot to steal newly minted Iraqi money and government cars for themselves.

Then there's the nefarious Iran connection.

Was Chalabi passing on U.S. secrets about the occupation to Iraq's terrorist-recruiting neighbor, Iran? Or is that charge a "smear," as Chalabi calls it, planted by CIA Director George Tenet, who never has trusted Chalabi and his exile group's "intelligence" garnered from defectors of Saddam's regime who couldn't even pass a lie-detector test. News reports before the war indicated Powell, too, didn't trust Chalabi's sources.

But not to worry. The president's main political man, Karl Rove, saw the electoral possibilities in a quickie war against a tyrant. Never mind if the tyrant wasn't Osama bin Laden and didn't have a connection

with the 9-11 attacks. The "war president" wanted to believe that taking out Saddam would somehow bring Osama's terrorists to their knees — and Americans to nod off for four more years. Except, we're now caught up in a war whose legitimacy is questionable — a war that has alienated more Arabs than it has won over and created more terrorists.

Chalabi has become the easy scapegoat for the Bush people to blame their own bad calls. Leave 500,000 Iraqis in Saddam's military without a job? Oh, that was Chalabi's idea. Bush will tell you. Well, yes, it was, but the administration certainly didn't have to go along with it. It could have kept the grants that were in the military just to make ends meet, and earned their loyalty — sending the ones with blood on their hands to justice.

Chalabi, meanwhile, contends he gave no information to Iran, and that his fall from the all-knowing Bush's grace is a Tenet-inspired vendetta orchestrated by Bush's Man in Baghdad, L. Paul Bremer. And maybe, just maybe,

Chalabi's right. Because nothing in this war has turned out to be like it seemed it would be. And everything has turned on how Bush can save his political skin in an election year.

Chalabi's mistrust of U.N. Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi, a Sunni (like Saddam) Algerian brought in to find a transitional government for Iraq, adds another turn to this twisted tale. Could Bremer simply be abusing Chalabi — who has been the "source" for the embarrassing food-for-oil U.N. scandal — to make nicey-nice with the United Nations and move up the handover of this mess so that Bush can claim "victory" in Iraq before November?

It wouldn't surprise me if the real plot isn't to get Iraqis to rally around Chalabi in nationalistic fervor. Turned into America's bad boy, Chalabi may end up the winner even as moderate Iraqis (and, yes, there are millions) lose any chance for true democracy.

Myriam Marquez is an editorial page columnist for the Orlando Sentinel.

## LETTERS

### Take the blindfold off, Idaho Republicans

I'm not a Democrat or Republican. I have something rare in politics — an open mind. You say the "Bush-bashers" are uninformed. You are so wrong. I have a friend who just loves Bush. She refuses to see anything at all that can prove what Bush is like. Who is uninformed now?

In regard to Bill Clinton, he was one of the best presidents this country has seen since JFK. It doesn't matter whatsoever what he did in his personal life, even if it was in the White House where it took place. Bill Clinton took the big national deficit that George H.W. Bush gave us and got us out of the hole by a large margin. Where is our economy now with George Jr. running things? We are trillions in debt. And don't say that the 9-11 attacks have caused every single thing that Bush has done wrong.

I cannot believe how blind a majority of Idahoans are. Do

you even take off that blindfold before you vote Republican? When you see a wormhole in an apple, do you say "what worms!" and eat the apple anyway? During the 2000 elections in Florida, people were arrested for loitering when they were standing in line to vote. Of course, these were people in an area that voted mainly Democrat. And Florida is run by Jeb Bush.

Saddam was a bad person. However, Iraq is not linked to terrorism. Bush said with his own mouth that Saddam would pay for trying to assassinate his father. This was about revenge not terrorism. Any weapons that Saddam did have, we gave him. Remember the 1980s. Saddam Hussein was our ally, and we gave him weapons to start a war with Kuwait to stop it from stealing Iraqi oil.

Our current government is "over" the people. Constantly, new laws are being passed to take away our rights and freedoms. Kerry might have led on

some things, but Bush and Cheney are two of the most unethical, evil people ever to be in the White House and that includes Nixon. You need to quit watching Fox News Channel. Even lifelong Republicans are coming out against Bush.

Hello! I'll open your eyes. First, you have to take off the blindfold.

JAMES GLANDON JR.  
Twin Falls

### Raise your voice over Pole Line business park

Maybe it's because of all the election hype or because some legal notices of public hearings don't list the specific location of proposed developments and zoning changes. However, complete descriptions are on file at City Hall. If your schedule allows, if you don't happen to get to the City Hall, you may not know what is being pushed on your neighborhood. Be aware, neighbors who are concerned about continued

commercial development encroaching on residential areas of Twin Falls.

There will be a hearing on a proposed business park at the City Council meeting on June 1 at 6 p.m. in council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. This proposed park will be at the southwest corner of Washington Street North and Pole Line Road.

Business parks shall include a mixture of manufacturing and commercial uses.

Restaurants, banks, convenience stores selling gasoline and daycare facilities shall be allowed.

The developer says potential businesses could create about 300 jobs. Three hundred employees plus patrons at the proposed site!

Is this what the future Twin Falls is to become — a commercial development on every corner? Come to the meeting on June 1 and express your opinions.

MARY STRAWSER  
Twin Falls

## Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

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# Fire

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 danger. The subdivision isn't covered by a fire district and doesn't have the water pressure to fight a fire.

"We were galvanized into action at that point," she said. "The reality is we could have a fire. It's not if it happens, it's when it happens. Rather than worry, I decided to do something."

Her house has become fire prevention headquarters for homeowners in Smiley Creek, a development of about 60 homes. Papers, papers and brochures are stacked on her coffee table and breakfast bar. A "firewise" poster spread across her dining table shows a home engulfed in flames while a neighbor, who has cleared brush and other flammable vegetation away from his house, tends to his lawn.

Be smart and be prepared - that's the message.

"What we're trying to do in each of these little communities is create an ever-burnable and survivable space," Vail said.

More than 900 trees will be removed from the subdivision this year. Healthy trees will be sprayed for protection. Saplings will be planted next year.

To pay for it all, the subdivision secured a federal fire grant of nearly \$60,000 administered through the Idaho Department of Lands. A 10 percent match by property owners either in funds or labor is required.

A total of \$450,000 in grants has been awarded to the SNIRAS six subdivisions, said Rineholt, who continues to work with individual, isolated homeowners on project options. Another \$100,000 is available through a grant program for counties with communities bordering national forests.

And back at Smiley Creek, property owners will vote to create a fire protection district that also will make them eligible for grants to upgrade the water system.

## Taking the place of fire

The Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin haven't seen a major fire in recent memory, and the forest doesn't show evidence of a catastrophic burn over the past 100 years or so, Rineholt said. That can be attributed in part to 20th century fire prevention that ironically increased wildfire hazards. Fire control permitted the build-up of dead trees and underbrush that otherwise would have been cleared out by lightning-caused fires.

Today the beetles are doing what fire would otherwise - regenerating the lodgepole pine.

"If fire doesn't burn them, usually beetles do," Rineholt said.

Forester records discovered from 1910 indicate pine beetles have done this before in the Stanley Basin, Rineholt said. The forester's nearly 100-year-old notes report stands of dead trees.

Today forestry inventories estimate that the SNIRAS lodgepole pine stands range between 80 and 120 years old.

Older stands tend to be crowded, and their defenses weaken, said Dayle Bennett, an entomologist with the Boise National Forest. Once an outbreak starts, the beetle population snowballs, and even healthy, smaller trees can be lost.

It takes 15 to 20 years after an attack before the dead trees begin to fall, Bennett said. More sunlight reaches the forest floor. The young trees flourish. The downed timber eventually decomposes, and the forest has recycled itself.

## Fire protection

With so many dead trees surrounding development and tourism in the SNRIA, the prospect of a big fire can't be ignored. Prevention and protection efforts are focused on developed areas.

The Forest Service has worked with local counties to develop evacuation routes, said Randy Richter, the Sawtooth's fire management officer. The popular Redfish Lake camping area of particular concern. Logistics are planned to get people out and fire suppression equip-



Dead lodgepole pine trees mixed in with the green are reflected in the mirrored surface of Little Redfish Lake. Mountain pine beetles have killed more than 1 million pine trees on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News



Vertical egg galleries are bored by female pine beetles into the lodgepole pine's inner bark.

## Pine beetles target lodgepoles

By Jennifer Sandmann  
 Times-News writer

STANLEY - The mountain pine beetle is elusive, but not the damage it leaves behind.

It's a variety of bark beetle that feasts on aging lodgepole pine trees, and it has found a forest full of them north of Ketchum in Idaho's treasured Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The beetles have killed more than 1 million lodgepole pine trees over an estimated 150,000 acres throughout the SNRIA since 1990, says Dave Bassler, a fire ecologist with the Sawtooth National Forest.

"It's all very normal, he says. "For the most part lodgepole depends either on the pine beetle or fire to initiate its regeneration," says Dayle Bennett, an entomologist with the Boise National Forest.

During a beetle outbreak, stragulation is the cause of trees' death.

Beetles disrupt a tree's nutrient transport system by feeding on its vascular tissue called phloem under the bark. And the beetles excrete blue stain fungus that spreads in the trunk's outer rings, blocking its ability to circulate water.

"Trees are left with rust-colored needles and hundreds of pock marks from beetle bore holes."

"There are thousands and thousands of beetles in an in-

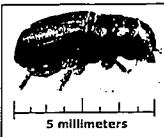
ment in during a wildfire.

Bird researcher Kim Fluetsch is part of the fire prevention effort. Under contract with the Forest Service, she walks among acres and acres of trees using a long pole fitted with a mirror on one end to look out for nesting birds. This spring she has found robins busy incubating eggs.

The precautions are taken in advance of spraying. About 11,000 SNRIA trees have been sprayed since 1998 to protect healthy trees from attack.

"This year alone we're hoping to spray almost 9,000 trees," Rineholt said.

That's another \$350,000 the Forest Service is spending on prevention. Spraying with the insecticide carbaryl can occur within 50 feet of water bodies,



The mountain pine beetle is small, only about 5 mm in size.

Photo courtesy of Steve Miles, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station

fested tree," Bennett says. Even with that many insects on the offensive, SNRIA homeowner Sandy Vail never sees them.

"They are only about the size of a match head," Bennett says.

And the beetle life cycle - generally one year and sometimes two - lives out mostly underneath the bark. The larvae from last year's eggs mature into adults by mid-summer. The adults bore out in July and August and fly to another tree.

Females lead the new attack. They release their natural chemicals called pheromones to send out word they've found a host tree.

"When they haven't reached epidemic levels, beetles survive in the forest by targeting weakened trees. But when populations explode, they can overwhelm even healthy pines."

to avoid killing insects that fish feed on.

The SNRIA is selling timber to thin trees in canyons and other developed areas. An estimated 3.3 million board feet of lodgepole pine will be harvested over five years. The SNRIA is protected to preserve its scenic beauty, so logging isn't a major issue. Contracts are confined to existing roads and developed areas.

Across Redfish Lake, the lodgepole stands climb upward into the Sawtooth Wilderness. In remote areas, the fire danger is worse, Rineholt said. Those areas will be left to nature.

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Homeowner Sandy Vail is working with forester Jim Rineholt to remove 910 lodgepole pine trees from the Smiley Creek subdivision at the base of Galena Summit.

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# Sawtooth has some close calls

By Jennifer Sandmann  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Seeing his ski lodge covered with fire-retardant foam in the middle of August wasn't the best day of August for Woody Anderson.

"Sparks were flying. It was a nervous time for us," said Anderson, owner of Pommerle Mountain Resort in the Sawtooth National Forest southeast of Burley.

The 1996 forest fire burned more than 11,000 acres and crowded on the southern face of Mount Harrison, 1 reached within several hundred yards of the chalet.

South of Hansen at the Magic Mountain Ski Resort, owner Many Riech had a brush with wildfire two years ago.

"We helped evacuate people out of the campgrounds. It was so close," he said.

The fire only burned in about 250 acres of timber, but it threatened plenty. Besides the ski chalet, half a dozen summer cabins and private camps were in danger.

Today both ski area operators are glad to see forest thinning projects under way. It hasn't always been like that.

"In the years we had a target of zero acres for fuel treatment. Today we have 3,500 acres targeted for treatment. Our budget for fuels is \$1 million this year," said Randy Richter, fire management officer for the Sawtooth National Forest.

What's the difference? The 2000 fire season that consumed more than 2.8 million acres of wildlands in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Today all kinds of fire prevention money is available, along with a better understanding that decades of fire suppression actually increased fire danger by causing dead timber and brush to build up in the forest.

"In the past, it has been criticized in some areas by groups leery that it is just a euphemism for commercial logging, but timber harvest isn't big on the Sawtooth. The south end of the forest doesn't offer big timber. The north end is home to protected Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Sawtooth Wilderness.

Half of all acreage that burned in the interior West four years ago burned in Idaho, but once again the Sawtooth is a different story.

"We've been very fortunate in the last 10 years or so. We've had some fires in grass and range - 10,000 acres plus - but not really of any significance. We have not had any large timber fires - they are expensive and difficult to fight," Richter said.

The Snake River Plain separates the south and north ends of the forest. The south in Twin Falls and Cassia counties is lower elevation with less timber and more grassland. The north end is in Idaho's central mountains. It's rugged timber country.

Fire danger forecasts this season for the Sawtooth are normal for the south end of the forest, and above normal for the central mountains, said Rick Ochs, fire manager for the National Intermountain Fire Center based in Boise. Basically, everything north of Galena Summit and west to the Cascades is forecast to be normal.

"The rain here has been very beneficial, because it has pushed back our fire season. On the other hand, this rain will likely spur more grass growth," he said. "The real wild card is the amount of lightning."

Dry thunderstorms that produce lightning and no rain can spark dozens of fires in a single evening.

"June is very critical for the higher elevations. If we were to have a wet June, then our fire potential would be diminished," he said.

The Sawtooth National Forest has a \$1 million budget to keep its firefighters and dispatch operations at the ready. The cost to fight a fire can rack up as fast as a fire spreads, particularly when it burns in timber. Money comes from a different federal pot for actual suppression that can cost millions of dollars on large fires.

Large fires are cheaper per acre to fight based on economies of scale. Fires that burn between 1,000 and 5,000 acres of timber can cost \$1,500 to fight, said Shelly Cook, who works for the Sawtooth National Forest's fire office. Once a fire surpasses the 5,000-acre mark, the cost is about \$500 an acre, she said.

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## Sawtooth fire facts

The Sawtooth National Forest has experienced minor fire activity over the past 10 years. Combined statistics from 1993 to 2003 show:

- Total number fires: 492.
- Total acreage burned: 74,529.
- Average number of fires annually: 49.
- Average acreage burned in a year: 7,400.
- Largest fire: 29,000 acres in 1994 caused by lightning strike.
- Percent lightning-strike fires: 71 percent.
- Percent human-caused fires: 29 percent.

## Flush with federal fire money

Forest thinning: The Sawtooth National Forest has a \$1 million budget this year to thin areas of the forest where fire risks are high. That compares to a non-

existent fire treatment budget five years ago.

- Beetle spraying: The Sawtooth National Recreation Area has a \$350,000 budget this year for spraying lodgepole pine to protect the trees from infestation. Spraying will occur in developed areas and viewsheds.
- Private property: Federal fire plan grants of \$450,000 have been awarded to six housing developments in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin are nearby, sweeping in grants from the Idaho Department of Lands.
- Community funds: Federal grant money totaling \$850,000 for fire prevention measures is available to communities bordering national forests.

## Firewise

Find information online about how to protect your rural home from wildfire at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

## Drought takes toll on sagebrush

The Associated Press

PRICE, Utah - The topsoil on Utah's sagebrush is dry deep for the first 3 or 4 inches until finally there's enough moisture to give it some substance.

The surface has the look and feel of sand with scattered vegetation poking through. Sagebrush shrubs that should be bushy and green are mostly a tangled mess of dead or dying branches with only a few small leaves to show the plant is still alive.

One of the most durable plants in the West, sagebrush is steadily succumbing across parts of Utah, another consequence of a six-year drought that has no end in sight. Utah alone has an estimated 600,000 acres of sagebrush that is either dead or dying, threatening a key piece of the ecosystem that benefits deer, sage grouse and the water table.

"I don't think that the average citizen has an idea of what's going on in their environment," said Bory Reynolds of the Utah Division of Wildlife.

Sagebrush provides food for mule deer in the winter, shelter for sage grouse and helps stabilize the water table. Besides reversing those benefits, any die-off could also clear the way for invasive species and massive wildfires.

The wildlife division's responsibility in the state is animal life, but it's one of many groups in a broad coalition of state and federal officials and private land owners hoping to avoid further decline of sagebrush.

The federal Bureau of Land Management and Utah State University Extension and the National Park Service are among the organizations that make up the Utah Partners for Conservation Development.

By working together, the groups share resources and decides where the most help is needed.

Saving more than just a small portion is impossible because the area is so vast, but conservationists can target where they feel they can help the most.

"Mother Nature can't do it any more," said A.J. Martinez of the BLM, who is co-ordinator with Reynolds. "We owe it to ourselves as a species to take care of this stuff."

The options are limited and efforts can only be made on a fraction of the vast, damaged areas.

Depending on the terrain,

some methods used to prepare the land for reseeding with the hope that the sagebrush can make a comeback. In many areas, the plot with a heavy chain to wipe out the dead plants and controlled burns.

It's not just a lack of water that is hurting the sagebrush. In many areas plants to their detriment have been able to grow older, thanks in part to advances in wildfire prevention.

That means there hasn't been the natural cycle of burn-off, and now the plants left are mostly a century old and strong enough to handle the conditions.

"It's kind of like the final straw," said John Fairchild, a habitat coordinator with the Division of Wildlife. "It's hanging on, but it's very vulnerable right now."

When fire now does take out sagebrush, it creates an entirely new set of problems. Often the fire is spread by neighboring, invasive species like cheatgrass that has no value to the ecosystem.

Cheatgrass is a particular problem because it reproduces rapidly after its seeds are blown across the steps. Not only does it take over, it becomes a volatile fire fuel after it dries and dies out. When a vast area of cheatgrass burns it takes all vegetation with it, including sagebrush.

Fires didn't always consume massive areas like they now do.

Instead of destroying 100 acres or so and leaving the damaged area surrounded by healthy plants to help regenerate naturally, fires today take out tens of thousands of acres, Reynolds said.

"It happens throughout the West," he said.

Reynolds said the dying sagebrush was first spotted last spring and an estimator 400,000 acres had already been affected. That's up by about 200,000 acres heading into this summer, which is expected to continue the drought cycle.

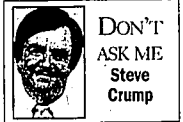
Julio Bonaccourt, a research scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey and adjunct associate professor at the University of Arizona, said warmer temperatures and a lack of moisture are a bad combination for the Western plant life and animals.

"As far as how long this will last, nobody really knows. You can't really look a few years in advance with a lot of confidence," he said.



## No ifs, ands or butts about it

I was wheeling a shopping cart down the soda pop/beer aisle of a local supermarket the other evening, when I chanced to pass a couple loading a case of suds into their cart.



The ensuing spectacle nearly drove me to buy a case of beer for myself, but it's only too common in these parts — you should excuse the expression.

Sad but true: In Idaho, the end doesn't very often justify the means.

It was most guys in most places — Arkansas is the exception that leaps to mind — would be embarrassed by that fact, but Magic Valley men are oddly unfazed about their nether regions hanging out in the wind. As Exhibit A, I now present the recent master-truck show at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

I was sitting — for the record, in jeans two sizes too large — behind a group of gentlemen who were absolutely engrossed in the mud-bog race unfolding before them.

The further forward they bent, the more I felt the need to go home — right now.

The irony is that the fellows in question were accompanied by women who not only were normally dressed but quite attractively so. They seemed absolutely oblivious to the fact that their menfolk could get arrested for turning up in public that way in any part of the world and in parts of Idaho.

This suggests that, tragically, these women have become so used to male slovenliness that they no longer recognize it.

A bad sign, surely. There's basically nothing standing between Homer Simpson and world domination except good taste.

The occasion, it seems to me, calls for toughness — not indifference. I think it's time women imposed a few rules on their men.

1. Wearing briefs is a privilege, not a right, if you can't avoid exposing the back of your front to folks who don't particularly want to see it, then you're back in boxes.

2. Want a new pair of jeans? Then if you're, say, a size 36, you're getting a 40 — maybe a 42.

3. If you go near the clothes dryer with these jeans, you'll be draped with a dead rick.

4. See these red polka-dot contraptions? They're called suspenders, and they're your new best friend.

5. If I catch you displaying your butt in public one — just once — you've eaten your last Awe-Some Blossom.

6. If you persist at showing your bottom, I'm turning that chafing dish-size belt buckle around and making you wear it on the BACK of your pants.

Of course, sartorial habits start in infancy, so we're going to need a little help from the moms of the world to change things.

Seems to me that your boy wears floppy drawers in a dandy harem because he got away with wearing sagging drawers as a baby. This must stop, on both ends.

Archaeologist Howard Carter, who discovered King Tut's tomb in 1922, theorized that the idea of wrapping dead folks up in swaddling evolved from the Egyptian technique for diapering babies. Mummy-wrap is unerringly tidy, unflinching modest and undeniably un-guylike.

But perhaps its greatest attraction for deterring ill-fitting trousers is that mummy-gear can't be applied by oneself. Somebody else has to dress you. Somebody, presumably, with better taste.

And mummy-wrap doesn't come in denim. That alone should get your guy to pull his pants up.

Steve Crump, who like the man in your life has no hips, is The Times-News features editor.

## UNVEILING



Marge Nessa, of Twin Falls, looks for the brick with her name on it during the new Centennial Plaza and I.B. Perrine sculpture dedication Saturday.

## Perrine sculpture finds its canyon-rim home

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A little more than 100 years ago a man named Ira Burton Perrine began working with others to tame a desert considered by many the West's most treacherous.

Where others had seen only desolation and an impossibly wild river, Perrine saw orchards and water that could be used to magically transform a sagebrush wasteland into rich farm ground.

And he saw the beginnings of a town. Early settlers had wanted to name that town punched atop the Snake River Canyon

after the visionary pioneer. But Perrine would have none of it, and so the new town that was laid out in 1904 instead was named Twin Falls.

I.B. Perrine headed the first business establishment in Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Investment Co., and inspired investors to finance such projects as the Milner Dam, the Twin Falls Land and Water Co., and numerous others. He also started a famous orchard business in the Snake River Canyon.

On Saturday, almost 100 years after the first city plat was filed in the Cassia County seat of Albion, about 150 Twin Falls residents and 28 descendants of Perrine and his brothers attend-

ed the dedication of a sculpture of Twin Falls' founding father. A small man physically — only 5-foot-4 and 122 pounds when he came from Indiana to Idaho at the age of 22 — Perrine was a man of "large vision and heart," said Ralph Lehman, the Indiana artist who was commissioned to sculpt the bronze figure.

Surrounding the sculpture were hundreds of engraved bricks paid for by local citizens and businesses.

In only 24 hours, members of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission had seen to it that the statue was installed, bricks were laid and a park was created complete with grass and trees.

Someday there will be a trail stretching from the plaza to Shoshone Falls. At one time Perrine had run an electric train from the area near the Perrine Bridge to Shoshone Falls for tourists.

"I ordered the train from Thomas Edison," said granddaughter Gen Dickey, who traveled from Anchorage, Alaska, for the ceremony.

Dickey recalled that Edison had also sent Perrine an electric car as a gift.

"But he sent it back because he didn't drive," she said.

But there were plenty of other people who took up driving at Please see SCULPTURE, Page B4

## Camas County acquires mobile command unit

Blaine County donates Winnebago to the agency

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The stress of responding to a critical incident can be compounded when a sheriff's deputy has to spend the night on scene in a tent.

Double that when it's January. Many law enforcement agencies use motor homes as mobile command units — base stations of sort — when officers respond to emergencies on-site.

Camas County, however, had been without one — until Blaine County decided it needed a new one.

In a gesture of interagency cooperation, the Blaine County Sheriff's Department donated its 1977 Winnebago motor home to the Camas County a couple of weeks ago.

"We use it as a command vehicle for huge incidents where we need a center point for people to come and check into," Camas County Sheriff

Dave Sanders said. Previously, the department had to bring ambulances to incident scenes during the winter to help keep people warm.

With the addition of a heated and air-conditioned towing office, Sanders said, the department will have a more efficient way to respond to emergencies — all for the price of one night in some hotels.

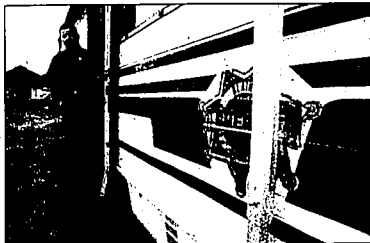
"By the time I'm done, I'll have \$100 bucks into it," Sanders said.

Only the generator had to be fixed, and that was done with a few spark plugs and a deputy's mechanical expertise, he said.

"We see the potholes and push a button and it fixed right up," he said.

If the department purchased a similar used motor home, it could cost upwards of \$8,000, Sanders estimated.

Although the department might only need the vehicle a few times a year, he said, it will make a big difference to officers



Camas County Sheriff Dave Sanders says the Winnebago donated by the Blaine County Sheriff's Department will assist his agency with search and rescue operations and other critical incidents. "Having something like this that's mobile creates more efficiency when responding," he said.

as well as to the people they are commissioned to help.

"Having something like this that's mobile creates more efficiency when responding," Sanders said. "We greatly appreciate Blaine

County Sheriff's Department and their commissioners."

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## Albion Normal School faces uncertain future

### Developers will miss June 1 deadline to unveil business plan

By Chip Thompson  
Times-News writer

ALBION — Train continued to seep into the aging Albion State Normal School structures this week as city officials looked to

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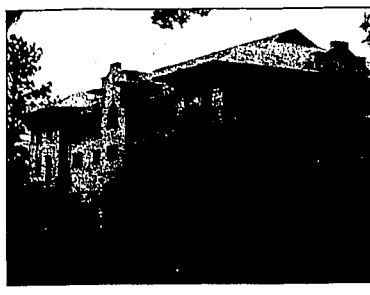
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The future of the former Albion State Normal School remains uncertain because interested developers have failed to provide by the June 1 deadline a business plan for the conversion of the facilities to a youth drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

## Fossil Days spreads the small-town atmosphere

By Sandra Wisecaver  
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — There's something about a small town.

You know you're in one when the mayor passes by in a parade twice — close to the front of the procession and again at the end riding on a fire truck. The cozy small-town atmosphere helped warm visitors at the annual Hagerman Fossil Days celebration Saturday. Despite windy cool temperatures, lots of people blew into town for the parade and festivities, which continue today.

"It's going well," festival chairman Craig Mills said. "The only problem is the weather."

Hagerman was without electrical power Friday evening until about 6:30 p.m. — 30 minutes after the festival's official start for 2004.

Volunteer Hagerman firefighters came down the main thoroughfare Friday to extinguish the burning power pole responsible for the outage. The blaze, outside the city limits, may have been caused by a lightning strike.

"We had a lot of wet — I bet a good half inch of rain Friday," Mills said.

"But it came in spurts and the Friday night show went on with the carnival staying open until 10 p.m. and the bands playing for another hour after that."

Last year's festival was hot with the temperatures soaring around 100 degrees. Which is better?

Mills says hot.

"I'll take the hot nice weather

where we have to worry about shade, not having to tie things down," he said.

Even with a breeze gusts from the crowd could be heard as the USA Sturgeon Wrestlers entry passed by in the parade. On top a truck flat bed was Mike Yarbrough, standing in a large water tank. Yarbrough would reach down and wrestle out a sizable sturgeon — holding it up momentarily for the crowd to see.

The Hagerman event is "a fun, enjoyable time," Bull resident Evelyn Davenport said. "The kids love to run for the candy thrown during the parade. It's a hometown feeling. Bull is our hometown and it's the same feeling as the Sagebrush Days parade on the Fourth of July."

It was the fourth year that Ron and Elsie Aslett have entered their 1940 Packard.

"It's a nice parade — very well organized," Elsie said. "We don't do very many parades, but we enjoy this one."

Drivers of street rods and classic Corvettes drove into the city park at parade's end for a car show on the grass.

Grand marshals Wynarda Eason, Betty Lindley and Fairy Madarietta led the procession with members of the 1938-39 Hagerman High School girls basketball state championship team close behind.

Jason Parsons, Emerson, who still holds the record for most points scored in a season, noted a Hagerman high player had told her she would really like to break that record.

"I told her if someone breaks it, I certainly hope it's a Hagerman girl," Emerson said.

Following the parade there was food. Councilman Robert Petronek was among the many volunteers helping main concession stands. He was cooking up

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**Thelma M. Huller - Twin Falls**

Thelma M. Huller, 90, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died on Friday, May 28, 2004. She was born June 15, 1913, in Unionville, Mo., the daughter of Arch and Sarah E. Baker Bradshaw. On Dec. 2, 1929, she married Charles Darwin Huller in Unionville, Mo., and they lived there until 1947 when they moved to Idaho. She worked in seed houses and at the Depot Grill. Mrs.

Huller was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls and had been president of the Sunday school. She is survived by nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Darwin Huller; one son; two sisters; and one brother.

The funeral for Thelma will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls with the Rev. Joe Lancaster officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends and family may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or a charity of your choice.

**Robert H. (Pete) Lister, M.D. - Twin Falls**

Robert H. (Pete) Lister, M.D., age 83, died at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly, Idaho, on Friday, May 28, 2004.

He was born June 23, 1920, in Newhope, Ala., to Robert H. Lister, M.D. (Sr.) and Ruth Griffin Lister. He graduated from University of Alabama and Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans, La., in 1946. He later completed training in general surgery at Georgetown Medical Center in Washington, D.C., Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. He also served as a lieutenant JG in the U.S. Navy from 1947 to 1950. His tour of duty included China and Japan.

On July 19, 1955, he married Alma C. Dotto, M.D. Pete and Alma Lister moved from New York City to Riverside, Calif., in 1959, where they both practiced medicine. In 1972, they relocated to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he practiced surgery at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center until his retirement in 1980. After his retirement, he pursued hunting and fishing in his beloved Idaho.

Pete was a member of the Idaho Medical Association, the



American Medical Association and BPOE Elks.

Pete Lister is survived by his wife, Alma C. Dotto, M.D.; his daughters, Barbara Lister Walter of Wildwood, Mo., and Alma Lister Mills of Hailey, Idaho; two grandchildren, Blake Mills and Alex Mills of Hailey, Idaho; his sister, Burchie Crosby of Greenville, Ala.; and his brother, Rufus G. Lister of Birmingham, Ala. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Irvin C. Lister of Lafayette, La.

Private memorial services will be held. Relatives and



friends are welcome to a visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation. These may be sent to Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

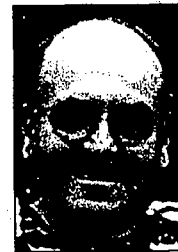
We would like to thank all of the staff of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Mountain View Care Center for their loving care and support.

**David Julius Billiar - Filer**

In memory of our beloved darling husband, father, grandfather (Papa), brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend, David Julius Billiar. David was called home to Jesus on the morning of May 28, 2004, in his home.

He loved his family and his children dearly. Farming was his passion, which he enjoyed for 45 years on his return from active duty in our nation's Army. David served our country for two years. He was born in Buhl on July 28, 1934. He attended and graduated from Buhl High School and then went on to Valparaiso University in Indiana. It was after college that David was called to duty in the military and then farmed the rest of his life in Idaho; he always worked very hard and he and his wife, Naida, raised their children. He endeavored to do, David was a committed and devout contributor and worker in his church, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, where he served the Lord as an elder for many years.

David is survived by his



wife, Naida Billiar; three sons, Michel, Craig (Nancy) and Spike (Lorrie); two daughters, Tammie and Mistie; and one foster daughter, Sookie; also his Japanese exchange student, Haruka Sato and Yuki Okuma. His beloved grandchildren also survived him, Kenny, Koltan, Kamille, Keanna, Savannah "Little Sam," and three foster grandchildren, Holly, Heidi and R. C. He is also survived by one sister, Ruth (Don Babe), and many nieces and nephews and their

children. David was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Phyllis Behm Ruiter.

David was always quick to laugh and make jokes and respond to anything said with a happy grin and sharp wit. He brought light into the lives of all that knew him and he was a moral role model and strong example of Christian and decent values for all. Honest and generous, intelligent and wise, sweet and fun, David always delivered wonderful conversation and great advice, and lots and lots of love. He will be missed by everyone.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, and interment at Sunset Cemetery following the service. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, May 31, 2004, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, and from noon until service time the day of the service at the church.

**Cloyd D. Taylor - Burley**

Cloyd Derlin Taylor, 76-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at his home in Burley, following a two-year battle with cancer.

He was born Oct. 31, 1927, in Burley, the son of Alex Ursel and Rhoda Hammon Taylor. Cloyd spent his entire life in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1946. While still a senior in high school, he worked for the Burley Fire Department and also for his future father-in-law at Price's Meats at the Barber Center. He later went to work for the Cardinal Food Market in Burley for a short time in Aberdeen. Cloyd then went to barber school in Boise and went to work for Smooch Meahan at the Barber Center and later purchased the business. In 1963, Cloyd bought Price's Cafe from his father-in-law, Gene Price. He owned and operated the business until his retirement in 1993.

Cloyd served two terms on the Burley City Council and



spent his lifetime working with the Boy Scouts of America. He served as council president in the Snake River Area Council and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards. He worked with several national jamborees and was well-known for his fund-raising abilities. He was not only a leader in the community, but in his church, serving in two bishoprics and in many other callings. His greatest love was working with boys and with his family helping them develop their skills. His influence on the youth of our community is endless.

Cloyd is survived by his

wife, Maxine; their four children, Cheryl (Ray) Koyle, Derlin (Nancy) Taylor, Russel (Debbie) Taylor and Brad Taylor; a brother, V. LaVar Taylor; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and extended family, A. Stuart (Therry) Anderson. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Alex Taylor, Arlan Taylor, Frank Taylor and Lyle Taylor; and a sister, Norcen Klein.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Boyd Suggert officiating. Burial will follow in the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Tuesday at the church.

The family suggests that those who wish may make memorial contributions in memory of Cloyd to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, 190 E. Bannock, Boise ID 83712 or to the Snake River Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 2988 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

SERVICES

Carl Louis Owsley of Walla Walla, Wash., graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at the Hagerman Cemetery (Chapel of the Herring Funeral Home).

Clarence Homer Carpenter of Gooding, memorial graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday

at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary Funeral Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

**Adrain E. Herbert**

BURLEY — Adrain Ethel Herbert, 90, of Burley, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

**Hazel Mae Waller**

KIMBERLY — Hazel Mae Waller, 84, of Kimberly, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at a Twin Falls care center. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Paul Denton**

RUPERT — Paul Denton "Denny" Bingham, 65, of Rupert, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

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**Cleo B. Piper**

BURLEY — Cleo Baker Piper, 86, of Burley, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

**Opal Billings**

TWIN FALLS — Opal Billings, 73, of Twin Falls, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at a Boise care center. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2004, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 5, 2004, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Les Bois Park feels effects after losing liquor license

BOISE (AP) — Les Bois Park's loss of its liquor license is hampering horse racing there this summer and the impact may be seen at small tracks around the state.

Ada County commissioners, citing a series of violations, unanimously voted Friday to revoke its liquor license. Later in the day, officials at the 34-year-old track at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds canceled the weekend's three live racing dates, although the track will reopen on Wednesday.

"If you don't have the revenue, you can't perform, and they've taken away the heart of our revenue," said Brian Gould, chief operations officer at Les Bois.

Les Bois and its parent company, Lariat Productions, which leases the track from Ada County, operates live racing in the summer and year-around simulcast wagering seven days a week.

One-half of 1 percent of money wagered at Les Bois — about \$12 million to \$15 million a year — is deposited into the Idaho Racing Commission's small track fund, said Lariat owner Lantus Jones said. That fund helps subsidize Idaho's small tracks in Emmett, Jerome, Blackfoot, Burley, Rupert, Malad, Idaho Falls and Pocatello.

Those depending on racing include Les Bois employees, horse owners, trainers, stable workers, veterinarians, supply store owners, motel operators and restaurant owners.

Les Bois battled for a renewal of its liquor license last spring because Amel Jones had previously been convicted of selling alcohol to minors in a bar he once owned.

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Freedom comes with a price, and as we come together on this Memorial Day to remember with honor those who have died for our country, let us also remember that even today we are in the midst of a war. One that threatens to tear at the very fabric of our nation. It has taken many of our young people away from our shores and placed them in harms way, in order to bring Freedom to the World. So with this in mind, we would like to invite the Twin Falls Community and the surrounding areas to join us at the Twin Falls Cemetery for our Memorial Day Celebration, and to show SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS.

Please stop by to sign the "Support Our Troops Overseas" memory scroll. The scroll will be at the cemetery entrance for everyone to stop by and write a note, sign your name, or have your children draw a picture. Our soldiers overseas need so much to know that we are thinking of them on this Memorial Day, let's send them our best. The scroll will be at the Cemetery from Friday, May 28, 2004 through Monday, May 31, 2004. It will then be handed over to the Mountain Home Air Force Base, where it will be sent through the proper channels to reach our troops overseas. Please, whatever your personal views on the political situation, know that someone, somewhere needs to know you care.

Twin Falls Cemetery in conjunction with the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary will also host a Memorial Dedication Service on Monday, May 31, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. at the Veterans War Memorial located in the Garden of Honor and Valor of the Twin Falls Cemetery. Please join us in paying tribute to those have fallen to protect our freedom.

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Margaret Mae Steinmetz - College Place, Wash.

Margaret Mae Steinmetz, 73, of College Place, Wash., died Friday, May 28, 2004, at St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wash.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Linscott and Robyn Winters, both of Walla Walla, Wash.; two sisters, Althea Corbin of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Roberta Taylor of Jerome, Idaho; half-sister, Janice Goodin of Yakima, Wash.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho, with Bronson Oso officiating.

Clarence Lyle Barkes - Burley

Clarence Lyle Barkes, 87-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley.

He was born Dec. 28, 1916, in Sarles, N.D., the son of Charles and Susanah Murray Barkes. Clarence started working for Glen Briggs at the age of 14 and became foreman at 21.

(Doris) Barkes of Burley, Stacy Charles Barkes (deceased), Kathy Sue (Larry) Adams of Murtaugh, and Rebecca Ann Barkes of Park City, Utah; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.



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Goldie Arberta (Kimpton) Stansell - Twin Falls

Goldie Arberta (Kimpton) Stansell, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Goldie was born June 18, 1916, in the farmhouse at Red Cap Corners in Kimberly, in October 1911, to her parents, Jessie (Shriver) and Osborn Kimpton left Pocatello and headed for Oregon in a covered wagon. A lame horse and a bitter winter kept them in the Kimberly area. In 1912, they decided to start and build a two-story house, which is still standing. Goldie graduated from Kimberly High School in 1934.

was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa National College Honor Society. She is the oldest of Southern Idaho's Old-Goldies.



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Greenleaf loses top leaders at meeting

Officials resign after mayor was replaced

GREENLEAF (AP) — There is a real need for leadership in this small Canyon County community with the loss of seven officials.

Greenleaf Mayor Victoria Kerns was the victim of a recall election last Tuesday. The ouster was engineered by a committee concerned about the progress of a city water and sewer project.

The resignations leave Steven Jett and Marigrace Mickelsen as the only remaining councilmembers left.

Idaho Fish and Game resorts to plan 'B'

BOISE (AP) — State biologists are unable to drain Cascade Reservoir to revive the perch fishing there, so they are looking ahead on what they call "plan B."

"What we've kind of humorously called plan B, is to do a two-pronged thing, on Cascade Reservoir in eastern Idaho, is to introduce large numbers of yellow perch spawners back into the system and secondly to reduce the number of predators on the perch."

"The yellow perch fishery was quite an economic gain for southwest Idaho," Allen said. "We've estimated that in its heyday it was producing about \$7 million of disposable income that went directly into the community, and then had multiplying effects from there."

School suspends Utah teen for giving cousin prescription pill

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) — Because of a zero-tolerance drug policy, a 13-year-old boy has been suspended from school for 45 days for giving a cousin a cold pill — even though it had been prescribed for both children.

The suspension has upset more than 50 parents and community members, who signed a petition asking the West Jordan School Board to modify its rigid policy, said Heidi Burningham, the boy's mother.

The new school term when Tyson starts eighth grade and the parents' petition calls on school officials to let Tyson Burningham start eighth grade with his classmates in the fall.

TWIN FALLS ARRANGMENTS

Don Evan Cummings, 21, 421 Fifth Ave. W., Twin Falls; theft by possessing stolen property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; released under own recognizance.

Alex Robert Aragon, 26, 125 East Ave. E., Jerome; possession of paraphernalia, failure to purchase driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; released under own recognizance.

Shayne Grant Flora, 26, 1145 Utah St., Gooding; driving under the influence; driving without privileges, open container; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; \$500 bond.

Raymond Dennis, 32, 210 Elmwood St., Jerome; forgery; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 4; posted bond.

Shantel R. Farnworth, 28, 2553 Chuckwagon Drive, Twin Falls; Blackout; theft by receiving/possessing; stolen property; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 4; \$1,500 bond.

Alfredo Luz, 27, 1122 S. Washington St., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property, battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; released under own recognizance; two counts aggravated assault with use of deadly weapon; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 4; \$7,500 bond; probation violation; preliminary hearing set for June 15; \$100 bond.

Robert Arthur Haken, 30, 201 Locust St., Twin Falls; failure to appear — leaving the scene of a damage accident; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; court trial set for Aug. 16; \$500 bond.

Thomas J. Phillips, 43, 430 Locust St., No. 2, Twin Falls; failure to appear — theft by possession of stolen property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; court trial set for Aug. 16; \$500 bond.

Joshua M. Hill, 24, 312 Shoshone St., unit B4, Twin Falls; battery; malicious injury to property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; \$300 bond.

Thomas Fernandez, 36, 706 E. 10th St., Jerome; leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence, driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; \$200 bond.

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30, 674 Monroe, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 4; \$10,000 bond.

Thomas J. Phillips, 43, 430 Locust St., No. 2, Twin Falls; failure to appear — leaving the scene of a damage accident; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; court trial set for Aug. 16; \$500 bond.

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for June 15; \$200 bond. Casey Wayne Yost, 29, 628 144th Ave. N., Bull; driving under the influence (excessive); public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for June 15; \$1,000 bond.

Michael D. Dahmer, 53, 573 Glacier Dr., Jerome; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for June 15; released under own recognizance.

Almon-Odell Chavasin, 32, 519 1/2 St. W., Twin Falls; resisting/obstructing an officer, providing false information to an officer; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; \$1,000 bond.

David Caspere, 29, 3561 N. 35th St., Kimberly; probation violation; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; evidentiary hearing set for June 17; \$200 bond.

George J. Lucensits Jr., 40, 329 Fifth Ave. N., No. 2, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; \$500 bond.

Christopher Mark Delucia, 34, 324 Ridgeway Dr., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; released under own recognizance.

Joel Ray Merrick, 27, 1226 1/2 E. 11th Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance; public defender denied; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 4; \$10,000 bond.

Kristine M. McLaughlin, 21, 281 Casswell Ave., unit B14, Twin Falls; grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 4; posted bond; petit jury; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; released under own recognizance.

Melissa Chantell Peterson, 23, 4043 Highway 93, Filer; delivery of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 4; \$20,000 bond.

Thomas Fernandez, 36, 706 E. 10th St., Jerome; leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence, driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; released under own recognizance.

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# Spud growers fight low-carb craze



Dawn Wells, Mary Ann of Gilligan's Island fame, fires the starting gun Saturday at the 26th Annual Famous Idaho Potato Marathon in Boise. Frank Muir, President and CEO of race sponsor the Idaho Potato Commission, and Commissioner Doug Gross put their feet where their mouths are by finishing 2nd and 3rd in the 5K. All proceeds from the races benefit the Treasure Valley YMCA.

BOISE (AP) — This year, it seems the potato farmer's biggest foe is not late blight, black end or any other tuber disease.

Instead it is the low-carb crunch brought about by Atkins, South Beach and the rest of the carbohydrate-restricting diets popular across the United States.

Once a staple in American meals, potatoes are growing rarer on dinner plates and potato farmers are struggling to maintain a profit.

Now the Idaho Potato Commission has enlisted nutrition experts and fitness maven Denise Austin to try to counter the nation's potato perception.

But prices, so far, are about 14 percent lower than those recorded last year.

"What we see at this end is a reduction in demand overall," said Kent Sutton, a potato farmer with Bench Mark Potato Co. in Rexburg. "There's a change in eating habits and taste and preference. I hope it doesn't take 20 years for people to realize the high-fat, high-protein diet has health effects."

That is why the Idaho Potato Commission shifted money from advertisements promoting Idaho potatoes to those promoting the health benefits of any potatoes, said commission President Frank Muir.

"It wasn't too many years ago that nations either survived or died because of the potato crop," Muir said.

"We usually put bad things on them, and that's what makes them unhealthy. I heard a doctor say once that if you can only eat two foods, it should be potatoes and milk, because in milk you have calcium and vitamins A and D and in potatoes you have everything else." The ad campaign highlights

the nutrition label for a russet potato.

"The vegetable has no fat, no cholesterol and no sodium, provides half the daily vitamin C requirement and contains twice as much potassium as a banana," Muir said.

It is still too early to measure the results, Muir said. But the commission is betting that the campaign will increase demand.

It spent more than \$2 million dollars promoting the health benefits of potatoes this year.

"It is kind of daunting, because someone saying, 'eat all the fat and meat you want and don't worry' is getting compared to us saying 'eat a potato, you need to eat your vegetables,'" Muir said.

"But there's always going to be cycles, just like some elements of the low-fat diet fad stayed with us. I think some elements of low-carb diets should stay. I think eventually, people are going to get it."

It may be matter of whether people will accept the potato commission's message in time, Sutton said. Because of reduced demand, Idaho farmers are planting fewer potatoes than they have in the past.

Between 1993 and 2000, Idaho farmers planted an average of 40,000 acres a year. But since 2001, the amount has hovered closer to 360,000 acres. Meanwhile, prices are also dropping.

In April, 100 pounds of potatoes sold for \$4.80. One year earlier, the same amount sold for \$5.40.

"That's not only a reduction in profits, but an actual loss, a real-life loss with real money," said Sutton.

"In the meantime, we have to curtail production. This upcoming season in our farming

group we'll be down approximately 20 percent in acreage. That's the biggest drop I've seen in 10 years."

University of Idaho researcher and agricultural economics professor Joe Guenther expects consumer concerns to shift away from carbohydrates soon.

"The interest in the low-carb diet is fading already. Concern about obesity will remain, but I think consumer concern is going to shift away from carbs toward trans fat," he said.

Trans fat, also known as hydrogenated fat, is believed to be more harmful to human health than other types of fat. The Food and Drug Administration is requiring that nutrition labels list the grams of trans fat in food by 2006.

The fat is often found in cookies, crackers and sweets — and in the oil for french fries.

The Boise-based J.R. Simplot Company, one of the largest suppliers of french fries in the world, released a trans-fat-free french fry earlier this month. School districts in Alabama and San Diego have already agreed to switch to the new fries, and Guenther said the move could put Simplot ahead of other competitors in the limited potato market.

"Simplex is ahead of the curve and will do well. The type of fat in foods, healthy fat versus unhealthy fat, will be the next trend," Guenther said.

Simplot spokesman David Cuelo said the company hopes the product will boost stagnant sales.

"The french fry market has slowed significantly in recent years. Growth, years ago, might be in the double figures each year. Now growth of 2 or 3 percent a year would be considered good," Cuelo said.

Teaching consumers to differentiate between simple carbohydrates — those in sugar — and complex carbohydrates — those in potatoes — could help spuds survive, Muir said.

"I'm hoping as we come into next crop that we will see improvement in pricing because we hit the ground running with the nutritional campaign," Muir said.

Sutton said he holds the same hope, but is more skeptical. America's meat-and-potato diet has been double the meat, hold the potato for too long, he said.

"It seems like more than just a fad because it's crossed all the marketing sectors for potatoes and other foods that are considered high-carb. It's hard to measure how the campaign is doing, but I do know it's worth the effort," Sutton said.

"The public has a unique ability to tune out ads, but that's probably the only way to battle back right now."

The low-carb craze is helping Idaho farmers in one unexpected way, Sutton said.

Greater demand for meat has increased beef prices, which in turn has placed a greater demand on the grain needed to feed cows.

Potato farmers must alternate their crops every few years to keep the soil healthy and combat susceptibility to potato disease and pests, and most grow grain in their non-potato acreage.

The higher grain prices are helping keep the potato business alive, Sutton said.

## Toddler who beat death remains critical

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Idaho boy who showed signs of life after being pronounced dead of drowning remained in critical condition Saturday at hospital here.

The 22-month-old toddler was flown from Rexburg, Thursday after a nurse preparing his body for a funeral noticed his chest was slightly heaving — an hour after he had been declared dead.

Logan Pinto was breathing on his own by late Thursday, but he was placed back on a respirator Friday.

Primary Children's Medical Center spokeswoman Bonnie Midget said she wasn't authorized to reveal whether the boy still was on the ventilator Saturday, but said his condition was unchanged and critical.

The boy's story has brought calls from news organizations from around the country, but the family is turning down interviews, she said.

Logan wandered away from his baby sitter and fell into a

canal near his home in Rexburg, about 275 miles east of Boise.

The child was submerged for nearly 30 minutes before police found him a half-mile downstream.

An officer gave the boy CPR but the effort appeared to fail and he was pronounced dead, said Rexburg Police Capt.

Randy Lewis.

After giving the boy's mother and stepfather — Debra and Joe Gould — some time to say goodbye, Lewis said, Madison Memorial Hospital nurse Mary Zollinger began to prepare Logan's body for a funeral home.

But when she looked at the boy, she noticed signs of life.

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### What's Behind The Black Wall

#### On The Corner Of Pole Line and Blue Lakes?

— BY MILES CARSON

Twin Falls, ID — Everyone's asking but no one has had the answer until now... Just what is going on behind the black wall of Blue Lakes Blvd in Twin Falls? I went in search of the story and was floored by what I discovered.

"People are saving a ton of money," revealed Barry Langdon, General Sales Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls. "I can promise you, you've never seen anything like this before in your life."

In the last several months, the Lithia new car and truck stores in Idaho have set a blistering pace in new vehicle sales. "We've become known as the place to go for the right selection and an upfront great deal with our Promo Prices," said Barry Langdon. "Add that to the historic rebate and finance offers coming from the manufacturers and it's just set our new vehicle sales on fire."

And that's what's caused the problem. "Too many used vehicles," stated Barry. "We've been taking in trade like crazy and we've been focused on new vehicles sales. The truth is we've got a glut of used vehicles on our lots that we simply have to get rid of them one way or another."

"We are just going to keep cutting prices until the vehicles sell."

Oftentimes, when a car dealer is overloaded with used cars they take them to the nearest used car auction and dump them, in many cases accepting offers that are far less than the car is actually worth. "All of our managers got together to come up with a solution. Frankly we're tired of the auction getting bargain hunters turning around and marking up the same vehicle to be sold to the public," Barry Explained. "We decided that if we were going to have to just blow these cars out we might as well give the people in Twin Falls the first chance at the deal. It makes a lot more sense for us to sell a deeply discounted car to one of our neighbors and get a happy customer." Makes sense but why the mystery? Why black out the lot?

"We are just going to keep cutting prices until the vehicles sell."

"All of our vehicles are posted with an incredibly low price on each and every one, but that's just the beginning of the savings," said Barry. "Our mission is to sell every one of these cars by the close of business on Sunday, so we're going to be slashing prices on the spot throughout the sale. We needed to blackout the prices from drive-by traffic because there's a good chance that the posted price is going to be reduced."

In reviewing the inventory included in the sale it's tough to see how the prices could possibly get any better. "Basically we're to die for!" Said Barry. "We're just going to keep cutting the price until the vehicle sells."

I also learned that Lithia's Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls will be on-line with Lithia's vast network of lenders to get buyers through the financing process quickly and with a plan that is the most affordable. "We've got a lot of options and can help people get financed for a car even if they've been turned down somewhere else," Said Barry. "Of course financing is always on approval from the lender. Our advantage is we have so many more resources to go to for our customers."

Mystery solved. If you're looking for a bargain on a used vehicle, look behind the black wall, you'll be glad you did.

Lithia Price Blackout Event on Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls, Monday May 24th thru Friday May 28th from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Saturday May 29th 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sunday 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. For more information call 208-733-3033 or toll free at 1-800-967-2917.

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Rachel Touchout, left, and Jessica Locke enjoy a water fight in Kirkland, Wash., Friday. The pair got soaked while playing soccer and decided to just enjoy the water. They attend Rosehill Jr. High in Kirkland.

## Another Utah legislator defends his use of government vehicle

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Another Utah legislator has acknowledged driving a government-fueled vehicle to the statehouse while also collecting mileage reimbursement from the Legislature.

But Rep. by McCartney, D-Salt Lake City, said he was sometimes using two vehicles a day making multiple trips between his home and Capitol, and that legislative reimbursement paid for his personal vehicle.

McCartney, a police detective on loan to the Salt Lake metro anti-gang unit, drives a sedan assigned by his employer, the Division of Youth Corrections, and the state pays for his fuel.

McCartney said that during the legislative session, he often drove to the Capitol in his state car, returned home for lunch and used his own car to drive back to the statehouse, justifying the legislative allowance.

"I made a round trip in my personal vehicle. I'm entitled to a round trip," he told the Deseret Morning News. "I want to make sure it's absolutely clear I didn't get reimbursed twice."

But Corrections Department spokesman Jack Ford said that McCartney should not have been using the state car during the legislative session when he was on a leave of absence from his job duties. "It should have been sitting in his driveway," Ford said.

McCartney said he was unaware of any such restriction.

"We're able to drive the vehicle around, whether it's to the gym, to the store, the Capitol," he said.

Legislators may need to put on notice that they can accept mileage reimbursement only for their own personal vehicles, not government vehicles fueled at government expense, Utah House of Representatives Speaker Marty Stephens said.

"The truth is, honest mistakes can be made in these kinds of situations," he said.

McCartney is coming under question amid a widening government scandal that already has cost two Salt Lake County officials their jobs and forced Stephens' House lieutenant to reimburse the state.

House Majority Leader Greg Curtis, who doubles as legal counsel to Salt Lake County Mayor Nancy Workman, reimbursed the Legislature \$767 for mileage money he received while driving a county-provided

Ford Explorer and fueling it with a county charge card.

Longtime Salt Lake County Auditor Craig Sorensen resigned and was charged with buying \$10,139 worth of gas on the county dime for cars other than his county assigned vehicle, a 2001 Ford Expedition.

"What Mr. Sorensen did was clearly wrong and he intends to accept responsibility," his attorney Wally Bugden said Friday. "We intend to work out a plea agreement."

State records show McCartney has been more sparing on fill-ups. He used less than a tank of gas during the 45-day legislative session that ended in early March. During last year's session, he bought three tanks worth of gas and two tanks for the session before that.

Ford said McCartney's records were being examined but that it likely would not lead to any action taken by the Corrections Department.

## Boise River salmon elude anglers

BOISE (AP) — Salmon fishing is starting out slowly this year in the Boise River, an urban fishery that uses hatchery salmon trucked in from Hells Canyon Dam.

But that hasn't stopped Sergio Herrera, who drove 56 miles from his home in Nyssa, Ore., to wet a line Friday despite dreary, drizzling rain and chilly weather.

"I tried it once before," Herrera said, putting on a waterproof poncho and preparing to go down to the river. "It's fun."

Idaho Fish and Game managers stocked about 200 chinook salmon in the river Wednesday to bring the cousins of ocean-run fish to urban anglers on a stretch of the river where the fish once returned naturally.

The fish stopped coming when the government built Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River

in the 1950s and '60s. In recent years, the salmon have been trucked upstream. This year, the agency expects to stock 500 salmon over the next few weeks. The first fish were stocked Wednesday, but action was slow Friday morning.

"I haven't touched a fish," said Derek Dahms of Boise, who also fished Thursday.

Fishing may be slow for now, but biologists expect about 50 percent to 75 percent of the salmon stocked in the Boise River to be caught.

The rest will go upstream or downstream seeking the chemical trace of their home spawning grounds. They won't find it of course, but eventually they will try to spawn in a gravelly spot some place in the Boise River or its tributaries.

Salmon that don't wind up on

the line can live until mid-August to mid-September, when they normally spawn in a hatchery. Fish and Game set the salmon season in the Boise River to end Sept. 6.

It is possible that some of the salmon will remain in the river until then, said Bill Horton, Fish and Game's anadromous fish coordinator.

Any salmon that successfully spawn could produce young that will try to go to the ocean next year, but the dams will block their passage.

Salmon use all their energy to get to their spawning grounds to spawn. After that they die.

Continued stocking in the Boise River depends on how many hatchery salmon are trapped at Hells Canyon, officials said.

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Zak Hansen, left, and Jared Cordon address a news conference Saturday in Corvallis, Ore., regarding their sister-in-law, Brooke Wilberger, a Brigham Young student who has been missing since Monday. Hansen and Cordon said the Web site www.findbrooke.com has had 26,000 hits since it was launched Friday.

Police expand search for woman

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Police expanded their search Saturday for 19-year-old Brooke Wilberger, a Brigham Young student who disappeared last Monday from Corvallis.

Authorities asked volunteers to sign up for a search of rural roads in five counties surrounding Corvallis. About 150 people volunteered, driving slowly along the roads looking for abandoned vehicles, pieces of clothing or anything else suspicious, said Peggy Peirson, emergency services coordinator with the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

Searchers will focus on Benton, Lincoln and Polk counties, paying particular attention to routes from Corvallis to the home of Wilberger's parents in Veneta, outside Eugene, Peirson said.

About 250 other people searched on foot through an overgrown Christmas tree farm

west of Corvallis, and fanned out along a railroad line near Oregon State University.

Neither group found any significant clues by around 3 p.m., Peirson said.

"We have a lot of tired people. It's a lot of searching for one week," Peirson said. "We're still grabbing for something here. I have not heard anything that has been helpful to the case."

Wilberger vanished Monday morning from an apartment complex where her sister lives, leaving behind a pair of flip-flops in a parking lot. Police said they believe she was abducted.

Corvallis Police Lt. Ron Noble had said Friday that searchers were more optimistic than they had been earlier in the week, but not elaborate other than to say if she were dead they likely would have found her by now.

"We feel a little better today than we did Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday," he said at a news conference Friday. "We still don't have a suspect. We don't know where Brooke is."

He said police are questioning four "persons of interest," some of whom are sex offenders.

He said he was saying all he could without jeopardizing the case and hoped a large turnout of Memorial Day volunteers would move the case forward.

"Something's going to break here pretty soon," predicted her father, Greg Wilberger. His employer is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the missing woman.

Noble said earlier that none of the people they are watching closely can be considered firm suspects.

"As we're looking at backgrounds, history, behavior, we are finding things that make us somewhat concerned," Noble said.

City opens arms to Hustler's Flynt

Los Angeles Times

GARDENA, Calif. — City Hall is smitten with the smut peddler.

In the south Los Angeles suburb of Gardena, Hustler magazine Publisher Larry Flynt has finally found a place where city leaders embrace him, law enforcement professionals salute him and even the tax collectors cut him some slack.

Flynt's trade in Gardena is poker, not porn, and he mostly resists any temptation to air-bait the line between them.

Four years ago, to the lasting horror of local clergy, he diversified his raunchy empire by opening the Hustler Casino, a card club that dominates a major crossroads in town.

Now the staging ground for Flynt's efforts to break the Native American monopoly on California slot machines, the Hustler Casino has grown into a top revenue generator for Gardena's cash-starved government. It's also been the setting for Chamber of Commerce mixers, Rotary Club chili cook-offs and a reception for the police chief.

The payoff has been mainstream esteem for a provocateur known for his court battles over obscenity, infidelity investigations of politicians and sideshow runs for president and California governor.

"I'm very happy," City Manager Mitchell Lansdell said of Flynt's ante to the municipal bottom line. To keep Flynt happy, the city granted a temporary reduction in the casino's taxes, despite a budget squeeze.

Some of Gardena's elected officials — among them a veteran Los Angeles County prosecutor and a high-ranking Sheriff's Department administrator — are reluctant to discuss their relationship with Flynt, who has given thousands of dollars to their campaigns.

But when they do talk, praise reigns. Never mind that Flynt favors legalized prostitution and once offered \$1 million for a rumored nude video of First Daughter Barbara Bush.

"It has become a good neighbor," said Gardena Mayor Terrence Terachi, a deputy district attorney. "He's a very good businessman."

Flynt described his Gardena experience as "so much better" than what he had expected.

"People are much more comfortable with me now than when we were first opened," said the gritty-voiced 61-year-old, who was shot by a sniper in 1978 and paralyzed from the waist down. "If anybody's got any complaints, we're not really hearing about them."

Largely working-class Gardena,

home to 60,000, is one of a handful of California cities that allow card clubs. Its tax dependence on the poker joints dates to the 1930s, a history marked more recently by failures.

The Gardena casino is restricted to games in which players bet against each other. The house's earnings, on which precise figures are not disclosed, come from renting seats at the tables.

Flynt wants to up his end of the action. So he is helping to bankroll a proposed November ballot measure, supported by the Gardena City Council, that could permit slot machines in 11 card clubs and five horse-racing tracks around the state.

Resort, agency swap lands after wrangling

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Grand Targhee ski resort negotiated a land swap that will give it room to expand lodges while protecting grizzly bear habitat.

The resort and U.S. Forest Service signed the agreement Friday after years of negotiating.

The trade gives the government 400-acre Squirrel Meadows, a haunt of grizzly bears near the southwestern corner of Yellowstone National Park.

The ski area took ownership of 120 acres near its lodge. Resort officials hope to expand the resort from 90 rooms to 900, pending approval by county officials in Wyoming and Idaho.

"Squirrel Meadows will now be protected from development and will forever remain available

for use by grizzly bears in our most productive bear management unit," Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor Jerry Heese said.

For decades, the Forest Service has tried to gain the land, claiming it was critical to preventing development and reducing the possibility of contacts between the bears and humans.

Squirrel Meadows is surrounded by Forest Service land. National Park Service officials say marshy meadows are of crucial importance to many animals.

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# Grizzlies may disappear off endangered list

The Washington Post

GARDINER, Mont. — For 23 years, Chris Servheen has devoted himself to saving the grizzly bear from dying out in the American West. Now, he's ready to declare victory.

Servheen, a hardy outdoorsman with a handlebar mustache and drawn features, is the coordinator of grizzly bear recovery for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. And he, along with other federal officials, are making plans to take bears off the endangered species list, where they have been listed as threatened since 1975.

By that year, the number of grizzlies in the lower 48 states had plummeted to between 200 and 250. As the bears were pressured by hunters and they lost their habitat to ranching and development, the number of grizzlies in the lower 48 states had dropped precipitously from the early 19th century, when as many as 50,000 roamed the West, ranging as far south as Mexico.

Since they came under strict federal protection, the number of grizzlies in the lower 48 states has bounced back to between 1,200 and 1,400, along with 35,000 in Alaska, where the grizzly has never been listed as threatened. The largest concentration — 550 to 600 — is in Yellowstone National Park, with the remainder scattered across



A grizzly bear named Shoena stands atop an earthen hill on the opening day of Montana Grizzly Encounter, May 2 near Bozeman, Mont. The grizzly population in the lower 48 states has grown to about 1,200.

northern Montana, northern Idaho and northern Washington.

In sharp contrast to the pending plan to take bald eagles off the endangered species list, the proposal to de-list grizzly bears is a controversial one. Most government experts argue that it is time to abandon some of the protections. Their position is rejected by many stock growers and politicians, who insist they need more flexibility in dealing

with the threat that the massive bears, the largest meat-eating animals in the lower 48 states, pose to livestock and humans.

But some environmentalists and scientists remain skeptical, arguing that the move could jeopardize the bears' fragile position in what remains of their western habitat, most of it in national parks.

That federal officials are even considering de-listing is testimony to the bears' resurgence.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the government has de-listed 39 species in the 50 states since it created the list in 1973 under the Endangered Species Act. Of these nine went extinct, 15 recovered and 15 came off for technical reasons. About 1,300 species, including some in the U.S. trust territories, remain on it. The list includes both threatened species, such as the grizzlies, and endangered ones that are in greater jeopardy of going extinct.

In contrast to the argument over grizzlies, the Bush administration's recent decision to take the bald eagle off the list by the end of this year is supported by most environmentalists in light of the birds' dramatic resurgence to more than 7,500 nesting pairs reported nationwide.

The grizzly bears' comeback is far less dramatic, but Servheen said "we've come a long way."

This kind of talk worries Louisa Wilcox, director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's wild bear project. Wilcox, who has worked on grizzly conservation since 1985, said federal officials are ignoring the pressures the bears still face.

"De-listing is really about taking chances to more than 7,500 nesting pairs reported nationwide. We believe de-listing is premature unless and until habitats protected so bears can be

established as a connected population between Yellowstone and Canada. ... The challenge bears face today is pressure from people, oil and gas development, rural sprawl, and burgeoning off-road vehicle use.

With their mammoth size — they tend to be 500 to 600 pounds in the Rocky Mountains — and their tendency to raid campers' food supplies and pounce on local livestock, grizzly bears do not always evoke sympathy. Occasionally they launch brutal attacks on humans, such as the dismemberment of Alaskan bear expert Timothy Treadwell and his girlfriend, Amie Huguenard, in October by a hulking grizzly known as "The Big Red Machine."

"We need the laws to protect these bears and we need the political climate to protect these bears," said Douglas Homold, managing attorney for the Bozeman, Mont., office of Earthjustice, an environmental law firm. Homold added that many local officials and livestock owners in the West have the attitude that "we don't want your bears and we don't want your wolves" and are eager to kill grizzly bears that wander outside Yellowstone and other parks.

Ranchers say they are increasingly frustrated with the

toll that grizzly bears take on their cattle. According to Jim Magagna, executive vice president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, bears cost the state's livestock industry \$57,000 in fiscal 2003, killing a total of 29 sheep, 92 calves, 11 cows and one bull.

"We're interested in the ability to deal with problem bears by removing them," Magagna said, adding the government "has to be more responsive to the needs of livestock producers."

Magagna and other stock growers have found an ally in Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., who has been pushing in Washington to have grizzlies de-listed. Burns said bears are not only a threat to people and livestock but also have impeded logging in some national forests.

"You just have to work around them all the time," Burns said. "We have human beings that want to exist there. We have stockists who have to put up with losses with that bear, and we can't manage our forests as long as that bear is on the Endangered Species Act list."

Despite their high-profile status, grizzly bears are hard to spot. During a recent trip to Yellowstone it took several hours to spot one massive grizzly lounging on a hill overlooking the Lamar River.

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TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who is the only player to get at least 40 rebounds in an NBA playoff game more than once?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Hovey Wide Open, 10 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Two teams lead at Hovey Open

TWIN FALLS — The team of Jeff Burthorn and John Slingshot and the duo of Kevin Kelly and Scott Jerome both carded first-day 61s to lead the gross competition of the championship flight at the Hovey Wide Open golf tournament Saturday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Wind gusts reportedly played havoc with shots throughout the first round. James Ray and Ken Johnson followed at 63 with four teams tied at 64, including high schoolers Tollyer Latham and Sevy Fisher. Chris Benson and Lars Hovey lead the first flight with a 66. The tournament is named for Lars' late father, Larry Hovey, a former long-time Times-News sports editor.

Brook and Bill Broden are in second with a 68 with eight teams tied for third at 69.

MVRS fund-raiser needs sponsors

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services and The Canyon Springs Golf Course will hold its 11th annual five-person scramble golf tournament Saturday, June 5. Registration starts at 7 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The corporate sponsor fee is \$350 and includes the entry fee for five golfers. Individual fees cost \$55. The fee includes a continental breakfast, greens fees, two carts per team, tee prizes and a post-round barbecue.

There are prizes for the first, second and third place golfers for gross and net along with an award for the last-place finisher. For more information, call Jim Astorquia at (208) 734-4112, ext. 104.

Burley golf program begins June 1

BURLEY — The summer junior golf program at Burley Golf Course will begin on June 1. Children ages 6-16 are invited to receive 11 days of instruction for \$30 per junior. The program will take place June 1-3 and then run about one session per week throughout the summer.

Golfing basics, such as wood play, iron play, putting, chipping, rules and etiquette will be covered. Participants are urged to sign up early to reserve their spot. A complete schedule of dates and information can be picked up at the golf course. Call 878-9807 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bill Russell of the Boston Celtics had 40 rebounds in playoff games against the Philadelphia Warriors in 1958, the St. Louis Hawks in 1960 and the Lakers in 1962.

Ride 'em cowboy



Hagerman's Jade Cole pauses for a moment before the gate opens for his bareback ride during the District Five Rodeo Finals Saturday. The top six season finishers advance to the state finals June 15-19 in Pocatello.

Walker clinches District Five's all-around title

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

JEROME — Finally, after a long season of close finishes, fast times, and hard riding, Ted Walker of King Hill took his spot as the District Five rodeo All-Around Cowboy. Walker, who took first in calf roping and team roping with Wendell's Rob Webb, edged out Bliss Sam Bray for the distinction, 156-149.

"It was a fun year," Walker said. "It was real close. Even my events came down to the last day." Walker finished first in both of his events Saturday, roping his calf solo in 12:53 seconds and teaming with Webb to snag their steer in 8:05. Walker's teammate Webb took the rookie cowboy award with a point total of 148.

"The season went pretty good," Walker said. "It wasn't that good of a start, but it really came together."

Walker, who will be a senior at Glenns Ferry High School next year, now sets his sights on the state rodeo in Pocatello and returning to nationals. "I'm going in to just do my best and see what happens," Walker said. "I went to nationals in team roping last year and I'd like to go in both events this year."

Gooding senior Italy Jo Eames locked up her All-Around Cowgirl title, riding past teammate Cady Mae Coates 339-234. Eames took first place in the barrel racing with a time of 17:825 seconds, along with pole bending, finishing in 21:435 and was awarded the Ardis Swan Memorial trophy for her season's performance.

Coates took top honors in the goat tying competition, strapping her goat in 8.7 seconds. While Coates should be a good performer on the state level, everyone might be looking up at Eames this year.

"She was way out there and it shows why she's going to the big school, UNLV," Walker said. Eames finished first in the year's standings in barrel racing and pole bending while Coates finished first in break away roping and goat tying. Cooper Proff, Gooding, took the bareback riding title, while Gooding's Cliff Toone took the saddle bronc competition. Jerome's Clay Swan finished first in the steer wrestling competition, while Bray took bull riding top honors by a landslide. Wood River's Kade Smith finished first in cow cutting.

On the girls side, the only

top-placer not named Eames or Coates was Wood River's Ashley Smith, who finished first in the girls cow cutting standings. Haley Turner took the rookie cowgirl award, while District's Jared Telford and Shoshone's Haley Harris took home the Lurline Whitaker awards for Lincoln County's top cowboy and cowgirl. Now all that's left is to see how District Five stacks up against the state competition.

"I think our district is real tough as a whole," Walker said. "I'd say we're one of the tougher districts at this year."

State's results
Steer Wrestling: 1. Cooper Proff, Gooding, 49 points; 2. Clay Swan, Jerome, 48; 3. Blake Green, Fern, 22.9 seconds; 4. Rob Webb, 22; 5. Scott Buss, 17.8; 6. Ryan Vase, 22.8; 7. James Eames, 22.4; 8. Sandy Gray, 24.
Saddle Bronc: 1. Cady Mae Coates, Jerome, 2:57 seconds; 2. Blake Green, 3:04; 3. James Eames, 3:04; 4. Blake Green, 3:34.
Goat Tying: 1. Cady Mae Coates, Gooding, 8:70 seconds; 2. ... Please see COWBOY, Page C2

Drivers battle cold weather at MVS

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When the brisk conditions to start the night just got colder, it was the experienced drivers that were just warming up.

As the temperature dropped and the track and tires grew more slick as the night went on, veteran drivers knew how to make the appropriate adjustments Saturday night at the Magic Valley Speedway.

"With the track cooling down, (the car) loosened up quite a bit," said Jeffrey Meads, winner of the first of two main events in the Budweiser Grand Nationals series. "At the beginning of the race, it was running pretty tight, so that helped."

Meads found a groove that few other drivers were able to find in a 25-lap race that featured three yellow flags. He avoided a five-car wreck coming out of Turn 2 on Lap 16 that

involved Michael Mattix, Shannon Shirley, Rod Kack, Jerry McKean and Jade Jasper.

"That was just the advantage of being up front, missing that," said Meads, who was running second at the time. He exited the track for the pits, giving Meads a lead he wouldn't relinquish. Meads held off points leader Dan Doan, who finished third, and Jerry Rice (second) the rest of the way.

Meads also won the second main event after Pohlman, who finished the race first, was dropped to a position to second for four-lane racing. Drivers are only allowed to use three lanes so a clean path is allowed for passing.

Experience also paid dividends for defending track

champion Steve Jones in Mountain Dew Modifieds action. Jones, who will take the points lead from Bruce Quale entering next weekend, won the 40-lap feature nearly wire to wire. He passed eventual runner-up Mike Buddenhagen in the early laps and cruised to victory in a clean race.

"It was nice to go flag to flag, for a change," Jones said. "We've just been getting turned around and getting hanged up (in recent weeks)."

In other races, Eric Jensen survived a late caution after he built a half-lap lead on the one-third-mile oval to grab his first career win at the MFA Auto Parts Pony Steers main event.

Billy Sensabaugh also grabbed a victory in the Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks feature while Karlene Hall won the Middlekauff Queen Bees main event.

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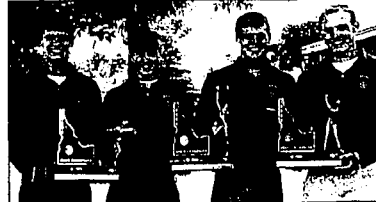
Wendell boys dominate 2A sports

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

WENDELL — High school principals don't often ask much of their students. Stay in line, sit down, don't hit Johnny, and get good grades.

Which is why the Wendell Trojan graduating class of 2004 took a seat and refrained from hitting Johnny — Pomrenke, that is — when Athletic Director Jack Lancaster and Principal Don Fowler stood before them at Wednesday's graduation practice and asked them for a favor. Lancaster and the Lakers in 1962.

er spoke of the legacy the 2004 class would leave — three team state championships, one NCAA Division 1 basketball player and a slew of athletic and academic scholarships. The 2003-04 sports season took its toll on Wendell's opponents, along with the Trojan trophy cases which are now practically bursting with mementos of this year's athletic accomplishments. And that's where Lancaster and Fowler needed help. Because for as much open land there is surrounding Trojan Gymnasium,



The four Wendell boys athletes who were part of three state championships teams — football, boys basketball and boys golf — this school year. From left to right, Zac Davis, Kevin Oden, Tyrol Davis, and Jysen Lancaster.

its halls are full of little gold men in various athletic poses. And to go with the upcoming Trojan Wall of Fame, this year's graduating class was asked for the donation of a new trophy case. Most alumni are asked to

support the accomplishments of future classes. Wendell's were asked for a support to hold up theirs. After a year that included undefeated seasons and state Please see TROJAN, Page C7

A homer's odyssey

I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to fake it anymore. After three months of following the Twin Falls Bruins baseball team, I pulled a journalistic no-no and got attached to those kids. So after the Bruins' 6-5 loss in last Friday's 5A state tournament semifinal game against the Timberline Wolves, morale in my Shilo luncheon-office reached an all-time low — an Arizona Cardinals-type low.



But now, after a week spent stewing over the games, outers, fly not depressed over the slip, the dropped fly ball, and the two Timberline runs that crossed the plate to end the game. Instead, I'm as steamed as back-seat windows on prom night at the umpires, who worked the game. And why shouldn't I be? Every good homer needs a scapegoat to blame.

After all, our clean-shaven, salt-of-the-earth Bruins couldn't have honestly lost against the wicked and heathen horde of Timberline Wolves, could they? Our boys are bigger, more talented, and certainly better looking than that motley collection of street rabble scraped out of the Boise stratosphere. So it must have been the unfair foul ball.

Those stunted stiffs with their ever-changing strike zones and pockets lined with Timberline twenties must have pulled off the biggest home job in recent history by someone not wearing a FBI hat. Well, horn them in effigy and sanction them until their grandmothers concede that they were responsible the Chicago Black Sox scandal. After all, that's what they deserve, right?

As an aficionado as it is, the Bruins lost to the Wolves, fair and square. They lost because Timberline moved more players across the plate than they did. It was because of the hookedumps or a loose bias. So what's left to be mad about Please see ODYSSEY, Page C7

Centennial Challenge organizers look for sponsors

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A once in a century event for Twin Falls golfers and others looking to enjoy a top-flight tournament event needs area businesses to step forward to make The Pepsi Centennial Challenge a success. Event organizers Mike Hamblin and Bonnie Lezamin have lined up nine supporting sponsors and eight hole sponsors so far, but need more to sign up to help make the two-day golf scramble the memorable event they hope for.

The challenge will be held July 23-24 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The fund-raiser hopes to raise up to \$70,000 for the construction of the Snake River Canyon Rim Walking Trail Project. "There's a golf scramble every weekend," Hamblin said. "This will be unlike any other scramble around." The opening night is geared toward entertaining the golfers and anyone else interested in what could be a loaded auction. Hertz of Magic Valley has donated a car to be auctioned off while Cain's Home Furnishings will offer a furniture package. Other donations could bolster the event. The 56 four-person teams enter the tournament at a cost Please see CENTENNIAL, Page C7

SPORTS

# Flaming Flames

## Calgary burns Lightning, 3-0

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — One trend is developing in a furiously played Stanley Cup final: the first team to one wins.

Chris Simon put in his own rebound after a period and a half of frantic, physical but scoreless play and the Calgary Flames took the series lead by beating Tampa Bay 3-0 in Game 3 Saturday night.

Simon and Sean Donovan scored just over three minutes apart in an uptempo second period after Calgary, playing the first Cup final game on Canadian ice in 10 years, was held to two shots in the first period.

Flames captain Jarome Iginla set up Simon's goal and scored with 1:32 remaining to seal Calgary's first final win since the Flames last won the Cup in 1989.

The upset Flames, out of the playoffs for seven straight seasons until being revived by coach Darryl Sutter, could take a 1-1 lead by winning Game 4 Monday — but only if Tampa Bay halts its monthlong trend of following a loss with a win.

The Lightning have alternated wins and losses for nine straight games, three short of New Jersey's 12-game streak in 1998 — a fitting run, too, because Tampa Bay has usually followed a strong game with a weak one. The Lightning had evened the series by winning 4-1 in Game 2 following an uninspired 4-1 loss.

In all three games so far, the winning team has scored first and, with both teams sensing how important the first goal is, the game started at a frenetic pace and stayed that way. For good reason, too: Calgary is 12-1 and Tampa Bay is 11-2 when scoring first.

Tampa Bay wasted an excellent chance to take the early lead, getting more power-play chances (3) than Calgary did (2) in the game started at a frenetic pace and stayed that way. For good reason, too: Calgary is 12-1 and Tampa Bay is 11-2 when scoring first.

Making the night even worse for Tampa Bay, forward Ruslan Fedotenko was helped off the ice after cutting his right cheek bloody while being slammed into the boards by



Calgary Flames fans cheer on their team before the start of Game 3 of the NHL Stanley Cup final in Calgary, Saturday. The Flames lead Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 in the best of seven series.



Calgary Flames' Jarome Iginla and Tampa Bay Lightning's Vincent Lecavalier square off as linesman Mark Wheeler, left, and Scott Driessell try to break it up during first period of Game 3 of the NHL Stanley Cup Finals Saturday in Calgary.

Rolyn Regehr with about six minutes remaining. Fedotenko, who has 10 playoff goals, looked dazed when he left the ice.

The Flames got the initial goal when Iginla skated down the right wing boards, hopped over defenseman Darryl Sydor while keeping possession of the puck and fed Simon for a wrist shot from the right circle that missed. Simon gathered his own rebound and stuffed it past Nikolai Khabibulin inside the near post at 13:53 of the second.

That ignited the Flames' Sea of Red, the jersey-wearing crowd of 19,221 that calls itself the loudest in the league, and it got even louder a few minutes later.

Vincent Lecavalier, who fought early in the game with Iginla, controlled the puck

behind the Flames net and tried to pass it in front to Fredrik Modin, but the pass went wide. Donovan gathered it just inside the blue line and beat Khabibulin with a perfect shot inside the far post without the goalie reacting at 17:09.

Flames goalie Mikka Kiprusoff made the lead stand up, making 23 saves. It was his fifth shutout, matching Dominik Hasek (2002) and Martin Brodeur (2003) by getting at least one shutout in each playoff round.

Before Simon and Donovan each scored their fifth goals, the play was almost a contraction — no scoring, very few shots, but almost continuous end-to-end action highlighted by the Iginla-Lecavalier fight with about six minutes in.



Los Angeles Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal shoots over Minnesota Timberwolves' Mark Madson in the second quarter of Game 5 of the Western Conference Finals Saturday in Minneapolis.

## Garnett wills T'wolves past Lakers, 98-96

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett's survival instinct was stronger than the Lakers' finishing touch.

Garnett had 30 points and 19 rebounds, and the Minnesota Timberwolves avoided elimination from the Western Conference finals with a 98-96 victory over Los Angeles in Game 5 Saturday night.

Latrell Sprewell scored 28 points and Fred Hoiberg added 14 for the Timberwolves, who prevented the Lakers from winning a potential series-ending game for the first time since Game 5 of the 2000 NBA Finals.

Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant had won their last 12 clinchers, but the Timberwolves avoided their third three-game losing streak of the season. A raucous home crowd cheered another draining performance by Garnett, who played every position and sat out for 2.5 minutes.

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Only seven teams in NBA history have recovered from a 3-1 deficit to win a playoff series, and the Lakers have never blown such a lead.

Before fouling out with 5.3 seconds left, O'Neal scored 17 points on 11 shots.

It was a strange game all around, with the Lakers who were extraordinarily loose before the game — coach Phil Jackson even said his team was "giddy."

But the Lakers lost their focus late in the first half and allowed 17 second-chance points by Minnesota. The Lakers fell behind 86-70 in the fourth quarter before scoring 10 in a row and causing grumbling in the crowd, but

Hoiberg hit a difficult jumper while being fouled by Bryant with 2:29 left. Garnett did the rest with his ball-handling and free throws.

"We know we play well at home," Garnett said. "That's where we have a lot of confidence. We came out with energy and forced the action."

Injured All-Star Sam Cassell didn't suit up for the Timberwolves, but Hoiberg and Wally Szczerbiak hit big outside shots — and Sprewell overcame his shooting struggles for his biggest game of the series.

While the Lakers' perimeter shooting was a little better, the Timberwolves appeared to sense the urgency of an elimination game. They fell behind early and trailed 40-33 — but the momentum abruptly shifted when Minnesota scored the final 13 points of the first half for a 3.5-minute lead.

The Timberwolves then scored the first two baskets of the second half to take a 10-point lead. Los Angeles' last-minute rally began too late

— but the Lakers' 54 percent free-throw shooting also influenced the outcome.

Garnett went 10-for-11 on free throws and even had four assists. While taking his only rest in the fourth quarter, Cassell fanned him with a towel.

Cassell's back spasms have rendered him nearly useless in the series, and the injuries only get worse while he attempts to play through them. He barely participated in practice in recent days, and he walked out to the Timberwolves' bench wearing a pink knee brace.

Coach Phil Saunders made two changes to his lineup, also starting Michael Olowokandi in place of Eric Johnson.

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## Gap closes between drug cheaters, testers

LONDON (AP) — During more than 30 years of drug checks at the Olympics, the cheaters have usually managed to keep a step or two ahead of the testers.

"The gap is closing, and with the Athens Games less than three months away, anti-doping officials say the chances of beating the culprits are better than ever.

Armed with new tests for previously undetectable substances, expanded pre-games and in-competition controls and a new global resolve against drugs in sports, the Olympic doping police are making gains in their "zero-tolerance" drive.

"It has always been a game between the gamekeeper and the poacher, and mostly the poacher has a bigger advance on the gamekeeper," IOC president Jacques Rogge said. "But today I can say we've caught more cheaters and we have the tests that are needed."

Since the IOC began drug-testing at the Olympics in 1968, there have been a total of 59 confirmed positive cases at nine Summer Games and 12 positives at 10 Winter Games.

The most positives at a Summer Olympics was 12 at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. There were 11 in Sydney four years ago.

The 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics produced seven dopers, a total at all previous Winter Games.

The highest-profile Olympic drug bust, of course, came at the 1988 Seoul Games, where Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson was stripped of his gold medal in the 100 meters after testing positive for the steroid stanozolol.

Big stars also were nabbed in Salt Lake City — German-born Spaniard Johann Muehleisen was stripped of three gold medals, while Russians Larissa Lazutina and Olga Danilova lost gold and silver medals.

### Olympic crackdown on muscle stimulants

In Major League Baseball's stimulant testing last year, 5 to 7 percent of tests were positive. By comparison, less than four-tenths of a percent of tests at the Summer and Winter Olympics since 1988 turned out positive.

#### Olympic doping cases and the percent of athletes that tested positive

| Summer Games |             |                 |         | Winter Games |                |                 |         |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|
| YEAR         | HOST CITY   | TESTS POSITIVES | PERCENT | YEAR         | HOST CITY      | TESTS POSITIVES | PERCENT |
| 1968         | Mexico City | 667             | 1       | 1968         | Grenoble       | 86              | 0       |
| 1972         | Munich      | 2,079           | 7       | 1972         | Sapporo        | 211             | 0.5     |
| 1976         | Montreal    | 786             | 1       | 1976         | Innsbruck      | 390             | 2       |
| 1980         | Moscow      | 645             | 0       | 1980         | Lake Placid    | 440             | 0       |
| 1984         | Los Angeles | 1,507           | 12      | 1984         | Sarajevo       | 424             | 1       |
| 1988         | Seoul       | 1,598           | 10      | 1988         | Calgary        | 492             | 1       |
| 1992         | Barcelona   | 1,848           | 5       | 1992         | Albertville    | 522             | 0       |
| 1996         | Atlanta     | 1,923           | 2       | 1994         | Lillehammer    | 529             | 0       |
| 2000         | Sydney      | 2,763           | 11      | 1998         | Nagano         | 621             | 0       |
|              |             |                 |         | 2002         | Salt Lake City | 1,922           | 7       |
|              |             |                 |         |              |                | 5,637           | 12      |

SOURCE: International Olympic Committee

I remind you of Ben Johnson," Rogge said. "We have sent home famous athletes in the last Olympic Games. We will do it in the future if that is needed, there is no doubt about that."

The Olympics have also produced some tough luck drug cases: teenage Romanian gymnast Andreea Raducanu was stripped of her all-around gold medal in Sydney after taking a common cold tablet on the advice of her team doctor; British skier Alain Baxter lost his slalom bronze in 2002 after testing positive for a stimulant contained in a nasal spray.

Under the Olympics' strict liability rule, athletes are responsible for any banned substance found in their system. A doping offense results in automatic disqualification.

Pseudoephedrine — the stimulant involved in Raducanu's case — and caffeine have been removed from the list of banned substances.

Athens will be the first Olympics held since the adoption of the World Anti-Doping Code, which establishes a single banned list and sets out uniform rules and sanctions for athletes.

The IOC plans a 25 percent increase in the number of tests, including 2,500 in-competition controls and 380 pre-event

checks.

"There will be extensive testing for EPO, which boosts endurance by stimulating production of red blood cells. A combined blood-urine EPO test was first introduced in Sydney, but produced no positive findings. Since then, experts have agreed on a stand-alone urine test."

"The top four in all finals will be tested, plus two others at random. In endurance events, all medal winners will also be screened for EPO."

"The testing program will begin with the opening of the Olympic village on July 30 and last until the closing ceremony on Aug. 29. Athletes can be tested anywhere in the world, including training sites, during that period."

Pre-games tests have been expanded to cover the "full menu" of banned drugs, not just those prohibited out of competition. Previously out-of-competition controls did not test for certain stimulants.

"Tests will screen for THIG, the steroid unmasked last year that is at the center of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative scandal."

medications.

Meanwhile, IOC and WADA officials say there's a good chance Athens will implement tests for drugs that until now have escaped detection — including human growth hormone, or HGH, believed to be one of the most widely abused performance-enhancers in sports.

Officials won't announce whether the tests are in place in order to keep the athletes guessing. Even if the tests aren't ready, urine and blood samples will be stored for retroactive checks.

"If I were somebody who has been or is thinking about getting on HGH for example, I would be a nervous puppy at this point," World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound said.

While officials are reluctant to predict how many out of the 10,500 athletes in Athens will test positive, there's a good chance that more will get caught this time.

"You always hope in the back of your mind that there won't be cheats coming forward," WADA director General David Howman said. "But I would guess there will probably be more positives than there have been in the past. It will show the ground is narrowing between the cheats and those who don't."

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# This is my maison! Guga upsets Federer in Paris

PARIS (AP) — With the familiar red clay underfoot, and chants of "Guga-ga" ringing in his ears, Gustavo Kuerten felt right at home.

Something about the French Open inspires the three-time champion: His preparation doesn't matter, nor does his health, nor does the opponent, apparently.

Showing no signs of a bum hip or recent fall, Kuerten upset No. 1-ranked Roger Federer 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to reach the round of 16 at Roland Garros for the sixth straight year.

"I came here in bad shape, playing bad," said the man known as Guga, who entered the French Open ranked 30th and just 2-4 since February. "But every time I go on the court, it seems something special happens with the love and passion I have for the tournament that brings the best out in me."

It tends to bring out the worst in the top-seeded Federer, who lost to journeymen in the first round in 2002 and 2003.

After the latter disappointment, he went 19-1 at Grand Slam tournaments, winning Wimbledon and the Australian Open.

Boasting a four-high four titles and a 34-3 record this season, the Swiss star never worked his way into the match against Kuerten, though, failing to secure a break point after the second game.

"I don't really care what I did. Now it's over. The tournament is over," Federer said when asked whether he erred in strategy. "What can I tell you? I took a flight, for one thing. It's early exit follows those by defending champions Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne and marks the first time in French Open history that both top-seeded players lost before the



Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil returns the ball to Roger Federer of Switzerland during their third round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Saturday. Kuerten won 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

fourth round. The "oooh-waah" Kuerten seemed to sing as he exhaled while swinging through each groundstroke sounded similar to the fans' chants of his nickname echoing through the main stadium, where green-gold-and-blue Brazilian flags dotted the stands. The spectators were in an-

grier mood six hours later, when full-throated boos were directed at Marat Safin as he walked off the same court at dusk, totting a 6-7(4), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5 victory over Italian qualifier Paolo Sarace, who's ranked 202nd. The match provided the most theater on a day when Serena Williams, Venus Williams and Jennifer Capriati moved into the women's fourth round. Safin — penalized a point for pulling down his shorts during a two-day five-set, second-round victory over Felix Mantilla — drew the crowd's ire by repeatedly stopping play to have blisters on his left hand treated by a trainer.

The most notable interruption came while Sarace was serving for the match at 5-4 in the fourth set and right after a spectacular forehand, passing shot crossed Sarace's second match point (Safin saved one against Mantilla). The jeers and whistles were so loud during that delay, Safin climbed up the chair umpire's

stand to hear him. The Russian showed his hands to Sarace, who later said Safin probably was hurting, but "surely, he did it to make me more nervous."

Safin had eight blisters on his hands; he's right-handed but uses a two-handed backhand.

"It's really sad for me the people couldn't understand," said the 2000 U.S. Open champion, who had 20 aces and finally won on his sixth match point, when a weary Sarace dumped a forehand into the net.

Had the match not ended in this defeat, it would have been suspended until Sunday.

Instead, Safin can heal for a day before facing No. 8 David Nalbandian.

Sarace, meanwhile, will return to the obscurity of minor league tournaments, knowing, he said, "I can compete with the best."

Kuerten's never been past the quarterfinals at the other three Slams.

"It's been a love story since the beginning," said Kuerten, who was ranked fifth and didn't own a title from any tournament when he won the 1997 French Open — "coming from nowhere," as he put it Saturday.

He triumphed in Paris again in 2000, when he finished the year ranked No. 1, and in 2001, but right hip surgery the next February derailed his career.

Troubled by the hip this spring, he considered skipping his favorite event altogether, then twice was two points from defeat against a qualifier in the first round.

But Kuerten, who meets No. 23 Feliciano Lopez for a quarterfinal berth, was as brilliant as the 70-degree weather against Federer.

"I didn't give me too much of a chance. He wasn't missing much," Federer said. "He was stronger than I thought today."

## Diverse areas vie for baseball's Expos

City and suburb consider baseball team and stadium

By Joseph White  
Associated Press writer

Looking east from the Potomac River, the view includes the White House, Capitol, Smithsonian and a line of monuments in a city recognized instantly worldwide.

Washington, D.C. Powerful, majestic, capital of the free world.

To the west lies an incredible spread of suburban wealth with nearly 2 million people, including the nation's fastest growing county.

It's a high-tech haven of planned communities with huge houses on every lot; no monument remains, but better than the west headquarters of America Online.

What's it called? Well, the best anyone can settle on is "Northern Virginia," a soulless name that makes a first-time visitor's nose wrinkle with the look that says, "Can't they think of anything better?"

Diverse as they are, the neighbors have a common goal that pits city vs. suburb: Both want to be the next home of the Montreal Expos.

"Do a test of millions of tourists come to see Loudoun County — or Washington, D.C.," said Fred Malek, prospective owner of a Washington team.

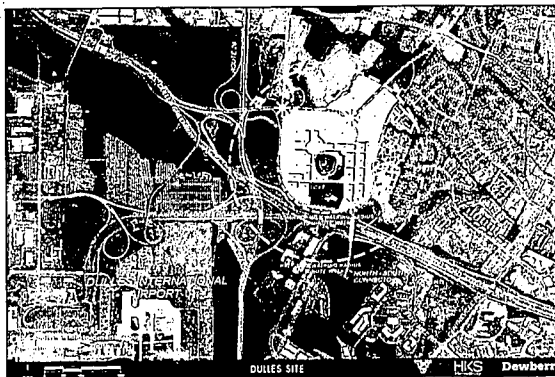
"Is the seat of government, the Congress, the diplomatic community, the venues visited by foreign leaders in central Washington — or in one of the outer suburbs?"

Isn't it logical for America's pastime to be presented to the world where the people of the world congregate?

Nice little suburb, but the other team gets to bat, too.

"I believe D.C. is an unattractive place for suburbanites to go during the week," said Scott York, Board of Supervisors chairman in Loudoun County, home of a potential stadium site some 25 miles from Washington.

"When you look at Northern



This undated handout shows the Dulles site as one of five sites being considered for a baseball stadium announced by the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority.

Virginia, the people and the corporations in and around this particular site that really gives it an advantage."

The two jurisdictions emerged as the apparent favorites last week after a meeting of Major League Baseball's relocation committee, which has been trying for 2.5 years to find a new home for the Expos.

The latest deadline for a decision is the All-Star break in July, with the franchise moving to its new location next season.

At least five other cities are in the running — Norfolk, Va.; Las Vegas; Portland, Ore.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Monterrey, Mexico — but none can match the population base, TV market, business wealth and disposable income of the Washington area.

But if baseball decides to come here, which side of the river should get the team? Northern Virginia has the wealth, but its growth has made the region one huge traffic nightmare.

It has a stadium financing plan passed by the state legislature, but it doesn't satisfy baseball's preference for 100-percent public funding.

The standard of living is high, but the lack of identity is so acute that simply coming up with a name for the team would be a challenge.

Local opposition stymied attractive stadium sites in Arlington, but officials are now focusing on the Loudoun County site near Dulles Airport, at the periphery of the region's population base.

"When you're sitting in our stadium you'll see the Capitol, the monuments," said Tony Bullock, spokesman for Washington Mayor Anthony Williams.

"Out there, you're going to see a lot of airplanes taking off and landing, and that's not inspiring."

Northern Virginia sees the location as a possible trump card that might placate Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who opposes any relocation to the Washington area because he claims it as part of his market.

After all, no one in Maryland has gone without baseball, there's a feeling that a victory for either side would be a victory for all. There's hope that the two well-respected potential team owners — Malek and Northern Virginia's William Collins — would eventually merge their groups and run the team together.

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ed to the area would use Washington's RFK Stadium, much closer to Baltimore.

Washington, on the other hand, has a mixed track record. The MCI Center, home of the NBA's Wizards and NHL's Capitals, has helped revitalize downtown, and a new ballpark would fit right in.

But the city couldn't keep its two previous baseball teams — the original Senators left in 1961, the expansion Senators in 1971 — and the beloved Redskins moved to the Maryland suburbs in 1997.

Washington's financing plan is closer to baseball's ideal, but the City Council isn't going to budge until it has a team.

The city has been left at the altar so many times over the last 33 years that a degree of cynicism has set in, one that was hardened when bids for the Olympics, the Super Bowl and a Mike Tyson fight fell short.

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## Irwin takes Senior PGA lead by a stroke Saturday

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Hale Irwin led Canadian Dave Barr by a stroke Saturday when the third round of the Senior PGA Championship was suspended because of darkness.

Tom Watson, Gil Morgan, Jay Haas, John Harris and Wayne Levi were two strokes back when play was suspended.

The players were scheduled to resume the round Sunday morning, with the final round to follow.

Irwin, seeking his fourth victory in the tournament, topped the leaderboard at 6 under with nine holes to play in the third round. He made nine straight pars in the third round after shooting a 2-under 69 earlier in the day.

"It's really hard to play in the dark. Let's go home and eat," said Irwin, who turns 59 on June 3.

Barr birdied three of his last four holes Saturday night to move into second place.

Irwin was one of 72 players who finished their first rounds Thursday, then sat out Friday because of a flood delay triggered by more than an inch of overnight rain.

Bright sunshine and warm temperatures bathed the course Saturday.

Irwin started his second round on No. 10 and bogeyed the par-3 11th after hitting his tee-shot in a bunker. He also bogeyed 13 and 16 before a birdie at the par-5 18th. He had four straight birdies on his back nine to surge to the lead.

"I took back at my round and there were a lot of good shots and a lot of 'whoops' shots," said Irwin, who won three 1986-98.

**Toms takes command at St. Jude's Classic**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — David Toms' struggles appear to be a thing of the past.

Toms, the defending champion who started the third round of the St. Jude's Classic with a one-stroke lead over Vaughn Taylor, extended his advantage to seven strokes with a 6-under 65 Saturday.

On Sunday, Toms will try to become the first repeat champion in the event since Lee Trevino won consecutive titles in 1971 and 1972 at Colonial Golf Course.

Toms, who hasn't won since last year's event, came into the tournament having missed five of his last seven cuts while working to recover from surgery in



Hale Irwin hits from the fairway on the 16th hole at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., Saturday, during the second round of the Senior PGA Championship.

December to remove bone chips from his left wrist.

He had seven birdies and one bogey in windy conditions as gusts reached 16 mph. It was Toms' 11th straight win in the 68s at TGC at Southwind, and his 195th overall in his first two strokes after the 20 under he posted in winning last year. The course record's 26 under by John Cook in 1986.

Taylor shot a 71 and stands at 202.

Irwin had a 2-under 66, with a 203 total, and was followed by Hirofumi Miyazawa (6-1), Bob Estes, in danger of missing the cut before seven straight birdies Friday, shot a 67 and was tied for fifth with Glenn Behr (69) and Tim Herron (69) at 205.

**Estill and Sorenstam battle at Corning Classic**

CORNING, N.Y. — Michelle Estill matched Annika Sorenstam's stroke for stroke and calmly rolled in a 4-foot birdie putt at the 18th hole to gain a one-shot lead over the Swedish star after three rounds at the Corning Classic.

Estill had a 2-under 37 and finished at 15-under 201. She'll begin the final round in first place for the first time since joining the LPGA Tour in 1991.

Sorenstam also had a 70 and was three strokes ahead of Vicki Guzman-Akerman (67). Shi Hyun Ahn, whose 66 was the lowest round on a cool, windy day at Corning Country Club, was alone in fourth at 16-under 205, one shot ahead of Natalie Gulbis (70) and Denise Killion (70).

Three former winners — Laura Diaz, Carmi Koch, and Kelli Kuehne — and Nadina Taylor were tied for seventh at 208.

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SPORTS

# Strong field could rev up Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Slowly but surely the big boys have returned to Indy.

Sunday's race will feature the strongest field since 1995, the year before many of the top teams and drivers in the established CART series began a boycott of the Brickyard because of the newly formed Indy Racing League.

"There are at least 15 guys, maybe more, that can win this race," said surprise pole winner Buddy Rice. "It's going to take a near perfect race — and it's pretty rare when you can run in practice for 500 miles."

It may take perfection with this talented lineup.

Target Chip Ganassi Racing's return to Indy led the way, with Juan Montoya's victory in 2000. Next came the elite Team Penske in 2001, quickly explaining the dominance that has given them a record 13 victories here. This year, Fernandez, Rahal Letterman, Patrick and Newman/Haas teams joined their former CART rivals.

"I'm really excited to be in Indy," said Ganassi. "This year, though, it's going to be as difficult."

## When to watch

Indianapolis 500  
TV: ABC, 9 a.m.

It's as if it's never been because we've got so many good cars and good teams."

Since returning, Penske's team has won three in a row — two by Helio Castroneves and one by Gil de Ferran. But the team stumbled out of the blocks a bit this year. Castroneves, the 2003 pole-winner, qualified a respectable but disappointing eighth and team newcomer Sam Hornish Jr. 11th.

In the storied history of the 500, the only other car owner to win three in a row was Lou Moore in 1947-49.

Penske's success was a key part of the decision by Hornish to accept the ride left vacant when de Ferran retired last season. The 24-year-old Hornish has two IRL championships and leads the IndyCar Series with 12 race victories. But in four tries at Indy, his best finish has been 14th.

"I can't win the 500 driving for Roger. I probably can't win

it," Hornish said.

Starting behind the leaders should be no handicap for Hornish or Castroneves, who has won from 11th and 13th. De Ferran's victory last year came from 10th.

No major wrecks and slower qualifying times because of new engines made for a pretty unexciting month of practice leading up to race day. A sign of how dull it was: The biggest stir came on the final day of time trials, when former IRL champion and current NASCAR star Tony Stewart made a surprise appearance.

Stewart said he intended only to watch the action from a suite, but wound up being fitted for a seat in an A.J. Foyt backup car and suiting up for a possible qualifying effort.

His attorney put a stop to it, however, with a reminder about Stewart's contractual obligations.

For a while, there was concern that there wouldn't be enough car-driver combinations to fill the traditional 33-car field. It took all three days of qualifying and some last-minute deals for backup cars and sponsors, but the record of starting at least 33

cars every year since 1948 remained intact.

Former Indy winner Bobby Rahal's team has three entries led by Rice, while Patrick Racing is making its return with two-time Indy winner Al Unser Jr., the most experienced driver in the field with 16 previous starts.

Newman/Haas, still racing full-time in the rival series now known as Champ Car, is back at Indy for the first time since 1995 with Bruno Junqueira starting fourth in the 33-car lineup.

In the wake of a crash last fall at Texas Motor Speedway that left Kenny Brack critically injured and an accident in post-season testing at Indy in which Tony Barrera died, the IRL decided to find ways to slow the cars down and try to keep them on the ground.

The league changed its engine formula from 3.5 liters to 3.0 liters, effectively cutting about 25 horsepower. More significant, a series of aerodynamics changes to the IRL chassis have made the cars more difficult to drive, forcing drivers to slow down, particularly in the corners.

"The speeds in the race, run-



Actor Morgan Freeman waits for his turn to ride in a two-seater Indy car driven by Davey Hamilton at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Friday. Freeman will drive the pace car for the 88th running of the Indianapolis 500 today.

ning in traffic, will probably be 216 or 217, which are considerably slower than they were last year," Penske said. "That's going to give the drivers a chance to pass easier."

# Indy still struggles for glory

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Can this be the Indianapolis 500?

Just two days before the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing," a call to the ticket office provides plenty of options. "We have tickets in the North Vista, South Vista and along the backstretch in the Northeast Vista," a cheery voice replies. "We also have a few scattered along the main straightaway."

One change from the glory days in the 1970s, '80s and early '90s. Back then, some fans would head to the ticket windows as soon as the race was over, plopping down money right away to ensure they got the same seats the following year.

"Tickets were passed down in wills. Divorces got especially ugly when it came time to decide who got the Indy 500 seats. Scalpers made more in the month of May than they did the rest of the year."

Now, after nearly a decade of wrenching changes, Indy faced the very real possibility that its sleek, open-wheel cars will be racing in front of a bunch of empty seats.

"It's obvious that we're not what we were in the '70s," said Tony George, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway and founder of the Indy Racing League. "Why aren't I don't think anyone has the answer to that. I don't."

Actually, there's plenty of theories as to why the Indy 500 lost its place as one of the most anticipated events on the sporting calendar. The ugly split in open-wheel racing, the rise of NASCAR. A waning down of the 500's mystique when the speedway added two other major events. More entertainment options in general.

George, in fact, insists he's not at all surprised by the recent decline. "I don't think anyone would have predicted that the race has lost its luster."

"We used to have one event that sold out," he said. "We expected that to change when we expanded to include the Indy One and NASCAR. We really haven't been hit by any surprises."

The 500 is hardly on the verge of going out of business.

Sellout or not, a crowd of more than 250,000 is expected Sunday — still the most-attended one-day sporting event in the world. There's plenty of people who will gather in front of their TV sets because it's Indy, even if they don't have any idea who Buddy Rice is (he's the pole-sitter).

"I don't go back to the '60s or '70s. I've only been around the last five years," said Loren Matthews, senior vice president of programming for ABC Sports, which will televise the race for the 40th consecutive year. "But I'm blown away by it. If this wasn't what it used to be, then it boggles my mind what it used to be."

Matthews believes those words — "Indy 500" — still stood playing swell after his Empire Maker beat Funny Cide in the Belmont, says Smarty Jones looks too tough to collar. The Hall of Fame trainer won't even try with Master David, who finished 12th in the Derby.

"I can't really see anybody beating him," Frankel said. "Neither can anyone else."

# Smarty Jones ready to deliver a Triple Crown

By Richard Rosenblatt  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Somewhere in the racing machine that is Smarty Jones, there has to be an Achilles' heel. It may be exposed in the Belmont Stakes next Saturday — or it may not, and the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winners will become racing's 12th Triple Crown champion.

So far, Smarty's been perfect. Not a flaw to be found. And that's why just about everyone believes this smallish, red chestnut colt is poised to give thoroughbred racing its first Triple Crown winner in 26 years, since Affirmed swept the Derby, Preakness and Belmont in 1978.

"He's a phenomenon," says Penny Chenery who owned the sport's greatest champion — 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat. "There's an exuberance about him. He's having fun, he's into it. He can do whatever he wants. He can do it."

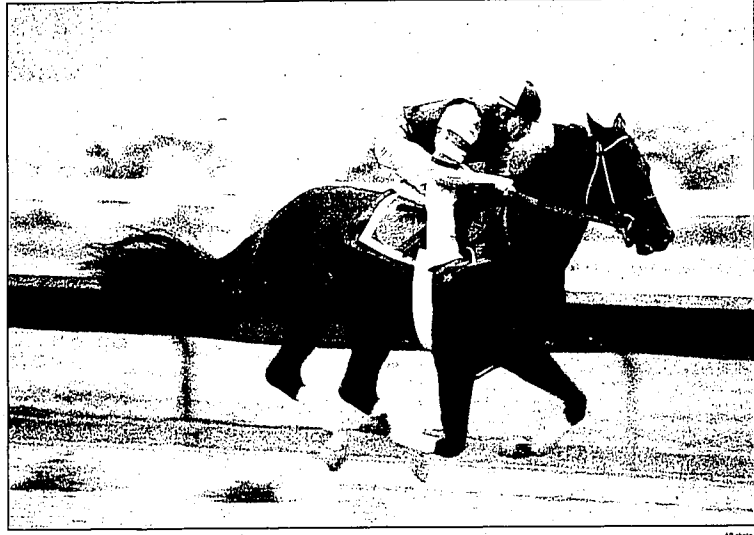
Trainer Bud Delp, who nearly won the Triple Crown with Spectacular Bid in '79, said Smarty Jones has been so overpowering that "he can possibly do a Secretariat job on them" in the Belmont — a reference to Big Red's record 31-length Belmont triumph.

Since Affirmed, nine other horses have won the first two legs of the Triple Crown only to fall short in the Belmont for one reason or another: Silver Charm ran out of energy. Charismatic was stopped by injury. War Emblem stumbled at the start and Funny Cide couldn't handle a sloppy track.

Race after race, Smarty Jones has shown the ability to overcome potential pitfalls, from stamina to stumbles to slop, and still run away from the competition in compiling an 8-0 record.

When Smarty Jones enters the starting gate for the 1.5-mile Belmont, the longest and most grueling of the Triple Crown races, he will likely be the heaviest favorite since Spectacular Bid went off at 3-10.

There seemed no reason to doubt that the Bid would join Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed to become the fourth



Smarty Jones works 7/8's of a mile under jockey Stewart Elliott at the Philadelphia Park track Friday in Bensalem, Pa. The 3-year-old Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner will attempt to become the 12th Triple Crown winner and first since Affirmed in 1978 in the June 5 Belmont Stakes.

Triple Crown winner in the 1970s. But nothing is certain in racing, and misfortune struck on race day: The Bid stepped on a safety pin in his stall, then jockey Ronnie Finkhlin allowed his colt to get caught up in a speed duel with a long shot.

Third place. No Triple Crown.

Do place says Smarty Jones has all the qualities the Bid had, and is rooting for the Pennsylvania-bred to end racing's longest drought without a Triple Crown winner.

"I don't see anyone coming close to that horse," says Delp, "unless God comes down and strikes him like he did Bid with that safety pin."

Trainer John Servis has done a masterful job mapping out

Smarty's campaign.

He knows he has the best horse, so his only worry is "keeping him healthy between now and the Belmont, then cross your fingers and say your prayers."

Why exactly has Smarty given so many so much confidence? • He's destroyed the competition.

While being taught to relax early and run like the wind late, Smarty Jones still toyed with the opposition in winning the Southwest, Rebel and Arkansas Derby. In what was supposed to be a wide-open Kentucky Derby, Smarty Jones pulled away from 17 rivals and won by 2 1/2 lengths. Two weeks later, jockey Stewart Elliott guided the

colt to a record 11.5-length romp in the Preakness.

Smarty Jones has been such a force that the Belmont field has dwindled from more than a dozen to only a handful in the past weeks.

• He can get the distance: Look deep into his blond lines, and Smarty Jones traces back to Secretariat on his father's side, and Foolish Pleasure on his mother's side. His grandfather, Gone West, sired 2000 Belmont winner Commandable.

Smarty's dam, I'll Get Along, is the daughter of sprint champion Smile.

• He's versatile: Smarty Jones has won wet tracks and dry tracks, from off

the lead and on the lead. His versatility has allowed Elliott to place Smarty Jones just about anywhere to set up a patented finishing kick that has put away every rival. Pace has yet to be a problem.

• He's turning into a push button horse, Servis says, "and that's the kind of horse you need to win these races."

Even Bobby Frankel, who tossed playing swallow after his Empire Maker beat Funny Cide in the Belmont, says Smarty Jones looks too tough to collar. The Hall of Fame trainer won't even try with Master David, who finished 12th in the Derby.

"I can't really see anybody beating him," Frankel said. "Neither can anyone else."

# Relative of first Greek marathon hero to help bring flame home

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The Olympic flame's first round-the-world journey promises to be a showcase of stars.

Australia's 400-meter champion, Cathy Freeman, will be the first torch bearer next Friday in Sydney as the flame begins the six-continent trip. The celebrity list goes on: soccer deity Pele, sprinter Carl Lewis, basketball great Magic Johnson, four-minute-mile pioneer Roger Bannister, actress Angelina Jolie, and Manolis Louis.

Who? For the Olympic hosts, the 27-year-old car salesman may represent one of the more poignant legs of the 46,800-mile relay. His great grandfather, the winner of the 1896 marathon, was Greece's first modern Olympic hero. But he fell into poor health and obscurity before regaining fame in a nation that exalts the underdog.

Organizers plan for Louis to be among the last to carry the torch before the opening ceremony Aug. 13. Each runner travels no more than 500 meters (a third of a mile).

flame should swell with symbolism. For Greeks, it will represent blood ties to the revival of the games. Maroussi, the suburb encompassing the main stadium, will bolster its Olympic credentials through a native son.

Everyone else can use the moment to reflect on how much has changed since the shepherd Spyridon Louis — gulping wine for stamina — broke away from the 16 other runners in the first Olympic marathon.

"It's definitely a great honor for both the Louis family and Maroussi," Manolis Louis said. "Like many sports legends, the accounts of Spyridon Louis' triumph are a hybrid of fact, embellishment and perhaps outright fabrication. No one seems to mind. The tale is better for the telling."

When Spyridon Louis was born in about 1873, Maroussi was a village separated from Athens by miles of fields and olive groves. He made a living caring for sheep and selling wine — sometimes making the six-mile trip to Athens twice a day, so they say. He apparently



Spyros Louis, the grandson of Greek athlete Spyridon Louis, holds the trophy won by his grandfather at the first marathon race run at the 1896 Athens Olympics, in Athens on Monday.

had no athletic aspirations, but was nominated for the marathon after dashing off in record time to retrieve the eyeglasses of a military officer, the

story goes.

A more romantic version is that he accepted the offer to run to impress the woman he loved and gain the acceptance of her family, who was reluctant to let her marry a second-generation water carrier.

The first Olympic marathoners, each wearing white cotton tunics and tops, slogged through mud and rutted roads in the early stages. Louis stayed close to the leaders. One by one, they fell back. Around the 22nd mile, an Australian accountant named Edwin Flack stumbled. Louis was alone with a comfortable lead.

"It's a Greek It's a Greek" the crowd roared as Louis entered central Athens, according to newspaper reports.

Spectators pulled out guns and fired in the air. Louis strode into the horseshoe-shaped marble stadium and crossed the line in 2 hours, 58 minutes and 50 seconds — astonishing then but more than 54 minutes off the current record.

There were no sponsors to satisfy or agents to seek deals. Fans came forward with unsol-

icited generosity — cash, a sewing machine, fine haircuts. The Greek king, however, asked Louis what he wanted. Louis had just one request: a horse so he wouldn't have to tote the water himself anymore.

He also won the approval of his beloved's family, according to some accounts. They were soon married and he returned to a life barely altered by his feat and prizes.

"Once the lights of the festival had faded, one week later he went back to his field with his horse," said Louis' grandson and namesake, 63-year-old Spyros, a retired mechanic. "He had no need of anyone or any honor ... He ran for an ideal."

The reunion did not last. Greece slipped deeper into hardship and regional conflicts. There was little time for aging champions.

In 1915, a reporter visited Louis and was shocked to find a destitute man whose clothes were "full of dust and spiders." About a decade later, Louis was jailed — and later acquitted — on charges of forging military discharge papers.

# Busch charges ahead late to win Centennial

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Busch needed a bit of good fortune to take the lead late in Saturday's Curquest Auto Parts 300 at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Just as he neared the end, he had enough gas to hold on.

"The rocks went ahead when leader Joe Nemechek lost control with 18 laps to go, then pulled away from the field before winning under caution. It was his second win in his last three NASCAR Busch Series races.

Busch finished second in this race last year in his Busch debut, falling behind Matt Kenseth on a late restart. This time, Busch benefited from the late caution. He was the only driver to pit for a final push to the checkered flag.

Busch won under caution after Tony Raines hit the wall

with two laps to go.

"I just kept watching the fuel gauge making sure we were all right," Busch said. "We were doing pretty good and saving fuel on those last cautions."

Several of the leaders were apparently low enough on gas that they drove on the apron during the last caution to avoid the banked turns, which could slash gas away from the intake and stall the car.

"We just moseyed around there as quickly as we could," Busch said.

After the race, Busch burned his tires on the front straightaway, sending thick clouds of smoke into the air. When the haze cleared, the exuberant 19-year-old was standing on the door of his car with his helmet off and arms raised in celebration.

Jamie McMurray finished second, followed by Kevin Harvick, Jason Leffler and Tony Stewart.

Nemechek fell to sixth after spinning out into the grassy infield before charging back to challenge McMurray for second. But he ran out of gas with four laps to go and finished a disappointing 21st.

"We drove from the back to the front, and I was just conserving gas. Coming off (Turn) 4, it just turned around. I couldn't save it."

Pole-sitter Greg Biffle led the first 21 laps, but couldn't keep control. He gradually fell off, falling to 13th around lap 120 after a pit during the day's sixth caution. He finished sixth.

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of \$100 a member which includes access to all the events. Guests can attend the Friday night event at a cost of \$25 apiece.

On Friday, golfers will have their team portraits taken in front of the Jerome Cheese Company leaderboard by Pomerelle Portrait Design Studios from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. They and guests can enjoy dinner from Rock Creek Restaurant, including two free drinks provided by Watkins Distributing and Pepsi.

There will be live music, the long drive, putting and glow in the dark contests and the live first 21 laps, but couldn't keep control. He gradually fell off, falling to 13th around lap 120 after a pit during the day's sixth caution. He finished sixth.

"We want people to come out

for a great time. It's not just for golfers," Lezamm said.

On Saturday, the 18-hole scramble begins after a continental breakfast from Kelly's and lunch from Rock Creek. Each team will have a cart and each golfer will receive a fleece jacket with the Pepsi logo, an Irwin Realty cap and a Twin Falls Centennial travel mug.

The supporting sponsors are Irwin Realty, Jerome Cheese Company, Watkins Distributing, Gold's Gym & Sunstans, PSI Waste Systems, Pomerelle Portrait Design Studios, Rock Creek Restaurant, Kelly's and Hertz of Magic Valley.

Supporting sponsorships remain with the \$5,000 carts sponsorship and \$4,000 each for the putting contest and glow in the dark championship. There are four prize sponsorships remaining at \$5,000 apiece.

The hole sponsors include

Edge Wireless, Darren Hall Construction, OMI, Intermountain Gas Company, EHM Engineering, Donnelly Sports, Cooper Construction and JC Custom Farms. Ten holes remain to be sponsored at \$500 apiece.

Hamblin and Lezamm hope the hole sponsors will sweeten the prize offerings on their holes. Intermountain Gas Company is offering two gas barbecues for a closest to the pin contest on Hole No. 14.

"Anyone can pay \$500 and hang up a banner," Hamblin said. "We want prizes that people will want."

Both hope that will generate more excitement for what the organizers expect will become a memorable event.

You can contact Lezamm at [bonnie@twinfallscentennial.com](mailto:bonnie@twinfallscentennial.com) or Hamblin at 733-3326, 731-0566 or [hambone@lightcom.net](mailto:hambone@lightcom.net) for more information.

# 10 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

## Gordon celebrates anniversary of first victory

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Ten years ago, Jeff Gordon was a bit of an outcast when he sped to his first victory of his NASCAR career.

Born in California, raised in the Midwest running open wheel cars in USAC, he drew the ire of NASCAR fans by regularly rubbing fenders with good ol' ole Dale Earnhardt and Bill Elliott.

Gordon also was one of the first younger drivers to enter the sport with a competitive team, joining Hendrick Motorsports after two seasons in the Busch Series. He was rookie of the year in 1993 at 22 years old.

The next year, when he got that first win in the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Gordon added to his legacy as an interloper.

From his lane, as he climbed out of his car, he wept openly,

and continued crying for several minutes, uncontrollably at times. He even begged for the race that he had a hard time seeing through the tears over the final laps.

It was a bit hard for some in the rough-and-tumble world of NASCAR to take.

"I'll be very emotional," Gordon said Saturday, reminiscing about that inaugural victory. "Nothing will ever top that first win."

And he still hears from fans who were watching that night.

"I'll be signing autographs and somebody will mention that, seeing how emotional I was," Gordon said. "It was great night, and it was hard to not get emotional."

Since that night, he has gone from peevish youngster to grizzled veteran. Gordon has four championships, 66 victo-

ries and earnings of nearly \$60 million, and he's gained a measure of respect from his competitors and fans.

"I like it here, but it's a tough track to get comfortable on," Gordon said. "It was just like this morning, we had every intention of the car being good, but it wasn't. We got it better toward the end of practice, and I think we'll be good in the race."

He doesn't think often of that first win, preferring to look ahead to what he hopes will be many more. Most of the crew members from that night 10 years ago have moved on, too, including then-crew chief Ray Everham.

Gordon has a good chance to get another victory at Lowe's. He starts third Sunday night — behind teammate Jimmie Johnson and Ryan Newman — and turned the 13th-best lap in the final practice Saturday morning.

# Odyssey

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after realizing that questionable calls — even bad calls — are a part of the game? The answer came the next day at the Bruins' third-place game against the Borah Lions.

The umpire — who will remain nameless — who was behind the plate in the Bruins' 6-5 loss was working first base Saturday in the pre-game coaches' meeting at home plate, the previous night's game came up between said umpire and Bruins coach Mike Federico. While the conversation may have been less than cordial, after Federico brought up how disappointed his players were not to be playing for a championship, the umpire's response was a sarcastic, "Oh, that's too bad."

What's really too bad is that our friend the umpire forgot one of the most important rules of his job. An ego has no place in officiating.

Maybe it's too easy to criticize sitting behind a desk, or a fence at a ballpark. No one is telling me, "Hey Larsen, you couldn't tell an adjective from your @\*\*!" — well, except maybe my editor. But most of our area umpires and referees do a fine job providing fair and balanced officiating.

ating. It can't be easy with loud-mouth fans criticizing your every move, but maintaining control of a game requires maintaining control of one's emotions. That control was lost during two of the Bruins' three tournament games, as umpires reacted to criticism by ignoring it, but by reacting with a sarcasm.

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Unfortunately, none of them were in Boise last weekend.

# Trojan

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championships in football and boys basketball, along with the 2A state championship in boys golf, the Trojan boys have cemented their spot as one of the top classes in Wendell sports history, arguably Idaho sports history. And the quartet of Tyson Lancaster, Kevin Oden, and brothers Tyrel and Zac Davis was on all three state championship teams.

"It had been a while since Wendell actually won something," Zac Davis, a sophomore said.

"We'd look in the trophy cases and had to look back to the 70's for the last championships," Tyrel Davis added.

But after their 12-0 football season and their 24-14 state championship win over Grangeville, the Trojans carried their momentum into the basketball season.

"We knew we had to up hold what we had done in football," Oden, a junior said.

"I don't know if we expected to go undefeated, but we knew we could take the championship," Lancaster added.

Wendell tore through their hoops schedule with Lancaster, fellow senior Cody Howerton and both Davis. Ranking Southern Utah University-bound Kael Pope in the Trojan basketball team's starting lineup. The Trojans finished their 25-0 season with a 79-46 shellacking of the Ririe Bulldogs in the 2A state championship game. It was arguably one of the most dominant performances in Idaho state championship history.

"The expectations for us were high, probably because we had Kael," Lancaster said.

"But we knew we could do what it took to win it all," Zac Davis said.

And then in the golf season, the foursome joined with teammate Jake Bunn to take the 2A golf title. Lancaster and Oden competed for the top spot in each week's meets, while both Davis posted solid scores. In the end, it was Lancaster who won the 2A state individual title with a round of 69, while sophomore sister Jesse took the girls gold with an 81 at the Orofino Golf and Country Club. Oden fin-

ished third with a 78, while the Trojan boys finished with a team score of 648, 32 strokes ahead of second-place McCall's 680.

"We knew that if we just played all right golf we could win," said Lancaster, who will go to Southern Utah on a golf scholarship.

It was an attitude that Wendell carried with it all year long. Their solid performances would be enough to dominate, their best performances would be overwhelming.

"No, there was never a time we really thought we would lose," Tyrel Davis said. "We never cared who we played. We just knew how we could play."

Which is what most of the Trojan players will remember about this year: it was a time when a group of good athletes was joined by an even stronger friendship.

"I'll probably most remember the Malad game in basketball when we were down at the half," Zac Davis said. "Last year, everyone would have been pointing fingers and we would have fallen apart. This year, we just talked it out and decided what we had to do to win."

There were never any arguments," Lancaster said. "We've known each other for so long and liked each other that we'd never fall apart."

Which is why when Pope was asked about his teammates after the basketball season, he couldn't pick out individuals to compliment.

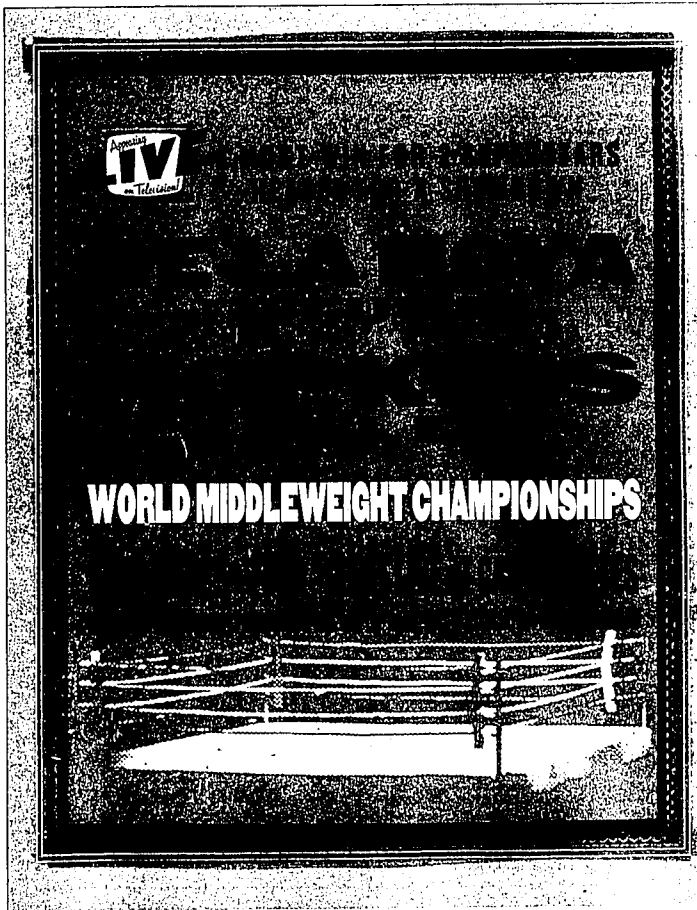
"I don't look at any of us as individuals," Pope said. "We're together too much for that."

And that is the true legacy the 2004 Wendell Trojans will leave, one of athletic excellence through team unity. There's was a season of wins and friendly pranks, but most of all, it was a season spent united.

"It'll be tough next year," Oden said. "These seniors are great athletes and we count on them a lot."

"They taught us to have fun and still come and play," Zac Davis said. "It will be tough without them."

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Thor Stewart, of Las Vegas, Nev., checks out the original ET from the bicycle escape scene of the Steven Spielberg box office hit Friday in Chicago. The ET relics are part of the Museum of Science and Industry's new 'Action! An Adventure In Moviemaking' exhibit that opened Friday.

Museum brings slice of Hollywood to Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Visitors to the Museum of Science and Industry's new exhibit on moviemaking can see such Hollywood relics as the scuffed bomber jacket worn by Harrison Ford in the " Raiders of the Lost Ark " trilogy and the harpoon gun used to spear the shark in " Jaws ."

But even more enticing than the iconic costumes and props, the exhibit's creators say, is the chance for a behind-the-curtain peek at the movie business. " This has the wow factor of Hollywood-based attractions, but we also want to give you the how and the why," said John Beckman, the museum's manager of temporary exhibits. " The idea is to dispel a little bit of the movie myth and say ' this is how it's done, and it's not so far out of your grasp ."

The \$2.6 million exhibit " Action! An Adventure in Moviemaking " opened Friday after two years in the making.

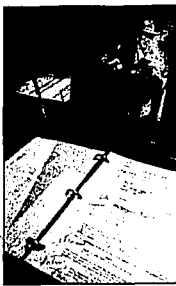
Visitors can see the model that served as the hulking gray transporter " AT-AT " in a battle scene from " The Empire Strikes Back ."

The display describes how a special-effects crew spent 12 hours using a stop-motion technique to produce just a few seconds of the dinosaur-like vehicle crumpling onto an icy landscape.

The craftsmanship of makeup artists also is on display. The lighted mirrors of a replica Hollywood makeup set come alive as a video elapses a makeup artist's three-hour transformation of a fresh-faced young actor into a wrinkled, liver-spotted old man.

Makeup artists will work their magic on museum goers as part of the " Meet the Credits " project, which features actors, directors, stuntmen, costume designers and other movie-industry professionals each weekend through Aug. 29.

" The exhibit is pretty rich because the kids aren't just looking at things, they get to participate," said Don Stuart of Stevensville, Mich., who browsed the exhibit Friday with his wife and their three children. Stuart's 7-year-old son,



Gregory Peck's original script with his notations from the movie 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' along with a photo showing Peck as Atticus Finch studying the script with Mary Badham, who played Scout Finch, is displayed Friday in Chicago.

Mason, banged a baseball bat against a garbage can while other participants used chains and folding chairs to create sound effects for a chase scene from a Jackie Chan movie playing on a large-screen TV.

The most interactive element comes at the end of the tour, when visitors gather on a series of sound stages to create their own spy flick. The film opens on the set of a Paris cafe, moves to a struggle over secret documents aboard an airplane and culminates in a scene from an evil spy's underwater lair. Participants are shown the film afterward and can buy a DVD copy for \$5.

" That was our favorite part," said Ralph Beamon, 63, retired doctor on vacation from Fredericksburg, Va., with his wife, Gale. " You never realize there's so much going on behind the scenes."

The exhibit runs through Jan. 9 and later will travel to other museums in the United States and Europe, Beckman said.

City rethinks dog seat belts

The Washington Post

Officials in Santa Fe, N.M., proposed making dogs wear seat belts a while back, and the basic public response went along the lines of what Steve Spratitz had to say.

" We have City Council people who think up the lamest laws. It's absolutely ridiculous," said Spratitz, a ceramic tile contractor who has two golden retrievers that like to sit in the front seat of his truck and look out the window.

Others weighed in. " Talk about spending our time and

money on uselessness," Ray Sanchez posted to the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper's online message board. " What will be next, a ban on cats and dogs living together?"

So last week the Public Works Committee voted to drop the proposal. But city ordinances will require dogs in the back of pickup trucks to be restrained so that they cannot fall or jump from the truck or be strangled.

" They got such a backlash," Spratitz said. " What do you mean, seat belts for dogs? Give me a break!"

Dinosaur skull gives evidence Africa broke off later than thought

CHICAGO (AP) — The fossil skull of a peculiar, wrinkle-faced dinosaur unearthed four years ago in the Sahara is providing new evidence that Africa split from the other southern continents more recently than previously thought, scientists say.

The skull, found amid a wealth of dinosaur bones from the late Cretaceous period, came from a dinosaur named Haplosaurus primus, or "first wrinkle face." The meat-eater, believed to be about 30 feet long and 95 million years old, be-

longed to a group of southern dinosaurs called abelisaurids. Before the discoveries, abelisaurids from that period had been found in South America, Madagascar and India, but none had been confirmed on Africa, supporting a theory that Africa

split off first from the southern super-continent of Gondwana 120 million or more years ago. The new fossil, however, and its close relation to a South American abelisaurid, indicate Africa was still connected to the other southern land masses.

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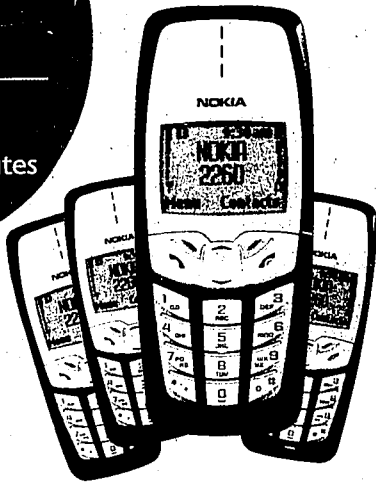
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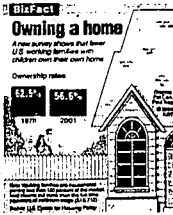
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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

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Lee Enterprises is based in Davenport, Iowa, and is the premier publisher of daily newspapers in midsize markets, including *The Times-News*. Lee owns 38 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others, along with associated online services.

Lee also publishes nearly 200 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications. Lee stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LEE. More information about Lee Enterprises is available at [www.lee.net](http://www.lee.net).

### Zions Bank gains lender of year award

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Zions Bank Regional Outstanding Lender of the Year. Zions Bank was recognized at a reception May 20 during the SBA Expo '04 in Orlando, Florida. SBA administrator Hector V. Barreto presented the award to Scott Anderson, Zions Bank president and chief executive officer.

Zions Bank is one of 10 financial institutions to be recognized as a Regional Outstanding Lender of the Year. While the criteria for selecting the winners included number and dollar amount of SBA-backed loans made, the SBA primarily wanted to recognize lenders large and small, from across the country, that have shown steadfast commitment to helping the SBA advance its mission of being America's Small Business Resource.

Capital is the lifeblood of small businesses," Barreto said. "Helping America's entrepreneurs get access to the capital they need is one of the most important ways the SBA is helping small businesses grow and create jobs."

For the past 10 consecutive years, Zions Bank has ranked as Utah's top provider of SBA loans to small businesses. Zions approved 355 loans, totaling approximately \$27.8 million and representing more than 30 percent of the SBA-backed loans approved in Utah during fiscal year 2003.

Zions Bank was also ranked as the SBA lender in Idaho's Boise District for the past two years. The 60 SBA (7a) loans approved by Zions Bank in southern and eastern Idaho during fiscal year 2003 represented more than 17 percent of the SBA-backed loan volume in the area. Additionally, Zions Bank leads all other financial institutions in its market area in marketing SBA loans to women- and minority-owned businesses.

"We are honored to be named Outstanding Lender of the Year by the SBA, and we attribute the award to the visionary entrepreneurs in Utah and Idaho who choose to bank with Zions," said Scott Anderson, Zions Bank president and CEO.

### Jerome chamber club plans ribbon cuttings

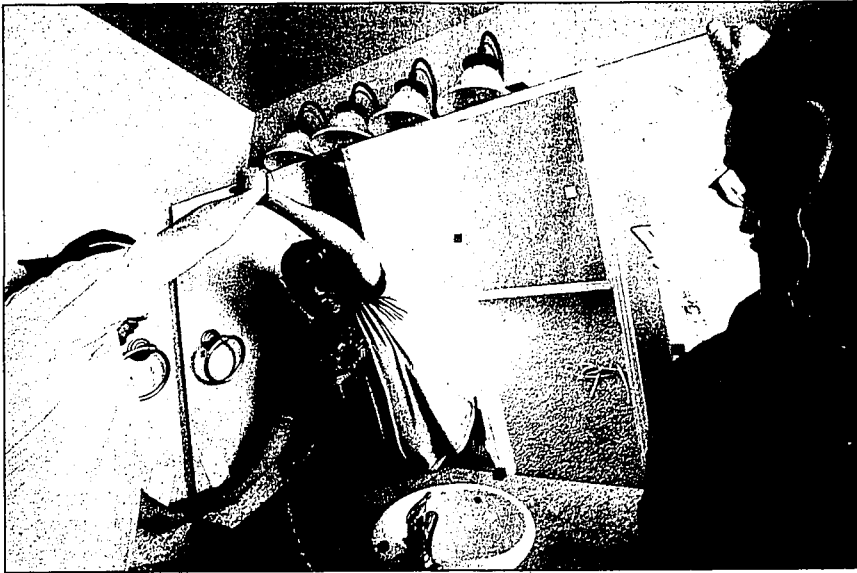
IBEROME — The Jerome Chamber Ambassadors Club will host two ribbon cutting ceremonies this week.

• 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Recreation Center to celebrate the completion of the pool renovation.

• 1:30 a.m. Thursday at the new location of the Curves for Women fitness center, next to D&B Supply in the Lincoln Plaza on South Lincoln.

— compiled from staff reports

# Costlier construction



Snako River Glass employees Bryan Silgar, left, and Francisco Gonzales install a mirror in the master bathroom of a new home on Joshua Way in Twin Falls Thursday. Rising interest rates and increasing costs of building supplies are causing the cost of houses to increase rapidly.

## Building boom continues despite record price spikes

By Julio Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Luke and Corrine Long put their starter home on the market in March with the idea they would build a more upscale home right after the sale.

But when their sale was final six weeks later, the cost of the 1,800-square-foot home they had planned to build had increased by \$10,000.

They had been prepared to pay \$185,000, but \$195,000 was over the top.

Now, the couple and their two preschoolers are living in a 1,000-square-foot apartment. Half of the family's belongings are in a storage unit, and the other half is stuffed in a garage.

Meanwhile, the cost of construction continues to increase almost on a daily basis.

"I'm at the point where I would just like to pull out," Luke Long said. "But I need a home, and my kids need a yard to play in."

So the Longs will break ground next week to go forward with a new house. But it's smaller — 1,600 square feet — and in a less exclusive neighborhood than the one they had looked at in March.

"We're not getting what we want, obviously," Long said. "We're sacrificing location, school districts and quality. For example, instead of colonial-style trim, we're going with standard trim."

The price? \$175,000.

As a journeyman electrician, Luke Long has seen first-hand prices for metals shooting up. For example, steel has gone up 75 percent since the beginning of the year, he said.

He has learned that across the board, prices for all building supplies have gone up.

Wood products, steel and other metals, plastic pipe, fuel — almost everything that goes into a house is increasing in cost. And there seems to be no end in sight — at least in the immediate future.

"I can speculate just like everyone else, but I honestly don't know why things are so high," Long said.

### Supply and demand

The reason for the unprecedented inflation is a combination of factors that is playing out in a way architect Russ Lively said he has never seen in his 30 years in the construction industry.

"We are now headed into territory man has never seen before," Lively said. "Usually there is a yearly fluctuation in supply and demand."

For example, February is usually the month when builders get the best prices on lumber panels. But that didn't happen this year, Lively said.

The strong new-house market is one reason for higher prices for lumber products. But in addition, the U.S. government recently made huge purchases of wood panels for rebuilding efforts in Iraq and the Middle East.

Add increased shipping expenses and a poor exchange rate on the U.S. dollar, and the result is slowed panel imports. Plus, several major wood panel companies have either left the market through acquisition or have closed down, which further reduces inventory.

"The market is more controlled than it used to be," said Mike Rinard, owner of Franklin Building Supply.

To cope with the supply and costs issues, he said, the simply buys panels that are already sold, brings the shipments to the yard and moves them straight to the builders.

Steel, which is needed for rebar in housing foundations, has gone out of sight because of transportation problems and increased demand. A demand exceeding supply, according to industry sources, has been created by the past two years of explosive building in addition to a huge international call for steel, especially from China.

### Slowdown in the offing?

In addition, interest rates on fixed mortgages have been edging up recently. Last fall, rates were running in the low 5 percent range. Now some are as high as 6.5 percent.

"We're seeing a little higher interest rates, but they're still historically low rates," said Todd McQueen, a Wells Fargo home mortgage consultant. "Anything under 7 percent is still fantastic."

Though the Longs are not getting what they had wanted, they and many other families are still lining up for new houses.

Wills Construction is having a record year, said Cindy Schmidt, general manager.

In 2002, the company built 28 houses, but this year the company plans to build and sell between 66 and 70. And that's occurring even as the company has been forced to hike prices four times since November. For example, the lowest-priced homes have gone from \$86,900 to \$89,900 during that time.

"We've had to raise prices to stay

above board," Schmidt said. "The thing that has saved us is interest rates have been low."

Real estate broker Sid Lezanzig agreed the interest rates are still fueling the market, despite an increase of about 10 percent he has seen since November in construction costs.

Houses running from \$150,000 on down are still hot, Lezanzig said.

Contractor Ken Edmunds warned, however, that a 10 to 15 percent increase in the cost of building supplies, compounded by an interest rate on some mortgage loans that has jumped from the low 5 percent range to the mid-6 percent range, actually means a 14 percent increase on a 30-year loan.

Nevertheless, it's often less expensive to make a mortgage payment on a \$100,000 house than it would be to pay rent, he said.

McQueen also noted that higher interest rates rates have the effect of slowing down the inflation of the costs of building materials because demand goes down. It also has a positive effect on the existing housing market, because not as many people are willing to build, he said.

And never forget, McQueen pointed out, housing in Twin Falls is a bargain any way you look at it. What could easily cost a young couple in Las Vegas or another rapidly growing city between \$300,000 and \$400,000 would only cost \$125,000 in Twin Falls.

"There are still a lot of builders out there that can't build them fast enough," McQueen said. "Our housing market is very, very inexpensive."

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## Want a job? The computer will see you now

Firms entrust first step of hiring process to machines

The Associated Press

EDGEWATER, N.J. — The Pathmark supermarket here is hiring. But walk-in applicants need not bother asking for a manager.

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"Join the Pathmark Team!" welcomes a screen built into a black and gray kiosk, tucked between the store's customer service counter and a display rack full of beach balls. "Right now, we're looking for people who think big and dream big — people a lot like you."

The automated greeting, and screen after screen of multiple-choice questions that follow, are part of a new approach by some employers to filling

their ranks of hourly workers.

A growing number of retail chains and similar businesses frustrated by near-constant employee turnover are entrusting the first step of the hiring process to computers, designed to zero in on applicants likely to do a job well — and stay a while.

To do that, the computers gather not just names and Social Security numbers, but also work to size up an applicant's personality, and provide hiring managers with a list of questions for follow-up interviews.

Online screening systems used by companies like Pathmark issue reports on applicants almost immediately, grading them as green, yellow or red —

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Heather Hale, 22, fills out a job application on a computer at Rock Bottom Brewery in downtown Denver on Monday. A growing number of employers with high turnover are ceding the first step of their hiring process to computers.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Theodore Waddell

**HAILEY** — Artist Theodore Waddell attended the 40th anniversary celebration of the Art in Embassies program May 17 at the White House in Washington, D.C. He was honored for having paintings featured in U.S. embassies for more than 15 years.

Waddell and his wife, photographer and author Lynn Campion Waddell, attended a brunch with First Lady Laura Bush in the east wing of the White House with approximately 200 other artists, gallery owners and museum directors. The artists were later greeted personally by Secretary of State Colin Powell at a State Department reception.

Waddell attended the Brooklyn Museum of Art earned a master's degree in fine arts from Wayne State in Detroit, Mich., and taught at the University of Montana. His work has been shown in Asia, South Africa, China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Yugoslavia. His art is featured in private and public collections, including Bank of America, Microsoft, Denver Art Museum, Dallas Museum, Boise Museum of Art, Los Angeles City Museum and the Frederick Weisman Collection. Waddell shows at the Galleries in Ketchikan, Alaska.

### Tom Davis

**Jerome** — Tom Davis invented a unique water application method for his beans using a Reinke Automated Management System panel on his pivots. It was a program so unique that even his Reinke dealer was skeptical at first, said a press release from Reinke.

When he purchased his fifth Reinke center pivot from Farm Irrigation in Jerome, Davis was curious about why people were buying the RAMS panel on their systems and how they were used.

"I told him that growers who split fields into two crops were using them to irrigate each side at different speeds," said Bob Neff, retired salesman with Farm Irrigation, a Reinke dealership.

Then Davis had an idea. He knew that beans took more water at one time than any other crop. The problem was that most systems caused severe tire tracks in the field and got stuck during the process. Some growers, from Reinke's neighbors, would put an inch of water down and shut them off for one day, then run them back dry.

"That would not get enough water on my beans, though,"

Davis said. "Not to mention the tire tracks you have with a wind-shield wiper (par-circle) top." Davis designed an application method where the system begins applying eight-tenths inch of water by every 10 degrees, through the RAMS panel. He increased the speed so that the rate of application decreased until at the end it was putting on two-tenths inch of water.

"When the system changes direction, it follows the same pattern, applying eight-tenths inch of water to the section that received two-tenths inch of water on the first section and so on until the machine had placed 1 inch of water to the entire field per revolution."

"This way the system was running on virtually dry ground all the time," Davis said. "Last season, I ran that pivot for 30 days non-stop and my tracks were just as good if not better than what they would have been if I had run it with track fillers."

With the RAMS technology and his application method, Davis is able to run the system continuously without getting stuck, which essentially allows him to put more water on his crops each season and conserve time, energy and wear and tear on the machine.

Davis attributes his success not only to the RAMS technology, which gives him more flexibility in control when irrigating his crops, but also the fact that the Reinke systems are already much lighter than most. For more information on Reinke systems, growers may call (800) 365-7381 to find a local dealership or visit [www.reinke.com](http://www.reinke.com).

### Bankers

**TWIN FALLS** — Banner Bank announced the following employees for the Magic Valley Commercial Banking Center at 139 River Vista Place, Suite 200.

• **Willis Robinette**, vice president and Southern Idaho Area manager, will be accountable for managing the commercial banking centers in Boise and Twin Falls with responsibilities for continued expansion in southern Idaho. He brings more than 20 years of banking experience to Banner Bank. Robinette graduated from Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in finance, the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington and the Western Agricultural Credit School at Washington State University.

• **Verna Prince**, senior credit analyst, brings 30 years of community banking experience to Banner Bank. With a vast knowledge of both commercial and agricultural banking in the Magic Valley, she will be responsible for analyzing credit information for use by banking officers. Prince has taken several Idaho Banker Association classes and most recently received top honors in its agricultural lending course.

### Shane Jenkins, vice president and commercial banking officer, will be responsible for business development and portfolio management of commercial loans. He brings more than 13 years of banking experience in the Magic Valley to Banner Bank. Previously, Jenkins was with Washington Mutual Bank and West One Bank-US Bancorp. He graduated from Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in finance and the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington.



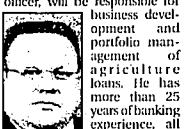
Shane Jenkins

### Jed Roeser, vice president and commercial banking officer, will be responsible for business development and portfolio management of commercial and agriculture loans. He has worked in finance and banking for more than 18 years and previously worked at Washington Mutual Bank and West One Bank-US Bancorp. He graduated from the College of Idaho and the Pacific Coast Banking School.



Jed Roeser

### Randy Andrus, vice president and commercial banking officer, will be responsible for business development and portfolio management of agriculture loans. He has more than 25 years of banking experience, all in the Magic Valley. Previously, he was with West One Bank-US Bancorp. Andrus is a graduate of the Western Agricultural Credit School at Washington State University.



Randy Andrus

### Joan Parr, vice president and credit analyst, will be honored at an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 4 at the Cassia County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St., Burley. Parr has worked for the Extension Office for 33 years. She worked extensively with the 4-H program in addition to her responsibilities in the Family and Consumer Science department. She also served as food specialist for the district and district



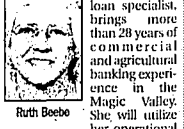
Joan Parr

## Bliss chamber seeks 4th of July help

**BLISS** — The Bliss Chamber of Commerce is seeking participation for its 4th of July gala events.

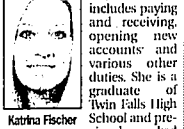
The theme is "Bliss from the Past." The day will begin

### Ruth Beebe, senior loan specialist, brings more than 28 years of commercial and agricultural banking experience in the Magic Valley. She will utilize her operational expertise in preparing loan documentation, coordinating loan closings and monitoring commercial and agricultural credit facilities.



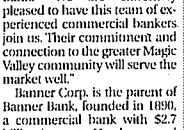
Ruth Beebe

### Katrina Fischer, personal banker, will be responsible for customer service, which includes opening and receiving opening new accounts and various other duties. She is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and previously worked for Washington Mutual Bank.



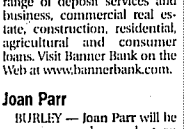
Katrina Fischer

### Adrian Celaya will become an agent for the Locke Agency in June. He has been a teacher at Gooding High School for the last four years. He is a graduate of Boise State and is a lifelong resident of Gooding.



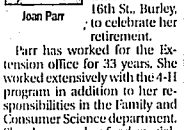
Adrian Celaya

### Jimmy Hawkins, a Certified Respiratory Therapist Technician, comes to the Respiratory Department with 5 years of experience in healthcare. He graduated from the California College of Health Science and has lived in the Magic Valley area for 25 years, with his wife and children.



Jimmy Hawkins

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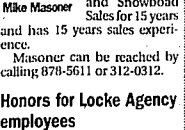


Ashley DeVries

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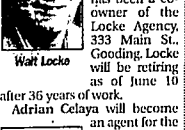
### Mike Masoner

**BURLEY** — Mike Masoner has joined the sales team at Goodie Motor Auto Group, 1096 E. Main St., Burley. Masoner owned and operated Masoner's Ski and Snowboard Sales for 15 years and has 15 years sales experience. Masoner can be reached by calling 878-5611 or 312-0312.



Mike Masoner

### Walt Locke will be honored at an open house from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 3 at the Locke Agency, 333 Main St., Gooding. Locke will be retiring as of June 11 after 36 years of work.



Walt Locke

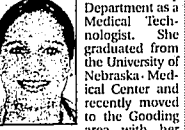
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## MILESTONES

### Moss Greenhouses earns pair of awards

**Jerome** — The Idaho Nursery Landscape Association annual business meeting was held in January at the Center on the Grove in Boise.



Two professional awards were presented to Moss Greenhouses of Jerome: Landscape Maintenance Division-Business Entrance and Retail Garden Center Beautification Division-Business Entrance.

### Sun Valley residents get a lesson in logs

**BRIGHTON, Colo.** — Idaho residents from Bellevue to Boise arrived at Sawtooth Wood Products May 25 to receive a lesson on log home care.

Sawtooth Wood Products, Sascho Log Home Products, Log Restoration Systems and Storm-Busters teamed up at a log home maintenance seminar where they offered Sun Valley log home owners expert tips and demonstrations on how to maintain their log homes and preserve their dream.

The demonstration allowed attendees to watch as experts walked them through the proper steps required to create a good log home maintenance program. Some got to try their hand at chinking an old log home on-site.

"This day is important to us and we are thrilled to see folks here wanting to learn the correct way to maintain their log homes," said presenter Mike Products. "They will be able to enjoy them for years when they take care of them the right way."

## CONTRIBUTIONS

**BOISE** — Idaho Housing and Finance Association issued its \$6,000,000 mortgage loan recently, to Norma Baker of Boise.

The milestone was recognized in a news conference and reception at noon June 2 at the IHFA headquarters in the Park Plaza building, 565 West Myrtle St.

IHFA will award Baker \$500 to use toward home maintenance or décor. In its outreach statewide, IHFA also will award \$100 Home Depot gift certificates to five regional borrowers who closed loans nearest in number to Baker.

"Ms. Baker is a perfect example of Idaho Housing and Finance Association's commitment to providing and expanding home ownership opportunities throughout Idaho," said Gerald Hunter, president and executive director of IHFA. "Baker and her family are among the thousands of Idaho families who have taken advantage of IHFA's low interest rates, currently just 5.60 percent."

IHFA began issuing home loans in 1978 to first-time and limited-income buyers and currently services more than 15,250 active loans. The association is involved in an array of housing and home ownership activities, including rental assistance, grant programs and home buyer education.

IHFA also offers down payment or closing cost assistance of up to \$2,000, benefiting thousands of Idahoans in pursuit of the American Dream of home ownership.

## THIS IS YOUR BUSINESS

Your Business 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:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at [virginia@magvalley.com](mailto:virginia@magvalley.com)



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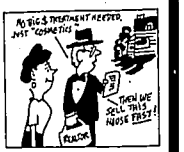
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# Officials select watershed for program

BOISE — A new program that promised to reward farmers and ranchers for conservation practices will choose the waters in the Lemhi Watershed.

When first proposed in the 2002 Farm Bill, the Conservation Security Program was to provide a three-tier system of payments to producers for conservation practices they've been already using on their farms and ranches. But Congress only appropriated \$41 million for the program on a nationwide basis, that's only enough funding to write between 3,000 and 5,000 contracts.

Instead of a nationwide program that would be open to every producer, producers in 18 priority watersheds across the nationwide will participate in a pilot project during fiscal year 2004. Four of these priority watersheds are in the West including the Lemhi Valley (from the Gilmore Summit down to the town of Salmon) in Idaho.

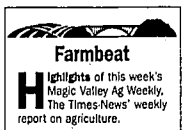
Selection of the 18 priority watersheds was made by the Knight, chief of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington, D.C.

"There is not enough money to cover a state let alone the entire nation," said Rich Sims, state conservationist for NRCS in Idaho. "I feel fortunate that Idaho was selected."



CHRIS WITZEL/Times-News

Students from Castleford High School in southern Idaho are helping to establish a new wetland on private property north of Filer. Such conservation efforts could be rewarded in the future under the federal Conservation Security Program. Although the Lemhi Watershed is the only Idaho project to qualify this year, the program will rotate watersheds on a yearly basis.



Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

down is an attempt to stretch very limited water supplies. The amount of water in Magic Reservoir is so low that Harmon

said without the shut down, irrigators probably would have run out of water before the official first day of summer. With the shut down, he is hopeful irrigators will have water until the end of June.

Although American Falls Reservoir District #2 is in better shape than the Big Wood, the project is still facing an irrigation season with a marginal amount of storage water available.

## Irrigation districts shut down to conserve water

SHOESHONE — Two irrigation districts have shut down for about 10 days to conserve water.

American Falls Reservoir District #2, which relies on storage water from the Upper Snake River Reservoir system to feed its canals and laterals in the Shoshone area, shut down on May 24 and will be off until June 6. The Big Wood Canal Co., which stores water in Magic Reservoir north of Shoshone, shut down on May 27 and will resume water deliveries on June 1.

Lynn Harmon, who manages both projects, said the shut-

# Planning, use of lawyer lead to good will

Knight Ridder News Service

It should have been a straightforward tale of business succession. A father and his son had managed a bowling alley together for a number of years and when the dad died, the younger man inherited the business.

But that's when the family feud began. To save on taxes, the father had put the bowling alley in one company and formed another company to hold the building and the land. Apparently through an oversight, he left the company holding the real estate to his son and his other children.

That put the son with the bowling alley in a compromising position with his siblings. "They turned out to be horrible landlords," raising the rent far higher than market rates and showing no compassion for their brother's ability to make a living, says Les Kotzer, a Toronto wills and estate lawyer.

The case illustrates the type of interdecade problems that can develop when wealth passes from generation to generation.

Kotzer and his partner, Barry Fish, have written a book, "Family Fight: How to Avoid It," that details the pitfalls of inheritances, their potential to tear families apart and how to avoid such conflicts.

It's aimed at the traditional family — or maybe the Brady Bunch, says Kotzer, because it also addresses inheritance issues that crop up as a result of second marriages and blended families.

Wills have become a hot topic, Kotzer says, as the crush of baby boomers begins to inherit wealth from their parents. Exacerbating tensions, he says, is the reality that some credit-addicted boomers are "depending on inheritances from their Depression-era parents to pay their debts" and will fight tooth-and-nail because

they don't want to let a penny of the inheritance go.

The Sept. 11 tragedy also has prompted more people to face their own mortality, the possibility of unexpected death and the need for estate planning.

Despite the proliferation of will kits and online forms that are supposed to make will preparation easy, Kotzer says, "I'm telling people to go to a lawyer — their own lawyer" to have a will drafted.

The will that caused the bowling alley conflict was handwritten, Kotzer says he's seen sizable estates governed by homemade wills — with plenty of ensuing problems.

Many books address estate planning from a tax-savings point of view. Not this one. "We're not talking about saving tax; we're talking about saving families," Kotzer said.

The book gives practical advice on drawing up a will, appointing executors, organizing personal affairs and

## Amalgamated expects average beet crop

Amalgamated Sugar Co. expects its yield and production of sugar beets on 207,000 to 208,000 planted acres this summer to be about average, a new crop estimate said.

The sugar's first crop outlook, which was released this week, will help the company's board consider June 9 when to start operating its sugar factories. Agricultural Manager Vic Jarro said. It has plants in Paul, Twin Falls and Nampa, and Nysse.

"It's a very preliminary estimate, but it gives us some sense of what's going on," Jarro said.

The grower-owned cooperative will also de estimate in July and September to get more precise information about the crop, whose acreage the company earlier decided to cut by 5 percent.

"Our sense is we have a fairly average crop, and other fields will feel the impact of replant," he said.

## Officials withdraw organic label guidelines

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department is dropping new organic food guidelines that allowed limited use of pesticides and antibiotics and drew criticism from some consumer groups and organic farmers.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announced the decision Wednesday after critics said the guidelines made the organic label seem less meaningful. The department's Agricultural Marketing Service, which oversees the guidelines, said the department is withdrawing the guidelines to clarify the standards, she said.

In a telephone briefing, Veneman said the guidelines had stirred "a tremendous amount" of interest and concern.

Her announcement was met with approval by the Organic Trade Association, an industry group.

# Food theft at work becomes hot topic

## Disappearances can foster distrust

By Carrie Alexander  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Susie Findell was working for a health-care organization years ago when she encountered an odd and disturbing problem in the workplace.

"Someone would go into our lunch sacks or lunchboxes and take a bite out of our sandwiches," she says.

Not just one sandwich — and certainly not out of hunger. The offender would open up each lunch container, unwrap the sandwiches, fold them over and eat a bite out of the middle of each one, but he or she would leave a sandwich. Findell says she would carefully rewrap the sandwiches and place them back in the container.

Despite the bright pink note on the refrigerator door asking the person to stop, the sandwich defiling continued for days.

A stolen (or partially eaten) lunch might seem like a small problem, but food issues are a hot topic in the workplace, says Mimi Hill, corporate psychologist with Hill & Associates in Maitland, Fla. She says pilfering of foodstuffs at work is common, and has more ramifications than you might think.

The sandwich-biting incident at Findell's office sounds like a passive-aggressive employee showing hostility toward co-workers, Hill says.

"We wondered if it was one of our own who had a sick sense of humor," Findell, 54, says. They also wondered if the offender was a bizarre show of hostility or the work of an employee from the insurance office that shared space in the suite.

Even though they looked for clues, the employees never were able to identify the offender. "There weren't any lipstick smears on the bread and we didn't check fingerprints," says Findell, who lives in Orlando, Fla.

Employees also were reluctant to report it to the boss because she says, "we weren't sure it wasn't him."

Oh sure, laugh now, Findell says, but at the time the hungry victims weren't amused. "It's very invasive," she adds. "We were angry."

Eventually the employees gave up trying to bag the sandwich eater and began to hide their food under their desks.

Stolen food can create several other workplace issues concerning trust, economics, productivity and ethics, Hill says.

A worker whose lunch or snacks have been swiped will have to buy replacements. Productivity may suffer as employees turn super sleuths, spying on the break room and each other. Finally, the situation fosters distrust among co-workers, especially when they don't know who the thief is.

"These are the kinds of things that can lower morale in the office — that get in the way of reambulating," Hill says. "It doesn't appear on a strategic plan, but it needs to be dealt with."

Although workers are initially hesitant to broach the subject of food, it comes up frequently during corporate seminars and meetings, experts say.

"There's so much intrigue around lunchrooms," Hill says. "Nobody wants to bring it up. They say, 'I feel silly bringing this up. It's just a tuna sandwich.'"

But if it's not dealt with, she adds, "those resentments will resurface on the workroom floor."

Employees who don't trust one another won't work well together, says Nan DeMars, office

ethics trainer and author of "You Want Me To Do What?," a guide to resolving work problems.

"A major problem that really affects the workplace is trust issues," DeMars says. "It will always affect the morale of a company. Plus, stealing people's lunches is a crime. There's a ripple effect. If lunches are being pilfered, what else is being taken?"

Stolen food at the job happens most often in large or shared office spaces, Hill says, and workplace thieves fall into several categories.

There are some people who just kind of go in there, and it's available, and they don't think about it. They just eat and drink," Hill says. "It's an unconscious thing. They think, 'I was hungry, it was there.' Those are the people who haven't made the transition from home to work, emotionally."

Another type of lunch bandit is a worker who is conscious of what he or she is doing but plans to replace whatever food is being borrowed. The problem is, Hill says, "They never check with the person to see if it's OK."

In most cases, they also don't replace the item they took, she adds.

Other lunch thieves consciously understand they are taking someone's food but they don't care. "They don't see it as stealing," Hill says. "They think, 'If I don't know you, I can hurt you and I don't feel guilty.' And, finally, there are the pranksters — such as employees at Clermont Security and Sound in Clermont, who think lunch "sharing" is all in good fun.

Mindy Couch, office administrator, says the workers sometimes partake of each other's lunches. She remembers one occasion when a few employees bought huge sub sandwiches for lunch and stored the leftovers in the refrigerator for later.

"They wrote a note on them that said something like, 'Do not eat or I will break your arm,'" Couch, 40, says. "So the boss came in and saw it and said, 'Is that so?' and ate the sandwiches."

Then he stuffed the empty bags full of paper. She says she wouldn't realize the sandwiches were gone until they sat down for an after-work snack.

"They just kind of laughed," says Couch, who lives in Winter Garden, Fla. "It's a family-owned business, so everybody knows everybody."

The subject of stolen lunches was even woven into an episode of the popular NBC sitcom Friends. Ross, one of the main characters, grew so incensed when a co-worker snatched his special turkey sandwich that he was referred to a psychiatrist who prescribed medication to quell his anger. Ross was even more upset that the offender threw a portion of his special "moist-maker" sandwich into the trash.

Beth Meadows of Winter Park remembers feeling irritated when a similar incident occurred at her former job. She had stopped at a bakery to pick up a special treat for lunch. "It was like a calzone, only healthier," she says. "It was expensive and so good."

Meadows' anticipation turned to disappointment, however, when she discovered that someone had taken her healthy lunch out of the office refrigerator, eaten half of it and thrown the rest away.

The refrigerator was shared by several offices in the building, which meant the pool of suspects was fairly large. "It freaked me out that people were touching my stuff," she says. "So I just quit putting my stuff in there."

# Medical Discoveries announces receipt of pre-clinical report

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Medical Discoveries, Inc. announced the receipt of its third in a series of pre-clinical research reports from Dr. Emil Cihl, chairman of the department of histopathology at the University of Washington Medical School.

This trial, one of several studies on models of disease which mimic human disease, focused on the company's proprietary drug MDI-P as a potential therapy for the treatment of the symptoms of cystic fibrosis (CF).

Results from this study showed that, 48 hours after treatment, MDI-P treated CF-like mice lungs evidenced: a) a 60% reduction in mucus secretion; b) a 49% reduction in white blood cellular infiltration; and c) a 42% reduction in lung edema, as contrasted with untreated CF-like mice. In MDI-P treated mice, the associated level of lung hemorrhage was reduced by 39%, the level of neutrophil lung infiltration was reduced by 49%, and eosinophil lung infiltration was reduced by 86%, as contrasted with untreated CF-like mice. The 100%

MDI-P solution provided a 100% host-sparing effect against this fatal CF-like condition. No overt signs of toxicity were found in the primary organs (lungs, liver, spleen, kidneys, brain) of mice treated with MDI-P.

This study and the other pre-clinical studies of MDI-P are required for filing an Investigational New Drug (IND) application later this year with the FDA for the primary target use for MDI-P which is treating humans with HIV. There is not an animal test relevant to HIV/AIDS in humans, so MDI is

required to sponsor testing of MDI-P on other standard animal/mimicking human models, such as the recently-reported asthma results, in order to determine if there is any potentially significant toxicity to humans related to usage of MDI-P.

"Because CF is an invariably fatal disease with no curative therapies currently available, MDI-P may prove to be a very beneficial agent exhibiting minimal toxicity for addressing the condition of lung function degeneration with CF patients," MDI's President and Chief Executive Officer Judy Roblnett,

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U.S. shrimpers fight for survival

Cheap imports hurt producers

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — "See that yellow boat over there?" asked Tony Herring, managing partner of Sea Markers...

"It's two years old. The owner just left it. They're coming to repossess it and auction it off in Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, you've got bunches like that..."

It's a familiar tale that's been seen across many American industries from shipping to...

Shrimp from Asia and Latin America, which largely comes from low-cost shrimp farms rather than the sea, now feeds 88 percent of the American shrimp market...

In grocery stores, imported shrimp undercuts the local product by far. Publix was selling Key West pink shrimp for \$10.99 a pound...

The low import prices have boosted shrimp's popularity to record levels. In 2001, shrimp surpassed canned tuna as America's favorite seafood...

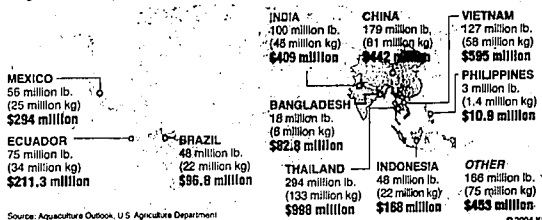
But domestic shrimpers say they're reaping little from that burgeoning popularity.

A decade ago, nearly 5,000 shrimpers trawled the Gulf of Mexico. Today, that number stands at about 1,900...

"We've seen some bad times, but nothing like this," said Quentin Creamer, a 64-year-old shrimper who runs two boats...

U.S. shrimp imports

Weight and monetary value of shrimp imported into the United States:



Source: Aquaculture Outlook, U.S. Agriculture Department. Graphic: The Miami Herald

out of the Miami land, which lies about 30 miles from the harvesting grounds for Key West pink shrimp.

Last year, Creamer reaped a profit of just \$3,700. He had to drop the insurance on one boat after failing to come up with the \$20,000 premium and looked into selling the trawler. The boat that cost him \$650,000 in 1996 is now worth \$275,000.

"This next trip out we'll see whether we tie up permanently or not," said Creamer of the Apalachicola, Fla. "We're just trading shrimp for fuel."

With dilemmas such as Creamer's occurring with increasing frequency, U.S. shrimpers are now waging a trade war in Washington to avoid being priced out of the market altogether.

The Southern Shrimp Alliance — a group of fishermen in eight states — accuses six nations in Asia and Latin America of violating fair-trade rules by selling their shrimp in the United States below the price in their home countries, a practice known as dumping.

The Alliance wants the government to slap tariffs, ranging from 20 percent to more than 200 percent on imported shrimp. It also wants an import duty on shrimp sold in domestic waters. "We hope we get on a level playing field," said Bob Jones, executive director of the Southeastern Fisheries Association.

The move has ignited formidable opposition, not just from the affected countries — China, Brazil, Vietnam, Thailand, India and Ecuador — but also from American retailers, restaurateurs, distributors and other businesses involved in the shrimp processing chain.

With \$3.8 billion in imports in

play, rhetoric from both sides is reaching fever pitch in the tug-of-war to influence public opinion.

In April associations representing those industries formed the Shrimp Tariff Resistance to block the petition. They contend tariffs will cause a price spike and thus crimp demand.

"It's going to cause higher prices in restaurants and grocery stores," said Paul Nathanson, spokesman for the International Trade Commission, a lead member of the task force. "This threatens to again make shrimp a delicacy that only the wealthy can afford."

Tariffs would also affect the much larger U.S. business of processing shrimp, which provides many more jobs than the industry of getting shrimp, opponents say.

Filed Dec. 31, the domestic shrimpers' petition has met with initial success. In February, the International Trade Commission ruled in the shrimpers' favor, finding that the U.S. industry has been harmed by imports from the countries in question.

The shrimpers' coalition faces several more hurdles before duties can be levied permanently. The next comes on June 8 when the U.S. Department of Commerce is expected to determine if dumping has occurred.

If it will then figure out the tariffs to be imposed on a preliminary basis.

Foreign producers see the issue as another instance of American protectionism that will ultimately backfire.

Other shrimp-producing countries, such as Indonesia, will ramp up output to fill the

void left by tariffed countries or simply import shrimp from the targeted nations and re-export it, they say.

"We view the case as unjustifiable," said Tom Vakerakis, a Washington lawyer hired by 28 South China shrimp producers and exporters. "The domestic industry has been in decline for some time, and this is their last resort."

Shrimpers say their objective is not to block imports, which they realize are needed to satiate American appetites. They just want to be able to compete, said Debbie Regan, spokeswoman for the Southern Shrimp Alliance.

Current on-the-dock prices averaging about \$1 a pound fall short by at least a dollar of the price U.S. shrimpers need to cover their expenses, Key West fishermen said.

The consumer, however, is not seeing much of a savings from the falling shrimp prices, the Alliance contends.

A survey of five restaurant chains from 2000 through the first half of 2003 showed that with few exceptions, prices of shrimp appetizers, entrees and salads went up, according to North Carolina research firm Food Best.

Opponents say restaurants have to factor in many other costs, such as overhead and marketing when fixing menu prices.

Many say the shrimping fleet's plight is of its own making.

"Nobody denies that the domestic shrimp industry is suffering from hard times," said Erik Autor, vice president of the National Retail Federation, in a statement. "But as problems are largely a result of their own failure to modernize."

Cross-marketing raises eyebrows

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Dale Essenberg was watching television with his wife when a commercial aired about a new Pepsi promotion.

The commercial cast 16 teenagers who had been sued for illegally downloading music from the Internet. The youths, Essenberg sensed, radiated defiance about their actions.

"It sends a bad message, that rules can be broken," said the 57-year-old owner of Carefree Home Maintenance.

Sill, Pepsi's recent deal with Apple Computer Inc.'s iTunes music service illustrates the degree to which cross-marketing — a buzzword for linking one product or service to another in hopes of selling more of both — has taken hold.

Cross-marketing is being used everywhere, said Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Davidowitz & Associates Inc., a New York retail consultant. Though consumers have begun to tire of such pitches, companies continue to use them because everybody is under tremendous competitive pressure, he said.

Companies make marketing mistakes all the time. But questionable cross-marketing campaigns can do double damage if they fail to otherwise good names or products.

AAA Wisconsin acknowledged in March that it received complaints after its roadside assistance operators would remind stranded motorists of a program that offers discounts to shoe stores and clothing retailers, among others.

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Continued from D1 the last warning of a potentially problematic hire.

One retailer, Houston-based computer store Ridge, even has its screening system set to page store managers so they can catch choice applicants before they walk out the door and apply at a competitor.

Companies including The Stop & Go Authority Inc., Costco Inc. and the Golden Corder Corp. steakhouse chain have also adopted the online screening systems. Many companies using the systems have installed in-store terminals or telephones equipped with screens and keyboards especially for the purpose, while others direct people to apply on company Web sites.

"I think it's really going to take off because the technology has become so quick," said Donald M. Truxillo, a professor of industrial psychology at Oregon State University who studies the online systems.

"Our philosophy is to let the technology do the heavy lifting," said Richard Harding, director of research for Kenexa Corp., a Wayne, Pa., firm that designs and administers online assessment systems.

Online screening incorporates personality tests similar to those used by the military. Such systems are used by some employers as far back as the 1940s. But computers use the results much more systematically, letting managers instantly rank candidates or dip into the pool of applicants who have sought jobs at other stores in the same chain.

"You're able to prequalify people and focus really only on the people who look like they have the best chance of success," said Charles Handler, an

The motor club has since changed its 2-year-old practice of pitching its "Show Your Card & Save" program during emergency calls. Now, operators might plug the program to a motorist whose car has a flat in the driveway but not to someone in a more vulnerable setting.

AAA Wisconsin's effort crossed a double-yellow line, figuratively speaking.

"It's extremely hard to pitch someone's stock in a ditch," said Jonathan Bernstein, principal of Bernstein Crisis Management in Monrovia, Calif.

By all accounts, despite complaints about their ad, Pepsi and iTunes have profited from their affiliation.

In March, comScore Media Metrix, which measures the size of Internet audiences, reported that Apple broke into the Top 50 most visited sites in February, partly fueled by its promotional partnership with Pepsi.

The iTunes deal, launched during the Super Bowl, drove Pepsi's site visits up 50 percent, iTunes' up 117 percent, and contributed to the music company's 7 percent growth from January.

But cross-marketing can be risky, especially when children are the target audience.

An example: The "Enter the Matrix" video game came with a \$3 rebate toward the purchase of an R-rated "The Matrix" movie.

Citing that and other examples, researchers from Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard School of Public Health asked the Federal Trade Commission in March to consider examining the cross-marketing of entertainment to children.

industrial psychologist whose firm, Rocket-Hire, is a consultant to employers in choosing the systems.

The online start for some employers. Some continue to use the systems after making a hire, feeding worker performance data — like a clerk's sales commissions or the amount of time it takes for a waiter to clear a table — into the computer. That data is then used to help fine tune questions and desired answers that can be used to screen future hires.

"That helps employers 'close the loop,'" said Kim Bentsley, a spokeswoman for Unifera Inc., a Denver, Colo., firm that makes the screening systems used at more than 50 retail and restaurant chains including Pathmark Stores Inc. and Sports Authority.

"We partner with companies throughout the employee life cycle," Bentsley said.

Online assessment could prove particularly valuable at big retailers and restaurant chains whose employee turnover rate runs as high as 200 percent a year, experts say.

Such employers, almost constantly hiring, are looking for ways to predict which job candidates are less likely to leave once they're hired, and help them cut down on the cost of finding and training replacements.

"They just lose people about as fast as they can get them in the door," Harding said. "What it really comes down to is are you (the job applicant) going to stay longer and produce more?"

Some employers say the system not only helps them settle on the right workers, but also reduce the time — and money — needed to find them.

RIISING BY DEGREES

Employees go back to school to join executive ranks

Knight Ridder News Service

Karen Maskev knew it was time to go back to school when she looked hard at her job and knew she wasn't going anywhere. She loved working at Pasadena, Calif.'s Freppon Laboratories as a contract administrator, but she also realized that without specialized business-management skills, she was stuck in a dead-end job.

For a long time, an MBA has been a discriminator of who will move up the ladder. Now it's almost a requirement," Maskev said, recalling her decision in 1997 to enroll in the executive MBA program at Chapman University near her home in Orange, Calif.

The 47-year-old army officer, formerly an active duty and now in the reserves, realized that she wouldn't advance without corporate skills such as financial analysis, forecasting and strategic planning. She selected the specialized executive MBA program to "send the signal I was executive quality."

After graduating in 1999, Maskev said, she has made two major career jumps that have increased her salary — \$45,000 annually — more than enough to justify the time and expense. Earning a master's degree in business administration part-time while you work can give your career a big boost, if you pick the right program and plan carefully. In some jobs, an MBA is now virtually mandatory, and new executive programs are designed to improve even the skills of those already highly ranked in their organizations.

But there are also caveats and pitfalls, such as deciding whether the time is right and how to afford it. The degree can cost as much as \$65,000 at some institutions. There are a few clues to help you decide whether it's right for you.

Going back to school while you're working might be a good career move, but it's also stressful and tiring. If you've just taken on a new job with more respon-

sibility, or recently made a major life change that requires a time commitment or will distract you, this might not be the best time to start an MBA program, experts say.

Count on spending two to four hours outside the classroom for every hour you spend in class, former students say.

"This is an investment, not a sabbatical," said JoAnne Starr, assistant dean for MBA programs at the University of California at Irvine Graduate School of Management. "If you have major personal commitments that are draining your time and energy, it's very hard to go and excel in these skills."

If your boss is not supportive of your decision to seek an MBA, that can create additional stress and might derail your efforts.

Finances also play a role in your decision, though most programs offer financial aid.

On the other hand, if you feel bored or unchallenged in your current job, if you feel trapped in the corporate hierarchy, if you don't have the skills you need to excel, now might be the time to pursue that goal.

"We see a lot of people who have been in the same area in business who are looking to move up," said Debra Gondra, associate director of the MBA program at Chapman.

"If you have been in sales for six or seven years, and you are looking to become vice president or to market, where you have to interact with everyone in the company, then you need to look at the big picture and understand the whole company, not just your area. People come here to sharpen these skills."

In a 2001 national survey that asked corporate managers how well university-based executive education was working, 96 percent found their learning experience valuable in their development.

sibility were promoted in significant numbers "and the vast majority are still with the company that sent them."

The graduates who succeeded best were those who had mentors or coaches at work who helped them gain insight into their needs and helped them apply what they had learned.

Career consultant Rita Horn of Laguna Siguel, Calif., recommends that people think seriously about what they like to do and what they visualize themselves doing in the future before they decide which MBA program to pursue.

Some authors of programs to choose from, potential MBA candidates can earn a broad-based degree, or specialize in fields like entrepreneurship, finance or information technology.

Horn went back to school 10 years ago and earned an MBA. It equipped her with the organizational and management tools that help her understand the needs and concerns of people in

a business environment.

"I think what happened with MBAs over the past decade or so, they have appeared to be the magic key to enhance one's career, but people need to look at their skill sets," Horn said. "What are they hoping the MBA will do for them?"

Traditional colleges and universities are increasingly jumping on the part-time MBA bandwagon because the programs are profitable sidelines to their educational mission. Other for-profit companies, such as the Keller Graduate School of Management, make a business from successful marketing post-graduate education.

So-called executive MBA programs are geared for the corporate elite company owners or top managers who want to learn in small groups and be involved in programs that include, for example, trips to foreign countries to study global commerce. Candidates should usually have at least 10 years of work experience before applying.

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
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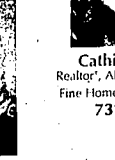
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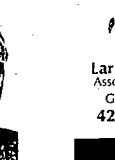
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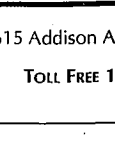
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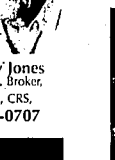
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: I was dealt the following hand of power and quality: ♠ 10-8-4, ♥ K-3, ♦ A-10-3, ♣ Q-7-6-3-3. My partner opened one diamond and the next hand overcalled one spade.

ANSWER: Two clubs look better than your other suggested options, but raising to two diamonds with only three-card support was also a possibility. After all, how likely is partner to have only three diamonds and both four-card majors?

Dear Mr. Wolff: On a couple of occasions recently, I responded to a strong no-trump, holding a six-card major and seven points. I transferred and passed the response after my partner did nothing more than complete the transfer, but we ended up making 10 tricks. Should hands like this be to game or not?

ANSWER: My simple rule for evaluating hands facing a no-trump is to add one point for any five-card suit headed by an honor, and two points for a six-card suit. So any seven-count with a six-carter equates to nine points — enough to drive to game unless the hand is very poorly put together, when an invitation may be sufficient.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Why is it that we all lead four highest against no-trump contracts? Is there a reason other than inertia?

ANSWER: These days there are two other popular lead styles: third and fifth (or third and low), where the lead is third highest from an even number of cards, but bottom from an odd number,

or attitude leads against no-trump, where the smaller the card led, the better the suit. The concept of fourth-highest leads dates from whist and is simply a way to protect your hand cards, while adding some systematic element to the leads. Plus, it works!

Dear Mr. Wolff: What's my best call over a weak two-spade opener with a two-suited hand (hearts and clubs) and opening values? Holding ♠ A-8, ♥ K-7-4-3, ♦ 5, ♣ A-Q-9-6-3, I elected to double. My partner bid four hearts and made it, but suggested that the double was too dangerous and a simple overcall might have been better. What do you say?

ANSWER: Over a pre-empt some people play Leaping Michaels, whereby a jump to four clubs would show these two suits, but they are about an ace short and that action, I'd guess the majority position might be to overcall three hearts — not three clubs, since the reward for minor-suit games is so low. But no action is attractive, though you MUST bid, rather than pass.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Must you have a four-card major to use Stayman — and do you mean an invitational value, or can you make the call with both majors and a weak hand?

ANSWER: If you use four-suit transfers (whereby a bid of two no-trump by responder is a transfer to diamonds), then you may have to use Stayman to invite game with a balanced hand without a four-card major. Equally Stayman does not have to promise values. You can pass partner's response, or correct a call to two diamonds if you call of two diamonds to pick a major at the two-level.

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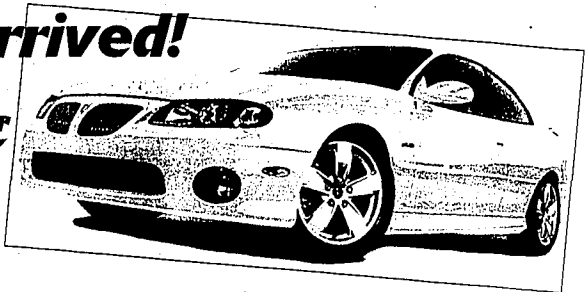
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## And we will have fun this year

The hotel in sunny California was brand sparkling new. We checked in with great expectations — at 9 p.m., after an 11-hour drive.

The air conditioner doesn't work, our daughter immediately announced, "and the lights won't turn on."

It was the beginning of a long night.

The hotel maintenance man was dispatched to help us. "I'm Joe," the fellow said. "We have rooms, but they aren't here — and I have children."

Light.

We ended up moving from room to room — here and there — until we settled on one with the fewest malfunctions.



**LIFE AND TIMES**  
 Denise Turner

I shouldn't have been surprised. Strange things had been happening all day.

On the way to the hotel, we tried to tune in to a talk radio station. The ones we found offered several choices of discussion topics: "Salad vs. soy," "Strange bedfellows," "Psychological nudity."

We settled on one where a woman was asking, "How do you feel about the redwoods?"

I never heard anyone answer her, because the next caller said, "I want to talk about combat robots."

Caller number three tried to put the other two calls into perspective. "Is that two liberals angling over how much to tip a waiter?" he asked.

Memorial Day marks the start of vacation season. So I've been nostalgic about "vacations I have known."

I've struggled through vacations with flat tires and carsick kids. I've vacationed in some towns that were big enough to have a motel and other towns that shouldn't have been allowed to have one.

One summer, we made the mistake of going to Tucson in August. Another summer, we joined my mother and her senior citizen group on a trip to Branson. Everyone was nice to us, but we just didn't fit. We couldn't get used to eating a dinner at 4 p.m. and being on the bus by 5 a.m. Our kids insisted it should have been the other way around.

Then, in the '90s, we decided to go to St. Louis too soon after a big Midwestern flood. Driving down the raised, "shoulderless" highways that year was scarier than driving with our newly licensed 16-year-old.

And yet, it was preferable to the trip when we were sitting at a red light getting rear-ended by a New Jersey cab driver. The policeman spent most of his five minutes with us assuring the cab driver that he wouldn't have to appear in court.

What about us? I wanted to scream. "We're the ones he hit. Don't tell this guy it's OK. Tell him we will probably get the electric chair."

Those were all car trips, but our plane rides haven't been much better.

I remember one night when we flew into Salt Lake City and sat on the plane for an hour because someone was working on a "little mechanical problem." I couldn't help wondering if anyone was really flying the part of it that would be like my husband "fixing" the dishwasher at home.

But somewhere deep inside, I must be a closet optimist. Either that or I'm not as smart as I thought I was.

I'm still going on vacation this year. And I'm going with great expectations.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at the Times-News.



Sand dunes are ubiquitous along the Oregon Coast, but nowhere more so than at Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area between Florence and Reedsport. There are more than 32,000 acres of dunes here — some 300 feet tall — covering 40 miles of coastline.



The Devil's Punch Bowl, located just south of Newport, is an open rock formation into which the waves of the Pacific Ocean come crashing.



Two hundred-foot tall Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach is probably the single best-known landmark on the Oregon Coast.

# The Oh-Coast

It's littorally true; there's something for everybody on the Oregon Coast

By Steve Crump  
 Times-News writer

In case you're wondering, AAA won't come haul you off the beach if you get your car stuck in sand.

But then again, you might not want to leave. As the summer of \$2 gasoline begins, the Oregon Coast has become an affordable — and for Idahoans, largely undiscovered — vacation option.

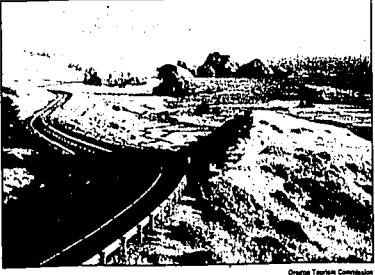
Undiscovered because it's off the Disneyland/Grand Canyon/San Francisco beaten path. And nobody goes to the Oregon Coast without some time to spend; it's at least a two-hour drive from the Portland airport.

Alford because it's an area of state parks, campgrounds, motels and B&Bs — not four-star recreational properties. There are no theme parks, few \$400-a-night hotels and no Vegas-style "family" destination resorts.

Any tourist guide or three dozen sites on the Internet will tell you more than you'd ever want to know about the most visited places on the O-Coast — Astoria, Newport, Cannon Beach. Here are some places you might not know about:

• **Yachats** (pronounced YAH-HITS). An artists' and retirees' colony located between Waldport and Florence on the central coast, this village of 600 souls

easily qualifies as the best-kept secret on the Oregon Coast. Spectacular Cape Perpetua is just to the south, with its tidal pools and old-growth forests. There are three motels in town, with rates that range from \$40



U.S. Highway 101 runs for 362 miles along the Oregon Coast; this stretch, at Cape Sebastian, is near the southern Oregon town of Gold Beach.

to \$275 nightly, and a B&B — the Ambrosia Gardens Bed and Breakfast — in a spectacular setting between the Siuslaw National Forest and Sea Rose Beach. Rates there \$110-\$125. Yachats is 173 miles — a 3 1/2-hour drive — from Portland, via Interstate 5, U.S. Highway 20 and U.S. Highway 101. It's 716

highway miles from Twin Falls — 11 1/2 hours.

• **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.** Get out of sight of the Pacific Ocean, and this swath of the Oregon Coast north of Reedsport bears a more than passing resemblance to the Sahara Desert. According to "The Insider's Guide to the Oregon Coast"

**Want to learn more?**  
 Log on to the Oregon Tourism Commission Web site at: <http://www.traveloregon.com>

There are a half-dozen campgrounds in or near the Oregon Dunes; hotel rates in Reedsport are \$50-\$75 a night. Reedsport is 193 miles — a 3 1/4-hour drive — from Portland, via Interstate 5 and Oregon Highway 38. It's 737 highway miles from Twin Falls — 11 1/2 hours.

• **Devils Punch Bowl State Natural Area.** Located 8 miles north of Newport, the Pacific Ocean comes crashing into this bowl-shaped rock formation with breathtaking fury. There's a rocky tide pool, and from the headlands, great

whale-watching. Best of all, it's free. Newport has a wide array of lodging, ranging from campgrounds to B&Bs, at a variety of prices. It's located 149 miles — a three-hour drive — from Portland, via Interstate 5 and U.S. Highway 20. It's 692 highway miles from Twin Falls — 11 hours.

• **Fort Stevens State Park.** Located just outside Astoria, its 3,763 acres include a dazzling variety of beaches, sand dunes, shallows lakes and coastal forest. You can fish for crabs and clams on a nearby beach. Six bucks get you in. There is a variety of campgrounds, B&Bs and hotels at a range of prices in Astoria. Gearhart and Seaside, Hammond, the nearest town, is located 106 miles — a 2 1/4-hour drive — from Portland, via U.S. Highways 101 and 26. It's 650 highway miles from Twin Falls — 10 1/4 hours.

• **Bandon.** Literally off the beaten path, Bandon is an old resort town located 25 miles south of Cannon Beach on U.S. Highway 101. Like Seaside far to the north, Bandon was once an English-style coastal spa. There's a historic lighthouse, a fish market and uncrowded beaches. There are motels, B&Bs and campgrounds near by at a range of prices. Bandon is located 260 miles from Portland — a 5-hour drive via Oregon Highway 126 and Interstate 5. It's 800 highway miles from Twin Falls — 12 3/4 hours.

• **Gearhart.** A town of 900 located just north of Seaside on U.S. Highway 101, Gearhart is known for uncrowded beaches and great food. It's a town of absentee homeowners — 60 percent of the housing units are owned by folks who live elsewhere — so vacation rentals are plentiful and inexpensive. Gearhart is located 94 miles from Portland — a two-hour drive via U.S. Highways 26 and 101. It's 637 highway miles from Twin Falls — 10 hours.

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Sunset at Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River.

FAMILY LIFE

Woman regrets throwing away chance for love

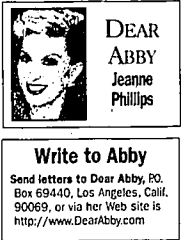
DEAR ABBY: I married young. We had four children who are now grown. I went through a mid-life crisis in my 30s and ran around doing whatever I wanted with whom I wanted. My husband, "Lotic," begged me to stop, but I didn't. So Lotic divorced me and married a woman I'll call Melody.

It's been eight years since the divorce. Lotic has told my mother and our children that he still loves me and will still call me every day. I feel the same way about Lotic, but I will not go back with him.

Why? Because when my car broke down, it was Melody who picked me up. When I was sick, Melody brought me my meals. She is a sweet, caring woman who wouldn't hurt a fly, and I cannot cause her pain she doesn't deserve.

The moral: If you have someone who loves you, do not let it go. Love is a rare and precious thing that doesn't come along all that often. —SADDER BUT WISER DEAR SADDER: That's true. However, you'll be a lot happier if you stop looking back and live. You have matured, emotionally since your 30s. You have also learned important lessons about life. Stop dwelling on the past and focus your energies on looking ahead. If you do, it is possible that you'll meet someone one day and be able to rebuild your life.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend introduced me to a guy about a year ago. "Arthur" was two months out of a three-year relationship. I was leery about getting involved with him, but he was the sweetest, most attractive guy I'd met in years. Arthur called when he said he



Write to Abby

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would, brought me flowers on every date, and I could discuss anything with him. I've never had such a perfect balance of physical and emotional stability in a relationship. After two months, Arthur told me he wasn't sure he should be with me because he still wasn't over his ex-girlfriend. He said he was falling in love with me and it scared him. I was hurt and upset. He cried and begged me not to hate him. I didn't see Arthur for six months. I ran into him last week and we started talking again. Arthur wants to start seeing me again, but I'm afraid I'll end up getting hurt. I want to be with him, but I don't want him to break my heart. What should I do?

—AFRAID OF GETTING HURT AGAIN DEAR ABBY: You say it has been six months? He may have gotten his former girlfriend out of his system by now. Take it slowly. Give him a chance, but be cautious. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

'Just-because' crying will run its course

Q: My best friend's 4-year-old daughter is currently in her third year at the same half-day preschool. The first two years were fine, but she has lately begun to scream and cry when her mother drops her off. My friend hugs and kisses her and then quickly leaves so as not to "feed" the crying session. Some days the little girl even cries for no apparent reason during class, but always comes home saying that a great day she had at school. Her teachers report that outside of the occasional crying jag, there are no problems. She plays well with other kids and seems to be having fun. There have been no changes at home, so the parents are baffled by this new behavior. What do you suggest?



Little girl's behavior needs to be "de-fused," neutralized.

To do so, I recommend the following: First, that no one talk "therapeutically" to the child about these episodes, either while they are happening or afterwards. No one should ask the child what is wrong, why she's crying, or suggest to her a reason. Second, your friend should sit down one evening with her daughter and say words to this effect: "You know, I've been worried about the fact that you cry when I leave you at school. But I realize that you're crying because you're going to miss me. Well, I want you to miss me, so from now on it's OK if you cry at school, either when I drop you off or later, or both."

Third, her teacher should assign her a relatively isolated "crying place" in the classroom where she can go and cry any time she feels like it without disturbing the other children. When she's done, she can rejoin the group. Fourth, the question we are all asking and that is driving the search," said Michelle Maccocco, director of the Math Skills Development Project at Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute, a clinical and research facility for pediatric developmental disabilities. "There could be so many different causes leading to what we call poor math achievement and math disability, which are not necessarily the same thing," she said. "It has taken researchers decades to understand the fundamental difficulties of reading, and we are now at the place with math research where reading researchers were 20, 30 years ago."

Today's parents tend to "think psychologically" about their children's behavior, especially when a behavior is even the slightest bit out of the ordinary. Under such circumstances, they begin to imagine that the child in question is "acting out" some "psychic" disturbance which, if not actually caused by some parental gaffe, is certainly the parents' responsibility to find and fix. The fact is, some of the things that children do are "just because." If parents (and/or teachers) pay a lot of attention to a "just because," if they treat it as if it has significance, then it is likely to happen again... and again. "Not because the child has discovered that she can thus "manipulate" her parents, mind you, but simply because the parents' attention and concern gives the behavior significance.

Researchers look at math's complexities

The Washington Post

Three little words — "math is hard" — uttered a decade ago by Teen Talk Barbie drew enough protests of sexism that its maker, Mattel Inc., pulled the doll from stores.

But researchers today say Barbie wasn't all wrong: Math is hard for many — male and female, children and adults. And while a "math gene" has not been discovered, experts say that early school-age boys and girls tend to approach the subject differently. The differences, by biological, environmental and educational factors.

So why, despite this year's fanfare over SAT scores reaching a 30-year high, does math

still stump so many? "That's the question we are all asking and that is driving the search," said Michelle Maccocco, director of the Math Skills Development Project at Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute, a clinical and research facility for pediatric developmental disabilities.

"There could be so many different causes leading to what we call poor math achievement and math disability, which are not necessarily the same thing," she said. "It has taken researchers decades to understand the fundamental difficulties of reading, and we are now at the place with math research where reading researchers were 20, 30 years ago."

SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Center**  
530 Shoshone St. W.  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12. Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for reading, puzzles and television. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Barbecued pork chops, potato salad, green beans, roll, lemon moose  
Wednesday: Hot roast beef sandwich, ranch red potato, baby carrots, melon salad, banana nut bread  
Thursday: Beef stroganoff w/ noodles, corn salad, spinach, biscuit, cobbler  
Friday: Chicken rosemary, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, roll, cottage cheese salad, strawberry cream

Activities:  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Pancake breakfast

**maple bar bake days.**  
*Menus:*  
Tuesday: Hamburgers-potato salad, baked beans, peaches, cookies  
Thursday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, cottage cheese, green beans, applesauce, no bake cookies  
*Activities:*  
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

**Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.**  
310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
*Menus:*  
Monday: Closed  
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, mixed veggies, Jell-O cake  
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, confetti cabbage, bread and butter, cantaloupe

Activities:  
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.**  
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.  
*Menus:*  
Tuesday: Beef taco salad, refried beans, dinner rolls, banana bread  
Thursday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peach pie  
Friday: Turkey breast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, carrot sticks, beef, applesauce, Amish spice cookies  
*Activities:*  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens**  
308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.  
*Menus:*  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Meatballs w/ white sauce, noodles, broccoli, colelaw, cornbread, plums  
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, mixed veggies, pears, brownies  
Thursday: Beef stroganoff, rice, Brussels sprouts, lemon Jell-O roll, apple crisp  
Saturday: Breakfast: Coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice.

Activities:  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Foot Clinic, 10:30 a.m.  
Pool, 1 p.m.  
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Quilting and sewing, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.  
Linda Norris, 12:30 p.m.  
TOPS, 4 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 6 p.m.  
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m. \$3.50/person

**Richfield Senior Center**  
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.  
*Menus:*  
Thursday: Turkey sandwich, vegetable soup, apricot pie

**Three Island Senior Center**  
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry  
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rates are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
*Menus:*  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, broccoli, oatmeal cookie, Texas toast  
Thursday: Pork roast w/ rice, mushroom gravy, mixed veggies, citrus salad, bread  
*Activities:*  
Saturday: Gooding breakfast

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Pork chop dinner  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Lasagna, green beans, green salad, peaches, bread sticks, raspberry cheesecake  
Wednesday: Cook's choice  
Thursday: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, Normandy blend, apricots, bread, pudding

Activities:  
Monday: Buffet, 1 p.m.  
Tuesday: Cards, 6-9 p.m.  
Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.  
Bingo, 7-9 p.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.  
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

**Camas County Senior Center**  
127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
 Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.  
*Menus:*  
Tuesday: Fish sandwich, colelaw, apricots, baked potato, Jell-O  
Wednesday: Chili dog, green salad, potato salad, fruit, carrot cake  
Friday: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dessert

Activities:  
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**  
222 Main St.  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.  
*Menus:*  
Monday: Beef patty w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, green salad, bread and butter, fresh fruit cup, cookies  
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, green pea soup w/ peanut butter, fruit, Jell-O w/ cream

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.  
*Menus:*  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Potato bar, fruit, cinnamon rolls  
Wednesday: Fish/chicken patty, curly fries, green beans, Jell-O fruit custard  
Thursday: Liver and onions, green salad, carrots, green salad, fruit cocktail cake  
Friday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas and pearl onions, fruit salad, chocolate

**Hagerman Senior Center**  
140 E. Lake  
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.  
*Menus:*  
Monday: Porcupine meatballs

**Silver and Gold Senior Center**  
Eden  
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and

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**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** From your privileged perspective, you will be able to sidestep social mishaps when subtle misunderstandings occur around you. Gatherings could be fraught with unpleasant undercurrents. Take promises with a grain of salt.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may be sensitive to subtle anomalies that are developing. Because you can see both sides, you might be called upon to act as a go-between or a referee for others. Be a peacemaker today.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The spirit of the day begs for family outings and gatherings, but under the pleasant surface there could be strong differences of opinion. Watch out for a tendency

to go overboard and squander money. (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Hostilities may seethe beneath the surface today, so be armed with logic and objectivity. People who have little in common may be thrown together for holiday parties. Remain skeptical of facts.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** It is a good time for special entertainments and to seek new faces and places. Do something far from the routine to satisfy your urge for stimulation. But be warned that what seems tantalizing now may lose its luster quickly.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Partners will be restless for excitement and may surprise you with sudden changes to social plans. Your ideas may be overly grandiose or too difficult to obtain. Follow the leader today.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Flattery and meaningless promises are in the air. Have a

good time, but do not count on proposals that are made now weaning out. Overly generous impulses will be regretted later.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Divergent opinions could create animosity and tensions may ripple beneath the surface today. A conservative attitude will be an asset. Maintain a "wait and see" outlook about proposals and ideas.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The urge to mingle and socialize is strong this weekend, so plan on attending holiday celebrations. Expect a pay social dues, however, as you could meet up with more than your fair share of insincerity.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** People might rub you the wrong way this holiday weekend. Painting a glamorous picture of your situation or hiding the truth can create confusion. Smiling faces may not mean friendship.

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# ENGAGEMENTS

## GREEN-KINGHORN

**JEROME** — Michael and Cella Green of Evanston, Wyo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann Green, to Jacob Robert Kinghorn, son of Robert and Judy Kinghorn of Jerome.

Green is a graduate of Evanston High School in Evanston, Wyo., and is attending the University of Utah. She is employed at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Kinghorn is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending the University of Utah. He is employed at Dan's Grocery Store in Salt Lake City.



Jennifer Green and Jacob Kinghorn

The wedding is planned for Wednesday, June 2, at the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, at the Kinghorn residence, 76 Horseshoe Circle, Jerome.

## HAMMOND-SANCHEZ

**FILER** — Creel and Judy Hammond of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Charly Bonda Hammond, to Victor Francisco Sanchez, son of Gerardo and Laura Sanchez of Twin Falls.

Hammond is a graduate of Mountain Crest High School in Hyrum, Utah, and a 1994 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Beneficial Mortgage in Twin Falls.

Sanchez is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended Jersey City State College in Jersey City, N.J. He is employed at Unit-



Charly Hammond and Victor Sanchez

ed Parcel Service and Army National Guard in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Thursday, June 3, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. A reception will be held at a later date.

## HUTCHINSON-BRINKERHOFF

**BUHL** — Wesley and Sherri Hutchinson of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Cami Lyn Hutchinson, to John Lloyd Brinkerhoff, son of Dan and Ruth Brinkerhoff of Fairview, Utah.

Hutchinson is a graduate of Buhl High School.

Brinkerhoff is a graduate of North Sappete High School in Mount Pleasant, Utah. He is employed at Brinkerhoff Roofing in Fairview, Utah.



John Brinkerhoff and Cami Hutchinson

LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Buhl LDS Church on Main Street.

## SCHMITT-BRAGA

**GOODING** — Arden and Karen Schmitt of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Jo Schmitt, to Troy Scott Braga, son of Jim and Roxey Braga of Gooding.

Schmitt is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho with a degree in nursing.

Braga is a graduate of the University of Idaho.

He is employed at Batelle in Richland, Wash.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 5, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. A recep-



Katie Schmitt and Troy Braga

tion will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

## BALIS-CYPRIANO

**TWIN FALLS** — Doug and Lana Balis of Bowers announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynsley Gale Balis, to Joston Henry Cypriano, son of Pearl Cypriano and the late Jeffrey Cypriano of Honokaa, Hawaii, and Ivaleen and Paul Unterweiser of Kapolei, Hawaii.

Balis is a graduate of Marsh Valley High School in Arimo, She attended the College of Southern Idaho and the University of Idaho and received her bachelor's degree in agriculture science and technology. She is employed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service in Kimberly as a biological science technician.

Cypriano is a graduate of Honokaa High School in Honokaa, Hawaii, and earned a CSI in Twin Falls. He is employed



Lynsley Balis and Joston Cypriano

with Glanbia in Richfield as a maintenance welder.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 11, at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 11, at The Ballroom.

A reception also will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Woodland Park in Downey.

## ADAME-VARGAS

**TWIN FALLS** — Arnaldo and Rosa Adame of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Mathilda Adame, to Manuel Vargas, son of Hector Manuel and Luisa Vargas Portal of Caracas, Venezuela.

Adame is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Vargas is a graduate of Antonio Ortega Ordonez in Caracas, Venezuela.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12, at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday.



Cynthia Adame and Manuel Vargas

June 12, at 1670 Saratoga in Pocatello.

## BEER-DOUD

**WENDELL** — Gary and Deanna Beer of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean Beer, to Manuel C. Doud III, son of Diane and Manuel C. Doud Jr. of North Platte, Neb., and Craig and Dell Bates of Gause, Texas.

Beer graduated from Wendell High School in 2000. She attended the College of Southern Idaho for one year and joined the Navy in May 2001. She was stationed on the USS Nimitz during an eight-month deployment to the Persian Gulf in 2003. She currently is stationed at Coronado Naval Base in Coronado, Calif.

Doud graduated from North Platte High School in January 1999 and then entered into the Marines. He served an eight-month deployment in Iraq in



Manuel Doud III and Barbara Beer

2003. He currently is stationed at Camp Pendleton in California on his second tour of duty with the Marines.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Soldier Mountain Ranch and Resort in Fairfield. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

## HEPWORTH-HOUSLEY

**RUPERT** — Bill and Bonnie Hephworth of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Hephworth, to Christopher Nelson Housley, son of Alan and Shannon Housley of Brigham City, Utah.

Hephworth is a 2003 graduate of Declo High School and attended Brigham Young University-Idaho for one summer. She currently is attending Utah State University, majoring in office systems, and will graduate in April 2005.

Housley is a 1999 graduate of Box Elder High School and attended BYU-Idaho his freshman year. He served in the Wisconsin Milwaukee Mission for two years for the LDS Church. He currently is attending Utah State University, majoring in business administration with an emphasis



Christopher Housley and Kristen Hephworth

in marketing, and will graduate in April 2005.

The wedding is planned for Friday, June 4, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Hephworth residence, 850 E. 50 S., Rupert.

The couple will reside in Logan, Utah.

## BOOKEY-HEYER

**TWIN FALLS** — Dennis and Sherill Bookey of Anchorage, Alaska, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyson Bookey, to Billy Heyer, son of Lex and Velda Heyer of Pocatello.

Bookey graduated in 2000 from Service High School in Anchorage. She graduated in May with an accounting degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Heyer graduated in 2000 from Century High School in Pocatello. He graduated in May with a marketing degree from the University of Idaho.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls. A reception to honor the



Billy Heyer and Alyson Bookey

couple will be held following the ceremony at the church. A reception also will be held Saturday, June 19, at the Anchorage Museum of History and Arts in Anchorage.

The couple will reside in Portland, Ore., after a Caribbean cruise honeymoon.

## FERGUSON-HAAG

**HEYBURN** — Karen Ferguson of Heyburn and Dale Ferguson of Chattanooga, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Marie Ferguson, to Billy Max Haag, son of Kevin and Laura Haag of Paul.

Ferguson is a graduate of Pocatello High School.

Haag is a graduate of Minico High School.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Cheryl Young residence. A reception to honor the couple will be



Billy Haag and Sara Ferguson

held immediately following the ceremony.

## BEAVER-BAKER

**RUPERT** — Lane Beaver and Brad Baker announce their engagement.

Beaver is the daughter of Gary and Rene Beaver of Heyburn.

Baker is the son of Leland and Sherri Baker of Burley.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Rupert Elks Lodge. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony.



Lane Beaver and Brad Baker

# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE KELLEYS

**ALBION** — Mr. and Mrs. George Kelley of Albion will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to attend from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at the home of Kim and Warren Yadon, 840 E. 206 N., Declo. The family requests no gifts.

Kelley and JoAnn Mackenzie were married June 4, 1954, at the First Pentecostal Church in Rupert.

They lived south of Burley for one year and then moved to Albion, where they have lived for the past 49 years. He farmed, drilled wells, operated a crop-dusting business and presently farms with his son in Albion.

The couple has five children, Carmen (Tom) Yadon of Dering, N.M., Bill (Virginia) Kelley of Albion, Kitty (Dave) Johnson of



JoAnn and George Kelley



Boise, Kim (Warren) Yadon of Declo and Michelle (John) Warner of Pocatello, Calif. They also have 10 grandchildren.

## THE BROWNS

**WENDELL** — Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Brown of Wendell are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Brown and Norma Lynn Francis were married June 2, 1954, in the Hawaiian LDS Temple. He was serving in the U.S. Navy, where he was serving in the U.S. Navy.

They have lived in Wendell most of their married lives.

He worked for the Kimberly Research Center as a soil scientist, retiring recently after many years of service.

She worked at home as a wife and mother, where she raised their four children.

They have been active members in the LDS Church, where they have served in many callings. Their enjoy spending time with their family and will have a family celebration for their anniversary in August.

Their children are David (Janice) Brown of Boise, Lori (David) Wood of Buhl, Lori (Brett) Wood of Hyrum, Utah, and Gary (Stephanie) Brown of



Melvin and Norma Brown



Denver, Colo.

The couple has 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

## THE NORMANS

**RICHFIELD** — Mr. and Mrs. Karl O. Norman of Richfield will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to attend from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Richfield LDS Church. No gifts, please.

Karl Norman and Nelda Allen were married June 4, 1954, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

The event is hosted by their children, Scott (Kitty) Norman of Dietrich, Reese (Debbie) Norman of Corinne, Utah, Jeff (Diane) Norman of Richfield, Kipp (Suzanne) Norman of Preston, Nancy (Lynn) Weller of Orem, Utah, Lori (Matt) Gwilliam of Allentown, Pa., Ron (Jackie) Norman of Corinne, Utah, and Karla (Rene) Thomas of Buhl.

The couple has 42 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren with one on the way.



Karl and Nelda Norman

## THE TIPPETS

**BUHL** — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tippett of Buhl will be honored at an open house for their 65th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at the Buhl Moose Hall, 1101 Main St. No gifts, please.

The event is hosted by their children, Toni (Wally) Farnham of Stateline, Nev., and Charlene (Darrel) Loos of Buhl.



Charles and Thelma Tippett

## THE LEWISES

**JEROME** — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lewis of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Anderson Camp, 1188 E. 990 S., Tipperary Road, Eden.

Lewis and Loretta Messenger were married May 27, 1954, in Nampa.

They have lived in Jerome most of their lives. He worked at the Jerome Fire Department. She had a home daycare and worked at The Home.

The event is hosted by their children, Lyndia (Lowell) Townley and Charlotte (Rob) Evans, both of Boise, Jerry (Cenla)



Loretta and Harvey Lewis

Wageman of American Falls, John Lewis, Sandra (Doug) Allison and Gail (Michelle) Lewis, all of Jerome, Kathy Schoessler of Wells, Nev., Judy (Rick) Wilcox of Brough, Ore., and Lane (Kim) Lewis of Arvada, Colo.

The couple has 25 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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## Class of 2004

### Valedictorian



Collin Allan

Twin Falls High School  
Collin Allan, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include JIVE, Key Club, National Honor Society and Chamber Singers; honors and awards include Eagle Scout Award, Idaho Top Scholar, All-State Choir and National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards nominee; son of Scott and Catherine Allan of Twin Falls.

### Valedictorian



Chelsea Cochran

Kimberly High School  
Chelsea Annette Cochran, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include basketball, volleyball, golf, National Honor Society and Business Professions of America; honors and awards include United Dairywomen of Idaho Distinguished Student, Idaho Top Scholar, Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete, Bronze Congressional Award and Elks Lodge November Student of the Month; daughter of Brian and Jackie Smith of Kimberly and Tom Cochran of Eden.

### Valedictorian



Kari Vawser

Kimberly High School  
Kari Vawser, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include National Honor Society, Key Club, Spanish Club, bowling team and softball team; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, bowling letter, national honor roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of Donna and Richard E. Vawser of Kimberly.



James Hoffman  
Wood River High School

### Valedictorian



Nathan Carlton

North Valley Christian School  
Nathan Carlton; clubs and activities include physical education, computer, Bible class and video editing; honors and awards include honor roll; son of Ross and Clair Carlton of Jerome.



Chelsie DeLuco  
Twin Falls High School



Clayton Eames  
Twin Falls High School



Victoria Martinez  
Twin Falls High School



Bojan Pogarcic  
Twin Falls High School



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Twin Falls High School



Jennifer Hoffman  
Twin Falls High School



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Twin Falls High School



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Twin Falls High School



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Kimberly High School



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Kimberly High School



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Kimberly High School



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Shay Simon  
Magic Valley High School



Krystal Thompson  
Magic Valley High School



Nicci Thompson  
Magic Valley High School



Josh Danos  
Gooding High School



Rob Bell  
Wendell High School

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Couple launches reading program at Buhl Library

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library will launch its 2004 summer reading program from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday with the theme, "Discover New Trails at your Library. Read."

Gary and Bev Stone will present a program called "Chalk and Talk." While Bev tells stories from the Oregon Trail and Idaho history, Gary will draw the illustrations. The pictures will then be presented to the library.

The Stones created the book, "Stone by Stone on the Oregon Trail" to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail in 1993. Bev is the author of several children's books with the illustrations by Gary, who has received national recognition for his original art form called woodcut-painting. The Stones have been featured on NBC, CBS and CNN news programs, several Oregon Trail documentaries, numerous radio and television talk shows, PBS and newspapers across the United States and foreign countries.

The summer programs will be held from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays from 2-30 at the library, 215 Broadway Ave. N.

They will feature gold panning, animal tracking presented by the National Park Service, mountain men from the Southern Idaho Muzzle Leader Association and the life with Lewis and Clark on the trail with Jim and Lucy Beaman from Boise. Stories, crafts, prize drawings and other activities will be included in the programs. Parents are encouraged

to attend with their children. For more information, call 543-6500.

### M.V. Iris Society shows Irises June 6

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Iris Society will hold its second American Iris Society-affiliated Iris Show with a public viewing from 1:30-4 p.m. June 6 at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Entries will only be accepted from 9-10:30 a.m. Entrants need not be a member. Entries may range from a single flower to artistic arrangements. Artistic arrangements will be based on "Our Idaho Life." Exhibitors may be of any age. Iris rhizomes and ribbons will be awarded to winners.

Society members will be available to answer questions about growing seasons, varieties available, membership in various Iris societies and any other questions. Educational exhibits will also be set up. There is no charge for either exhibitors or the public.

For more information, call Paul Hurley at 537-6836, Jeanette Graham at 734-3613, Debrah Pauls at 934-5003 or Joani Pauls at 934-5366.

### Burley merchants host Quilt Challenge

BURLEY - The Burley Area Merchants Association and the Burley merchants are holding a legacy quilt challenge. There are three categories, including First Generation for beginning and intermediate quilters. Legacy for intermedi-

ate quilters and professional for advanced quilters.

There is a \$20 entry fee for each quilt and entry forms are available at Hem-Stitching Etc., 1238 Overland Ave.; Sandy's Bernina, 1234 Oakley Ave.; and Mill Ends Fabrics, 1358 Overland Ave. all in Burley. Entry forms should be turned in before Monday. Quilts must be turned in by July 10.

For more information, call Hem-Stitching Etc. at 878-0236, Sandy's Bernina at 878-1573, or Mill Ends Fabrics at 878-5713.

### Paul woman pledges to shave head for Relay

BURLEY - Jenne Koch of Paul has pledged to shave her head if she can collect \$2,000 in donations for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, scheduled June 11-12 on the Rupert Square.

An account has been set up at Zions Bank, 102 W. Main, in Burley for donations. Koch, a former Relay for Life committee member, will have her head shaved at the event if the funds are raised.

For more information, call her at 431-3067 or Gail at 678-2291.

### Book sale takes place at Burley Public Library

BURLEY - A book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave.

A large variety of hard cover and paperback books for all ages, as well as magazines, will

be for sale. Proceeds will benefit Friends of the Burley Library. For more information, call 878-7708.

### Open house for O'Dell birthday held Saturday

TWIN FALLS - An open house to honor Esther O'Dell for her 99th birthday will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday in the garden room at Woodstone Retirement Center, 491 Caswell Ave. W.

Esther Brington was born June 2, 1905, in Seelywick, Kan. She married Charles O'Dell on Oct. 13, 1922, in Newton, Kan. They moved to Idaho in March 1929

and farmed on the Salmon Tract until 1972, when they moved into Twin Falls. She has been active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she was leader of Dorcas (welfare services) and was church pianist. She is a member of the Mountain Rock Grange in Twin Falls and Salmon Social Club since 1938.

Her husband and children, Charles, Raymond, Katherine Cwenger and Margaret Cwenger, are deceased. She has 14 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, 68 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

The event is hosted by her

grandchildren. The family requests no gifts, but welcomes cards with shared memories.

### Store hosts fish and seafood course

TWIN FALLS - A course about preparing fish and seafood will be held from 7-9 p.m. June 8 at Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W.

The cost is \$35. Rick Sordahl, executive chef of Emillo's at the Grove Hotel in Boise will base the evening's menu on the fresh seafood available.

Sordahl has been recognized by several cuisine magazines and won the AAA Travel Association Four-Diamond Award for "Excellence in Fine Dining."

For more information, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

### Hansen Library launches summer reading program

HANSEN - The Hansen Community Library will hold its 2004 summer reading program, "Discover New Trails at Your Library."

The free program is open to young people ages 4-12 with programs, prize drawings, story hours and more. The programs will be held between 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the library, 120 W. Maple in Hansen.

The theme will be about exploration and may feature books about Lewis and Clark, wagon trains, the Oregon Trail and tales of exploration and adventure. A variety of programs will be offered for all ages.

The June 9 program will be "The Trailblazers," June 16 is "Early Western Trails," June 23 is

"Cowboys, Gold Diggers and Railroad Builders" and June 30 is "Trails Up and Down Under."

Registration will be accepted immediately. For more information, visit the library or call 423-4122.

### Filer Rose Society holds meeting, garden tour

FILER - The Filer Rose Society will hold a regular meeting and garden tour on Saturday.

The society will meet at 9 a.m. at the Memorial Rose Garden at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Ave. in Filer. After a short meeting, the group will tour members' gardens. Anyone interested in growing roses is invited to attend.

Roses also are available in the Memorial Rose Garden for anyone wanting to commemorate a special someone or significant date. A \$100 donation buys a rose bush planted in the Memorial Rose Garden and a stone with inscription.

For more information on the Filer Rose Society, call Barbara Urie at 326-5636 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.

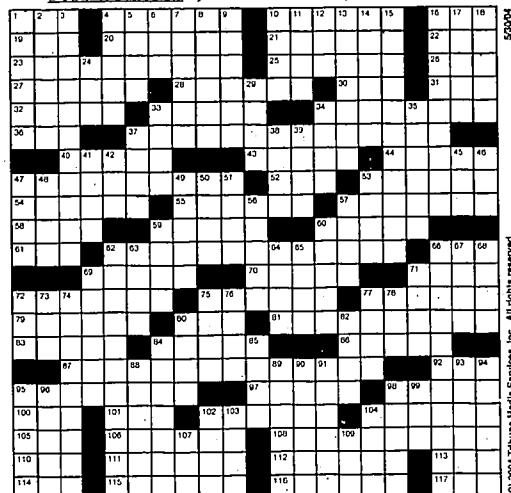
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**WEDDING**

**JACKSON-HURD**

**JEROME** — Elizabeth Jane Jackson and Tyler Lance Hurd were married May 28 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.  
The bride is the daughter of Robert G. Jackson and Maxine Jackson, both of Jerome. She is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and served in the South Africa Johannesburg Mission.  
The bridegroom is the son of Jack and Connie Hurd of Murtaugh. He is a graduate of Murtaugh High School and served in the Peru Lima North Mission.  
A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Babcock residence, 819 E. Ave. C, Jerome.



Tyler and Elizabeth Hurd

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**JOHNSON-ONEIDA**



Katie and Kris Oneida

**SHOSHONE** — Katie L. Johnson and Kris Seth Oneida were married May 15, at the home of the bride's parents in Orange Cove, Calif.  
The bride is the daughter of Ed and Charlotte Johnson of Orange Cove, Calif.  
The bridegroom is the son of Ben and Kathy Oneida of Shoshone.  
A reception to honor the couple will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Shoshone City Park. The couple will reside in Shoshone.

**WEDDINGS**

**PICKETT-BROWN**



Brian and Rachel Brown

**TWIN FALLS** — Rachel Pickett and Brian Brown were married May 14 in the Mt. Timpanogas LDS Temple.  
The bride is the daughter of Marilyn Wright Pickett and Victor O. Pickett of Sandy, Utah. She is a dental hygienist in Salt Lake City, Utah.  
The bridegroom is the son of Dennis and Valerie Brown of Twin Falls. He served a mission for the LDS Church in London, England, and is a student at Brigham Young University.  
A celebration to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Rick Allen Community Room at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

**Getting married**

What it was like long ago.



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**POULTON-MATTHEWS**



Blake and Britni Matthews

**BURLEY** — Britni Lynn Poulton and Blake Eugene Matthews were married May 28 in the Logan LDS Temple.  
The bride is the daughter of Bill and Margaret Poulton of Burley. She is a graduate of Declo High School and has attended Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg. She is employed by the Bureau of Land Management in Burley.  
The bridegroom is the son of Eugene and Heidi Matthews of Oakley. He is a graduate of Oakley High School and Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He is employed at Matthews Farms in Oakley.  
A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley.

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In 1911, Frank Slack and family followed their dream to farm on the Salmon Tract south of Twin Falls. In 1917 he married Marie Netzer, later moving into town where his banking career with Twin Falls Bank & Trust spanned 54 years. The couple's 1917 wedding photograph, coupled here, was taken by the Bisbee studio of early Twin Falls fame. Both from the Midwest, Marie and Frank were parents of two daughters: Helen Slack Allen, who married Charles Allen, and Marjorie Slack Poe, wife of Twin Falls farmer Kenneth Poe.



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In 1917, Ellen Brose and Bernard Stricker marry at a Larsen family home in Rock Creek that still stands. With the bride and groom at front center are Walter Brose and Ellen Larsen Brose. Behind them, from left, are Helen Brose, Eva Martin and the bearded Herman Stricker. Seated immediately to the right of Herman is Anna Larsen. The bride and groom — frequent and enthusiastic attendees at local dances — grew up together in Rock Creek and were in their 30s when they married.

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Clarence E. Allen and Anna Anderson Allen pose for a composite wedding photograph. They met through church activities and married in June 1913 in Twin Falls, says granddaughter Sonia Alexander of Twin Falls.

n notes found after her death, Jessie Robinson Bisbee wrote of a partnership that was important both to early Twin Falls' promotion and to today's understanding of the city's first century.

That partnership was her marriage to Clarence Bisbee, the prolific photographer whose name — on Twin Falls tongues — is synonymous with historical pictures.

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ways with our cherished memories and shining dreams."

The Twin Falls journalist who publicized the contents of those notes in 1988, the late Gus Kelker, was unable to determine whether the Bisbees were married in Nebraska or in Idaho, where Clarence arrived in 1906 and Jessie in 1910.

But today — as the annual rush of engagement and marriage announcements starts to crowd *The Times-News* pages — we present photos from half a dozen other weddings from the early decades of the past century.

— Virginia S. Hutchins

Carrie Weaver Sharp and N.V. Sharp pose for a wedding picture on July 23, 1908, in Twin Falls. Because of ill health, Weaver had come from North Carolina to be with her brother, who had homesteaded near Twin Falls. But the brother got sick and died, leaving Weaver with a homestead she was unable to take care of. She was being courted by other men, but Sharp was the successful suitor. After their marriage, Sharp took over the running of the homestead, says their daughter Helen Harris of Gooding.

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Photo courtesy of STORIE WALTON of Twin Falls

Magnus Larsen and Cassie Elaine Daniels pose for a 1906 wedding portrait in Twin Falls. The Larsens — grandparents of Nell Larsen of Hansen, and great-uncle and great-aunt of George Walton of Twin Falls — were Rock Creek pioneers and ranchers. In this marriage, the wife put the fish in the frying pan. "Cassie just was a fantastic fish-person," Walton says. "When she went fishing ... she always brought fish home."



Charles Allen and Helen Slack Allen marry at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls on July 3, 1938. They met through church activities and married a year after Helen graduated from high school, daughter Sonia Alexander says. Parents of both groom and bride had also been married in Twin Falls — in 1913 and 1917.

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