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Ronald Reagan dies at 93



Ronald Reagan

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON—Ronald Reagan, the one-time movie actor who became one of the nation's most important 20th century presidents, died Saturday in his California home.

He was 93. Reagan, whose legacy combined extraordinary successes with some major missteps, was the oldest person ever elected president and lived longer than any other chief executive.

An icon of generations of Republicans who was seen by many as the ideological father of the current Bush administration, he had rarely been seen in public in recent years after his

1994 announcement he was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. "My family and I would like the world to know that President Ronald Reagan has passed away after 10 years of Alzheimer's disease at 93 years of age," Nancy Reagan said in a statement. "We appreciate everyone's prayers."

Nancy Reagan, son Ron Reagan and daughter Patti Davis were at the former president's Bel-Air home when he died shortly after 4 p.m. EDT from pneumonia, complicated by Alzheimer's disease, family spokeswoman Joanne Drake said. His son Michael arrived shortly after. His eight-year tenure included

Even critics saw him as larger-than-life figure. **Page A5**

T.F. residents remember his visit in 1986. **Page B1**

ed one of the longest economic expansions since World War II and the beginning of a new era in the U.S.-Soviet relations that supporters said led to the end of the Cold War. He also reshaped the terms of domestic political debate, helped to create a new confidence among the American people and brought the Republican Party to its strongest position in a half century. But Reagan failed to reverse the steady growth of the domestic welfare state and, while he helped the GOP control the Senate for six of his eight years in

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'HE THAT COMES SAFE HOME'



CORY MIERS/The Times-News

Richard Commons of Kimberly earned medals in both World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of a tank destroyer crew that attacked Utah Beach in Normandy on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day.

The band of brothers dwindles

"This day is called the feast of Crispian; He that outlives this day and comes safe home— Will stand a tip-toe when this day is named."

—From Shakespeare's "Henry V"

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — It's an insistent-y cheerful spring day, so Richard Commons doesn't tarry long before the display of military medals and memorabilia in his home. Commons' wife is outside

Area veterans remember D-Day. **Page A2**

France honors veterans. **Page A7**

Germany will participate. **Page A7**

tending her flowers, and this seems neither the time nor the place for war and remembrance.

"They're here, all the time," said Commons, 79, with a nod toward his Army decorations. "Sometimes I stop and look and them as I go from room to room: most of the time I don't."

Sixty years ago this morning, Commons was a frightened 19-year-old corporal struggling up Utah Beach in a tank destroyer, a medium tank armed with weapons designed to kill other tanks. He was at the pointed end of the Normandy invasion — better known as D-Day — and although there weren't as many Germans shooting back as on neighboring Omaha Beach that day, 200 of his comrades died

or were wounded on the sand and in the surf that morning.

"We came rolling out of that LCT (a large landing craft) in our tank destroyer not knowing if we were going to hit bottom or not," Commons said. "The tank was buttoned up tight, so that if it sunk, there was no way we could get out of it."

"Fortunately, the tank treads found the bottom and we got up on the beach. A lot of the tanks at Omaha Beach weren't so lucky. A tank in the water is a coffin."

One hundred fifty-five thousand American, British, **Page A2**

On the front lines

Deployment sends Idaho soldiers into 'hazardous mission'

The Associated Press

BOISE — Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the war efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq have mostly seemed a world away from the peaceful mountains and quiet deserts of Idaho.

Mountain Home Air Force Base was called to serve in the first wave of attacks against the Taliban in Afghanistan, and smaller Idaho Air National Guard units have carried out specialized missions since then in Iraq, Qatar and Uzbekistan.

But nothing will compare to the impact that the 2,000 homegrown soldiers will have on the state as the 116th Cavalry Brigade is sent to Iraq this fall in the largest deployment of the Idaho National Guard.

This weekend marks the beginning of their planned one-year tour of duty in Iraq. Before the one-year clock starts ticking, the soldiers will first travel to Fort Bliss, Texas, for several months of training before shipping out for duty in Iraq.

Idaho Guard will be joined in Texas by militias from Oregon, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The combined unit will serve under the command of Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart, a Bozelle native with 33 years of military experience.

"I don't think there's any doubt it's a hazardous mission," Gayhart said last week in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Unlike so-called "regular" military personnel who serve **Page A6**

PARADING DOWN THE STREET

Jonathan Rich, 7, takes inventory of his candy prize as the Western Days Parade heads down Falls Avenue in Twin Falls Saturday. For more on the parade and other Western Days events, please see Magic Valley, page B1, and Sports, page C1.



CORY MIERS/The Times-News

Shoshone Falls will run for an hour

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Shoshone Falls will be on display at least for about one hour Saturday as Twin Falls drizzles up some wet stuff to celebrate its 100th desert birthday.

The falls probably won't be at the summer's peak flow that the event organizers had hoped. That's because of a warm spring and several years of below-normal precipitation that have left the falls essentially

Blessing of the Water event details

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dry since 2001. But more water still promises to come for a several-week period, perhaps later this month or after July 1.

It's one of those years where you keep getting lemons, and you keep making lemonade, and you hope it isn't too sour." **Page A2**

7 days, 7 reasons to read

A tale of whoa
There's a movement to get people to slow down.
Monday

Sharing a bond
Sisters battle cancer.
Tuesday

Cooking for company
Area hostess shares her secrets.
Wednesday

Trapper Creek
Geology and history come together at a scenic spot near Oakley.
Thursday

Green acres
Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum wants you to take part in Live History Day.
Friday

Church growth
What's the story in southern Idaho?
Saturday

Which way dad?
Americans feel conflicted as they celebrate Father's Day.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly sunny and warm with gusty southwesterly winds. Highs near 80...
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and breezy winds. Lows near 50.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, brisk and cooler. Highs in the lower 70s.

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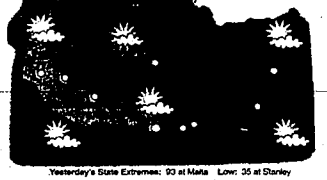
Today: Periods of sunshine, windy at times and warm. Highs near 80.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and breezy winds. Lows in the upper 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, brisk and cooler. Highs in the lower 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Periods of clouds and turning cool over the next few days. Showers will be possible at times, especially in the north. Campers can expect very cool nights in the higher elevations.

BOISE
Increasing clouds and brisk winds are expected over the next few days. Temperatures will be turning cooler. There will only be a slight chance for a shower.

NORTHERN UTAH
Gusty winds and very warm temperatures are expected over the next few days. There will be a turning cooler and more comfortable by Tuesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 93 at Malheur, Low: 35 at Stanley. Weather key: sun-sunny, part-sunny, cloudy, mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-shower, r-rain, drizzle, fl-fog, mist, br-brisk, wind, m-mild, m-moderate.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

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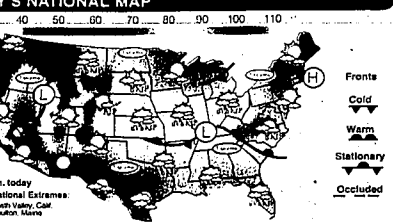
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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, and Yesterday. Lists various Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



D-Day

Continued from A1. The Canadian and French troops went ashore on the Normandy coast on June 6, 1944, the largest amphibious assault ever undertaken. Partly as a result, Nazi-Germany fell 11 months later.

Remembering D-Day

In June 1994, on the 50th anniversary of D-Day, The Times-News asked several of the approximately 100 Magic Valley soldiers, sailors and airmen who participated in the Normandy landings of June 6, 1944, to share their memories. Most of the veterans quoted below have since died, but here are some of their stories:

Daimeer Lowder, Filer (Signal corpsman, St. Mere l'eglise)

"Our unit was stationed in Iceland for a month earlier in '44 and I was Gen. (Oran) Bradley's driver. (Bradley was the commander of the 1st Infantry Division at Normandy). I drove him all over the island. One of the nicest fellas I ever met. Acted like a regular person; you wouldn't know he was a big shot."

Francis Rider, Twin Falls (Flight engineer, 8th Air Force, England)

"I flew on a B-17, and they sent us to St. Lo, which was a major strategic and communications center for the Germans. We were bombing at 15,000 feet, which was about 10,000 feet lower than we'd do our bomb runs over Germany, and at that altitude, we were sitting ducks. Fortunately, there were no German fighters, only flak."

Darrell Jensen, Hagerman (Flight engineer, 15th Air Force, Foglia, Italy)

"I flew on a B-17 out of Italy, and our normal area of operations was Berlin and Eastern Europe. But on June 6, they sent us against marshaling yards and bridges in northern France, which was a milk run compared to what we were used to. No fighters, no flak."

Pete Burmikel, Twin Falls (Rifeman, Omaha Beach)

"One of the worst parts of France was after we got to St. Lo. We had captured a lot of Germans, but we had to keep moving. So we had to shoot the prisoners. It was terrible."

Reagan

Continued from A1. office, his party failed to break the Democratic grip on the House until six years after he left office. His presidency was marked by record budget deficits and a series of scandals that included the Iran-contra affair abroad and the ethical problems of a number of top advisers.

Idaho legislators describe Reagan as 'American giant'

BOISE (AP) - Legislators remembered Ronald Reagan as "an American giant" who claimed an overwhelming state victory by Idaho voters in his 1984 re-election bid. Governor Dirk Kempthorne recalled seeing Reagan during the president's second term while he was the mayor of Boise, calling the meeting with the 40th president in the cabinet room of the White House "a great honor."

Falls

Continued from A1. said Vince Alberdi, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co. The canal company and Idaho Power Co. are joint sponsors of Saturday's centennial Blessing of the Water celebration.

When to catch the falls

Shoshone Falls will run between 2 and 3 p.m. Saturday for the centennial Blessing of the Water celebration. said Mike Beus, a water manager with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley.

There will be enhanced by drawing down Idaho Power's reservoir 2 miles upstream at the Twin Falls by about 1 foot.

When the Milner releases do occur, they will be provided by upstream irrigators who have pledged 3 percent of their reservoir storage water to meet state commitments for downstream endangened salmon runs. The water will flow all the way down the river through Hells Canyon into Washington state. That's where the Snake River meets tributaries that lead into central Idaho's salmon country.

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IDAHO LOTTERY

Table showing Idaho Lottery results for Saturday, June 5, 2004. Includes numbers 09 19 41 42 and 99 39.

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Irrigators have until July 1 to firm up their contracts, but Beus may not have firm numbers on the amount of water he has to work with until then.

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Reagan gave voice to patriotism of America

Former president bore affectionate relationship to U.S.

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press writer

Ronald Reagan had an uncommon ability to give voice to the optimism and patriotism of the American people. The most conservative president in half a century bore down on Soviet communism and challenged the central assumptions about what government should do.

Reagan's death Saturday, at age 93, came nearly a decade after he revealed in November 1994 that he was a victim of Alzheimer's, a mind-crumbing disease, and had begun a journey, "as he wrote, "into the sunset of my life."

More than any other politician of his time, Reagan had an affectionate relationship with his countrymen that endured through his two terms.

He was "Dutch" Reagan, the radio man, he was "the Gipper," forever asking voters to win one more for him. His eyes glistened when he heard the national anthem. He was comfortable with himself. He was optimistic. He kept short office hours and joked about it; it was true, he said, that hard work never killed anyone, "but, I figure, why take the chance?"

Reagan was famously dismissive of the value of government and oddly detached from its daily workings.

At the end of the years he summed up his philosophy in a slogan: "Government is not the solution to our problem. Government is the problem." He opened up massively on aides and fixed his sights on a few big things.

Reagan took office at 69, an age when most people have ended their work lives. Behind him was a full life, as an actor sports announcer, an radio who made 51 movies in 29 years, a television performer, a traveling spokesman for the General Electric Co., a two-term governor of California and a crusader for conservative politics.

Originally he was a Democrat, one who even carried a union card in his Hollywood days. He later became an "Eisenhower Democrat" and still later a Barry Goldwater Republican.

In his principles and his words, he was conservative to the core. But he acted more pragmatically than he talked. He could accept compromise without acknowledging it.

At every turn contradictions abounded. He preached a balanced budget but never proposed or achieved one, and the government continued to grow during his presidency. The national debt nearly tripled.

He denounced the "Evil Empire" but ultimately came around to doing business with that empire, the Soviet Union. He signed the first arms control



AP photo

President Ronald Reagan works at his desk in the Oval Office of the White House as he prepares a speech on tax revision in May 24, 1985 file photo. It is reported that Reagan died on Saturday, June 5, 2004 at 93.

Highlights from Reagan's presidency

Here are highlights from Ronald Reagan's two terms as president:

- Jan. 20, 1981: Inaugurated as Iran releases 52 U.S. hostages after 444 days in captivity.
- March 30, 1981: Seriously wounded by would-be assassin John W. Hinckley Jr.
- July 1981: Nominated first woman, Sandra Day O'Connor, to U.S. Supreme Court. Won passage by Congress of deep tax cuts, one month after winning deep spending cuts.
- August 1981: Fired striking air traffic controllers.
- Oct. 23, 1983: Terrorist bomb killed 237 Marines in Beirut, Lebanon.
- Oct. 25, 1983: U.S. troops led invasion of Grenada.
- June 1984: Celebrated 40th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.
- November 1984: Won landslide re-election, sweeping 49 states and defeating Democrat Walter Mondale.
- Nov. 19, 1985: Met Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva for their first summit.
- Jan. 26, 1986: Space shuttle Challenger exploded.
- April 14, 1986: United Nations bombed Libya's Muammar Gadhafi in payback for terrorist bombing of Berlin discotheque frequented by U.S. soldiers.
- Oct. 12, 1986: Second Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Reykjavik, Iceland, explored deal to scrap all nuclear weapons, ended in impasse over Strategic Defense Initiative.
- Oct. 22, 1986: Signed legislation overhauling U.S. tax code.
- Nov. 6, 1986: Secret plan to sell U.S. arms to Iran disclosed.
- Nov. 19, 1986: Denied trading arms for hostages.
- March 4, 1987: Admitted trading arms for hostages, termed it "a mistake."
- Dec. 8, 1987: Third Reagan-Gorbachev summit, in Washington, yielded treaty to cut U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear arsenals for first time.

— Knight Ridder News Service

accord that actually eliminated existing nuclear weapons. He exalted family values, yet he was the first divorced president and his own family life was anything but idyllic. As adults, three of his children — Michael and Patti — wrote bitter memoirs describing their father as icy and remote. Toward the end, in illness, he and his wife, Nancy, reconciled with all four of his children — Michael, a son adopted with his first wife, actress Jane Wyman; Maureen, a daughter of Reagan and Wyman; and Patti and Ron, born to Reagan and Nancy. Maureen died in 2001 of cancer. His were the simpler virtues.

came criticism of Democrats who tried to picture him a trigger-happy zealot.

After four years, two years of recession, two of prosperity — Reagan was re-elected by a huge margin, carrying 49 of the 50 states and getting 59 percent of the vote in defeating Democrat Walter F. Mondale, who had been Carter's vice president.

He embraced a conservative economic theory called "supply-side," a belief that tax cuts would stimulate the economy and so pay for themselves. When it did not work out that way, Reagan explained that Democratic Congresses had been too timid in applying the concept.

In any event, by the time Reagan left office, his goal of eliminating the deficit was still elusive — his eight budgets averaged deficits of \$180 billion.

Reagan's first inauguration occurred at an electric moment in American history. Just 36 minutes after he took the oath of office, word was flashed that a plane had left Iran carrying 52 Americans to freedom after 14.5 months as hostages. It was a happy omen for a stand-tall president.

On Reagan's 70th day as president, a dramatic, frightening event occurred: the way he handled it had the effect of cementing his affectionate relationship with the people.

On March 30, 1981, Reagan was leaving a Washington hotel after addressing labor leaders. As he headed for his limousine, a mentally troubled driver, John

Hinckley, fired six shots at him. A bullet lodged an inch from Reagan's heart. As an anxious country awaited word of his fate, Reagan issued his own medical bulletin, in the form of a wisecrack to Nancy: "Honey, I forgot to duck." Battered aside, he was more gravely injured than people knew at the time.

In his first major appearance after his recovery, Reagan ad-

ressed Congress, and the legislators gave him a boisterous reception. Overcoming their misgivings, they enacted Reagan's 25 percent tax cut that critics later called the cause of Reaganomics' deficits.

He was a notably hands-off president. He kept aides at bay, receiving their reports without comment. He believed in Cabi-

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REMEMBERING REAGAN



Reagan

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net government. He left almost everything — save core philosophy and presentation — to underlings, including foreign policy, the budget, appointments to office.

Reagan could afford detachment — he had Nancy. She was his protector, his booster, his adviser. Perhaps more than any first lady, she was a power behind the scenes, one to whom presidential aides deferred.

The love held for his wife was plain to see. He brightened in her presence, slumped when she was away for long. "I miss her if she even steps out of the room," Reagan wrote in a tribute on their 40th wedding anniversary.

His remoteness, his reliance on aides and his ability to brush off a potentially damaging turn of events with a self-deprecating joke earned him the title, "The Teflon President." To the consternation of critics, criticism rolled off him, and he didn't seem to notice it.

Humor played a big role in his success. He used quips and anecdotes to win over audiences and cement the loyalty of subordinates.

"I came over on such short notice that I haven't had a chance to read my remarks yet," he started one speech. "But the speechwriters usually do a pretty good job so I'll just begin."

Not as much as he wanted nor as much as he claimed, Reagan reshaped the American government. He left intact such New Deal programs as Social Security, but gutted the anti-poverty programs of Lyndon Johnson and the general revenue sharing idea of Richard Nixon. He reduced taxes for the rich.

Yet, for all of Reagan's conservatism, federal spending more than doubled during his watch.

In foreign affairs, Reagan built the arsenals of war while seeking — and achieving — unprecedented arms control agreements with the Soviet Union.

Some historians believe that Moscow's attempt to keep pace with Reagan's trillion-dollar arms buildup, including the never-completed "Star Wars" defense initiative, was a big factor in the communist superpower's ultimate collapse, which occurred after Reagan had left office.

In retrospect, it seemed that Reagan had had a greater impact in reshaping the Republican Party than the gov-



Nancy Reagan watches as her husband Ronald Reagan takes the oath of office at the Capitol in this January 20, 1981, file photo.

ernment. For many years, the GOP was divided into liberal and conservative wings, with the liberals often dominant. After Reagan, the GOP candidate had moderate instincts, as the first President Bush was believed to harbor, he had to be careful. The term "liberal Republican" fell from the political lexicon.

Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on Feb. 6, 1911, in a four-room apartment over the general store in Tampico, Ill., the younger of the two sons of Nelle and John Reagan. His father was an alcoholic sales manager who had trouble supporting his family.

The elder Reagan said the baby looked like a little Dutchman, and the nickname "Dutch" took hold.

When Ronald was 9 the family settled for good in Dixon, Ill. At Dixon High, Reagan participated in football, basketball and track, acted in school plays and won his first election as president of the student body.

He majored in economics and sociology at Eureka College near Peoria, where he again was active in sports and theater and was elected student body president.

After graduation in 1932, he got a job as a sports announcer for WOC radio in Davenport, Iowa, and went on to a \$75-a-week position at WJIO in Des Moines, covering title fights and 'Big Ten' football live and simulcast broadcasts of Chicago Cubs baseball from a play-by-play telegraph wire.

He lined up a screen test while in California for Cubs spring training, was signed to a \$200-a-week contract at Warner Bros. and made his debut as a radio

announcer in the 1937 film, "Love is on the Air." He got his first big break as the doorman halfback George Gipp in "Knute Rockne, All-American." It was Gipp, in the movie, who inspired the coach from his deathbed to have the boys "win one for the Gipper," a phrase associated with Reagan for the rest of his life.

Reagan became president of the Screen Actors Guild in 1947 and was elected to five more terms.

He cooperated in a purge of suspected communists from the movies during the Cold War years. He appeared as a friendly witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee, but tried to protect the innocent.

In World War II, he made training films for the troops. After he returned to Hollywood, his film career sagged somewhat, and he turned to TV. From 1954 to 1962, he appeared as host and performer on the popular General Electric Theater on television and sharpened his public speaking skills as chief U.S. ambassador. He eventually parted company with G.E. as his interest in politics grew.

Late in the 1964 campaign, Reagan gave a nationally televised speech on behalf of Goldwater's presidential candidacy, telling Americans, "We defend freedom here or it is gone."

The speech raised a flood of contributions and hit themes that most Republicans are still reciting: taxes, government regulation, bureaucracy. It was a turning point for Reagan. Wealthy businessmen persuaded him to run against incumbent Democratic Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown.

Brown derided him as "just an actor," the first in a parade of opponents to underestimate Reagan's appeal. Reagan turned his lack of experience into an asset, running as a "citizen politician," a role he never gave up.

"For many years now you and I have been shushed like children — and told there are no simple answers," he would say. "Well, there are simple answers. There just are not any ones."

He attacked student rebels on University of California campuses, pictured welfare recipients as "a faceless mass waiting for handouts" and beat Brown in the election of 1966 by 702,000 votes.

After a scandal-free and surprisingly moderate term, he easily won re-election in 1970.

Despite his conservative rhetoric, state spending doubled during the Reagan years, and he signed the country's most permissive abortion law. Later saying he did not know it was so liberal.

Reagan briefly became a presidential candidate in 1968, but Nixon had tied up the votes. Then, in 1976, Reagan challenged President Ford unsuccessfully in the Republican primaries.

Ford lost the general election to Carter, and Reagan was the front-runner from the start to take on Carter in 1980.

By time the Republican convention opened, Reagan was the only remaining candidate in an

original field of seven. After flirring with the extraordinary idea of drafting Ford as his vice presidential running mate, he gave that idea up and picked his chief rival for the nomination, George H.W. Bush, even though Bush had ridiculed Reagan's "voodoo economics."

After his two terms as president, Reagan settled into life in a fashionable Los Angeles enclave, Bel Air.


He signed a deal worth up to \$7 million to publish a volume of speeches and wrote his memoirs, and lined up a \$50,000-per-speech lecture contract.

Even in retirement, he was dogged by the biggest scandal of

his presidency, the Iran-Contra affair, which arose from the disclosure that he authorized secret arms sales to Iran while seeking Iranian help to gain release of American hostages held in Lebanon. Some of the money Iran paid was used — without his knowledge — to buy arms for anti-communist rebels fighting the Marxist-led government of Nicaragua.

But evidence introduced in the trial of Reagan's former national security aide, Oliver L. North, showed that Reagan was more deeply involved than previously disclosed in efforts to encourage other countries to aid the Nicaraguan rebels.

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REMEMBERING REAGAN

Even to critics, Reagan loomed larger than life

By Thomas M. DeFrank
New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — Camp Liberty Bell, South Korea, 1983. Ronald Reagan is saddling up after a quick visit to the demilitarized zone, where he has just stared through goggles across the barren border between the two Koreas at a Potemkin village to the north and dismissed it as just another phony Hollywood set.



President Ronald Reagan reacts to applause from members of a joint session of Congress prior to addressing the group Tuesday night, April 28, 1981.

Reagan expects to board his helicopter for the short return hop to Seoul. But his advance men have prepared a surprise. It turns out that the U.S. Army unit serving as his host is descended from the fabled 7th Cavalry commanded by Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, whom Reagan portrayed in "Santa Fe Trail." Instead of motorcading to his chopper, aides suggest that the president walk instead.



Former President Ronald Reagan and former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev talk during a Gorbachev visit to Reagan's ranch in California in May 1992.

Ever the showman, Reagan eagerly agrees. Wearing his 2nd infantry Division baseball jacket, the commander-in-chief sets off down the camp's dusty main drag. An Army band plays in the background, striking up Custer's favorite march, "Garryowen."

It's a moment of sublime theatrical magic, and by the time Reagan strolls up to Marine One, his chest is so puffed up, he could pass for one of the floats in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"Just like in the movies," he tells an aide later, still savoring the memory.

Even to many of his critics, Ronald Wilson Reagan seemed larger than life. He was Franklin D. Roosevelt played by John Wayne — the custodian of old-fashioned virtues and values that had made his America great; and he was convinced, with a bit more nurturing, he could restore it to what he loved to call "that shining city on a hill."

Reagan had an old-fashioned view of life — even on weekends, he wore a jacket to work, lest he give offense to the dignity of the Oval Office — and a conservative's chilling disdain for Washington. "Government is not the solution to our problem," he said in his first inaugural address. "Govern-

ment is the problem."

side the legacy of a great American's future or revolutionized modern economic theory. Reagan also likely will be credited for abandoning, in his waning years in office, in part through the prodding of his wife, Nancy — his Cold Warrior dogma in favor of better relations with a Soviet Union that he once denounced as an Evil Empire that someday would end up in history's dustbin.

On that score, he was a prophet. The disintegration Reagan so confidently predicted happened months after he left office in 1989.

But Reagan's enduring achievement almost certainly will turn out to be the revival of America's spirit.

Still nursing a hangover from the debacle of the Vietnam War, the national psyche was further battered in 1979 when the Iranian mullahs took American diplomats and staff hostage for 44 days. President Jimmy Carter's botched rescue attempt, which claimed the lives of U.S. troops, was a haunting glimpse of an American decline and retreat.

Against this backdrop of national self-doubt, Reagan emerged as Dr. Feelgood, cheerfully reassuring skeptics that America was still the greatest nation on Earth, capable of imposing its will in an uncertain

world when circumstances required.

From the tiny Caribbean isle of Grenada to the shores of Tripoli, Reagan proved his point with the swift and successful dispatch of U.S. combat power and his defense buildup. His 1984 campaign theme song, "God Bless the U.S.A.," was a powerful metaphor for the psychological sea change he wrought. Suddenly, it seemed, "Proud to be an American" were more than just recitation lyrics.

By normal contemporary measurements, Reagan probably would manage only gentlemen's C marks. He worked the shortest hours of any predecessor since Calvin Coolidge. He took so many vacations, the West Wing gag went, that he loved to show friends slides of work.

Except for a few core issues in which his faith was rock-solid, he was easily manipulated by the top advisers he called "the boys." Similarly, it's hard to imagine President Lyndon Johnson mockily acquiescing when his chief of staff and Treasury secretary informed him they'd decided to switch jobs. But when James Baker and Donald Regan hatched that scheme in 1985, Reagan signed off without a whimper.

Critics called him intellectually lazy, and his political allies complained privately about his short attention span and middling grasp of issues.

After he bumbled his way through a disastrous performance in the first debate against Walter Mondale during his 1984 reelection campaign, a member of the GOP Senate leadership complained to a reporter: "This is exactly what we see every time

we go down there for a leadership meeting."

Reagan had a degree in economics, but his inattention to detail prompted some legendary gaffes. As senior aides listened in pained horror, he once explained how nuclear missiles could be recalled from their targets after launch. He referred to the president of Liberia, Samuel Doe, as "Chairman Moe" and greeted his own housing secretary as "Mr. Mayor." At a state

dinner in Brazil, he drank a toast to Bolivia.

Nevertheless, Reagan made it work through the sheer force of his pleasing personality, his actor's sense of a good scene, the great fortune of following Carter's failed presidency and a Rooseveltian flair for communication on a grand scale. There was something about Reagan that connected with people. Even his adversaries confessed to liking the man.

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Diana Lincoln Haye ~ Pioneer Heritage to Sleep Center Pioneer

Diana is owner of Diagnostic Sleep Center, which she started in 1994. Diana comes from a long time pioneer family in Magic Valley. Diana's great, grand grandfather, George Lincoln came to Twin Falls in 1903 with his construction company to work on the new canal. George's sons, Ivan and Richard, later formed the Lincoln Sheep Company, which operated in Filer and Murtaugh. Ivan's son (and Diana's grandfather) Delvin bought the Sheep Company in 1948 and continued the Murtaugh ranching operation. Delvin also started the Gooding Livestock Commission Company with his uncle J.L. Bany. Diana's father, Stuart Lincoln, took over the ranching operations in 1953 after the untimely death of his father, Delvin from a farming accident. Stuart later went back to school and became a Veterinarian and worked for Jackson's in Twin Falls for four years. Stuart furthered his education to become a Veterinary Pathologist and taught for both WSU and U of I. Diana spent her childhood in Idaho, Colorado and Washington State, coming back to Twin Falls in 1983 to work for MVRMC as a Respiratory Therapist. Diana worked for Idaho Home Health and Hospice for five years and then started Jensen and Haye Oxygen Co. with Kent Jensen in 1989. Jensen and Haye provided home respiratory care services and medical equipment. They sold the medical equipment company in 1995. In 1994 before she sold the equipment company she started Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Center. Diana had been working with patients on Continuous Positive Airway Pressure, which is the treatment for sleep apnea and discovered that the closest sleep center was 120 miles away. Diana's motivation was to provide the community with a much needed service locally. The primary focus of the Sleep Center over the last ten years has been to provide quality patient care for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders such as sleep apnea, narcolepsy and insomnia. Diana started the Idaho State Sleep Disorders Association and has worked closely with the state on licensing sleep technologists. Diana and her husband Stan both work at Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Center and ranch south of Kimberly. Stan and Diana have six children and three grandchildren.

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June 10	"Blackburn Brigham Falls"	Blackburn, ID	3:00pm	June 9	Walla Walla Spurs	Walla Walla/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm
June 12	"Shady Devils"	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm	June 11	"Highland Reds"	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm
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June 18	"Pomona Hills"	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm	June 15	Great American Tourney	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm
June 26	"Tippie Valley Bulldogs"	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm	June 21	Cherry Creek/Casper Stars	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm
June 29	"Highland Stars"	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm	June 22	Cherry Creek/Casper Stars	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm
July 14	Idaho State	TBA, ID	TBA	June 27-21	Triple Play Baseball Tournament	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	7:00pm
July 6	"New Lake Bears"	New Lake, ID	1:00pm	July 4	Triple Play Baseball Tournament	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	7:00pm
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July 23	"Highland Knights"	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm	July 14	Triple Play Baseball Tournament	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	7:00pm
July 25	A District Play Game	TBA	TBA	July 18	Madison Cubs	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm
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July 28-31	A District Tournament	American Falls, ID	TBA	July 18	Madison Cubs	Black Hills/Twin Falls, ID	4:00pm
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NATION

Bomb, ambush dim hopes in Iraq

Two soldiers die in explosion
Knight Riddler News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Even as American officials expressed cautious optimism about the first 24 hours of a militia ceasefire in southern Iraq, and continued to hope that a recently appointed Iraqi government will bring peace to the nation, yet another day of grisly violence broke out in Baghdad on Saturday.



Iraqi militants loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr fire a mortar at U.S. troops in the Baghdad, Iraq district of Sadr City Saturday.

In the first attack, a roadside bomb killed two U.S. soldiers and injured two others in the early morning hours near the restive Baghdad neighborhood of Sadr City. It was the same section of town in which the four soldiers had been killed and five wounded the day before.

Later in the afternoon, a convoy was ambushed near the Baghdad airport. Although U.S. officials did not provide a body count or a description of the events, witnesses at the scene said at least four people died. The identities of the dead were not known, but the sport utility vehicles engaged in fire and smoke after the attack were the sort used by civilian con-

and glass breaking as the SUVs went up in flames.

To the west of Baghdad a civilian contractor was killed and a soldier wounded in a roadside bomb attack on their convoy near the town of Halwaja, according to the U.S. military.

In the southern cities of Najaf and Kufa, sites of recent intense battles between the U.S. Army and fighters loyal to Muslim cleric Muqtada al Sadr, militia members reportedly began putting down their arms.

Film footage showed shops open on the streets of Najaf, which just the day before had been filled with swarms of gunmen. An arrest warrant is still outstanding for al Sadr, accused of being involved in the murder of a rival cleric.

Dan Senor, a U.S. spokesman, said that American officials still expect al Sadr to stand trial in an Iraqi court for the alleged crime, but gave no indication of how or when that might happen.

While expressing encouragement at the apparent calm in the south, Senor said U.S. officials would be watching during the next few days to see how things turn out.

A cease-fire less than two weeks ago lasted only a few days before new fighting erupted.

The second SUV, a white GMC, was carrying westerners and accompanied by military Humvees, he said.

After the Land Cruiser was hit, the driver, his face covered in blood, leaned out the window and yelled that there were women and children inside the vehicle, and they were burning to death, Khamis said. Onlookers were unable to respond because of the crossfire.

Mustafa Mohammed, 14, said he could hear people screaming

Cheap gas from war? Only for Iraqis, not U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — While Americans are shelling out record prices for fuel, Iraqis pay only about 5 cents a gallon for gasoline — a benefit of hundreds of millions of dollars subsidies bankrolled by American taxpayers.

More than a year after the invasion, that logic has been flipped on its head. Now the average price for gasoline in the United States is running \$2.05 a gallon — 50 cents more than the pre-invasion price.

Instead, the only people getting cheap gas as a result of the invasion are the Iraqis.

Filling a 22-gallon tank in Baghdad with low-grade fuel costs just \$1.10, plus a 50-cent tip for the attendant. A tankful of

high-test costs \$2.75.

In Britain, by contrast, gasoline prices hit \$5.79 per gallon last week — \$127 for a tankful.

Although Iraq is a major petroleum producer, the country has little capacity to refine its own gasoline. So the U.S. government pays about \$1.50 a gallon to buy fuel in neighboring countries and deliver it to Iraqi stations. A three-month supply costs American taxpayers more than \$500 million, not including the cost of military escorts to fend off attacks by Iraqi insurgents.

The arrangement keeps a fleet of 4,200 tank trucks constantly on the move, ferrying fuel to Iraq.

"We thank the Americans," Baghdad taxi driver Osama Hashim said. "They risked their lives to liberate us and now they are improving our lives."

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Guard

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the federal government, National Guardsmen are reservists under the command of the states until called up for federal service by the U.S. Department of Defense.

National Guardsmen are exceptional because they are part of the fabric of their communities. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has said, "Most hold full-time civilian jobs and conduct their military training part-time, usually one weekend a month and two full weeks a year."

The number of Idaho Guardsmen being deployed this summer is equivalent to all the working-age adults who live in cities the size of Orofino, Ketchikan, American Falls or Fruitland.

And they're taking a massive amount of equipment — 100 rail cars full of gear — including approximately 15 M1A1 Abrams tanks and six 155 mm self-propelled cannons. The material will travel by ship to Iraq while the troops are training in Texas.

Staff Sgt. David Burbank of Meridian is a 24-year-old student at the University of Idaho, working on a degree in fisheries biology. He's putting his degree on hold to serve as an intelligence analyst for the 116th.

"It's definitely not good timing, but it's never a good time for a deployment," said Burbank, who has already served a four-year hitch in the regular Army. "If this is the time, that's fine."

Altogether, there are 2,200 enlisted personnel, 166 officers and 23 warrant officers assigned to the 116th.

Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, the Guard's spokesman, said several hundred members of the unit would not be deployed to Iraq because they have already served more than a year on stateside assignments, such as providing security for Home Field in Boise, Mountain Home Air Force Base and Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

Federal regulations stipulate that National Guardsmen can only serve two-year stretches

Idaho's involvement in past wars and conflicts

More than 2,000 members of the Idaho National Guard are being deployed to Iraq this fall, following three months of training in Fort Bliss, Texas. It will be the largest mobilization of Idaho National Guard troops in its history.

Earlier this year, about 300 members of the Air and Army National Guard had been stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Two Pentagon employees from Idaho were killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, jetliner attack. In the three years since then, six servicemen from Idaho have been killed in action since military operations began, including Air Force Master Sgt. Ender Andrews, the first U.S. casualty who was killed in a jetliner accident in Qatar in October, 2001.

Alman from the 368th Fighter Wing based at Mountain Home Air Force Base played a major role in the air attacks on Taliban and al-Qaeda forces in Afghanistan after the terror attacks.

They add to Idaho's history of supporting the nation's war efforts since statehood in 1890.

• **Spanish-American War, 1898:** The 1st Idaho State Militia, the state's first military unit, had its first assignment in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War of 1898. About 700 federalized troops returned in August 1899. One officer and four enlisted men were killed in action, while 17 died of disease or accidents.

• **World War I, 1917-1918:** Idaho National Guard troops went to Europe in the summer of 1918 and fought on Western Front in France. According to the Department of Defense Directorate of Information, 22,101 men from Idaho served in the war. There were 323 battle deaths and 930 wounded.

• **World War II, 1941-1945:** Idaho National Guard engineers, medical services and ordinance soldiers served with the 41st Division in the Pacific. Several Idaho units saw action in the Philippines. Also, the 95th Field Artillery Battalion served in Europe and fought at Normandy after D-Day. From Idaho, 65,154 men and women served. There were

1,377 battle deaths and 6,228 wounded.

• **Korean War, 1950-1953:** The Idaho National Guard 116th Engineers Battalion worked on road and bridge construction projects. Idaho lost 131 soldiers, sailors and airmen in the Korean War.

• **Vietnam, 1964-1973:** The 116th Engineer Battalion of the Idaho Army National Guard was called again to build roads, bridges and base perimeters. The unit was activated in 1968. The Defense Department lists a total of 237 Idaho servicemen killed in the Vietnam War.

• **Gulf War, 1990:** Two Idaho servicemen were killed. Later, the Idaho Air National Guard 190th Fighter Squadron saw its first combat action, flying F-4Es in 1993 and 1994 as part of Operation Southern Watch.

• **Peacekeeping missions:** Idaho National Guard troops regularly rotate into missions in Bosnia as part of United Nations peacekeeping force.

Source: Department of Defense, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports

on full-time active duty, Marsano said.

About three-fourths of the personnel headed for Iraq are from southwestern Idaho. Ada County will send 1,054 soldiers; Canyon County will provide 403.

In other areas around the state, Bannock County is sending 223 personnel; Kootenai County 163; Twin Falls County 139; Bonneville County 96; and Bingham County 88. Forty-two of the state's 44 counties will send at least one Guardsman.

The soldiers being mobilized cover a wide array of specialties. On the front lines, there will be combat engineers, tank crews, cannon crews, radio operators and equipment drivers.

Right behind them will be a host of support personnel — people who fix the vehicles and gas them up. Others will store, load and maintain the armament.

There will be weather forecasters, intelligence analysts, supply support personnel, technicians, administrative and finance personnel and cooks.

Doctors and medics will patch up the wounded. Mortu-

arians will prepare the casualties for the long trip home, where clergy and counselors will do what they can to help the families.

Gayhart does not dwell on the potential loss of life, but he has had to prepare his soldiers for it, nonetheless.

"We have worked very hard with family support groups and spouses of soldiers to make sure they have the pertinent information," Gayhart said.

"We have conducted and are conducting soldier care issues, such as psychological counseling and suicide prevention. And we will be conducting formal counseling sessions for all leaders and commanders to deal with the issues if we have a casualty. It's a traumatic thing, if that does occur."

But fear of death does not appear to be on the minds of the soldiers.

Since the terror attacks nearly three years ago, the Idaho Guard has signed up nearly 600 new recruits, many with previous military experience.

"I'd say the lion's share of those are going" to Iraq, Marsano said.

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France honors D-Day vets

PARIS (AP) — French officers pinned the Legion of Honor on the chests of 99 former American soldiers Saturday, thanking them at a pomp-filled military ceremony for helping to free Europe from Nazism 60 years ago.

Children and grandchildren watched proudly, many shooting pictures and videos.

Most of the recipients landed on Normandy's beaches on D-Day — others were pilots who backed the invasion with bombs, medics who treated the wounded, troops who landed elsewhere in France after the initial attack.

The government says it wanted to honor the 99 as representatives of all the Americans who helped liberate France from German occupation.

"There's no one who deserves it more than him," Sarah Martin said of her uncle, Alvin Ungereleider, of Burke, Va., who stormed ashore at Omaha Beach and later helped liberate a Nazi concentration camp. "He kept his cool at the landing and in all the chaos was able to lead a group of men."

Also receiving awards were three Australian fighters who participated in D-Day. French President Jacques Chirac will honor 16 more veterans Sunday in Normandy, representatives of nearly a dozen nations who aided the Allied effort.

The Americans — who included a handful of women, mostly former military nurses — stood straight as their names were read over a loudspeaker. French officers pinned a red ribbon and five-pointed silver and green star on each veteran's chest.

"In the name of the president of the Republic and by virtue of the powers conferred on us, we name you chevalier of the Legion of Honor," a military officer told each recipient before offering an embrace.

In the enormous courtyard of the Hotel des Invalides, a palace built for those wounded in war, a military band played the French and American national anthems as troops in berets stood at attention.

"It's a very humbling experience," said former Army nurse Kathleen Golden Dedick, 83, of Florida, who arrived in Normandy a few days after the first wave of forces. "Because I'm here representing the three doctors I worked with, my surgical team and other medical colleagues who had died."

Dr. Charles H. Hostler, 87, a former military doctor, met during the war and received Legions of Honor together, holding hands in the hot Paris sun.

The ceremony was part of a weekend of commemorations marking the 60th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944, when Allied troops landed in Normandy in a push that would eventually break Hitler's grip on Europe.

A 100th American — Charles Hostler, a wartime counterintelligence officer — will receive his Legion of Honor from Chirac on Sunday at the international ceremony in Normandy.

Those honored in Paris represented many branches of the American military and regions of the United States.

Steve Odahowski, 91, of New Port Richey, Fla., said he was thrilled to have been chosen.

He piloted a glider across the English Channel on D-Day, landing in a French field filled with poles the soldiers called "Rommel's asparagus," after the German general masterminding Nazi defenses. Odahowski was quickly taken prisoner and remained in German custody for nearly a year.



World War II veteran Jake McNeice, left, and his friend Jill Launay, a Texan who now lives in the town of St. Mere Eglise, celebrate the arrival of paratroopers near St. Mere Eglise, France on Saturday during a ceremony commemorating the 60th anniversary of the allied invasion of Normandy.



Veterans watch a drop by the 1st Battalion The Parachute Regiment at Ranville in Normandy, France, Saturday.



Standard bearers lower their flags to salute their comrades who died on D-Day 1944 in Caen, Normandy, Saturday.



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard Myers talks to veteran, Don Lassen from Atlanta, Ga., who served in the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment in the 82nd Airborne and who landed in a field near the town during WWII, Saturday.

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Germans will stand with Allies at rites

Chicago Tribune

LA CAMBE, France — Sixty years ago, the Allied troops storming the Normandy beaches knew one thing for sure: Germans were the bad guys.

But today, Germans are good guys. As a nation, Germany is democratic, prosperous and an integral part of Europe. Germany has an army but is loath to use it for anything other than NATO's UN-approved peacekeeping missions.

So it was with surprisingly little controversy that Germany, for the first time, was invited to participate in this year's D-Day remembrances.

In the small villages and towns that dot the Normandy coast, German flags flutter gaily beside the flags of the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Poland, Norway and other nations that contributed men to the D-Day invasion.

At Sunday's ceremonies, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder will stand shoulder to shoulder with the leaders of the nations that defeated Adolf Hitler's Germany in 1945.

Ten years ago, this was impossible. According to diplomatic lore, former Chancellor Helmut Kohl wanted to be invited to the 50th anniversary ceremonies but was politely refused. Too soon, he was told.

A few veterans groups in the U.S. and Britain grumbled that it was still too soon, but their objections were muted. Most veterans now seem to have warmed to the idea.

Schroeder will participate in the main international ceremonies at Arromanches and is then scheduled to travel to the British Cemetery at Ranville, where he will lay a wreath on the tomb of an unknown soldier in the cemetery's small German section.

There are many war cemeteries in Normandy but none larger than the German cemetery here at La Cambe. It contains the graves of 21,222 German soldiers. They are buried in pairs, each marked by an austere ceramic plate. The memorial crosses at La Cambe are carved from black stone.

"With its melancholy rigor, it is a graveyard for soldiers not all of whom had chosen either the cause or the fight. They too have found rest in our soil of France," explains a plaque at the cemetery's entrance.

These days, it has become the fashion in Germany to describe D-Day and the final Allied thrust against Hitler as the "liberation" of Germany from Nazism. Schroeder has used the word himself, describing D-Day as "the beginning of the liberation" for Germany.

Harald Biermann, a German historian, said that it was natural for a politician like Schroeder, born in 1944, to adopt "the perspective of a brighter future" but that for historians it was inappropriate to "sugarcoat" the past.

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NATION

Bush tries to move beyond past differences with France

PARIS (AP) — President Bush sought on Saturday to move beyond bitter differences with a Western ally, yet French President Jacques Chirac said Iraq remains "extremely precarious" and he again questioned America's justification for the war.

On the eve of celebrations marking the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the two leaders highlighted areas of agreement, from Afghanistan to the Middle East, Haiti and Africa.

Chirac the lesson of World War II, Bush said at a joint news conference. "Free nations working together can overcome danger."

Chirac sought to play down friction between Washington and Paris, and said his talks with Bush, which included the fight against terrorism, were "sincere" and "trusting."

He noted that the allies have,

during the past two years, strengthened cooperation on anti-terrorism initiatives, including one to interdict weapons of mass destruction to keep them out of the hands of terrorists.

Chirac said he was happy that the "tyrannical regime of Saddam Hussein" was no longer in power. But, he added, "What's less positive is that there is a degree of chaos prevailing."

Chirac withheld endorsing a new U.S. agreement with Iraq's interim government on the control of coalition troops after the June 30 handover of political power. The French leader said the agreement needs finishing touches, which he said could be accomplished soon.

Bush and Chirac both spoke of the American sacrifices to liberate France from Nazi tyranny 60 years ago.

At ceremonies on Sunday in Normandy, Chirac said he will tell Americans, "France says thank you, and that France does not forget." Bush he expected it to be a "spectacular day."

Chirac said he understood why Bush has been comparing the Iraq war to the liberation of Europe in World War II, given this weekend's celebrations. But Chirac said "history does not repeat itself and it is very difficult to compare historical situations that differ because history is not repetitive."

The situation in Iraq "has to be contained and has to be mastered," Chirac said.

"There is a lot to be done. We are going to have to roll up our sleeves and put a lot of our heart and our mind into doing this and perhaps we will succeed," Chirac said.



An emergency services worker walks past the damaged City Hall building on Friday in Granby, Colo.

Man who bulldozed buildings kills himself

GRANBY, Colo. (AP) — A miller shop owner who plowed a makeshift armored bulldozer into several buildings after a dispute with city officials was found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after a SWAT team cut their way into the machine with a blowtorch early Saturday, authorities said.

Grand County Sheriff Rod Johnson said the driver, identified by the town manager as Marvin Heemeyer, appeared to have shot himself. Crews using a crane removed his body from the improvised tank Saturday morning.

Heemeyer plowed the armor-plated bulldozer into the town hall, a former mayor's home and at least five other buildings Friday before the machine ground to a halt in the wreckage of a warehouse.

City officials said he was angry over a zoning dispute and fines from city code violations at his business.

Authorities detonated three explosions and fired at least 200 rounds against the heavy steel

plates welded to the bulldozer, which looked like an upside down Dumpster. After the third explosion failed, officials cut their way in with a blowtorch, said Grand County Emergency Management Director Jim Holahan.

A statement from Grand County Undersheriff Glen Trainor said the driver was found around 2 a.m.

Holahan said Heemeyer was armed with a .50-caliber weapon but appeared to be deliberately avoiding injuring anyone during the rampage, which began Friday at about 3 p.m. No other injuries were reported.

Trainor said the dozer's armor plates consisted of two sheets of half-inch steel with a foot of concrete between them.

Grand County Commissioner Duane Dailey said Heemeyer apparently used a video camera and two monitors found inside to guide the dozer. Two guns were mounted in front and aimed through portals. Other portals were cut in the back.

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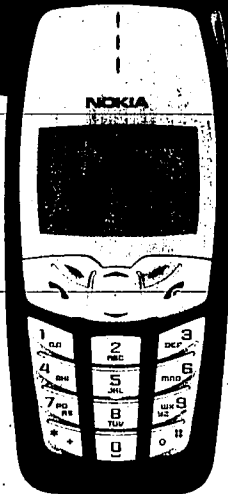
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Sharon sets sight on passing Gaza plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is determined to win approval for his Gaza withdrawal plan in a crucial Cabinet vote Sunday, a government official said, brushing off efforts by hard-line ministers to water down the proposal.

In an apparent boost to Sharon, Attorney General Meni Mazuz ruled that Tourism Minister Benny Elon, fired by Sharon Friday, could not take part in the Cabinet vote, Israel TV reported.

Elon, a staunch opponent to the withdrawal plan, went into hiding Friday to prevent the delivery of his dismissal letter and delay the Cabinet vote, but resurfaced Saturday in Jerusalem. A Justice Ministry spokesman declined to confirm the TV report.

The plan since his Likud Party rejected it in a non-binding referendum on May 2.

On Friday he fired two ministers from the hard-line National Union — Elon and Transportation Minister Avigdor Lieberman — in an effort to secure a slender Cabinet majority.

Ahead of the vote, Likud Immigration Minister Tzipi Livni raced to bridge the gap between Sharon and opponents of his plan within the Likud. Sharon, however, remained committed to passing it in its original form, a government official said.



Ariel Sharon

"The prime minister is determined to bring his plan to approval," the official said Saturday, speaking on condition of anonymity. "He will pass a resolution that will confirm the implementation of this plan."

In Sunday's vote, Sharon will ask government ministers to approve plans to carry out the withdrawals in four stages, each conditional on a separate Cabinet vote, the official said.

Sharon told Likud legislators last week that the phased plan could be halted if Gaza turns into a launching pad for attacks on Israel.

Livni's compromise efforts focused on efforts to end funding for building projects in Gaza settlements that are slated for evacuation. Three rebel Likud ministers — Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Education Minister Limor Livnat and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom — reportedly want funding to continue.

Thousands march to support likely recall vote

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Tens of thousands of opposition supporters marched through the capital on Saturday to celebrate a recent announcement by election authorities that President Hugo Chavez likely will face a recall referendum on his rule.

Waving flags and chanting "Referendum Now!" demonstrators danced to anti-Chavez jingles booming from loudspeakers mounted on trucks. Others blew whistles and set off powerful fireworks. One man carried a banner reading "Chavez, Your Time Is Nearly Up!"

Many touted an announcement on Thursday by the National Electoral Council — that enough signatures were gathered to hold the recall — as their first victory after a string of defeats.

Others warned that obstacles to the vote still remain.

"We are celebrating, but without boasting," said 62-year-old Guillermo Dominguez, who accused Chavez of steering Venezuela toward a Cuban-style dictatorship. "It took so much to get to this point, the struggle continues. We are going to have overcome many obstacles."



AP photo
Opposition protesters march to celebrate the announcement of a recall vote on President Hugo Chavez's rule in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday. The sign at left reads 'You're hour has come' and at right 'August 8, the referendum will happen. Out.'

More than 2.4 million signatures — 20 percent of the electorate — are needed to trigger a recall vote on Chavez. Activists say they turned in more than 3.4 million signatures in December.

The elections council said a "preliminary" count of roughly 40 percent of voter signatures indicated Chavez opponents had gathered 2,451,821 signatures on petitions to demand the referendum.

Venezuela's opposition insisted election authorities did all they could to derail a vote — and may still set up roadblocks — while Chavez insisted his foes resorted to fraud to gather signatures.

Political violence ravaged downtown Caracas on Thursday.

Chavez supporters set trucks ablaze and hooded gunmen fired on the offices of Caracas' opposition mayor, Alfredo Pena. They also fired shots at El Nacional newspaper and Radio Caracas Television.

The U.S. State Department issued a statement Friday warning Americans about the potential for violence at Venezuelan political demonstrations.

"U.S. citizens should avoid all demonstrations and areas where groups are gathering. American citizens should exercise caution when traveling in Caracas and throughout Venezuela," it said.

Chavez, who was re-elected to a six-year term in 2000, has vowed to defeat his opponents in a recall. The charismatic leader, who commands strong support from the nation's poor majority, is confident the opposition would fail to garner sufficient votes to drive him from office.

For a recall to succeed, more citizens would have to vote against Chavez than the 3.76 million people who re-elected him to a six-year term in 2000.

Chavez argues that his opponents used thousands of fake ID cards to collect sufficient signatures, allegations that opposition leaders vehemently deny. Several government investigations into alleged fraud were continuing.

Frail pope travels, says it's a duty

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — A frail Pope John Paul II made his first foreign trip in nine months Saturday by visiting Switzerland, calling it his "duty" to keep traveling. He told young people he had no intention of giving up the papacy.

The pontiff spoke to a rally of 13,000 Swiss Roman Catholic youths, his hands trembling but his voice clear.

He had difficulty speaking at times, but the crowd encouraged him by cheering.

"It's wonderful to be able to offer oneself until the end for the cause of the Kingdom of God," he told the rally, describing that as his testimony after nearly 60 years as a priest.

The 84-year-old John Paul has Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments, but he has repeatedly brushed aside suggestions that he step down.

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Beirut advances by looking behind

Residents discuss lessons from the past with children

The Baltimore Sun

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Growing up in the middle of a civil war, with his city turned into a battlefield of bullets flying, neighbors disappearing, Yasser Abun-Nasr made sense of it as well as a 10-year-old boy could.

He collected bullets. Hundreds of bullets. Probably a thousand before he tired of it.

He learned the rhythm of war, how the shelling would start in the evening, when the fighters got home from work, how that was the time for children to stop playing and go home and take cover. He grew up knowing children should not have to live like that.

Abun-Nasr is 37 now, an architect married to a teacher, and the two are trying to help the next generation of children make sense of their country's history so they are not forced to repeat it — if there is sense to be made of a civil war that set Christian against Muslim and tore the country apart from 1975 to 1990.

First, they discovered, children have to be told what happened.

"In Lebanese schools," says Maria Abun-Nasr, a high school history teacher, "the history books get up to 1975, and they stop."

That means she says, that most of today's children might not know exactly what happened to their country. They don't know that on April 13, 1975, Christian Phalangist militiamen seeking revenge for an attack on one of their own ambushed a group of Palestinians. Twenty-six people were killed, setting off a civil war that eventually swept in waves across nearly every part of the country.

An imaginary Green Line cut Beirut apart, a barricaded boundary that separated largely Christian East Beirut from largely Muslim West Beirut. Over the years of war, people adapted. Christians left the West and moved East, as Muslims did the opposite. Some government offices opened branches on both sides of the line. Schools moved.

Many people left.

"In 1984, when the Americans

left," says Maria Abun-Nasr. "We were evacuated to Cyprus."

Today she finds that many of her students live in neighborhoods where they never cross paths with people of another faith, and where the lessons of the past have been forgotten rather than learned.

Lebanon had an unhappy reminder of the violence Thursday when demonstrators in a poor, Shiite Muslim suburb of Beirut protested high gasoline prices. They reportedly threw stones at soldiers, who fired on them. Five people were killed, and a larger number were wounded, including 13 soldiers.

This violence would be a chilling flashback for adults who lived through the war, but it would offer no such resonance for the young.

In an attempt to widen the context of their lives, Maria Abun-Nasr decided to embark on a project to teach her students about the peace as seen through the Green Line. First, she had her students interview adults they knew about how they lived through that time and how they remembered the Green Line. Then, she took her students on a tour of the Green Line, showing them photos of what had been, and had them reflect on what they saw. Now, she and her husband are planning to organize tours as a way to raise the nation's consciousness about the past.

"I was born Christian," Yasser Abun-Nasr says, but I was brought up not to be partisan. You still have people today who believe something is wrong with people who live in another neighborhood. This demarcation line is up here," he says, pointing to his head. "And it's still there. The main issue has never been resolved. There has been no reconciliation."

On a recent Saturday morning, the Abun-Nasrs take a small group of Americans to the intersection of Rue 86 and Rue 89 in a Christian neighborhood where the Palestinian bus was attacked and some of the buildings still bear bullet holes.

There's a small wooden snack stand there now, in front of a parking lot. The owner, standing behind a counter displaying a bowl of bright pink pickled radishes, gives his name only as Michel and says adults don't like to talk about the civil war.

Activists highlight the plight of child brides

The Associated Press

Women's rights advocates and family-policy experts outlined strategies Friday for a global effort to combat child marriage, an age-old practice in many nations with often dire-breaking consequences.

More than 100 million girls under 18 are expected to be married worldwide over the next decade, many of them protesting from developing countries wed involuntarily to much older men, according to organizers of an international conference in Washington.

"When girls are married as children, they are robbed of their childhood, very often denied an education, and their dreams and hopes for life are stolen from them before their very eyes," said Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, executive director of the U.N. Population Fund.

The plight of such girls "has been neglected because of the perception that their married status ensures them a safe passage to adulthood," Obaid said. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

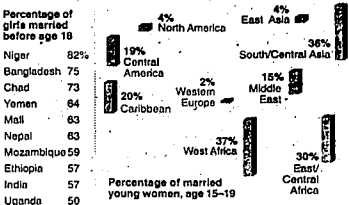
Many young brides die during pregnancy or suffer ruptures during childbirth that can cause lifelong infertility. They also are at high risk of HIV infection because their older husbands often have more sexual experience yet rarely use condoms.

According to Judith Bruce of the Population Council, studies from Kenya and Zambia indicate HIV is a worse problem among teenage brides than their sexually active, unmarried counterparts.

Obaid said increased publicity about the link with HIV/AIDS would be one effective step in changing local attitudes toward

Married before reaching 18

More than 51 million girls under 18 years are married worldwide. In some countries the majority of girls will marry before the age of 18.



SOURCES: International Center for Research on Women; Population Reference Bureau 2000; Demographic Health Surveys

early marriage

She also urged governments in developing countries to work harder to help girls complete secondary school and acquire job-related skills. Conference organizers said the problems related to child marriage have received little attention in many developed countries, including the United States.

That could change, if Congress adopts a bill being drafted by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

The measure would establish a new office in the State Department to coordinate U.S. efforts to eliminate child marriage, and would require country-by-country monitoring of the phenomenon as part of the department's annual human rights report.

Among the participants at Friday's conference was Kakanya Ntaiya, who grew up in a Masai village in Kenya and at age 5 was engaged to marry a

local boy before she entered her teens.

"Ntaiya, now 26, described in detail her struggle — eventually successful — to convince her father and village elders that she should instead be allowed to finish high school.

She graduated this spring from Itandiphi-Macon College in Virginia and hopes to return to Kenya after graduate school to assist other young women.

"It was a big challenge to go against the tradition," said Ntaiya, who argued that programs to curtail early marriage would work best if tailored to

respect community values and protocol.

That is the thrust of a project being coordinated by several international agencies in Ethiopia, Bangladesh and India, where an array of local civic and religious leaders are being consulted on alternatives to early marriage that would be acceptable in their communities.

In Bangladesh, 75 percent of girls get married before they are 18, and in India 57 percent do so, according to figures compiled for the U.S. government.

In addition to curtailing early marriages, the U.N. Population Fund and other groups are seeking effective ways to support already-married girls, many of whom are cut off from their own families and have few new friends.

"Many of these girls are still in transition from childhood, and when they get married they get very isolated," said Dr. Laura Laski, an Argentine who heads the population fund's adolescent program.

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EDITORIAL

Pole Line business park goes with road expansion

Like it or not, Twin Falls will one day have to find an alternative to Blue Lakes Boulevard for its pursuit of commercial development.

For Twin Falls drivers and businesses looking to flee the flood of retail traffic on Blue Lakes, that day may come fairly soon. A proposal for a 70-acre business park at the corner of Pole Line Road and Washington Street north appears to be a bright spot for future growth. Once it gets going, additional development could follow.

Our view: A business park proposal for northwest Twin Falls is a suitable fit for future commercial development. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The Twin Falls City Council voted last week to change city planning and zoning ordinances to allow business parks under planned-unit development agreements. Council members also approved developer Gerald Martens' request for a zoning change on the property, from rural to commercial.

The council will vote later this month on an actual PUD agreement, which specifies the types of businesses that go into a development. Martens has indicated it could include retail, manufacturing, corporate offices and restaurants.

All of these city decisions reflect a sensible approach for effectively controlling commercial growth on the north end of town.

For two years now, officials from the Idaho Transportation Department have been planning to widen Pole Line Road for increased motor traffic, and to make a connection to U.S.

Highway 93. Those plans will expand Pole Line to six lanes, with a middle turning lane, from Blue Lakes to Grandview Drive. From Grandview to the west, the road is slated to have two wide lanes with 10-foot shoulders and turn bays, in what's known as a "Super Two."

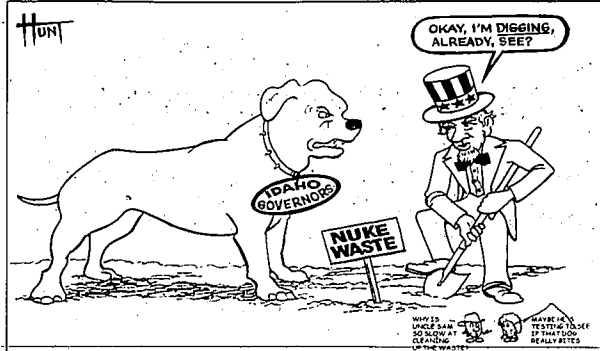
Neighbors of the proposed business park raised important concerns about traffic, certain retail stores, increased noise, and the ability to turn safely into the development. As a result, Martens has revised plans to keep traffic flowing into the project, and away from residential areas.

But if some neighbors want to hold up the project because of the potential retail that could move in, they're taking up a losing cause.

Rather than aim to stop the business park, opponents should seek ways to make the project blend successfully with their nearby homes and neighborhoods. The open acreage and widened road system make the Washington-Pole Line intersection a prime area for commercial growth.

Any way you look at it, city leaders and developers know new road arteries are needed away from Blue Lakes.

It may be too late for opponents to block the highway and its nearby development. But if they give constructive input, they can prevent getting run over by it.



A debt unpaid to D-Day warriors

Watching Ronald Reagan read a baby boomer's letter about her dad's D-Day memories was the most emotional moment of my career.

It's hard to imagine what the world might be like today had the Germans repelled the Normandy invasion 60 years ago. We don't know because of a stalemate that followed, and then eventually a settlement that left Adolph Hitler in power?

Or would the Red Army have defeated the Nazis itself, but then kept all of Germany, and perhaps even France, after the war? Would German scientists have beaten the good guys by developing the atomic bomb?

We don't know because of men like Peter Robert Zanatta. Through his daughter's memory, he became D-Day's human face to me.

Zanatta was a first-generation Italian immigrant whose parents moved from rural Idaho to California during the Great Depression to get enough to eat.

He wasn't unique, just one of millions who answered the call. But he and they were special. Zanatta could just as easily have been a Chicago Pole, a Brooklyn Jew, a Georgia Cracker, a New England WASP or a Tuskegee airman. It was the era of shared sacrifice.

Watching TV pictures of Lisa Zanatta Flenn weeping as Reagan told her father's story in 1984 forever burned into my mind the debt all of us owe today.

The invasion, Lisa said, was "the single biggest experience of his life. He lived my mom and us kids, but he never forgot D-Day."

As a child her dad told her, "Some day, Lis, I'll go back. I'll get back and I'll see it all again. I'll see the beach, the barricades and the graves."

He never made it, though. He died from cancer in 1976, months before a planned Normandy trip.

PETER A. BROWN

hundreds and hundreds of times for as long as I can remember. When he said them, he always looked like he was something else, remembering something painful, yet something he was so proud of."

Eight years after his death, she decided to honor him by attending the 40th anniversary commemoration of D-Day.

Lisa, then and now a Pleasanton, Calif., United Airlines flight attendant, grew up understanding just how lucky her dad was to be in the first wave on Omaha Beach and live to tell the tale of it.

His stories made the D-Day anniversary a family occasion — not a holiday but more of a solemn remembrance.

"Not many people may know or even care about this day, but I always will — I can't remember when it wasn't important to me."

"June 6th is a special day in my family's house. ... Maybe he made it too big a thing in his life. Maybe my family and I hang on to this part of my father's life and make more of it than it was. I've tried to make my friends understand what I feel but they all look at me like I am kind of strange. ... But it was, and always will be, a big event."

"It changed everyone's lives — then and now. Everyone takes it for granted. Maybe that's why we don't understand what I feel but they all look at me like I am kind of strange. ... But it was, and always will be, a big event."

"Lisa, who was there a decade ago for the 50th anniversary commemoration, didn't go this time because it coincided with the high school graduation of one of her children."

But she had pledged to her father before he died that "I'd go with them someday. Dad, and I'll see the beaches and the bar-

ricades and the monuments. I'll go with my grandpa and I'll put the flowers there just like you wanted to do. ... I'll never forget what you went through. Dad, nor will I let anyone else forget — and dad, I'll always be proud."

Lisa kept her promise, and we should do the same. Not necessarily by visiting the beaches, but by understanding how her father and millions of others made America what it is today.

When I was a child, my late father would talk about his World War II service. But not until I was older did I come to appreciate just what he and his generation did.

I once asked him why, at 36, a newly minted lawyer with a developing practice and a wife wanting a family, he became among America's oldest and best-educated enlisted men, even though he was well, well past draft age.

It was simple, he said: His country had been attacked, and that was what he did.

His ability to speak several languages — but luckily for him not German or Japanese — led to his spending the war on the North Atlantic, boarding neutral merchant ships looking for spies and military cargo. He recalled the much easier life he had than those who were at Normandy. After seeing "The Longest Day," the Hollywood epic about D-Day, he got more than a little misty.

When NBC's Tom Brokaw coined the phrase "The Greatest Generation" to describe Peter Robert Zanatta, Philip Brown and millions of their buddies, he got it exactly right.

Peter A. Brown is an editorial page columnist for the *Orlando Sentinel*.

LETTER

Single-gender classes deserved more time

In the sixth grade, I started attending Kimberly Middle School. It was the first year KMS started having single-gender classes, and we (the students) were told Mrs. Judy Watson had initiated this program. As a student noticing those around me, I saw people seemed to enjoy it. The teachers commented on how much easier it was to discipline kids and on how it was so much easier to teach. If the teachers like it and it's good for the students, who is stopping us?

Mr. Jones told the school board that the letter grades were higher with the smaller class size. In the seventh grade, for example, the boys' class has more than the girls' class. But the highest math score in the whole school was by a seventh-grade boy. The second highest math score in the school was a seventh-grade girl. So is class size really making a difference?

Mr. Jones and some of the teachers say that discipline is easier with the smaller core classes, which are separated, kids are being disciplined for less-important things than in the mixed classes. In the mixed classes, boys will make comments to girls and vice versa. The girls are noisier to get the other boys to laugh. In my girl's class, the only discipline problem we have is talking. But in the mixed classes the talking is way worse. So what is the lesser of two evils?

I hope the school board, administrative staff and parents will take this letter into consideration when making decisions that will affect us students.

From the decision made by the school board, these mixed classes (or, as my friend and I say, hormone classes), are "favored" by the kids. But anyone who thinks this is our true opinion should think back to the middle school thing we did. If the "popular" kids say something is good, the herd will follow suit. Only the kids who are truly concerned about their education, and not those opposite gender, say that separated classes are beneficial.

As *The Times-News* said, maybe the program needs a little more time and a little more analyzing. But two years is not enough time to decide whether or not something is beneficial. It is not enough time for parents, kids or even principals to make a decision.

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Twin Falls
Editor's note: Edie Jones is a student at Kimberly Middle School.

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Union concerns led to Bagwell support

Apparently, democracy in action irritates some politicians. Recently Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, criticized the Idaho Education Association in this newspaper because we supported his opponent in the recent primary election. Our Political Action Committee for Education — upon the recommendation of IEA members in that legislative district — supported Wayne Bagwell. Bedkers may be interested in knowing that the entire effort was pro-Bagwell, with not a hint of negative campaigning against Mr. Bedke.

So now that the election is over, let's take a look at what really happened and why. First, IEA members living in Legislative District 27 interviewed both candidates, selected one to support and gave him money. That's American politics at work. Legislators cast votes, citizens evaluate those votes and then we decide if they really support our views. It's not much of a stretch to understand why educators would prefer Mr. Bagwell — he is a school principal. But IEA members also had several reasons for wanting to replace Rep. Bedke in the Legislature.

Reason 1: For the past two years, Scott Bedke has introduced and supported a number of legislative proposals that have caused IEA

members and other public school educators across the state to question his support for public education and public school educators. He carried legislation that capped property tax replacement funds at the 2004 level and legislation that froze the salary-based apportionment funding, leading to the erosion of the public school equalization formula.

Reason 2: During the most recent session, the Legislature approved another proposal by Rep. Bedke that resulted in no state support for even a minimal salary increase for Idaho's most experienced teachers. As a result, at least 66 percent of Idaho teachers who are witnessing their health insurance premiums and other day-to-day expenses escalate, heard, "Your experience doesn't matter."

Reason 3: Rep. Bedke opposed funding to help new teachers succeed and for direct teacher-to-student remediation programs — all at a time when the state is heaping higher expectations on students, teachers and schools.

The facts speak for themselves. Rep. Bedke proposed, carried and voted for many bills with which public school educators have disagreed. The IEA thanks all the candidates who offered themselves for office in the recent primaries and congratulates the winners. We hope those who are elected will join us in working to ensure the

next two years are better for Idaho's public schools than the last two.

BRADY DICKINSON
Twin Falls
Editor's note: Brady Dickinson is president of the Twin Falls Education Association. The letter also was signed by Peggy Ives of Rupert, IEA Region 4 president; Curt Azy of Buhl, IEA Region 4 PACE representative; and Steve Hloy of Twin Falls and Daniel McCarty of Burley, both members of the IEA board of directors.

A lack of skilled welders weakens work force

I am writing on behalf of the American Welding Society and our 50,000 members worldwide to remind Twin Falls High School that canceling advanced welding classes has profited in "end of an era" Welding, high school age classes fade in IE." by Karin Kovalski, May 27th paves the way to a weakened American work force.

Do these high school administrators know that if it wasn't for the 45,000 tons of welded steel in the Hoover Dam water pipes, they might be holding classes by candlelight? Welding is a vital part of our world. We can see its importance in our aerospace program and the cars we drive, to the computers we work on and the buildings we live in — the truth is our lives would not be the same without welding.

In an economy rife with uncertainty, qualified welders enjoy unprecedented job security in the U.S. Bureau of Labor calls welding "an excellent job prospect for 2004," and projects retiring laborers will create a worker shortage of 10.8 million by 2010. Yet despite the obvious appeal, career and technology education is declining. Where will we be as a country if there is no one to take the place of these skilled workers after they retire?

We must convince these educators that a vital manufacturing sector is critical to our future economic security and prosperity. In this case, let's hope that Twin Falls High School will consider reinstating metal fabrication classes so that the next generation of workers have the opportunity to invest their skills and time in an industry that is truly necessary to the survival of our nation's lifestyle.

AMY NATHAN
Miami, Fla.
Editor's note: Amy Nathan is a communications manager for the American Welding Society.

Alternatives exist to Idaho teachers union

Contrary to Wayne Bagwell's assertion that the Idaho Education Association is "set up to protect teachers with liability insurance and benefits they can't get anywhere else,"

there is a non-union alternative to the IEA, namely, the National Professional Educators.

NWPE, a nonprofit professional educators' organization affiliated with the Association of American Educators, provides excellent benefits and constructive education ideas without the politics of the teachers union. The National Education Association's unified union structure requires teaching in the state and national unions in order to belong to the local. IEA members fund IEA's noneducation-related policies such as gun control, abortion on demand, homosexuality, etc., whether they support them or not. NWPE dues do not fund political parties or candidates or promote non-education social issues.

NWPE members receive outstanding legal services and liability insurance. These benefits provide members with the security of knowing that they will have assistance if they become vulnerable to school or union politics, abusive administrators or out-of-the-blue accusations by students or parents. Educators are shocked when they learn that the teachers union is not obligated to provide job protection, local services to its members. The truth is that union attorneys work for the union, not the individual members.

NWPE members receive a personal \$2 million liability in-

surance policy (twice that of IEA) which includes guaranteed job protection benefits for legal fees using the attorney of the member's choice. This policy covers the member — not our organization (as is the case with the union's policy). NWPE members can access independent attorneys and funds for legal fees at the onset of job protection issues.

NWPE focuses on students as our highest priority and improving the professionalism of education is not something we do this is through our teacher scholarship and classroom mini-grant program. Students and teachers in Meridian, Horseshoe Bend, Portadillo, Coeur d'Alene, and Idaho Falls benefited from NWPE scholarships and mini-grants this year.

Educators are joining NWPE because they want a professional association that respects their values while providing excellent benefits. More information about NWPE may be accessed at www.nwpe.org or by contacting NWPE at 800-360-6973 or info@nwpe.org. We invite educators to join NWPE at a fraction of the cost of union dues for professionalism and protection without the politics of the teachers union.

CINDY OMLIN
Spokane, Wash.
Editor's note: Cindy Omlin is the executive director of the Northwest Professional Educators.

Bush's Iraqi plan was more than talk

After months of dithering on Iraq, President Bush has figured out what he wants to do. And whom he wants to do it with. "Kofi and I talked today," he told reporters this week. Kofi, the President of the U.S. and secretary general of the U.N. are back on a first-name basis.

ZEV CHAFETS

Bush also praised U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi for supposedly choosing the new Iraqi transitional government. "I'm so appreciative" of the United Nations, he said. Bush claimed to be delighted by the new government, and there's no reason to doubt it. His political opponents have been castigating him for lacking a plan. Now he has one.

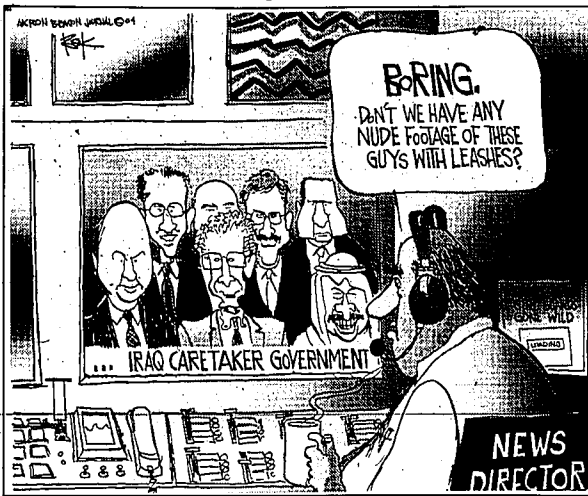
Actually the president laid out a five-point strategy more than a week ago. At the time, it was greeted as more-of-the-same rhetoric. Turns out, though, that Bush wasn't just talking.

Point one — handing plausible sovereignty to Iraqis — was achieved a month ahead of its due date by making Ahmad Chalabi walk the plank. That let the U.S. install a different pro-American Shiite exile, Iyad Alawi, as prime minister. Bush told reporters Alawi and his cabinet were the U.N.'s choice and that he had "zero" to do with it. The reporters did not laugh out loud.

Point two — a continued American military presence — has been assured by Alawi's announcement that he wants U.S. troops to remain in Iraq.

Point three — rebuilding the infrastructure — goes ahead. As a reminder, Bush mentioned that Iraq is now producing 2.5 million barrels of oil a day.

Point four — international support — is where George's good friend Kofi comes in. The President wants the U.N. Security Council to "express support for the new government." France, Germany (and probably Russia) naturally would oppose any such U.S.



Initiative. But Bush has made that difficult by asking the Iraqi government to send a representative to New York and make the case.

Bush has always sounded silly speaking on behalf of the Iraqi people. With the appointment of Alawi and his cabinet, Iraqis can now speak for themselves. Bush even made it clear that they are free, as Iraqi patriots, to criticize the United States.

But not too harshly. If the Alawi government changes its mind about U.S. disengagement, Bush will threaten to grant their wish. Iraqis are very well aware that the withdrawal of U.S. troops would turn their country into a new Lebanon.

As for point five — elections by January — Bush has backed off his demand for American-style democracy. He might prefer Thomas Jefferson, but he is prepared to settle for Iyad Alawi or some similar figure.

The Five Points will now define the Bush re-election

Still, the president has not relinquished his central strategic message: Iraq is a theater in a wider war, and a free (i.e., pro-American) regime in Baghdad is "a blow to terrorism at the heart of its power."

strategy Bush effectively has co-opted the Democratic demand to internationalize Iraq. Bush wants Iraq to be the Dubya and Kofi Annon Show, at least until November.

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"The mission of the enemy is to get us to retreat from Iraq," Bush said. Put another way, the demand to bring U.S. troops home will be rejected by the president — at the Se-

curity Council and in the campaign — as aid and comfort to the terrorist enemies of Iraq and America.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

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LETTER

Pay closer attention to health-care facilities

For the past five years, I have worked in two large skilled nursing facilities and have seen many things. As Americans age, there will be a great need for special health-care professionals. I understand that it is hard to locate people willing to work hard for little money. But the rewards of helping someone is great.

We should pay close attention to who is taking care of our family members. If you feel you have a concern about a certain aid or nurse, feel free to ask questions. If you walk into a facility that seems to be understaffed, please ask why. After all, it is not important to feel that your family member is safe and cared for correctly? YVONNE RAY Twin Falls

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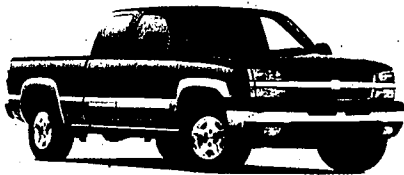
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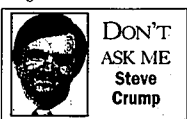
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You really can't afford bad luck

"To lose one parent, Mr. Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness."
— Oscar Wilde, "The Importance of Being Earnest"

My college roommate got his homeowners insurance canceled the other day. For asking if he was covered.
He discovered two wet ceiling tiles in his basement family room, and before summoning a plumber, he phoned the 800 customer-service number on his insurance policy to see if the underwriter paid for that sort of thing.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Shortly thereafter, he received The Letter.
After a review of his policy and the risk entailed therein, his insurance company was sorry, but it was So Out of There.

He's far from alone too. Insurers are paying out more in homeowners claims, and so they've completely lost their sense of humor on the subject—especially about more than one claim on the same property.

Admittedly, my friend lives in California, where all public and private policy sooner or later goes off the deep end.

Even so, the fellow had lived in the same house for 22 years and never filed a claim. In fact, the vast majority of homeowners never do.

Even in safe, reasonably sane Idaho you can get your homeowners insurance coverage yanked for asking the wrong questions of the wrong people.

To understand why, you have to understand how homeowners insurance works. Underwriters are in the business of covering mid-range debacles: flood, fire, famine, doom, defeat, despair.

Except not so much floods anymore. Insurance companies hate them and are convinced they're largely self-inflicted—at least mostly (see Genesis 6:5-7).

And insurance companies are most assuredly not in a business of covering anything apocalyptic. If the actuaries from Ed's Fire and Casualty once—just once—catch the Four Horsemen grazing their steeds on your front lawn, your days of insurability are but a fond memory.

The rule of thumb with homeowners insurance: You get one catastrophe—and one catastrophe only.

So in case anything asks, you don't burn anything combustible in your furnace or in your fireplace. You warn your house by heated family discussions following selected episodes of "The Apprentice."

What's more, using water inside your house is out. Tell folks that you spend your weekends at the Laundromat, and they'll do clean your poodle and that you sponge-bathe in the men's room down at the Maverick store.

It's also good if your house is unassailable to burglars, except the usual security requirements and your having Fido on the premises tends to give insurance folks myocardial infarctions.

All things considered, it seems to me that the best strategy for keeping your homeowners insurance is to affect a disheveled appearance to your house, like nobody is home and there's nothing much worth stealing. If you'd like to rent a 1989 Plymouth Voyager mini-van that's on cinderblocks to enhance that look, I'm at the number below most afternoons.

The English word "claim" comes from the Latin term for "to call." When it comes to your homeowners insurance company, just don't.

You must never—and I can't emphasize this too much—ever use the "c" word, in casual conversation or even in crossword puzzles. Need a five-letter word for "demand"? Try "plead."

Eventually, the insurance industry will simmer down and let you slip on a roller skate or two without blacklisting you forever.

In the meantime, when it comes to your homeowners insurance, don't ask and don't tell. And don't think of it as a hole in your roof. If anybody asks, it's a skylight.

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Reagan's death evokes memories

T.F. Republicans say his visit left a big impression on them

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Arlene Florence of Filer got stuck at the airport and missed a day of work when President Ronald Reagan paid a visit to Twin Falls in 1986.

Still, Florence recalls the ex-

citement of the day.
"At a distance, I saw him," she said. "It was a real thrill to be able to see that event at our airport."

Even as Florence and other Magic Valley residents reacted with sadness upon hearing of Reagan's death Saturday afternoon at the age of 93, they

remembered with fondness his visit to Twin Falls Oct. 31, 1986. It was the city's first and only visit from a sitting president.

Reagan was in the middle of a campaign swing through the West and gave a speech at the College of Southern Idaho on behalf of U.S. Sen. Steve Symms' Crowds lined Washington Street to catch a glimpse of the president.

Florence was among those gathered at the airport to take a peak at Air Force One.
"I was working for the gov-

ernment at the time," Florence said. "And I said it was wonderful to see my boss."

Former Twin Falls County Commissioner Judy Felton of Buhl also found Reagan's visit wonderful.

"I was holding a political office when he was our president," Felton said. "He was always very inspirational to me personally, but I think he was to everyone."

Felton remembers Reagan's entrance at the CSI Expo Center, where he delivered a

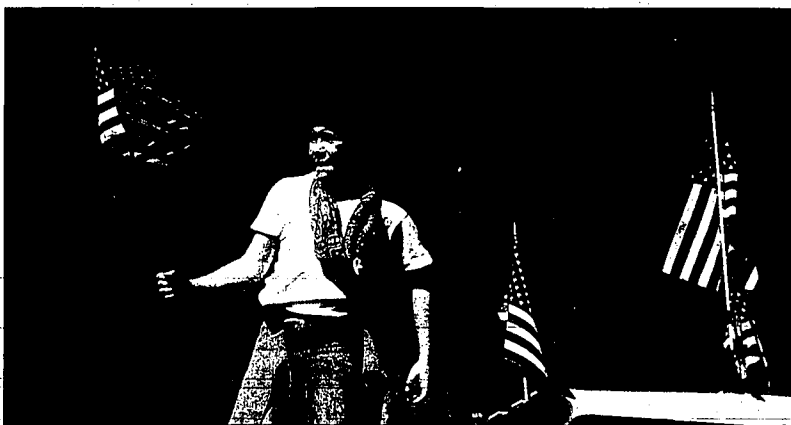
20-minute speech.

"The thing I remember most is the way they brought him into the facility and the people's face lit with excitement," she said. "It was awesome to have him come to Twin Falls."

Reagan breezed into the Twin Falls airport at around 2:25 p.m. on a sunny Halloween afternoon, according to accounts in *The Times-News* archives. After riding to CSI in the presidential limousine which had been flown in the night before, Rea-

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SWEET CELEBRATION



Jared Foukal, 9, waves a flag atop the Farmers National Bank float during the Western Days Parade in Twin Falls Saturday.

Western Days Parade captivates big crowd

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After all the horses trotted by and the bands stopped playing at the Western Days Parade, George Haney stopped down to pick up a few stray pieces of candy along Falls Avenue for his grandchildren.

Haney, who will turn 83 next month, spoke with the same giddiness of a child when asked about Saturday's parade.

"I thought the parade was fantastic," Haney said. "It had a lot of assortment and was fast-moving. I still really enjoy it. I hate to miss any of it."

It was a day and a parade not to be missed.

With the sun graciously warming bright blue skies, the 2004 Western Days Parade rolled through Twin Falls with added pizzazz and a crowd of thousands watching. Festive birthday balloons and streamers adorned many of the floats. Twin Falls celebrates its 100th birthday this year, and its centennial is the theme of Western Days.

Wells Fargo featured a giant birthday cake on one of its floats to honor the centennial. The float followed Wells Fargo's red and yellow stagecoach carrying the 2004 Pioneer of the Year, Geraldine Meeks.

Meeks' son, Jim, was impressed with his mother's ride.
"I thought that was neat,"

Today's schedule

- City Park
- 10:30 a.m.-noon: Doulas & Checkers.
- Noon-4:30 p.m.: 100 years of music featuring local artists.
- 4:30-6 p.m.: The Standards.



he said.

Although initially a little apprehensive about riding in the parade, the Pioneer of the Year smiled happily and waved when she spotted her son along the route.

"Her eyes were glittering," Jim Meeks said.

Another parade-watcher with his eyes all aglow was Derrick Romans. After the parade ended, Derrick stumped up his favorite part: "the candy."

Derrick, 4, sat on a corner collecting candy throughout the parade.

He proudly held up his grocery bag half full of Toostie rolls, Smarties, lollipops and other goodies.
"We got all of it," Derrick said. His mother, Janie Romans, explained her son's candy-gathering strategy.

Western Days royalty

Winners of this year's Western Days Queen Contest, as named Saturday following competition in horsemanship, speech, modeling and other skills:

- Queen (ages 18-24): Alesha Lee of Hazelton, daughter of Shane and Sheila Lee, a Junior at Valley High School.
- Teen queen (ages 14-17): Chaiyay James of Mackay, daughter of Jeff and Shannon James, a sophomore at Mackay High School.
- Princess (ages 10-13): Whitney Summers of Nampa, daughter of Mark and Carissa Summers.
- Sweetheart (ages 6-9): Aubrie Carpenter of St. Anthony.

"If they didn't throw it to him, he'd chase after it," she said.

Romans seemed to enjoy the parade almost as much as her son.
"Everything was really good," she said. "It's nice for the kids."

The Romans family sat in the yard of John R. Collis on the corner of Falls Avenue and Rosemont Drive. Collis politely allows parade-watchers to sit on his property. The parade begins about a block away from Collis's house.

Collis also holds a garage sale for the Western Days Parade. One woman in the parade ran over and browsed Collis's sale offerings while her daughter sat on his property. The parade begins about a block away from Collis's house.

"We'll get a lot of people" Collis said.

Garage sale aside, Collis takes in the parade every year. He had difficulty narrowing down his favorite aspect of the parade.
"I enjoyed it very much," Col-

lis said. "The horses, the candy throwing ... the music I loved."

Haney also experienced similar troubles in choosing his favorite entry.
"Of course, I'm a horse lover," he said.

Haney's son and two grandchildren rode horses in the parade with the Filer Riding Club. Haney noted his appreciation for the Big Cap riders.

"Those were the best disciplined horses in the parade," he said.

Haney is fairly disciplined himself. He started his day by volunteering on behalf of the Lions Club to assist with parade parking and lineup at 7:30 a.m. and finished just in time to find a seat.

"I wouldn't miss it," Haney said.

Michelle Dunlop, a Times-News intern, can be reached at 735-3223.

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LIFT THE LAKE?

Raising Lake Walcott would create more storage but swamp much of the park

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

ACEQUIA — When it was completed in 1906, Minidoka Dam was Idaho's engineering marvel.

Nearly 100 years later, its age is showing.

The dam's spillway consists of 292 concrete bays into which boards are placed to control the release of water. The concrete has deteriorated to the point that the Bureau of Reclamation is faced with extensive repairs or complete replacement of the spillway.



Water passes through the deteriorating spillway of Minidoka Dam, leading the Bureau of Reclamation to initiate studies into repair or replacement of the spillway.

Local Bufile Operation and Maintenance Director Larry Hieb said poor construction and age have led to the deterioration of the spillway, but he emphasized that the dam is still safe. Please see LAKE, Page B4

State park offers array of recreational activities

The Times-News

Enjoy the delights of Idaho's state parks.

See page E1

ACEQUIA — Lake Walcott State Park is located just next to Minidoka Dam and offers a great chance to see the historic structure as well as enjoy other recreational activities.

Park Ranger Trapper Richardson said the family-friendly park offers something for everybody, from an 18-hole disc golf course to outstanding fishing.

The disc golf course consists of metal baskets laid out around the park's grassy areas. Players throw flying discs from a tee and are scored based on the number of throws they take to approach and land in the basket of each hole.

The course is the first and only one of its type in Mini-

Cassia and is home to several tournaments each year. Richardson said he hopes soon to build additional holes to accommodate the growth in popularity.

Fishing is what brings most people to Lake Walcott. Richardson says most come for the trout fishing, but the lake is also one of the best bass fisheries around.

Each summer the park plays host to the Catch a Special Thrill program, which brings professional bass anglers and disabled children together for a

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST



Elephant seals cavort on a beach on California's Central Coast near San Simeon, in September 2001. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants a plan on his desk in 90 days on how the state can better manage its oceans and seashores.

Schwarzenegger seeks better management of oceans, beaches

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Friday he wants a plan on his desk in 90 days on how the state can better manage state waters and seashore.

California, with 1,100 miles of coastline, is among the most economically dependent on the tourists drawn to its beaches and on ports that serve as gateways to Mexico, Canada and Pacific Rim nations.

The state's shore, ports and oceans account for an estimated \$60 billion in direct spending and \$15 billion in annual tax revenues.

"The health of our ocean resources and the economy they support benefits not only California, but also significantly contributes to national and international economies as well,"

California Resources Secretary Mike Christman said at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography San Diego.

In San Diego, Christman and Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Terry Liston announced they will develop the California plan as part of Schwarzenegger's response to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy's preliminary report urging a more coordinated and comprehensive national ocean policy.

Schwarzenegger wants the plan to say how the administration and Legislature can better work with industry, universities, public interest groups and philanthropic interests to improve ocean and coastal management.

He supported the report's

recommended formation of a National Ocean Council to be chaired by an assistant to the president, and the creation of a Presidential Council of Advisors on Ocean Policy.

In addition, he said Congress, after consulting with coastal states, should pass a new national ocean policy act.

States should also be represented on the National Ocean Council, Schwarzenegger said.

Determining how much of the nation's economy depends on the ocean should also be a top priority, the governor said.

And while Schwarzenegger supports doubling research money and creating a national ocean policy trust fund, he doesn't think any of that money should go to offshore oil and gas development.

Utah Lake: Most use Provo harbor

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) — In the early 20th century, Utahns would gather at American Fork on Sundays to take a 50 cent boat ride across Utah Lake. Passengers would set sail on the lake's waters at high speeds of 8 miles per hour, creating a three-hour tour out of what now would be a short jaunt.

A "bright light" in the dark times of the Great Depression, the SS Sho-Boat was 90 feet long and 22 feet wide and provided

entertainment for residents along the Wasatch Front, said Provo historian D. Robert Carter.

The best spot to launch the boat was from the American Fork Lake Resort, since the area provided the best access to Utah Lake.

"Places like Provo, where the bulk of the population resided, for a long time did not have good access to the lake. There wasn't a road down Center Street like there is now," he said.

"But it was fairly handy to get to the lake from American Fork and Lehi."

Today, when people talk about Utah Lake, they mostly refer to the Provo boat harbor at Utah Lake State Park as the entry point to the massive freshwater lake.

According to Ty Hunter, who manages the park, the channel leading out to the lake from the Provo harbor is the most used access point.

SERVICES

Thekla J. Walker of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burial and from 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

John Jacob Etter Jr., family and friends are invited to celebrate his life from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at The Bencon Club in Twin Falls for a potluck (Aftercare, Burial and Cremation).

DEATH NOTICES

Clifford R. Thompson BURLEY — Clifford R. Thompson, a 58-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at his home in Burley. Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Scott E. Woods RUPERT — Scott Eugene Woods, a 27-year-old resident of Rupert, died Friday, June 4, 2004, in McCall, Idaho, from a drowning accident. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Irving Erwin Kacalek WENDELL — Irving Erwin Kacalek, age 79, of Wendell, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at this residence. Arrangements will be made by Demaray Funeral Chapel.

Jose A. Vigil RUPERT — Jose A. Vigil, 78, of Rupert, died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be made by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Louisa Kaes BUHL — Louisa Kaes, of Buhl, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at the Capital Care Center in Boise, Idaho. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Edna B. Church TWIN FALLS — Edna B. Church, 94, of Twin Falls, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at Heritage Retirement Center. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park".

Mary Lou Hillis BUHL — Mary Lou Hillis, 79, of Buhl, died Friday, June 4, 2004. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the Buhl Presbyterian Church. Funeral arrangements are under direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

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Harriett Dorothy Russell - Hagerman

Harriett Dorothy Russell, age 87, of Hagerman, passed away Friday, June 4, 2004, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Harriett was born June 29, 1916, in Ashton, Idaho, the daughter of George and Blanche Slattery Jones. She was raised in Bruneau, Idaho. As a child, she worked in her parent's family store and did the chores at home, which included milking the cow, feeding the other animals and gathering the eggs.

After graduation from Bruneau High School, she attended Lewis & Clark Normal School in Lewiston, Idaho, and received her teaching certificate. She was then hired as a fourth-grade teacher in Hagerman.

Shortly after moving to Hagerman, she met Gilbert (Gilly) Russell, and after a whirlwind romance of six weeks, they eloped to Elko, Nev. In order to keep her teaching position, she had to



the cabin, where she and Gilly, along with their family, became avid skiers.

After her family was raised, she served occasionally as a substitute teacher and always spoke fondly about her brief teaching career. Harriett was a member of the Hagerman Rebecca Lodge and the Hagerman Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Harriett was preceded in death by her husband, Gilly, and her oldest son, Jim.

Survivors include her daughter, Connie Nysling of Ontario, Ore.; her son, Pat Russell of Hagerman; four grandchildren, Robert Draper, Terri Billings and Leanne Brazie all of Meridian and Michelle Russell of Hagerman; and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the Hagerman Cemetery. Arrangements by Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding.

Myrtle Vibbert Bean - Rupert

Myrtle Vibbert Bean, age 82, a Rupert resident, passed away Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Myrtle was born to Charles Vibbert and Myrtle Sartain Vibbert May 17, 1922, at Darlington, Ind. She moved with her family to Idaho in 1927 and married Cleve Franklin Bean on Feb. 20, 1941. The couple raised six children. Gerald Bean, who is deceased, Marilyn (Allen) Tuma, Dennis Bean, Duane Bean, Garth Bean of Rupert and Max (Linda) Bean of Burley. Daughter-in-law, Marcela Bean was also a close member of the family. Myrtle has 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two brothers, Orville Vibbert of Lehi, Utah, and Raymond Vibbert of Rupert; two sisters, Beulah Lowder of Homedale and Chloce Baigrie



active member of the LDS Church Rupert 10th Ward as a counselor in the Relief Society, a primary teacher and the stake singles assistant. She was also a member of the Homemakers Club. She served as president of Heyburn High School Alumni, secretary of Big Bend School Alumni and president of Old Settlers Association.

Myrtle operated a rest home in Rupert for 14 years. She rode seven years with the Minidoka Wranglers and was Grandma Queen of the Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the LDS Rupert Tenth Ward building with Bishop Gary Meclam officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday evening at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church house.

Myrtle loved horseback riding and gardening. She was an

John Phy Hawes - Pocatello

John Phy Hawes, 75, passed away Sunday, March 21, 2004, at a local medical center.

He was born to John Phillip and Ruth Hawes on Nov. 18, 1928. He was raised in Bruneau, Idaho, and the Three Creek area.

John married Barbara Reed and they had five children. They were later divorced. He married Carol Castanera in the Philippines in the late 1980s. John served with the

Twin Falls Sheriff's department and was as policeman in Jerome, Idaho, for many years.

John was a member of the Catholic Church. He enjoyed chess, studying languages, especially French, reading and photography.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Hawes, Pocatello; children, Melanie (John) Volkens, Nampa, Idaho, Jim Hawes, Bend, Ore., Holly Hawes, Silverdale, Wash., Admie Phelps,

Twin Falls, Idaho, Rebecca (Gary) Hayward, Jerome, Idaho, Flora Castanera, Pocatello; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

His parents and a stepson, Joe Head, preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be at 12 p.m., noon, Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in Bruneau, Idaho, at the Bruneau Cemetery.

He will be greatly missed.

Vietnam soldiers ride together

HAVDEN (AP) — Clinical therapy isn't for everybody. It's hard to imagine burly guys like Angelo Juliano and Bob Bottom playing role games or sharing their feelings in a typical therapists office.

The back of Juliano's business card reads: "Warning: I suffer from occasional loss of mental stability and become very violent with only slight provocation. The Veterans Administration has determined that both mental and physical harassment of my person may be harmful to my health and well-being. So stay the hell out of my face. Thank you."

Talk to Juliano for a minute and you know the card is meant as a joke and not mean-spirited. But the warning shouldn't be ignored, either.

Both men, along with thousands of other Vietnam veterans and motorcycle aficionados around the country, have the ovin brotherhood that helps to heal old wounds — the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club of America.

"When you're around your own breed, it's a little easier to let that stuff out," Bottom said.

Juliano calls the years following his return from Vietnam the "dark era." There were no parades and no thank-yous. They returned alone and, for years, it stayed that way.

"You got on the big bird and the next minute you were home. You couldn't talk to anyone and nobody wanted to listen to you so you'd build those walls in your own head," Juliano said.

Bottom said he and Juliano's homecoming were the same for most Vietnam veterans as war protest were directed toward the ones doing the fighting.

"When I came home I couldn't wait to get my uniform off because I didn't want to be identified," Bottom said. "The best way to put it for me and Angelo is it's like somebody put a knife in us. We all knew what happened when you stick a knife in someone; it leaves a wound that leaves scar tissue. That scar tissue eventually goes numb."

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder was being understood more than ever by psychologists, but both men found it hard to talk about their experiences in clinical settings.

"I was out there for a lot of years on my own. I didn't want to talk about it," Bottom said.

Bottom and Juliano both liked to ride motorcycles and they found their way into the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club in the late '80s and mid-'90s. They found a brotherhood they could relate to, Juliano said, and "its one of the best things I can say I have things I've accomplished."

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Mountain lures hikers, despite dangers

SEATTLE (AP) — On clear days the mountain seems to float above this city, almost close enough to touch, beckoning hikers and climbers to its snowy peaks.

Two experienced mountaineers have died in the past month trying to reach Mount Rainier's summit. On Thursday Jonathan Cahill, a father of four, became the 91st climber to succumb to Rainier's deadly allure.

Despite the dangers, the mountain's iconic power continues to lure city-dwellers into the wild.

"It's so close, it's so accessible, and yet within a couple of hours you can be in a very unforgiving environment," said Eric Simonson, an owner of Mount Rainier Alpine Guides, one of two companies that leads people to the summit.

More than 2 million people each year visit Mount Rainier National Park, which is an easy drive from Seattle to Portland. Most are happy to drive to the Paradise visitor center, snap a few photos and hike around the paved trails.

For 11,000 people a year, though, Paradise is just the starting point for attempts to reach the 14,411-foot summit. Experienced climbers relish the challenge of Rainier, especially the treacherous Liberty Ridge route, which in recent years claimed the lives of Cahill, a fire captain from Auburn, Wash., and Peter Cooley, a father of three from Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

At average of three people a year have been killed on summit attempts since 1990. The deaths don't seem to dim the ardor for Mount Rainier among novices and experienced climbers alike.

"It amazes me the number of people who come here specifically to climb that mountain. There are a lot of people who make that their only objective in life," said Matt Kerns, store manager at Recreational Equipment Inc., store — the Seattle base camp has equipped hikers and climbers for decades.

Even for people who think cragions are something you take Midol for, Mount Rainier holds a powerful place in the imagination. "The mountain is out" is the localism for good weather in Seattle and other cities in Western Washington. The sight of Mount Rainier rising out of the clouds on a sunny day has become a symbol of Seattle's outdoor values, and has inspired many a mountain newbie to head for the hills.

"It's definitely a natural icon as well as a geological landmark," said Seattle historian Walt Crowley. "Before we started building giant pokey things like the Space Needle, it was the emblem of what product the city identified and promoted itself."

"The mountain is so close to Seattle and looks so serene, it can be easy to underestimate its dangers. Joe Wood said, 'I had a book editor visiting Seattle from New York, headed to Mount Rainier one afternoon in 1999 for an afternoon hike. I never returned and was presumed dead.' ... One of the reasons for the mountain that year, his body was never found."

"Whether you're a novice climber with a guide or an experienced climber going it alone, the mountain doesn't care," Simonson said. Cahill's death, he said, "is just one more example of how challenging Mount Rainier is, for both experienced climbers and novices."

Bianca Osterhaus had barely worn a backpack the first time she climbed Mount Rainier. She grew up in a south Seattle suburb with Mount Rainier in her backyard, and now owns Issamer's Inn near the park.

"There's a real attraction to Rainier. I thought, 'Gosh, I need to climb that mountain,'" Osterhaus said. She reached the summit safely with a guide company, and admits to being slightly obsessed with the mountain.

"You think of an island in the sky ... people who live here, they actually see it," she said. "The view from the top is anticlimactic. People who reach the summit are up so high, there's not much to see during the daytime."

"It's better from the bottom looking up," she said.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Matthew David Graves, 20, 715 Cent St. E., No. 2, Kimberly, petit theft, battery, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; released under own recognizance.

Jay C. Chester, 27, 317 Addison Ave., Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia, driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; released under own recognizance.

Matilde Y. Rodriguez, 49, 289 Barnage, Twin Falls; possession of marijuana; public defender denied; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; released under own recognizance.

Goshun James Boyer, 22, 3600 N. 3636 E., Kimberly; resisting/obstructing an officer, possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; \$500 bond.

Rose Love Chisum, 26, 146 Addison Ave., No. 69, Twin Falls; domestic battery, possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; released under own recognizance.

Eric Carlos-Miramontes, 32, 305 E. Ave. C, Jerome; failure to purchase driver's license, providing false information to an officer, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; \$100 bond.

Alfredo Iaa, 27, 1122 S. Washington St., No. 68, Twin Falls; probation violation — burglary; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; admit/deny hearing set for June 7; \$500,000 bond.

Eric Torres, 31, 760 Carrigo Lane, Twin Falls; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; \$100 bond; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; \$100 bond; probation violation — possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; \$500 bond.

Joel Ray Merrick, 27, 1226 1/2 11th Ave. E., Twin Falls; probation violation — possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; admit/deny hearing set for June 7; \$500,000 bond.

Bret Lamas Sturgeon, 46, no address listed, Twin Falls; probation violation — possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; released under own recognizance.

Ronilee Greene, 24, 119 Ketchum St., Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia, failure to appear — contempt; public

defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for July 6; \$5,000 bond; failure to appear — driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for July 6; \$2,000 bond.

Tiffany Sue Whitesides, 30, 1805 Bitner Drive, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia, failure to appear; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for July 6; \$100 bond.

Penny Lyn McWilliams, aka Andoe, 35, 335 Jefferson St., Twin Falls; failure to appear — possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 15; \$5,000 bond.

Tiffany Timbra Neel, 28, 4431 N. 1700 E., Buhl; probation violation — domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 17; \$5,000 bond.

Andrew Kruckeberg, 34, 411 18 Mile Road, Leadore; failure to appear — petit theft; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for June 22; \$5,000 bond.

John A. Reichel, 54, 1063 S. Dale St., No. 101, Boise; probation violation — driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 10; \$25,000 bond.

Kristopher Michael Ramirez, 24, 748 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls; failure to appear on aggravated assault charge, amended to battery; public defender appointed; sentencing set for Aug. 3; \$10,000 bond.

George Luis Vela, 43, 161 Locust St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 11; \$1,500 bond.

Andrew Martin Pedigo, 29, 2556 Whispering Pine Drive, No. 603, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; posted bond.

defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for June 22; posted bond.

Manuel Rodriguez Chavez, 59, 314 Fourth St. W., Twin Falls; disorderly conduct; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; released under own recognizance.

Ahmet Ibrahimovic, 56, 955 Delmar Drive, Twin Falls; disorderly conduct; public defender denied; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for July 13; released under own recognizance.

Horran Ricardo Bastida-Olmedo, 45, 601 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 11; \$5,000 bond; possession of paraphernalia, failure to purchase driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for July 13; \$1,000 bond.

Justin Ray Rathburn, 22, 1820 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 11; \$10,000 bond.

Richard Ois McCracken, 29, 1222 11th Ave. E., Twin Falls; two counts theft by possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 11; posted bond.

Andrew T. Hernandez, 19, 2372 U.S. Highway 30, Martingale; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for July 13; released under own recognizance.

Darrell James Hamilton Jr., 41, 279 Monroe St., Twin Falls; domestic battery; public defender denied; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for July 13; released under own recognizance.

Jordan R. Ash, 20, 3250 N. 2300 E., Filer; petit theft, public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; posted bond.

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Goats tangle study on heli-skiing

JACKSON Wyo. (AP) — Idaho wildlife officials and conservationists have asked that a public comment period be reopened on a proposal to allow more heli-skiing in the Bridger-Teton National Forest in order to iron out differences over mountain goat habitat.

R.J. Saban, Idaho Fish and Game regional supervisor, maintains that the Forest Service has changed its stance on protecting mountain goat habitat in the national forest on the Idaho side of the border.

In a Forest Service draft environmental study, released in December, forest officials proposed shrinking a heli-skiing company's permit boundaries to protect crucial winter ranges for high-altitude moose, elk, deer and mountain goats.

In particular, the Forest Service proposed removing from the heli-ski permit crucial goat range identified by Idaho Fish and Game in the Upper Palisades Lake area in Idaho.

"The Idaho Department has indicated that this goat herd has suffered a crash in recent years and the area needs to be protected at the current time," the Forest Service's draft study stated.

However, in a subsequent meeting, forest officials told Idaho Fish and Game that the proposal to close crucial goat range in the Upper Palisades Lake area was an error, according to Saban's letter to Bridger-Teton District Ranger Nancy Huff.

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MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

RUPERT — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Robert M. Glenn, 20; leaving the scene of an accident, dismissed; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Barry Lavar Johansen, 56; one count driving on restricted access, dismissed; one count failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry H. Duff.

Jose Luis Loya Jr., 25; failure to carry driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry H. Duff.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Andrew McDaniel Cotten, 19; burglary amended to petit theft, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 177 days suspended, three days credited; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Sarah M. Jones, 25; failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry H. Duff.

William Lee Martsch, 32; assault, amended to battery, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, treatment program; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Tina E. Peterson, 50; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, 365 days driver's license

suspension, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail with 138 days suspended, 42 days credited, 11 days in jail in lieu of fine and costs; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Steven J. Ulrich, 21; two counts driving without privileges, one count pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail, 178 days suspended, one day credited time, two days MCF; Work; one count pleaded guilty, \$113.50 court costs, six months driver's license suspension, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail, 178 days suspended, two days credited time; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Driving under the influence sentencing

Wesley Gene Bauer, 25; felony aggravated driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$5,000 fine, \$103.50 court costs, three years determinate time, nine years indeterminate time, time credited, retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Miguel Escobar, 26; one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$78.50 court costs, six months driver's license suspension, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail, 178 days suspended, two days credited; one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs; one count leaving the scene of an accident, pleaded guilty, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge R. Barry Wood.

Magistrate Judge R. Barry Wood.

Freddie Sillipery Sr., 53; one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, two years probation, 180 days in jail, 175 days suspended, one day credited; one count failure to purchase a valid driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Felony dismissals

Frank Pete Tharin, 32; possession of controlled substance, dismissed; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Felony sentencing

Lonnie Delayne Abernastri, 42; one count delivery of controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$98.50 court costs, \$100 restitution, three years determinate time, seven years indeterminate time, 14 days credited, retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood; one count possession of controlled substance, dismissed; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Rulin C. Garcia, 18; two counts burglary, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, two years determinate time, five years indeterminate time, credited time, retained jurisdiction, penitentiary suspended; one count theft by receiving stolen property, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Jessie Bailes, 22; driving under the influence, disposition withheld; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Robert C. Gilson, 20; two counts possession of forged check, pleaded guilty, \$440.50 court costs, four years probation, two years determinate time, five years indeterminate time, credited time, penitentiary suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Jackie L. Horton, 23; injury to child, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, three years probation, three years determinate time, four years indeterminate time, 17 days credited, penitentiary suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Withheld judgments

Robert Garza Nevarez, 33; one count criminal trespass, deferred prosecution, one count violation of protection order, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Scott Alan Petersen, 43; one count willful concealment, deferred prosecution; one count drunk in public causing nuisance, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Rick L. Bollar.

Deferred prosecutions

Robert Garza Nevarez, 33; one count criminal trespass, deferred prosecution, one count violation of protection order, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

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Commission proposes pulling tax exemption for farmers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Tax Review Commission has proposed eliminating the sales tax exemption for small farmers who sell their fruits and vegetables in person. The move is intended to capture the tax money from year-round produce stands who use the exemption to give themselves an advantage over retail grocery stores. Utah Tax Commissioner Bruce Johnson said, "We're not going to get everyone who sells berries by the side of the road, but we can get a pretty good level of compliance," he said. Sen. Lyle Hilliard, R-Logan, worried that the real impact of eliminating the exemption would be to overburden small farmers who simply want to sell their extra produce. He expected "lots of calls wondering why we want to tax everything" if the bill, which was

approved by the commission Friday and will be forwarded to the Legislature, were to pass. "I'm not sure these people will (sell produce) if they have to go get a license and collect taxes," Hilliard said. "They provide a service for those of us who grew up on the farm with fresh produce. It's not the same if you buy it at the store." Instead of taxing every person selling produce, Wes Quinon, vice president of public policy for the Utah Farm Bureau, suggested only removing the exemption from any stand that operates permanently. He said pulling the exemption would probably mean less small fruit and vegetable sellers and less profit for those that remain in business. "I think the farmers selling now will either eat (the sales tax difference) or stop," Quinon said.

Antique tractor owners compete, raise money for scholarships

By Amy Ballard Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — They may not sprint like Smokey Jones, but these old tractors kick up some dust — and they pull for a good cause. The Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers sold postcard tractor raffle tickets at Saturday's Fairfield Antique Tractor Pull. Proceeds of the raffle will go toward the Bill Grout Memorial Scholarship Fund.



A 1935 McCormick Deering crawler driven by Scott Scheer nears the end of its second demonstration pull during Saturday's antique tractor pull in Fairfield.

Lake

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sized the dam is safe. "There's certainly no imminent danger," Hieb said. Facilities Manager Del Henken said he would like to see the spillway replaced because the current system is labor intensive. Boards need to be installed and replaced manually to control flow through the spillway, and the level of the lake is dropped five feet each winter to prevent freezing against the boards, Henken said. Replacement would allow for a mechanized system to adjust flow and eliminate the need to draw down Lake Walcott each winter, Henken said. The spillway would be replaced, but Henken said he would like to actually raise the lake level "as much as five feet, Hieb said. That would provide up to 60,000 acre feet of additional storage capacity.

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ducing more water that could be used to recharge the aquifer. But just the money for the possibility would take about five years, BuRec Regional Director William McDonald said recently. And such a project would cost more than \$100 million. Spillway repair or replacement costs, meanwhile, are estimated to range from \$10 million to \$30 million for complete replacement, according to 2002 engineering studies. These costs would be split, with BuRec and Mindoka irrigation districts contributing 42 percent, Bonneville River 50 percent and BuRec 8 percent, according to Hieb.

More than a dozen classes of tractor were represented at Saturday's pull, with entries ranging from a 1939 Allis Chalmers B, driven by Jason Heath of Eden, to a 1962 Case 830 D, driven by Hugh Koonce of Fairfield. Many tractors showcased in the competition are not retired. "I use my Case to spray and harrow with," Koonce said. "Both of my tractors are still working tractors." Koonce said he has never considered a restoration project. "A lot of guys who restore their tractors are retired and have a lot of time to put into it. Patience is a big part of it too," he said. The dry weather made for a challenging course and a dusty

spectacle. "That was one of the toughest tracks I've ever pulled on," Koonce said. "But everybody has a good time, even when it's dusty and windy. Everybody likes to pull." The most first-place wins went to Darcy Haak of Rupert, whose 52-horsepower 1959 Farmall 460 won its division by a mere 2 inches — the closest margin some competitors remembered seeing. "They're burning a lot of high-priced fuel," joked spectator Walter Mai of Rupert. "If I had the fuel they were burning today, I could go fishing."

After the competition, Scott Scheer of Fairfield demonstrated the hauling power of his 55-horsepower 1935 McCormick Deering crawler. When the tractor easily pulled the full weight, nine men hopped onto the sled to add weight for a second try. It was just enough to stop the beautifully restored crawler somewhere past the 150-yard mark. Scheer, who has participated in tractor pulls off and on for 15 years, said he likes the "laid back, casual attitude" of the events. "Everybody pretty much gets along," he said.

Raising the lake would also create the potential for as much as a 10 percent increase in power generation, Hieb said. But the list of problems associated with raising the lake level is long. "It would affect the park immensely," Ranger Trapper Richardson of Lake Walcott State Park said. The park would lose about a third of its camping area as well as boat ramps and other facilities, Richardson estimated. Property rights are another issue with raising the lake level, Hieb said. Shallow slopes along the shore mean that an increase in level would spread the shoreline over a vast area. Hieb said the effect on wildlife could be both positive and negative. Henken said he thought there would be too many issues involved in raising the lake level and he doesn't expect it to happen.

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Officials find mountain lion 700 miles from home

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A mountain lion that was given a radio collar in South Dakota covered nearly 700 miles and crossed several states in less than nine months before being hit by a train and killed in Oklahoma. The 114-pound animal was found May 27 by a railroad worker near Red Rock about 80 miles north of Oklahoma City. Alan Peoples, wildlife chief for the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Department, said Friday. A railroad worker inspecting a section of track found the animal about six feet from the tracks and alerted wildlife officials. State game warden supervisor Tracy Daniel went to investigate and spotted the animal on flat ground near the track embankment.

The mountain lion was last tracked via its collar in northeastern Wyoming on Sept. 3, said Jonathan Jenks, a wildlife professor at South Dakota State University. He is running a research project in the Black Hills of western South Dakota in which this mountain lion and 34 others have been collared. He was stunned the animal was able to cover 667 straight-line miles since Sept. 3, about twice as far as previously documented. "We're happy we found him," Jenks said. "It's such a good scientific finding that it overwhelms the fact that he was dead when he was found."

The mountain lion was about a year old and weighed 80 pounds when it was tamed with hounds, tranquilized and fitted with a tracking collar on Feb. 24, 2003. By Sept. 3, it had moved 58 miles northwest in the Black Hills, from South Dakota into Wyoming. It's possible it then followed river systems to Oklahoma. Its body was found not far from the Arkansas River. It's not unusual for wild animals to be hit by trains, perhaps while chasing prey, Jenks said. A small population of mountain lions lives in Cimarron County in the Oklahoma Panhandle, but confirmed sightings

of the animal elsewhere in the state are rare. They are legally protected. A lab examination determined that the animal died from blunt force trauma to the head and there was no evidence of a gunshot wound. An investigator from the Kay County district attorney's office examined the blood spatter pattern and determined the animal died where it was found. It was still wearing its radio collar and its stomach contained deer parts. Jenks' study is aimed at documenting home ranges of the animal. Its population size, survival rate and dispersal patterns. He is studying 145 of the big cats in the Black Hills.

Clean air programs face cuts in new Calif. budget

DIAMOND BAR, Calif. (AP) — Southern California clean air regulators approved a new budget calling for cuts in air monitoring and fewer inspections of polluters, but some of the cuts may be avoidable thanks to an expected \$8 million court settlement. The South Coast Air Quality Management District, which regulates air pollution in the Los Angeles Basin, the smoggiest region in the country, approved the \$102 million budget Friday.

The district also voted to raise fees on the businesses it regulates by up to 6 percent over the next two years, and took a step toward saving an anti-smog program that the U.S. Supreme Court said it may not have had the right to create. The budget leaves a \$5 million budget for the district, and left untitled 44 jobs the district has kept open to save money. Without the jobs, the district would have 3,300 fewer inspections of businesses that emit

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Reagan

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entered the Expo Center Western-style on a man-driven horse. The Burley High School Band greeted Reagan with "Hail to the Chief" as about a dozen Western riders accompanied Reagan and Symms into the arena. Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly also recalls Reagan's arrival at the college. "He came roaring into the CSI event center," Noh said. "It was a very exciting event for all Republicans." Reagan also met with 20 local supporters at the Lerret Museum for half an hour. The attendees paid \$1,000 each for the opportunity. He departed at 4 p.m. Reagan's visit to the area was brief, but his presidency, from 1981 to 1989, was substantial. Grant Loebis, Twin Falls County prosecutor and GOP activist, was stunned Saturday to hear of Reagan's death. "It's very sad," Loebis said. "He achieved things people thought were impossible. I thought he was the greatest president in my lifetime." Reagan appointed Loebis as assistant to the assistant secretary of defense in 1987. Loebis filled the position while attending classes at George Washington University Law School. "He was a very dignified man, a very friendly man and a very honest man," Loebis said. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley shared similar admiration for the man. "My wife and I have always been real fans of him," Newcomb said. "He had the ability

to surround himself with good people." Although Newcomb appreciated Reagan's political contributions, he also noted the attention Reagan brought to Alzheimer's disease. Reagan battled Alzheimer's Disease the last 10 years of his life. He announced his condition in 1994. "It brought a lot of attention to the disease," Newcomb said. "Alzheimer's is such a vicious disease. At least he died suddenly and with some grace." Whether it was for his Twin Falls visit, his presidency or his health struggles later in life, most residents agreed Reagan left a deep impression on them both politically and personally. "I think he did what he did because he made his biggest impact by being such a decent and honest person," Felton said. "He seems to have represented a cross-section, not just Republicans, but everyone." Reagan also left his mark on Harry Phillips, Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee chairman. "We certainly didn't agree on many of the issues," he said. "But I think he did what he thought was best for the country, and you certainly can't ask for much more than that." As for Florence, she's not holding a grudge over losing a day of work to see Reagan. "I thought he was a very charismatic president and a good speaker," she said. "Probably he will go down as one of the great presidents."

Parks

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day of fishing, Richardson said. Extending 25 miles east from the park is the Mindoka National Wildlife Refuge, making the park one of the premier places in the state for bird watching and nature study. Richardson said a "bird listening" tour will be held later this month for the visually impaired. Bicycles are welcomed on the three miles of paved and two miles of dirt trails in the park. "There are 22 RV campsites, 18 tent sites and a large day use

area within the park, making it a popular place for large family reunions and company picnics. The park cabins available by the end of June.

Mayor's legal counsel resigns

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The majority leader of the Utah House of Representatives, who got caught up in the scandal involving the private use of government vehicles, resigned Friday as legal counsel to Salt Lake County Mayor Nancy Workman. Greg Curtis' resignation was effective immediately and prompted by an ongoing criminal investigation by District Attorney David Yocom that already has resulted in charges against one former county official. "Mr. Yocom says I am a sub-

ject of an investigation and, not knowing the nature or scope of that investigation or his intentions, I don't want to comment on the brouhaha involving Salt Lake County," Curtis told the Associated Press on Friday. "This was my resignation. I felt it was the most appropriate thing to do in my circumstance." Workman said in a prepared statement that she did not ask Curtis to resign. "Greg felt that in order for him to move forward with his life, leaving Salt Lake County was the best thing to do."

Drugs

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reliable and as a result, the warrant was not supported by probable cause. The judge dismissed that argument because, he said, the informant smelled marijuana while at the residence and he or she had provided reliable information to law enforcement in the past. Later, the informant's information was corroborated by a detective, who went to the residence and detected a strong odor of marijuana. Another point the defendants argued was that the warrant was insufficient because, although the warrant listed particular

items to be seized, the affidavit supporting it did not. The Fourth Amendment requires that a search warrant must describe items to be taken, but the affidavit supporting the warrant does not, the judge wrote. Werley argued that evidence seized from 4481 N. 1800 E. would be suppressed because of a typographical error listing the residence as 4188 N. 1800 E. Werley claims that Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser likely did not read the affidavit, rather he simply signed what was put before him. A law enforcement officer writes an affidavit, which a

judge reads before deciding whether to issue a search warrant. The mill dismissed that argument because the correct address was identified in all other places in the information provided him. "The court cannot find that the magistrate neglected his duties by not reading and noticing simply because he failed to notice one typographical error in the accompanying affidavit," the judge wrote. "The magistrate is a judicial officer, not a proofreader." Two of the counts, conspiracy to manufacture/distribute/possess with intent to distribute

marijuana and manufacturing marijuana, each carry a penalty of between five and 40 years in prison, a \$1 million fine. A third charge, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, has a maximum punishment of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. The fourth count, drug forfeiture, requires the defendant to relinquish all property derived from and related to the sale of the drugs, including cash, land, vehicles and marijuana-growing equipment.

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Smokejumpers prepare for fire season

Experts predict busy summer with early dry conditions

WINTHROP, Wash. (AP) — Red-faced and sweating, 10-recruits at the North Cascades Smokejumper Base gasp for breath as they drop for push-ups in the middle of a country road, just midway through their morning 6-mile run.

More push-ups follow, along with sit-ups and pull-ups and a two-minute drill for getting into their firefighting gear. Gear on, the recruits climb a 45-foot tower and launch themselves off, coasting to the ground by high-wire as they practice jumping out of an airplane.

It's only 11 a.m., and as fire experts tweak their predictions for a potentially damaging fire season-ahead, eager firefighters battle for one of the few spots available each year on the nation's smokejumping roster.

Increasing fire danger — and the ensuing demand for firefighters — means more smokejumpers are staying on the job longer. Positions are scarce and competition for them is fierce.

"People are staying longer and doing this job, making more of a career. We need to retain these people for their knowledge and expertise," said John Button, acting manager of the smokejumper base.

And added pressures for the coming fire season — a years-long drought, the potential loss of heavy air tankers due to safety concerns, and the mobilization of National Guard troops overseas — make additional resources even more important, Button said.

That includes the roughly 400 smokejumpers at nine bases run by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

In the Northwest, the North Cascades and Rimnondal, Ore., bases had hoped to hire a total of 20 more smokejumpers for the summer season because of extreme drought conditions and the possible loss of heavy air tankers.

The 23-plane fleet, which is grounded due to safety concerns, are key for initial attack on wildfires.

Smokejumpers, too, are essential for initial attack on small remote fires, but the Forest Service so far has chosen only to bring in more equipment, including smaller single-engine tankers and helicopters, said Mike Fitzpatrick, president of the service's coordinating center for the Northwest Coordination Center.

The request for additional smokejumpers was last made in 1992, when the Northwest was facing some serious fire danger, Fitzpatrick said.

An additional 20 smokejumpers were hired in the region, which usually kept about 50 smokejumpers on hand.

But by 1994, the fire danger had dropped and valuable eyes were now with two years' experience, were laid off, he said.

"You probably could make a case for having more smokejumpers, but it's a very expensive program and I think one of the things people don't see is more money coming to this program," he said.

Smokejumpers used to typically cover specific regions near their home base.

Today, the North Cascades smokejumpers can travel from their home base in Winthrop, Montana, a New Mexico or Colorado in a heartbeat, Button said.

Smokejumpers typically respond as the initial attack for small fires ranging in size from a quarter-acre to 10 acres or for fires in very remote areas.

The need for such mobility could increase dramatically if air tankers are not returned to



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service, Button said.

"We can pick out spots and get equipment and crews in, and those crews are more rested than those who have to hike a mile or two in to the fire," Button said.

The average age of an American smokejumper is 35, while the average age of recruits is 22. The 10 recruits trying to fill the few slots opening through attrition in Washington and Oregon this year ranged in age from 21 to 37.

"We try to hire good firefighters — and then — turn them into smokejumpers," said Matt Woosley, a 20-year veteran smokejumper who leads the training for recruits.

"There's nothing you would do in your normal life that would make sense in this job."

"The first two weeks of training consist of heavy physical training — not to get the recruits into shape, but rather to get a sense of their character and induce stress to see how they react in difficult situations."

"Since it is inherently hazardous, I'd rather sweat a lot here and learn how to do it the right way," he said.

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and I like that."

"Growing up in the fire world, the smokejumpers were considered the top of the pyramid for initial wildfire attack, Woosley said.

"It still is. But we're just firefighters," Woosley said. "We just get there a different way, but when we hit the ground, we're all just firefighters."



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Arrest leads to cleanup of highly volatile metal

SALMON (AP) — More than 60 barrels of volatile chemicals were cleaned up and removed from a farm supply store in Lemhi County this week following the arrest of a man in Alaska whom authorities say is the owner.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation contacted the Sheriff's Office on May 27 to report that Kåster Sven Everson, 50, had been arrested in Alaska on suspicion of illegally transporting sodium metal.

Everson, of Wasilla, Alaska, was arrested May 26 and charged with selling about 41 pounds of the material on an Internet auction site in the previous nine months.

Authorities said Everson admitted under questioning that more of the material was being stored in Salmon.

Everson's preliminary hearing in U.S. District Court in Anchorage is scheduled to continue Monday.

Sodium metal is a light, silver malleable metal that can cause severe burns of the eyes, digestive and respiratory tracts, according to chemical safety information available from several university Web sites. It is highly corrosive and reacts violently with water, giving off flammable hydrogen-based gas that may explode spontaneously.

Metallic sodium is necessary to manufacture esters and in the preparation of organic compounds.

Federal investigators contend

that after each sale, Everson would ship the sodium metals by commercial mail services without proper labeling.

Following the FBI's call, Lemhi County hazardous materials coordinator Richard Buster examined the storage site just east of Salmon at the farm supply store Steel & Rancho.

Given the large amount of material, Buster immediately requested assistance from the Pocatello Hazardous Material Response team and the Environmental Protection Agency.

By Sunday night, crews had removed 62 55-gallon barrels of sodium metal, 18 tons of borax and 150 pounds of sodium hydroxide.

Buster said that the corroded barrels created a hazard that no one besides Everson knew about.

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Historians still debate fate of Clark's slave

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — On a rock far from the Yellowstone River in southern Montana, there's a picture of a black war chief that one Crow historian thinks just might be York, Capt. William Clark's slave on the 1804-06 expedition.

"I'm still keeping an open mind, but it sure sounds like him," said Howard Boggess.

Other experts are more skeptical.

Historians know little of York's life after the Lewis and Clark expedition, but what they do know is painful. While other members were given land and money, York — who had been their equal in the wilderness — was kept in slavery by Clark after the expedition.

Clark later demoted York, hired him out to an abusive landowner from Louisville and ordered him thrown in jail in 1809 to cure a bad attitude.

In 1832, Clark told author Washington Irving that he had eventually given York his freedom and set him up with a wagon and team of six horses, but that York had died of cholera in Tennessee on his way back to visit Clark in St. Louis.

"Some people say Clark made up York's death to make himself look better, but really he had no reason to lie," said Jim Holmberg of the Filson Club Historical Society in Louisville, one of the South's leading research centers.

However, there's no record of York's death in Tennessee, Kentucky or Missouri.

"A free slave might show up in some public records, especially one considered a clarity case," said Holmberg, a historian who is an expert on Clark. "But that can be real hit or miss. We don't know where he died, and a lot of town records don't go back that far."

There are several accounts of a black chief living with the Crow Indians in the 1830s who claimed to be York. The main one came from a trapper named Zenas Leonard.

In 1832, he wrote: "We found a Negro man who informed us that he first came to this country with Lewis and Clark — with whom he also returned to the state of Missouri, and in a few years returned again with a Mr. Mackinney, a trader on the Missouri river, and has remained here ever since — which is about 10 or 12 years."

Two years later, Leonard returned and found the same black chief, adding: "He enjoys perfect peace and satisfaction, and has everything that he desires at his command."

In his book, "In Search of York," republished four years ago, the late Robert Betts noted this man could have been Edward Bose, except Bose was murdered by Arkanian Indians in the winter of 1832-33. Betts also speculated the black chief could have been James Beckwourth, except Beckwourth would have been only 34 years old in 1832 — hardly the man Leonard described as an "old Negro" and later as an "old man."

That leaves York, or perhaps another anonymous black fur trapper.

"There is a proven tradition of African-Americans living with the Crow Tribe," Holmberg said.

Boggess said he knows of no oral history within the Crow Tribe about a black chief 175 years ago. But he read the account of two Wyoming ranchers who ran cattle in Crow country at about that time.

"They said there was a black



Crow historian Howard Boggess explains the significance of pictographs still preserved in the Valley of Shields near Bridger, Mont., April 23. The pictograph he believes depicts York, the slave who traveled with the Lewis and Clark expedition, is hidden beneath the shrubbery.

man with the Crows who spoke English with them and could speak with the Crow in sign language," said Boggess. "They asked who he was, and he told them he had gone to the Great Water and come back," he said.

"Then there's the painting in the Valley of the Shields that the Crows call 'The Very Ankle Black Man' because, as Boggess explained, 'He is very manly.'"

It's a crude pictograph of a black man on the underside of a fallen boulder, adorned with two other pictographs. It differs dramatically from other pictographs showing men in either red or yellow ochre.

"There's very little black around here, but they very deliberately made him black," Boggess added.

Larry Loendorf, an archaeology professor at New Mexico State University, disagrees with Boggess.

"That figure is a fairly common shape with 'V' shoulders and a triangular body," said Loendorf, a rock art expert who studied the site extensively. "It was often done in a number of colors, including black."

"And it's not uncommon for figures like that to have exaggerated sexual characteristics," he said.

Loendorf said some of the pictographs in the valley date back more than 1,000 years, and almost all of them were created before the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Holmberg also thinks York's return to the Crow is simply wishful thinking.

"Did York go back to the mountains and become a chief with the Crow or did he die a

"The Sanchez family would like to express their deepest gratitude to everyone for all the love, kindness, and support shown to them during the time of the loss of their son and brother. Thank you and God Bless You All.

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 La familia Sanchez les quiere expresar su sincera gratitud a todos por su carino, amabilidad y ayuda para ellos durante la perdida de su hijo y hermano. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.
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Bar fees lapse for appeals court nominee

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah lawyer nominated for a federal appeals court failed to pay his bar association dues for three years, in essence invalidating his license to practice.

Thomas Griffith, a former general counsel for the Senate, was nominated for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He's President Bush's pick for the opening that Democratic senators blocked Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada from getting last year.

The lapse was attributed to a clerical oversight, possibly by an employer, which was corrected as soon as it was brought to light. Still, the issue could complicate Griffith's confirmation. Estrada withdrew after Democrats stalled his confirmation, contending he lacked judicial experience and refused to provide background information they sought.

Griffith, general counsel for Brigham Young University in Provo, was a partner in the Washington law firm of Wiley, Rein and Fielding before joining BYU. He was the Senate's chief lawyer from 1995-99.

Griffith disclosed the lapse himself in a nominee questionnaire to the Senate Judiciary Committee and continues to have the backing of the Bush administration and Sen. Orrin Hatch, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Sen. Hatch thinks Mr. Griffith is an outstanding lawyer who should be confirmed and will do an excellent job on the D.C. Circuit," said Judiciary Committee spokeswoman Margaret Tapia. His bar membership was suspended from 1998 to 2001 when he failed to pay his association dues.

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IDAHO

Dog touches generation of students

KAMIAH (AP) — This is a story about a three-legged dog that was rescued by a kindhearted first-grade teacher and given a second chance at life, and then went on to become a teacher himself.

Howard's life, as far as he can remember, started out in a ditch about 12 years ago.

He laid there for days, starving, terrified and with a right hind leg so grievously broken it stuck out at a 90-degree angle from his body.

Howard expected to die. But then Dee Harrington and her husband, Blair, drove by.

Dee, an inveterate collector of stray animals, noticed the ragged and bony Howard lying in the ditch.

"He was awful," Dee remembers. "I've never seen anything that looked like that. He'd evidently been there some time."

She asked her husband if they could take him home. Blair also was an animal lover. But he reminded Dee they already had more animals than they could handle. So they just drove on by.

But, Dee's conscience kept hounding her about Howard. The next day when she was at work at Kamiah Elementary School she phoned the veterinarian.

She told him about the dog and said if he could arrange to have somebody pick it up and have it euthanized, she would pay for it. Then she went back to her class and began to cry.

The students were alarmed. They had never seen Mrs. Harrington cry before.

She told them about the dog and how she had instructed the vet to have it put to sleep.

"Oh, don't do that, Mrs. Harrington," the youngsters pleaded. "We'll help you take care of him."

That was all the convincing

Teacher rescues pooch from ditch, gives him home in her classroom

Dee needed. She rushed back to the school office and called the vet again.

She told him not to euthanize the dog, she wanted to take him home. Meanwhile, a farmer found Howard in the ditch and brought him to the vet's office.

The vet saved Howard's life. He removed the broken hind leg. And then Howard moved to Dee's house to recuperate.

He knew right away it would be a good place to live. There were horses and cows there — he loved to chase them — and plenty of other dogs and cats, thanks to the Harringtons' large hearts.

When Howard was well enough, Dee took him to visit her first-grade students. The students were delighted to see him.

They had held bake sales around town and raised money to help their teacher pay for Howard's surgery.

Howard was enrolled at Kamiah Elementary School and from that day on he was a regular fixture in Dee Harrington's first-grade class.

"The kids had so much fun and he was so good," Dee says. "He never misbehaved. The only time he ever growled at me was when I put a birthday hat on him."

Dee spread cardboard under a table in her room and that's where Howard laid quietly while the students did their work.

At recess time, Howard went out to the playground. Children would take turns being the weekly "pooper scoopers" — a job Dee says they fought over because it was a big honor.

Howard also took part in class activities. He played the role of

the Big Bad Wolf in the class play. He accompanied them on the playground slide and on field trips. He helped the students celebrate their birthdays.

Howard has an interesting story about his own birthday. In 1976, Dee's 21-year-old son, Jimmy, died while climbing on some rocks with some friends at Selway Falls.

Dee still gets tears in her eyes when she talks about that.

She decided to give Howard Jimmy's birthday. So every year on April 26, Dee baked Howard a cake and took it to her class, with ice cream, for all the students to share.

"The kids got such a bang out of him because he'd pick up his plate and bring it back for seconds."

Perhaps the biggest contribution Howard made to Dee's class was when a little boy named Scotty, who had severe behavioral problems, began acting up in class.

There was little anybody could do to control Scotty. But when those bad times happened, Dee would let Scotty climb under the table and lie down with Howard.

Suddenly the child was calm and that was the biggest help anybody had been able to give.

That spring — 1993 — the students wrote about Howard and sent their story to Scholastics magazine, a national publication for students.

They, along with two elementary classes in New York, were chosen as winners of the Scholastic Kids Care contest. They and Howard got their picture in the magazine along with

a brief story about how the students helped take care of him.

After the magazine came out, the town of Kamiah held a Howard Huge II Day.

Dee retired from teaching seven years ago, and her husband, Blair, died. But she and Howard continue to visit the school and give classes about dog hygiene and health care.


She has been told many times by former students that she was their favorite teacher. But she says when it came to the first-grade class of 1992-1993, "it wasn't me. It was the dog they liked the best."

Recently, the five remaining students of that class graduated from Kamiah High School, along with their other classmates.

Howard and Dee were there to take part in the ceremony.

"They did love that dog," Dee says. "It was amazing. There were some difficult times that year, but we really had a bond because through that dog, it was just a more fun, relaxed place."

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Officials find body of drowning victim

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The body of a 21-year-old man has been recovered about 70 yards downstream from a diversion dam he had been walking on.

Bonneville County deputies said Scott Rasmussen was walking on the Sunnyside Road power dam on the Snake River Thursday afternoon with his brother when the accident happened.

Rescuers searched Thursday evening and Friday afternoon, when he was found at about 2 p.m.

Sgt. Karl Caspersen said the underwater search was difficult because of low visibility, currents and debris in the river.

High water flow made the dam a dangerous place to walk along, he said.

Rasmussen apparently slipped off the dam at about 1 p.m. Thursday. His brother, Jeremy, was at first not aware he had gone into the water, police said.

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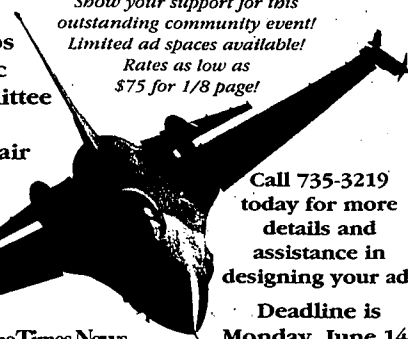
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Lowest tides in 19 years draw throngs to beaches

SEATTLE (AP) — From barnacles to limpets, crabs and sea stars, the lowest tides in 19 years are revealing all sorts of unusual creatures trapped in tidepools — to the delight of beach-combing masses.

Hundreds of people hit the sands Friday with many more expected to head out over the weekend.

"It's really, really interesting. It gives you a window into what is there all the time that you don't see — sea cucumbers, sea stars, maybe an octopus," said Polly Freeman, a local naturalist who brought her 20-month-old son, Nate, to the beach at Seattle's Golden Gardens park.

There are 36 factors that affect the tides, from the Earth's proximity to the sun and the moon to the moon's angle in relation to the equator, said Richard Strickland, who teaches oceanography at the University of Washington.

Every 19 years, those factors line up just so — creating the lowest low tides and the greatest differences between low and high tides, he said. "Virtually everywhere outside the tropics will have seen the lowest low tides in 19 years between about Friday and Sunday, he said.

"It's almost as if you have two watches, and one is running a little fast," Strickland said. "Somewhere down the road, one will be 12 hours faster than the other, but in twice that time they'll be back in sync."

Puget Sound's lowest tide is more noticeable than most because it's shallower than open ocean beaches, and the sound acts as a smaller container. When the tide drops to 4.1 vertical feet below the average low tide, as it did Friday at 12:26 p.m., the water can recede hundreds of yards from shore. The



Larry Halvorsen, right, shows his son, Liam Halvorsen, left, 10, a crab during a low tide at Golden Gardens State Park in Seattle on Friday. Puget Sound tides are at their lowest in 19 years.

rest of this weekend, July 3 and 4, and a few other dates this summer will also offer extremely low tides.

While Friday's was the lowest in 19 years in Puget Sound, it's actually not much lower than other lowest-tides of recent years — less than six inches difference — but that small amount can reveal a lot of life. As the water recedes, it strands creatures in the muddy pools left behind: anemones, barnacles, moon snails, clingfish and lots of fragrant, rotting seaweed. Clams become easy picking for gulls, herons and people alike. Oregon was expecting a rush of razor clam hunters on its northern beaches, where they hoped to take advantage of the minus-tide there, said Anne Pressentin of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department.

"The tides aren't as low here as they are in Puget Sound, but there are definitely people out and about — a lot of them razor clamming," said Pressentin, who planned to go clamming herself this weekend. "We make some great chowder."

Many schools scheduled field trips to check out the tide pools, and King County and the Seattle Aquarium had scores of trained volunteer naturalists out — as they do every year during the summer's low tides — to answer questions from parents and children alike about what they found and to tell them how to keep from harming the creatures or the ecosystem.

Eight-year-old Preston Stover begged his mom to let him keep a dead gurneel, a small, eel-looking fish that serves as food for salmon and ling cod. She declined — "It's going to

stink" — but Preston was hoping to impress his cousin.

"He lives in the country," Preston said. "He knows a lot about animals. He's sort of a naturalist. He's 8 years old."

Along with the low tides come high tides that are slightly higher than usual, though the state's highest tide will come close to the winter solstice, in December. High tides are more of a concern at that time of year because of the increased likelihood of storms.

At Seahurst Beach in Burien, south of Seattle, Seattle Aquarium naturalist worked with a group of 30 high school students to divide the beach into quadrants and identify the numbers of each species. In a few years, workers are expected to remove the seawall there, and Friday's project was designed to collect data that can



From left, friends Nate Rauds, Evan Knebel, Stuart Gedosch and Callam Tucan play in the low tide at Golden Gardens State Park in Seattle Friday.



Dave Gooding, left, and Roy Osterhout, both of Bremerton, Wash., hit the tide flats in search of gooduck on the beach in Retal, Wash., Friday. Gooding was not shy about getting wet for a tasty clam buried two or three feet in the sand.

be used to study how the beach changes after the seawall is demolished. "It could be the luckiest person on the face of the earth — look at what I get to do," said Janice Mathisen, who was working with the high school students. "We have an incredible diversity of life on our city beaches. It's wonderful for kids to see that."

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Authorities search for woman in forgery

LEWISTON (AP) — Authorities are searching for a Lewiston woman suspected of falsifying signatures gathered for a political petition in support of allowing gambling machines at horse tracks.

Nex Perce County Prosecutor Dan Spickler said the paid signature gatherer forged signatures of as many as 200 county voters.

Prosecutors in Ada and Canyon counties are investigating similar cases for the same initiative, which was withdrawn in April.

"The fact that somebody attempted this is just intolerable," said County Clerk Patty O. Weeks, who tipped Spickler's office to the alleged fraud.

Spickler said he believes a \$1.25-per-signature bounty paid by the gambling interests backing the initiative motivated the 46-year-old woman to falsify the petitions.

She faces four felonies related to falsifying petitions, each of which carry sentences of up to two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Authorities have been unable to locate the woman. Court records indicate she also failed to appear for sentencing on an unrelated charge of felony grand theft in October.

"We'd certainly like to talk to this person," Spickler said. "When you see it happened in more places, you wonder if it wasn't individual choices."

Both Spickler and Weeks said the use of paid signature gatherers for initiatives should prompt public concern.

"That seems to be the new thing in Idaho; instead of having people dedicated to a cause, you have people with big pockets paying people to get signatures," Weeks said.

Weeks became suspicious after reviewing Johnson's near-perfect petitions for the initiative, which were turned into the county clerks office in April.

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BYU student faces charges in police sting on Internet

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A Brigham Young University student has been charged with two second-degree felonies for allegedly using a school library computer to seek sexual activity with a minor.

Ezequiel Uberti, 26, made his first court appearance Friday on the charges stemming from three alleged Internet conversations with an undercover police officer posing online as a 13-

year-old girl. Uberti was arrested on May 26 inside the BYU library, where he had arranged to meet the young girl, prosecutor David Struggill said.

Uberti admitted that he had the conversations while using a computer in the BYU library and intended to meet with the girl and perform the illegal acts, according to court papers.

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TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Two players have won baseball's Triple Crown twice. Who are they?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball

Nampa AA at Twin Falls, Walker Field, 1 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Coaches Clinic starts July 26

CALDWELL — The Idaho State Coaches Clinic will take place July 26-28 at Caldwell High School.

College and high school speakers representing football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, softball, track and field, wrestling as well as cheerleading and dance will be in attendance. The cost to attend the clinic is \$50 for those who register before July 15 and \$60 for those who show up at the door.

College credit for those in attendance can be obtained from Albion College, the University of Idaho and Idaho State University.

For more information, contact Dave Mills at Boise High School at (208) 338-3575, (208) 857-0919 or by fax at (208) 338-3654.

Rope and Run winners announced

FILER — Over \$30,000 in prizes and awards were given out to barrel racers and break-away ropers at the PFI Memorial Day Rope and Run, held this past weekend at the PFI Arena in Filer.

The top barrel racer for the event was Pocatello's Shirley Andrum, who won the 1-D Average. The top breakaway roper for the two-day average was Ashley Mulick from Mackay.

Series champions included Gooding's Italy Jo Eames in barrel racing, Jill Luikin in breakaway roping and Chelsea Kack (overall) in the 15-and-under division.

The high money winner for the Four-Season Series was Eames. She was presented a three-horse trailer for her efforts. Luikin took second in the money and was given a hand-tooled all-around saddle.

Twin Falls' Nancy Howell won the target race. She rounded the barrels in the two-day competition with a .001-second difference between her two times.

PFI will sponsor a summer rope and run series, beginning June 28. For more information on how to enter the events, call Lana Parker at (208) 536-2772.

Rupert CC plans junior golf clinic

RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club will conduct a junior golf clinic June 9-August 18. The clinic will run from 9:30-11:30 a.m. each Wednesday during that period.

RGA golf professionals Bob Lantz and Rob Jones will instruct golfers on all aspects of the game of golf.

The cost is \$25. For more information or to sign up please call the Pro Shop at (208) 436-0168.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Rogers Hornsby, in 1922 and '25, and Ted Williams, in 1942 and '47.

Smarty Jones loses

Loss at Belmont results in failed Triple Crown try

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Belmont, you of heartbreaker, you did it again.

Smarty Jones lost his Triple Crown bid and his perfect record when Birdstone ran him down near the finish of Saturday's thrilling Belmont Stakes, topping his chances to end a record 26-year drought without a winner of thoroughbred racing's most coveted prize.

The little red chestnut was poised to become the 12th Triple Crown champion when

he turned home, but Birdstone came flying down the stretch and took the lead inside the 16th pole to win by a length.

That move dashed yet another Triple Crown hopeful's attempt to do what no horse has managed since Affirmed in 1978.

A record, raucous crowd of 120,139 filled Belmont Park hoping to see the popular 3-year-old Pennsylvania-bred run into history. Instead, this crowd, like many others, left disappointed and wondering when another Triple Crown might

grace this track.

Smarty Jones is the third straight Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, and sixth in the past eight years, to fall short in the 1.5-mile Belmont, the longest and most grueling of the three races.

His loss with the Triple on the line was the biggest surprise since 1979, when Spectacular Bid appeared to be a lock to win but finished third behind Coastal and Golden Act at odds of 3-10. Spectacular Bid moved too soon when jockey Ronnie Please see BELMONT, Page C5



Birdstone, left, with Edgar Prado aboard, leads Smarty Jones, right, with Stewart Elliott up, to the finish line during the Belmont Stakes Saturday in Elmont, N.Y. Birdstone won the race.

3-on-3 glee

All ages enjoy annual basketball tournament

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — From the short and young to the short and not so young, the 11th annual Western Days 3-on-3 Classic basketball tournament proved once again to be a slam dunk.

About 160 teams competed in the tourney Saturday at the southeast parking lots at the College of Southern Idaho. The tourney raised an estimated gross amount of \$7,200 to be used for athletic scholarships at the school, according to director Ben Stroud.

From some of the area's best high school athletes to rising stars in weekend-warriors, everyone contributed a little to another successful event. Although for some, the games proved to be a little more painful than for others. Or at least they'll feel the pain tomorrow.

"I have one word for overcoming all that," said Dave Wright, 41, of Kimberly who played on the Refiner's Tweeners team in the men's open division. "VOXX. I've been on it since Wednesday getting ready for this."

The Tweeners, were originally going to compete in the new church league division, but due to a lack of teams, the division was scrapped.

"The reason we wanted to play is because we all attend church together," Wright said. "We wanted to play basketball together and glorify God, not necessarily in that order."

Also on the team were Jason Malsch, 35, Virgil Homer, 28, and Greg Edness, the pastor at Lighthouse Christian in Twin Falls.

"I've got to stand up in front of hundreds of people tomorrow," said Fadness, 42, after his team's second game.

"I could be so sore that I'll be going up there on crutches," he added with a laugh.

He wasn't the only team member feeling some pain. So did Wright, who had his toe stepped on during the heat of competition.

"I lost my ball, I lost my jump shot and now I think I lost my toenail," he said, laughing.

The tournament also gave a chance for high school players to tune up their games.

"It's an opportunity to play against teams we don't see while we're in school," said Lindsay Williams, who along with Lindzie Kulin, Sara Trautgaber and Alicia German will all be juniors at Jerome High School in the fall. "It's practice. We try to get all the playing time in we can."

Some former high school standouts from this past season also had a chance to play competitively again. In the boys age 18 division, the

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Derek Maloney (31) of the 'Hoop Homies' 11-year-old team, scores over his defender during play at the Western Days 3-on-3 tournament at the College of Southern Idaho on Saturday.

2004 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Nate Robertson is simply ... so young, so good

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Earlier this year a college baseball scout in Boise set his eyes on a muscular center fielder in a Twin Falls Bruins jersey. The center fielder looked like a man among boys. In the outfield, he covered more ground than the rain tarp. He zipped one-hoppers to home from 250 feet away. And at the plate, he took a short aluminum bat, put it to the ball, and was at first base by the time the ball cleared the fence, 375 feet later.

After the game was over and the scout had scratched out his impressions on a legal pad, he found the center fielder and asked the kid what his name was.

"Nathan Robertson, sir," The kid said.

The scout asked Robertson his height and his weight, and without much thought, asked him how his senior year was going.

"Um, sir, I'm a freshman," Robertson replied. "Somewhere tonight a scout is dreaming of a 6-foot-2 frame,



Nate Robertson looks on as the Twin Falls Cowboys open their season against Hinnico Thursday.

braids under a ball cap and the unexpected talent out of Twin Falls he discovered.

But no one discovers Nathan

Robertson. Without saying a word, he jumps out of the crowd like the part of the pop-up book

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The boys of summer hit the field

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The 2004 incarnation of the Twin Falls Cowboys Class AA American Legion baseball team might as well be called the "Bruins Plus." Flame throwing pitcher Nick Carr? Check.

Hard-hitting players like Alex Hill, Luke Hawkins, and Brandon Christiansen? Check.

Speed on the base paths from Tim Mealer and Nathan Robertson? Check. Added to the equation for the Cowboys' heavy schedule of 49 games in seven weeks will be a quartet of players led by Eastern Oregon University redshirt Steve Turner and Wendell star shortstop Cody Howerton.

Howerton was one of the top three RBI guys in our league last year and we'll look for him to



supply power with Christiansen," Cowboys coach Tim Stadler said.

Joining Turner and Howerton will be A-ball call-ups Josh Fisher and Joey Martin. Fisher, a junior catcher, will see time behind the plate along with Alex Hill after junior catcher Drew Bernhard underwent knee surgery during the spring season. Martin is a 6-foot-4 pitcher who will enter his senior year next fall.

"He's a big kid with a loose arm," Stadler said. "We'll fine tune with his mechanics, and he could be really something."

With Carr, Mealer, Bernhard, Martin, and Matt Sherman on the mound, the Cowboys will have great depth and has the potential to limit even their

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SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Utah Jazz player will be in Burley Monday

BURLEY — A member of the 2003-04 Utah Jazz NBA team will visit Burley High School from 1:30 to 12:30 on Monday, June 7, in Robert Gymnasium. The short clinic is open to anyone and there is no charge to attend.

Minico youth baseball camp starts Monday

RUPERT — The Minico Spartans will hold their youth baseball camp on June 7-9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Warburg. Anyone age 7-15 is welcome and the cost to participate is \$30 and includes a camp T-shirt. Participants need to bring their own bats and mitts, and catchers need to bring their own gear. The concession stand will be open and a camp lunch special of a hamburger, pop/water, and candy will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for \$4.

The camp is sponsored by the Minico American Legion baseball team and coaches, and all proceeds go to the team. All area coaches are also encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Coach at 436-3326, Mary at 436-1611, or Coach Ben Frank at 431-6411.

Weight room open Tuesdays, Thursdays

TWIN FALLS — The Robert Stuart Junior High weight room will be open from 6-7 p.m. open Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer, starting June 8.

Call Coach Huddleston at 736-1994 or coach Benoit at 737-9242 for more information.

Jerome plans boys basketball camp

JEROME — There will be a boys basketball camp June 14-17 at Jerome High School for boys grades 4-9 led by Tigers boys basketball coach Houston Finn. The camp will focus on fundamentals.

Grades 4-6 will participate from 9 a.m. to noon each day while the older kids will go from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There is a \$35 entry fee which includes camp T-shirt, Call Houston Finn at 824-5031 to register, or do so at jersey.com

Body development class starts June 9

TWIN FALLS — A body development class will be held from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. from June 9-15 as part of summer school at Twin Falls High School. The class will carry one physical education credit and the cost of the class is \$55. The fee can be paid at Mrs. Bright's office in the Twin Falls High School front office area on weekdays.

Scottland's Wilson wins British Amateur title

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Scotland's Stuart Wilson became the British Amateur champion Saturday, defeating England's Lee Corfield 4 and 3 at St. Andrews.

Wilson, part of the Britain-Inland team that beat the United States in the Walker Cup last September, earned a spot at next month's British Open at Royal Troon. He also gets a place at next year's Masters at Augusta.

Casey holds lead at the Wales Open

NEWPORT, Wales — England's Paul Casey shot a 7-under par 65 Saturday to take a three-shot lead after three rounds of the Wales Open.

Casey, a three-time winner on the European Tour, moved to 11 under ahead of fellow American Simon Khan, who followed a course record 61 on Friday with a 2-under 70.

South Africa's James Kingston shot a 66 and is five strokes behind at 178.74, while American golfer carded a 69 for his third straight round and 70 and is tied for fourth place with UK's Bickerton (63) and Phillip Golding (67), seven strokes back.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

BASEBALL

All Stars

DETROIT

Table with columns for Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins, listing players and their statistics.

Auto Racing

Nexel Cup, MENA 400, Fox, 11:30 a.m.

Azorellos Rally, SPEEDY, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

Phillies at Braves, TBS, 11 p.m.

Mariners at Mets, WPX, 11:10 p.m.

Pirates at Cubs, WGN, 12:10 p.m.

White Sox at Mariners, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Basketball

NBA playoffs, finals, Game 1, Pistons at Lakers, ABC, 7 p.m.

Football

NFL Europe, Frankfurt at Berlin, Fox, 11 a.m.

Arena league, NBC, 7 p.m.

Golf

European PGA Tour, The Wales Open, final round, TG, 7 a.m.

PGA Tour, The Memorial Tournament, final round, CBS, noon

PGA Tour, Kellogg-Heebler Classic, final round, ESPN, 12:30 p.m.

Champions Tour, Farmers Charity Classic, final round, QVC, 3 p.m.

Motorsports

AMA Superbike, Road America, day 2, SPEED, 3 p.m.

motogp World Championship, Italian Grand Prix, SPEED, 4 p.m.

Soccer

Women's national teams, U.S. vs. Japan, ESPN2, 2 p.m.

Tennis

French Open, men's championship, NBC, 7 a.m.

Baseball

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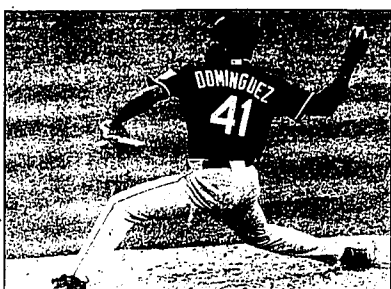
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Dominguez shuts down Yankees for first win

NEW YORK (AP) — Juan Dominguez shut down the New York Yankees for his first major league win, and Brad Fuller homered and scored a career-high four runs in the Texas Rangers 8-1 victory Saturday.

Mark Teixeira also connected and drove in three runs as Texas teared off on Jon Lieber (4-3), handing the Yankees only their second loss in 12 games. New York had won four straight, all come-from-behind victories.

Fuller homered leading off the second, then doubled, singled and walked to reach safety in his first four plate appearances. He knocked in two runs and is 9-for-15 (.600) with three homers lifetime against Lieber.



Texas Rangers' Juan Dominguez pitches against the New York Yankees during the seventh inning Saturday in New York.

Athletics 4, Blue Jays 0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Tim Lincecum pitched an eight-hitter to give the Athletics a much-needed win from a starting pitcher.

Scott Hatteberg hit a three-run homer in the third inning off Pat Linton (2-5) and Bobby Crosby added a solo shot in the fourth. That proved to be more than enough for Hudson (6-2), who improved to 69-2 in his career when getting at least four runs of support.

Hudson's win snapped a seven-game run of no-decisions for Oakland's starters, which tied the major league record. The starters had pitched well in the stretch, posting a 1.84 ERA, but spotty relief and a lack of hitting hurt Oakland.



Tigers 6, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Gary Knotts pitched a three-hit ball into the eighth inning and Craig Monroe drove in four runs, leading Detroit over Minnesota.

Ivan Rodriguez went 4-for-5 with four singles, and Carlos Guillen and Carlos Pena each homered for Detroit, which snapped a two-game losing skid. Steve Colyer and Ugueth Urbina finished the three-hitter, the Tigers fourth shutout of the season.

Knotts (3-1) held Minnesota hitless until Lew Ford doubled with one out in the third. Knotts struck out two and walked four in 7-2 innings. Colyer got one out in the eighth and Urbina pitched the ninth.

Seth Greisinger (2-5), making his first start against his former team, allowed four runs and eight hits in 5-1.3 innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Mariners 4, White Sox 2

SEATTLE — Bret Boone ended a 1-for-19 slump with a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the fifth and Ryan Franklin pitched seven strong innings to help the Mariners defeat Chicago.

Boone hit his ninth homer of the season off Scott Schoeneweis (5-3) after John Olerud walked with one out in the fifth. The 438-foot shot landed in the second deck in left field.

Franklin (3-4) won for the first time since May 7 and ended his two-game losing streak. He allowed two runs on six hits and three walks, and had four strikeouts.

Eddie Guardado pitched the final 1-3 innings for his 10th save in 13 opportunities.

Red Sox 8, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — David Ortiz, Mark Bellhorn and Kevin Youkilis hit two-run home runs to help Boston snap a four-game losing streak.

Curt Schilling (7-7) gave up a 445-foot home run to Mike Sweeney on his ninth pitch of the game and then shut out the Royals until Benito Santiago's sacrifice fly with one out in the seventh.

Marlins rally past Mets as Gonzalez lifts Florida to a 7-6 win on Saturday

NEW YORK (AP) — Pinch-hitter Damon Easley hit a tying three-run homer in the seventh inning, and Alex Gonzalez had a two-out, RBI single in the eighth to give the Florida Marlins a 7-6 win over the New York Mets on Saturday.

With runners on second and third in the seventh, Lenny Harris was sent in as a pinch hitter but the Mets called for left-hander Mike Stanton. Easley batted for Harris and hit his second homer of the season to tie it at 5.

An inning later, Hecy Scop Choi beat out an infield single with two outs against reliever David Weathers (5-2). Left Gonzalez walked and Gonzalez followed with a single to right. Choi beat Shane Spencer's throw to the plate, sliding under catcher Vance Wilson's tag.

Matt Perisho (4-2) pitched 1-3 for the win.

Armando Benitez allowed Mike Piazza second homer of the game leading off the ninth before finishing for his 22nd save in 23 opportunities.

PHILLES 5, Braves 3

ATLANTA — Ricky Ledee drove in three runs and Brett Myers overcame a rough opening inning to win for the first time in three starts.

Philadelphia over the Braves, losing two straight for the first time in 17 games, fell to 27-28, their worst record this late in the season since having an identical record on June 6, 1992.

After allowing two runs and three hits in the first, Myers (4-3) gave up just three more hits in his seven innings. He walked four and struck out five.

Tim Worrell struck out the side in the ninth for his eighth save.

Ross Ortiz (6-5) lost for the first time in three starts, allowing nine hits, five runs and three walks in six innings. The right-hander struck out eight.

Cardinals 10, Astros 4

ST. LOUIS — Jim Edmonds overcame a sore ribcage to drive in four runs and throw out a runner at the plate.

Edmonds almost didn't start after straining a ribcage muscle on his right side during batting practice the previous night, but chose to play — helping the Cardinals win their sixth in a row.

Albert Pujols went 4-for-5, and the Cardinals had a season-high 19 hits to move nine games over .500, and remain a game behind N.L. Central-leading Cincinnati.

Jason Marquis (5-4) struck out seven and allowed four runs in five innings.

The Cardinals chased Tim Lincecum (4-3) by scoring four in the fifth inning.



Cubs 6, Pirates 1

CHICAGO — Carlos Zambrano pitched eight solid innings and Rey Ordonez hit a two-run single in the seventh to lead the Cubs over Pittsburgh.

Derek Lee added a two-run homer in the eighth for Chicago, which snapped a 3-game losing streak.

Zambrano (6-2) allowed one run on four hits and struck out seven and walked two. He retired six of the last seven batters he faced.

Pittsburgh was without manager Lloyd Melendrez, serving the first of a two-game suspension for his shouting match with Cardinals manager Tony La Russa on Thursday. The Pirates have lost six of their last seven games.

Kris Benson (4-5) pitched 6-1-3 innings, allowing three runs — two earned — and gave up three hits. He struck out seven and walked two. He retired his first 10 batters.

Reds 6, Expos 3, 10 innings

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 496th homer and Adam Dunn had two of his own, including a three-run shot in the 10th inning.

Griffey hit his 496th homer in the fourth and Dunn followed with a solo shot, putting right-hander Paul Wilson in position to improve to 8-0.

But closer Danny Graves let the Expos tie it in the ninth with their first set of back-to-back homers this season.

Dunn connected for his 17th off Chad Cordero (11-1) with two outs in the 10th.

Sean Casey started the winning rally with a two-out double off the right-field wall, and Griffey was in tentatively walked to bring up Dunn. In his last 44 at-bats, Dunn has seven hits — six homers.

Todd Jones (4-1) pitched a perfect 10th.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
East Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
New York	34	20	.630	-	2-8-2	L-1	17-8	17-12	0-0
Boston	32	23	.582	2.5	2-4-6	W-1	18-9	14-14	0-0
Baltimore	24	27	.471	8.5	4-6	L-4	12-14	12-13	0-0
Toronto	25	31	.446	10	3-6-4	L-1	14-14	11-17	0-0
Tampa Bay	21	32	.396	12.5	6-4	W-3	14-14	7-18	0-0
Central Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Chicago	30	23	.566	-	5-5	L-1	17-10	13-13	0-0
Minnesota	29	26	.527	2	3-7	L-1	16-12	13-14	0-0
Detroit	25	30	.456	6	2-4-6	W-1	12-16	13-14	0-0
Cleveland	23	29	.442	6.5	5-5	W-1	16-13	7-16	0-0
Kansas City	20	33	.377	10	5-5	L-1	13-17	7-20	0-0
West Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Anaheim	33	21	.610	-	4-4	W-1	18-8	15-13	0-0
Texas	30	23	.566	2.5	2-5-5	W-1	16-9	14-14	0-0
Oakland	30	24	.556	3	5-5	W-1	16-10	14-14	0-0
Seattle	20	34	.370	13	2-4-6	W-1	11-16	9-18	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
East Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Florida	32	24	.571	-	2-6-4	W-2	16-12	16-12	0-0
Philadelphia	29	25	.537	2	4-6	W-2	14-13	15-12	0-0
Atlanta	27	28	.491	4.5	2-5-5	L-2	14-13	13-15	0-0
New York	27	28	.491	4.5	4-6	L-2	14-13	13-15	0-0
Montreal	18	36	.333	13	2-4-6	L-1	9-17	9-19	0-0
Central Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Cincinnati	33	22	.600	-	6-4	W-1	17-10	16-12	0-0
St. Louis	32	23	.582	1	4-11	W-6	13-14	19-9	0-0
Houston	29	25	.537	3.5	2-5-5	L-2	15-13	14-12	0-0
Chicago	28	26	.519	4.5	3-7	W-1	15-12	13-14	0-0
Milwaukee	27	25	.519	4.5	5-5	W-1	14-12	13-14	0-0
Pittsburgh	24	28	.462	7.5	2-4-6	L-1	9-18	15-10	0-0
West Division									
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	
Los Angeles	29	23	.558	-	2-6-4	W-2	15-12	14-11	0-0
San Diego	29	25	.537	1	2-5-5	L-1	14-12	15-13	0-0
San Francisco	27	27	.500	3	2-7-3	W-1	15-14	12-13	0-0
Arizona	21	34	.382	9.5	4-6	L-1	11-16	10-18	0-0
Colorado	20	33	.377	9.5	3-7	L-2	12-14	8-19	0-0

AMERICAN LEAGUE Saturday's Games

Detroit 6, Minnesota 0
Texas 8, N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Oakland 4, Toronto 0
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, p.p.d. rain
Boston 6, Kansas City 4
Cleveland at Anaheim, late

Sunday's Games

Texas (Diese 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 6-4), 11:05 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Bell 1-2) at Baltimore (Lopez 4-2), 11:35 a.m.
Detroit (Robertson 4-3) at Minnesota (Silva 6-3), 12:10 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 4-5) at Kansas City (George 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 2-3) at Anaheim (Colan 4-3), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Kershner 0-0) at Oakland (Reardon 3-3), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 6-3) at Seattle (Moyer 4-2), 6:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 10, Houston 4
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 3
Cincinnati 6, Montreal 3, 10 innings
San Francisco at Colorado, late
Milwaukee at San Diego, late
Los Angeles at Arizona, late

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Milworski 4-3) at Atlanta (Wright 3-5), 11:05 a.m.
Florida (Penny 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Lester 1-2), 11:10 a.m.
Montreal (Hernandez 3-5) at Cincinnati (Van Poppel 2-2), 11:15 a.m.
Houston (Oswalt 3-4) at St. Louis (Suppan 5-4), 12:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 1-5) at Chicago Cubs (Madux 4-4), 12:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Hornstrom 1-2) at Colorado (Cox 3-3), 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Davis 3-7) at Arizona (Sparks 2-4), 2:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D.Waver 4-4) at San Diego (Eaton 1-6), 3:10 p.m.

DREAMING BIG



Former East Carolina University baseball coach Keith LeClair, a victim of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly called Lou Gehrig's disease, watches the ECU-Houston baseball game from his van parked outside the right field fence of the stadium in Greenville, N.C., in this May 21 photo. His wife, Lynn, sits right behind him.

Pirates trying to make LeClair's dream real

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press writer

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Ryan Jones remembers when his former East Carolina coach Keith LeClair was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease three years ago.

And he's watched as LeClair's health has deteriorated. So he knows that time is of the essence this postseason.

After a regular season in which the Pirates won 47 games and its first Conference USA regular season title, Jones and his teammates are hoping to give LeClair what he has always wanted for the school: a trip to the College World Series.

"Every day is a battle for him, and we don't know when his last day will be," said Jones, one of four seniors on the team who played for LeClair. "To get there this year for him would be great."

This may be East Carolina's best opportunity. The Pirates closed out the regular season by winning 28 of their last 31 games. They can hit, pitch and field, and are on track to take their former coach where he has

never been.

"It was his dream and we're going to do it for him," said outfielder Jonny Peige, who wears LeClair's No. 23 jersey in tribute.

All LeClair has from Omaha, Neb., is some dirt from the infield at Rosenblatt Stadium. It was a gift from Clemson baseball coach Jack Leggett, who took the Pirates to the College World Series in 2002. (LeClair played for Leggett as a walk-on at Western Carolina.)

That was around the same time LeClair stepped down as baseball coach at East Carolina, his body ravaged by the paralyzing effects of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS.

"When I asked my wife to rub my hands in it, she looked at me a little crazy," LeClair said in an e-mail interview with The Associated Press. "But I said if I can't go, the next best thing was to get a little dirt. So, I have it sitting next to my chair where I can see a part of Omaha every day."

LeClair watched the Pirates from a van parked on a platform built in the right field foul territory at Harrington Field. Pirates players and coaches visited him

there before almost every home game.

Making it to Omaha "would bring some closure to what our team tried to accomplish for so many years," LeClair said. "I demanded so much from my players over the years and this would make the journey worth it for all of the sacrifices they made, regardless how many years ago it took place."

LeClair, 38, was leading the Pirates to their third of four consecutive 40-win seasons when he began to feel weak during the 2001 season. He pushed it off as stress, but during the offseason his left arm began to twitch constantly.

Within a year, he had been diagnosed with ALS and was on a ventilator. Now he's confined to a chair at home, unable to speak or move. He communicates by using a computer that allows him to type by focusing his gaze at letters on a screen.

There is no cure for ALS, and the average patient survives just 27 to 43 months.

Now, with his razor-sharp baseball mind trapped in a decaying body, LeClair has

become an inspiration — and a source of wisdom — for the Pirates.

He stands at Harrington Field dotted with LeClair jerseys, and Pirates coach Randy Mazzy stops by LeClair's home frequently to talk baseball. Assistant coach Nick Schnabel comes over to play with LeClair's 6-year-old son JD, who Lynn LeClair said has inherited his father's passion for baseball.

Should East Carolina advance through the NCAA baseball regionals and become one of the eight teams to reach this year's CWS, LeClair isn't sure he would make the trip to Nebraska. His health is one concern, he said, and he also would not want to be in the way.

And Mazzy, for one, isn't sure that actually going to Omaha is that important for LeClair.

"I think in his heart and his mind with his relationship with God, I think he's OK with where he's at right now," Mazzy said. "It's hard for us to say that looking at him because physically he's in such bad shape, but mentally and spiritually I think he's in the best shape of his life."

Belmont Boys

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Franklin got caught up in a speed duel with 85-1 long shot Gallant Best.

This time, it might have been jockey Stewart Elliott who asked Smarty Jones to move too soon, with about a mile to go.

"When I peaked over and saw Birdstone," he said, "I thought we might be in trouble. He was coming pretty strong."

By the time the nine-horse field rounded the final turn on a fast track, Smarty Jones had already worked harder than he had in winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

"I wasn't feeling good down the backside. He wasn't settling like he had," trainer John Servis said. "The one thing I was worried about was him being too sharp, and I just couldn't get him settled."

Losing hurt, he said, "but we had a really good run. ... We're not going to put our head down. We're proud," he said.

Prado, aware the crowd desperately wanted Smarty Jones to win, was apologetic afterward.

"I'm very sorry, of course," he said, "but I had to do my job that's what I'm paid for. I'm very sorry that I had to win."

Birdstone, who ran eighth behind Smarty Jones in the Derby, gave Prado his second straight upset in the Belmont. Two years ago, he spoiled War Emblem's Triple try by winning aboard 70-1 shot Sarava, for the biggest payoff in Belmont history — \$112,500.

Birdstone went off at 36-1, and gave trainer Nick Zito his first Belmont win after five second-place finishes.

Smarty Jones was second, followed by Royal Assault, Eddington, Rock Hard Ten, Trip Dancer, Master David, Calman and Puage.

Birdstone, owned by socialite Marylou Whitney, returned \$74, \$14 and \$3.60. Smarty Jones, the 3-10 favorite, paid \$3,300 and \$2.60. Royal Assault was \$6.10 to show.

Winning time for the race was 2:27.50, well off 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat's record of 2:24.

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toughed opposition to a few runs per game.

"Car has a great arm and he's progressed a lot on the last couple years," Stadelmeier said. "He's learning how to pitch and not just throw."

The Malco Spartans are the area's other AA team and will continue to work with a young core of talented players. Senior-to-be Cory Warburton is coming off a bit of a down spring when compared to his undefeated performance on the mound in 2003.

However, pitcher Brandon Colwell had a solid spring and took Region Four-Five SS all-conference honors.

Malco will continue to be a force at the plate for the Spartans and is one of the area's better defensive shortstops. While the Spartan team consists of many of the same players from the spring, Frank will use the summer to develop some of his younger players.

"Basically with Legion it's varsity minus four or five starters," Frank said. "We have a lot of 15 to 16 year-olds kids out there."

Burley's Christen Loy will join the Spartans and will provide them with added speed and defensive depth in the infield.

Overall, although the Spartans may lack the team speed and depth of the Cowboys, they should continue to be competitive through their summer schedule.

Devin Kuntz will continue to manage the Cowboys' A team this year. They are a talented group led by sophomore shortstop Nathan Ramirez, who saw limited varsity play this year after Christiansen went down with an arm injury.

Along with Chance Elam and Wendell catcher Will Howerton, Ramirez will provide the Cowboys with varsity experience and steady performances in the field.

Despite playing against varsity competition and AA teams last year, this team finished at 500 for the season and should prove to be a good feeder program.

Glenns Ferry will finally field the Mountain Home Royals as the Mountain Home Royals has played in previous years — disbanded. Pilot coach Dennis Uhl will steer the team that is mainly composed of Pilot players, but will include a handful of talented players from the Mountain Home program.

One of those is Brian Fields, a player who will complement Glenns Ferry's strong pitching core.

He's a right-handed pitcher and a strong infielder," Uhl said. "He has a lot of experience. He played for Royals the last two or three years."

As in Pilot pitchers Scott Arullano, Jason Simons, and David Zito, and this team may have one of the better rotations in the Legion A ranks.

Bobcat coach Scott Palin takes over the leadership of the Burley Legion program that finished second in state last year. Palin's team will be led by second baseman Scott Linkenpoker, shortstops and pitchers Ricky Jensen and Craig Beltran, along with outfielders Wes Hadden and Zac Pickup.

"Our biggest goal is for our older players to show the youngsters how baseball should be played," Palin said. "It's the seniors' last opportunity to leave an impression on Burley baseball."

Burley should continue to be solid both in the field and on the mound. The real measure of success will be whether or not the Bobcat bats can pick up where they left off in the spring and continue to improve the quality of their at-bats.

Jerome is looking to build on its state tournament run during the spring and improve on it. Familiar faces like Jed Seamons and Ben Edwards will be joined by Wendell's Jesse Koopman. That trio of pitchers will be solid, especially if Koopman proves he can put pitches past the big school competition.

"I see our pitching as a strength," Jerome coach K.C. Hills said. "I haven't seen the team enough, but I think it will be our main strong point."

Seamons and Kyle Roberts should be the Tigers' main producers, but the rest of the Jerome lineup will have to prove they can provide run support.

The Buhl Tribe has addressed a lack of offensive firepower by adding Tyler Paul, Gerrish, Dustin DeMello, and Scott Ortel. Gerrish will join Pery Hamilton and the Buhl pitching staff to provide the team with added depth, while DeMello continues to improve into one of the area's more dangerous hitters. The Tribe finished 28-3 last year before bowing out in district. It's yet to be seen if this group can muster that kind of success, but they should be a very competitive team.

The Wood River Wolverines look very strong, despite the loss of spring's starting outfielder senior Steve Durkin, Joe Paisley, and Ted Dankanyin. Otherwise, the Wolverines' infield remains intact, as does its pitching rotation of Steve Hansen, Tyson Reynolds, and Tyler Thiede. Hansen and Reynolds have emerged as two of the area's top pitchers over the spring, and the Wolverine offense has a knack for putting runs in bunches. Look for the Wolverines to be right in the hunt when postseason play rolls in.

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2004 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CAPSULES

2003 record: 28-0
Coach: Ryan Bick
Assistant coaches: Not listed
Infielders: Perry Hamilton 1B, Zach Leckery SS, Jason Carabasso 2B, Brian West 1B, Dustin DeMello SS
Outfielders: Scott Ortel, Mitch Bourner, Jack Ussery 3B, Justin Gorman, Hank Adams, Ussery
Catchers: John Ashbro
Team Strength: Three picks up three players from Fair — Gerrish, DeMello, and Ortel — who will certainly bolster the Tribe's performance at the plate
Area of concern: Buhl seemed to need one or two more runs during the spring season, so manufacturing runs will be a concern
Coach says: Not available

2003 record: 2nd in state, 26-13
Coach: Scott Palin
Assistant Coach: Matt Peterson
Infielders: Jason Smith, Scott Hickenlooper 2B, Jesse Espinoza 3B, Craig Beltran SS, Jeff Hinkle 1B, Cory Whitte 1B
Outfielders: Wes Hadden, Zac Pickup, Dwayne Durfee, Logan Palmer, Colton Pickle
Catchers: Pickett, Jensen, Beltran, Palmer, Espinoza
Team Strength: Jerome's pitching staff is solid defense
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2003 record: 18-14
Coach: K.C. Hills
Assistant Coach: Jesse Hills
Infielders: Jed Seamons, Ben Edwards, Casey Schanbacher, Brian Fields
Outfielders: Em Pery, Kyle Roberts, Alan Boss
Catchers: Jesse Koopman, Roberts, Seamons, Ed-ward
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2003 record: 17-11
Coach: Don Kuntz
Assistant Coach: Mark Schaal
Infielders: SS Nathan Ramirez, 1B Ian Jerome, IF Kevin Mikesell, IF Luke Schultz, IF Casey Murray
Outfielders: Mike Escobedo, McCoy Worthington, King Shoen, Dale Sayers, Jose Loy, Cory Anderson, Coach: Douglas
Team Strength: Wins Mountain Home's Fields, Greene, and Young gave a solid core of Pilot pitchers
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2003 record: 15-19
Coach: Tim Sadelmeier
Assistant Coach: Shawn Walker
Infielders: Tim Meiler, Cody Howerton, Todd Peterson, Kenny Steeman, 1B Brandon Oakes
Outfielders: Luke Hawkins, Nate Robertson, Justin Aspi, Alex Hill
Catchers: Jack Carr, Steve Turner, Tim Meiler, Matt Cahill, Dave Barnhart, Josh Fischer, Alex Hill
Team Strength: The Cowboys return two players back last season's 36-11 squad. The middle of the lineup, with Robertson, Christiansen and company, is strong enough to keep pace with any team in the state. Look for Twin Falls to win the 2004 all-Idaho state baseball trophy for the Cowboys to battle with Idaho Falls and Highland for the top spot in the district
Coach says: "We've got a bunch of universal guys," Cowley head coach Tim Sadelmeier said. "It's 16 move guys, most depending on what we lose every day. We like to put base-runners in motion and we have a lot of power! I think we're going to pull up a lot of runs."

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2003 record: 1st year
Coach: Dennis Uhl
Assistant coaches: Dale Smith and Andy Allen
Infielders: Brian Young, Mike Dupree, Jason Simons, Scott Arullano, Mike Archuleta, Cody Davidson, Jeff Hernandez, Justin Carr, Brian Fields
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SPORTS

Els takes control at Memorial Tournament

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Ernie Els could sense his lead in the Memorial getting away.

He heard the cheers for Tiger Woods ahead of him and K.J. Choi behind him.

He watched Fred Couples pour in a couple of birdies to catch him.

It was time for the Big Easy to respond, and he did just that — by hooking his tee shot so far left on the par-5 11th that it landed on the other side of the creek.

Suddenly, it all turned around.

Els got the ball back in play and rifled a 5-iron into 20 feet for birdie, a big shot in an impeccable round of 6-under-66 that gave him a two-shot lead and his best chance to win at Grace's place.

"That was definitely a bonus," Els said.

Golf roundup

Aggressive to the end, Els played bogey-free on a sunny afternoon at Mulrival Village and finished at 12-under 294, the first time since the season-opening Mercedes Championships last year that he has held a 54-hole lead on the PGA Tour. Els hasn't squandered a third-round lead on tour in four years, but this won't be easy.

Couples (68), Choi (68) and Justin Rose (69) were two shots behind. Another stroke back was Stephen Ames (70) and Woods, who has hit the ball where he's aiming the last 45 holes and shot a 6.

"I've got a two-shot lead, but it doesn't mean much," Els said. "It means I'm leading the tournament. It means that I'm playing well, doing something right. But I'd rather be leading after tomorrow."

Couples, the '98 winner at Memorial, continued to electrify the gallery with sensational shots. The latest was a wedge he holed from 70 yards on No. 17 for birdie that put him at 206 and in the final group with Els.

"I've got a great shot at winning," Couples said. "That doesn't happen very often."

Choi spent most of the sunny afternoon sharing top billing with Els on the leaderboard, but he had to recover from a couple of bogeys.

The stocky South Korean also birdied the 17th to get to 10-under 206.

Rose stumbled to a double bogey early in the round, but that was his only mistake.

Jack Nicklaus, the 64-year-old tournament host, had to play the last five holes in 1 under for a 77.

Webb leads at LPGA's Kellogg-Keebler Classic

AURORA, Ill. — Karrie Webb put herself in position for her first victory of the year, birdieing four of the final five holes for an 8-under 64 and a two-stroke lead in the Kellogg-Keebler Classic.

The Australian star rolled in a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 14 and added birdies on the final two holes for an 11-under 133 total. Jill McGill and Seol-An Jeon were tied for second.

Webb, a six-time major winner and two-time LPGA player of the year, has not lived up to her own high standards the last couple of years.

She won just once on-tour last year and finished out of the top 10 for the first time since joining the LPGA in 1996.

Five players were within four shots of the lead, including two-time defending champion Annika Sorenstam.

She was four strokes back after a 66.

Bean, Gilder tied at Farmers Charity Classic

ADA, Mich. — Andy Bean shot a 7-under 65 for a share of the second-round lead with Bob Gilder in the Farmers Charity Classic, a senior PGA stop.

Bean and Gilder (68) had 10-under 134 totals. First-round leader Sammy Rachels (73), Jim Thorpe (70), Tom Purtzer (69), Stewart Cinn (71) and Vicente Fernandez (71) were tied for third at 7 under.



Ernie Els launches his drive on the 18th tee during the third round of the Memorial Tournament at the Mulrival Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, Saturday.

Lawnmower racing enthusiasts powering up for national championship

By Bill Kazner
Associated Press writer

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Janet Witt has racked up loads of mileage riding lawnmowers, but she has yet to cut a blade of grass with one of the mini-tractors.

She and her husband, Jim, are among a growing number of lawnmower racing enthusiasts.

It's a quirky sport heavy on fun and puns — a sticker on Janet's mower reads "Gila Kick Grass" — until the ladies and gentlemen start their engines.

"All the funny stuff stops when the green flag goes down," Jim Witt said. "It's serious then."

The Pensacola couple are among the nation's elite. Each has won a national series championship, and Janet Witt was voted the 2003 driver of the year after she kept running — and winning — while fighting cancer.

"It's just a hoot," said the 41-year Witt, a secretary at Pensacola Junior College. "When you are out there it's just you, just like you're one of the NASCAR drivers. It's you and your equipment."

That equipment ranges from stock mowers putt-putting around at up to 10 mph to souped-up machines capable of 70 mph.

Some were rescued from junk yards while others are new and have never cut grass. The blades are removed for safety.

The drivers wear helmets, neck collars, gloves, boots and heavy pants. While most are men, a few women also compete.

"It's cheap fun," said eight-time national champion Bob Cleveland of Locust Grove, Ga., a 46-year-old customer service representative for mower-maker Snapper.

"We just use the event for an excuse to socialize," Cleveland said at a race last month in the Florida Panhandle town of Chipley.

"We don't race for money. It's for trophies and bragging rights."

Cleveland and the Witts belong to the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association, which was launched by the Chicago-based Gold Eagle Co. in 1992 to promote one of its products, an additive to keep stored gasoline fresh.

The association's president, Bruce Kaufman, at first thought the gimmick might last a couple years.

"The thing just took off," he said.

Kaufman, who calls himself "Mr. Mow It All," said company officials went to England to consult with Jim Gavin, who founded the British Lawn Mower Racing Association in 1973, before a tongue-in-cheek announcement of their plans on April Fool's Day 1992.

The organization claims about 370 members, including 250 active racers running on the national circuit, in local chapter races or both. Races are mostly held in smaller towns, including Athens, Ala.; Mendota, Ill.; Jonesboro, Ark.; and East Durham, N.Y. The season-ending race Sept. 4 in Mansfield, Ohio, is scheduled to be broadcast by ESPN2.

A few pockets of mower racing existed earlier, including the North American Society of Grass Racers and Sod Silencers, or NASGRASS, founded 19 years ago.

Janet Witt began racing in 2000 in the Mower of Weeds (MOW) class, which is essentially made up of stock mowers with a higher gear ratio that gets them to nearly 25 mph.

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After one victory, she gave her doctor her photo with the checked flag and inscribed it, "Live to mow. Mow to live."

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Pat Sullivan of Venice, Fla., sprays mud as he leads the pack out of the first turn while Chad Cook, of Ocoee, Fla., in the Hustler machine, bounces over a rut in a lawnmower race at Chipley, Fla., in this May 1 photo.

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Mayfield will go all out Sunday at Dover race

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Jeremy Mayfield has no plan to fessine anybody Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

It will be full speed ahead for the poster of the MBNA 400.

"Track position is everything," said Mayfield, easily the fastest in qualifying for the NASCAR Nextel Cup race.

"The guy that starts up front has got the lead and has got clean air all day."

To be in that position, Mayfield will have to outrace only fellow Dodge driver Ryan Newman to the first turn on The Monster Mile.

After that, Mayfield can settle in and let his pursuers risk their cars on the narrow, high-banked concrete oval.

After posting a record-setting qualifying speed of 161.522 mph, Mayfield definitely has that to boast.

"They give me great cars, and you can't say enough about how far this team has come along," he said. "We just keep getting better and better, and that says a lot about Ray Everham."

Car owner Everham was the best crew chief of his era, guiding Jeff Gordon to three of his four series title and 47 victories before leaving to take over Dodge's point man for its return to NASCAR three years ago. The team has only four victories — all by former driver Bill Elliott — but is now hitting stride with Mayfield and rookie Kasey Kahne.

When to watch
TV: FX, 10:30 a.m.

about the future with this team."

This is a good opportunity for Mayfield to end a 129-race losing streak dating to 2000. He almost did it last September at Dover, but finished second to Newman.

"We haven't won, but I feel like we've got a good feel for what's going on," Mayfield said.

Newman certainly poses the biggest threat from his position on the outside of the front row. He won twice last year at Dover, and will try Sunday to become the first driver since Gordon in 1995-96 to beat the track three times in a row.

Newman's approach is simple.

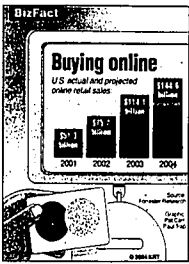
"My expectations are the same as they were coming into this race last year," he said. "Do our best, and doing our best got us two wins here last year."

Mayfield also would like to establish himself as the top driver on Everham's team. The pole Friday was his first this year.

Kahne is tied with Newman for the series lead with three poles, and has three second-place finishes.

"I just hope my teammate doesn't beat me," Mayfield said. Kahne isn't offended by that. "I've got two different race teams come race day."

Kahne will have to do some impressive driving to seriously challenge. He starts 12th in a field of 43.



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Insurance group plans award ceremony

JEROME — The Life Underwriters of Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors plans an annual awards ceremony and new-officer installation this week, as well as golf and a luncheon.

At the Jerome Country Club on Tuesday, golfing will start at 8 a.m. and the awards luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome to golf, call Bill Hill at 324-0044, or call the country club.

The association's officers for 2004-05 will be installed at Tuesday's event.

Eldred will speak at Jerome chamber

JEROME — Jerome's new economic development director, Marlin Eldred, will be the guest speaker at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce luncheon, set for noon Wednesday at the Wonderful House Restaurant on West Main Street.

Everyone is invited to come meet Eldred, the chamber said.

Women's Realtors will meet Friday

TWIN FALLS — The Women's Council of Realtors will meet at noon Friday at Tomato's Italian Grill on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Carol Jones, formerly of Kelly Moore Paints, will speak on "Inexpensive Decorating Tips and Staging."

Mirage offers to buy Mandalay Resort

LAS VEGAS — In a blockbuster deal that would merge two of the biggest gambling companies in the world, MGM Mirage on Friday offered to buy Mandalay Resort Group for about \$7.65 billion.

MGM Mirage offered to purchase Mandalay for \$66 per share in a cash deal that would include assuming about \$2.8 billion in debt.

The combination of these two great companies would provide Mandalay shareholders with a premium price for their shares as well as providing several strategic benefits to shareholders in MGM Mirage," said Terry Lanni, chairman and CEO of MGM Mirage in Las Vegas.

The \$68 per share offer would provide Mandalay shareholders with a 12.3 percent premium over Friday's closing stock price of \$60.27, MGM Mirage said in a statement.

Among MGM Mirage's motel-casinos are The Mirage, Bellagio and MGM Grand.

Report clears energy grid managers

SACRAMENTO — California power grid managers accused of manipulating the energy market during the state power crisis were cleared Friday in an internal report that swept aside earlier criticism of the agency.

The governing board of the California Independent System Operator found that employees had been untruthful with a Senate committee investigating the allegations two years ago, but said they would not be punished.

"The folks who were named in this have been through the ringer for a year wondering what was going to happen," said board member Mike Florio. "I think that's probably been more punishment than we could mete out if we did find any wrongdoing."

— compiled from staff and wire reports

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Bruce Wright, Idaho area manager for Coors Brewing Co., inspects a barley field in northeast Twin Falls. Like all Coors brewers in the Magic Valley, Wright gained leadership experience through the Leadership Idaho Agriculture program.

What makes a good supervisor?

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — When it's time to select a new supervisor or manager from the ranks, it's often innate traits that catch an employer's attention. But it's leadership training that often

opportunities to help employees develop those qualities or practice those qualities, he said.

Cooper Norman & Co. invests heavily in training employees in leadership development and professional development by sending employees to training for accounting and auditing procedures, tax preparation or supervisory training.

In addition to paying the tuition costs for those sessions, the firm has increased costs associated with hiring a temporary while an employee is at training or shifting job duties amongst existing employees.

"Wadsworth believes the cost is worthwhile. "Leadership development is critical," he said. "It's the future success of your business, quite frankly."

City depends on leadership training

That's true, even if your business is taking care of a city's business.

The city of Twin Falls offers different kinds of leadership development paths for employees.

Employees that have worked their way through the ranks to supervisory roles often take advantage of management courses offered through the College of Southern Idaho or other institutions, said Susan Harris, personnel administrator

for the city of Twin Falls. Individuals who are hired as department heads often come from outside the city department and bring both supervisory or management experience with them, as well as knowledge in their field.

For those individuals, participating in the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership program — Magic Valley Leadership — can serve as a big benefit.

In addition to including training as a line item on that department's budget, Harris said the city of Twin Falls also offers a tuition reimbursement program for employees who wish to take courses or leadership training sessions.

The courses must be related to the employee's job, and the employee must earn a B or better average grade in the course to be eligible for tuition reimbursement.

Learning leadership on the job

While some companies take a formal approach to training supervisors, other companies rely more on in-house or informal training.

Independent Meat is one local company that likes to promote and train from within. Sales manager Dane Bourquin has worked his way

Leadership development opportunities

Magic Valley Leadership is sponsored by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. Participants attend seminars one day a month from September through June. The cost is approximately \$600. Additional information is available at www.twinfallschamber.com. Leadership Idaho Agriculture is administered by the LIA Foundation. The program is dedicated to helping Idaho rural leaders chart a course for their personal future as well as the future of their industry. Thirty individuals are selected each year from diverse candidates across the state to participate in four intensive leadership training workshops offered twice yearly. The cost is approximately \$1,750. Additional information is available at www.leadershipidaho.org.

through the company loading trucks, doing inventory control, driving trucks, doing delivery work and then running two sales territories for the Twin Falls-based meat packing company.

Because Independent Meat is Please see LEADERSHIP, Page D4

Leadership Report

About these stories
These articles first appeared in the June edition of Southern Idaho Business, a business-to-business publication of The Times-News. We are reprinting them here to ensure all Times-News readers have a chance to benefit. Southern Idaho Business is distributed monthly to business owners and managers throughout the Magic Valley.

makes those traits shine.

"If you have a business that you want to grow, leadership development is critical for growing employees so people can take leadership positions," said Todd Wadsworth, a partner in Cooper Norman & Co. in Twin Falls. "Through leadership training, people learn to communicate effectively with the public or clients or customers."

Wadsworth believes every employee is a leader in some area. The goal is to provide op-

Area business professionals laud seminars

Leadership program expands to Mini-Cassia

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The Chamber of Commerce Magic Valley Leadership program is a \$750 investment that can benefit a company for years to come. One change that has been made to the program is an expansion.

When Joan Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, participated in the program, she decided Mini-Cassia could benefit from one like it.

Lance Whitney, CPA with Cooper Norman Certified Public Accountants, said that learning about the opportunities to serve the community is one of the biggest benefits. Cooper Nor-

man has encouraged employees to apply in the program since the program's inception in 1986, he said.

Janet Neel, owner of Neel and Associates, agrees that service to the community can be valuable to a business.

"If your intent is good, you often get luck far more than you gave," she said.

Networking is another benefit, Whitney says.

"It's a good way for employees to get to know other leaders in different industries in Magic Valley," he said. "The Cooper Norman name can get out there."

Good connections are made through the program, Neel said.

"You continue to do business with those people for years," she said.

Networking and the friends she made were the best part of the program for her, Neel said.

"You get close," she said. "You encourage that — to get you to start bonding."

Gaining an awareness of resources is another way that companies can benefit from the program, Whitney said.

"They can gain a greater appreciation of what Magic Valley has to offer," he said. In the 18 years that the program has been in existence, the main premise has not changed, said Kent Just, executive director of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The concept is basically very much like it has always been," Just said.

One day per month the group — which is limited to 35 — will spend the day together focusing on a different topic with the purpose of giving the participant in depth information about the inner working of the community from a variety of perspectives, says a brochure about the program. Leadership skills are cultivated and refined, the brochure says.

Topics include "The Leader in You," "Industry and Agriculture," "The Business of Governing," "Community Social Services," "Law and Justice Behind the Scenes," "High Tech and Health Care," "The Three Ps in Modern Society" and "The Tourists are Coming!"

Changes that occur have to do with involving a new presenter or when a new company is added to the mix. Solo Ctp is one company that was recently added to the list of companies that the class visits.

Dairies are also visited by the group now, while they were not on the list in the past.

"The group learns about the most current local issues."

"The city has evolved with new concerns and needs," Just said.

Water usage is an issue the city of Twin Falls now focuses upon and the leadership program learns about, he said. The group will also become familiar with government leaders, he said.

For more information

For more information about the Magic Valley Leadership Program, which has a new session beginning in September, call the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at 733-3974. For information on the Mini-Cassia program call the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce at 679-4793.

Mini-Cassia Chamber is in the middle of its first year of its own leadership program, which was based on the Twin Falls Chamber's program.

"It's really important people get that exposure," Horner said. Employees who have attended the program will most likely know somebody who they can call to get answers to questions that come up at the bank, he said.

"Every one of our people who has gone through it raves about how it has helped them with their career and what it has meant to them," Horner said.

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Program leads to friendships

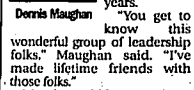
By Lorraine Cavener
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TWIN FALLS — Contacts made are only a small part of what can be gained from participating in the Magic Valley Leadership program, former students say.

For Dennis Maughan, friendships made are a very important aspect of the seminars — which have been sponsored annually by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for the past 18 years.

"You get to know this wonderful group of leadership folks," Maughan said. "I've made lifetime friends with those folks."

Maughan said he sometimes gets teased because he went through the program twice — once when he served as a commissioner for Twin Falls County and again as executive director and special projects manager of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.



Dennis Maughan, Twin Falls City Council member

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Maughan said he learned about business, services and resources that he did not know even existed.

"We all learned something new about this community," said Janet Neel, owner of CPA firm Neel and Associates. She added that she gained an appreciation of services in the Twin Falls area.

She also found out about the needs of the community and the variety of opportunities for community service.

"It lets you get glimpses of all kinds of worlds," she said.

The group visited schools and learned about the education system during one of the seminars, Neel said.

"During the government services day the group learned about a variety of social services such as low-income housing, legal aid and the need for more," she said.

Neel also found out about local tourist attractions that she said many in the group — who had lived in Twin Falls for years — did not know about.

She told about one of the aspects of the program that she found helpful.

"Anybody can be a leader," she said. "You are just as capable as anyone else."

Many go into leadership positions after finishing the program, Neel said.

Kent Just, Twin Falls Area Chamber executive, cited a number of present and past Twin Falls City Council members who graduated from the leadership program.

"Many of them (graduates) are on boards and commissions," Just said. "Over the years we've graduated about 500 people."

Graduates of the program often join organizations and do volunteer work, Neel said.

Leadership skills are honed when the graduating class becomes the coordinators for the next class, she said. Organizational skills come into play when the graduates have to do things like arrange for buses and for meals.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Board members

TWIN FALLS LIBRARY — The Twin Falls Public Library — The Twin Falls Public Library Inc. added three new board members: Ann Alvarez, Brian Snowden and Lance Whitney.

Alvarez is employed by Lamb Weston. She and her husband, Dalmiro, have lived in Twin Falls for 15 years. They have two grown daughters.

Snowden and his wife, Michelle, are co-owners of Professional Hearing Aid Services and are new to Twin Falls from Chicago. Michelle was raised in Magic Valley.

Whitney works as a certified public accountant for Cooper Norman and his wife, Lani, were both raised in Twin Falls and returned to the area 2 1/2 years ago. They have four children.

Officers for the foundation board's new fiscal year are: Cheryl Lorgefee, president; Barbara Allen, vice president; J. Terry Dodds, treasurer; and Janet Bekke, secretary. David Chestnut is the library board of trustees liaison for the coming year. Rotating board members are Lois Cowan and Dave Budgeck.

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Community

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TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho added Remya Garibyan, Vandy J. Forrester III and Dale Laughlin as instructors for the upcoming fall semester.

Garibyan will teach European countries. The business later evolved into the European Deli, where she served lunch and catered local events.

Forrester will teach interpersonal communication. He is the founder of the Forrester Institute for Interpersonal Communication based in Idaho and California. He has advised Fortune 500 corporations, colleges and universities, and law firms worldwide for over 25 years. Forrester conducts programs for those interested in becoming more personable and dynamic in speaking with others in business and socially.

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Kelly Arndt

TWIN FALLS — Kelly Arndt, graduated from the Professional Truck Driving School, completing the program in three weeks. He has a Class A commercial driver's license with all endorsements. He began working for Glanbia Transportation on May 25.

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Roberts is a graduate of Wendell High School, Ricks College and Brigham Young University. He is also an honor graduate of the Western Agriculture School in Pullman, Wash., and the University of Denver Certified Financial Planner Program. He has more than 25 years of banking experience with First Security Bank/Wells Fargo, where he held positions as an installment loan officer, installment adjuster, assistant manager and commercial loan officer.

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The Rain Forest opened for business May 6

TWIN FALLS — The Rain Forest, owned by Vickie Combs, opened for business May 6 in the new court area of Magic Valley Mall.

The center store offers green plants, orchids, Bonsai, fruit baskets and dish gardens made to order, organic fruit and vegetables, and gift ideas for all occasions.

Combs is a business graduate from the College of Southern Idaho. She has 23 years of experience in sales and fresh produce. She can be reached at 770-REST (736-7378).

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Ballard Family Dairy features artisan cheese

GOODING — Steve and Stacie Ballard, owners and operators of Ballard Family Dairy and Cheese in Gooding, debuted the first of their artisan cheeses in May.

Handmade at their family-operated dairy, the cheese is made from the butterfat-rich milk of their registered Jersey cows.

The couple started their small dairy nine years ago with just a few Jersey calves. Their herd has grown to producing award-winning milk.

Looking for a value-added product, the Ballards settled on artisan cheese. After researching, consulting and taking cheesemaking classes, the Ballards designed and built a dedicated cheese facility adjacent to their barn last year, and their first batch of cheddar was created in May.

They said their products will soon be available in many local stores and farmers' markets in Magic Valley.

An artisan cheese is one that is made from milk produced entirely by the dairy's own cows, the business owners said. By controlling how their herd is raised, fed and milked, the Ballards said they can exercise the best control over the taste and texture of their cheese.

The cheese is handmade twice a week on the premises in small batches by Steve Ballard. The fresh cheddar cheese curds are packaged for sale immediately, while the cheddar to be aged goes through additional preparation before it is pressed into rounds and wrapped for aging. In addition to their fresh cheese curds and Jersey Cheddar, the couple will add gourmet herb and spiced varieties along with Idaho Jack

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MDI shareholdere approve growth strategy

TWIN FALLS — Shareholders of Medical Discoveries Inc. attending the company's annual meeting in Salt Lake City voted to approve all proposals recommended by the board of directors, MDI said. All proposals received the support of over 98 percent of the shares voted.

MDI is a publicly traded development-stage biopharmaceutical research company engaged in research, development and validation of its patented anti-infective technology. The initial target for treatment is HIV.

Judy Robinett of Twin Falls president and chief executive officer, told shareholders about the company's progress in completing its pre-clinical testing and CMC (Chemistry, Manufacturing and Control) milestones.

Robinett told shareholders that three of four mouse studies of infectious disease have been completed with "exemplary results" in efficacy and toxicity, with the fourth to be completed in July. Three new use patents have been applied for as a result of the completed mouse studies. Two additional large mammal studies are nearing completion. Robinett also reported that CMC studies at Goodwin Laboratories are on track for an August completion.

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CAFTA poses domino effect

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■ The American Red Cross and Qwest Communications International Inc. announced a program in Idaho and 13 other states to offer special disaster training to Qwest employees and the public.

Qwest's \$240,000 grant will help train volunteers to better respond in times of crisis and natural disasters. The company said it will also distribute 1 million "emergency checklist" fliers that provide information that every family should be equipped with in case of an emergency. Qwest will distribute the checklists through numerous channels, including having technicians leave them with customers on installation and maintenance calls.

The education program's initial training introduces Red Cross disaster relief services to course participants. Then participants can choose

additional education and disaster training.

Volunteers are critical to Red Cross disaster response efforts. The first team responding to a disaster scene is trained to identify the needs of victims and assist first responders in determining whether there is a need for shelters or temporary housing. Shelter managers then are deployed to coordinate shelter, food and clothing for victims as well as provide mental health and medical support. They also notify agencies that can assist with shelter and care for large and small animals. Other volunteer roles include public affairs and information, client services, government liaison, record keeping and damage assessment.

The first step to become one of the volunteers is taking the Introduction to Disaster Services course. Qwest will offer its first program from 6 to 9 p.m. June 24 at the ARC Chapter office at 40 S. Eighth St., Suite 232, in Boise. The training is open to the public, but space is limited.

U.S. Bank upgrades

monthly bank statements

TWIN FALLS — Starting in August, U.S. Bank consumer and small-business customers will be able to receive monthly bank statements with check images, and in September, U.S. Bank Internet Banking customers will be able to retrieve check images online.

U.S. Bank said it is preparing its customers for innovations that are sweeping the banking industry nationwide. Customers began receiving information about check images from U.S. Bank in the mail the week of May 24. In addition, U.S. Bank has made information about check imaging available online at usbank.com.

OfficeMax installs

new register system

TWIN FALLS — Office supply retailer OfficeMax said it installed new register systems in its stores nationwide that provide better service via an improved rebate system and faster checkout times.

The new system prints complete product rebate instructions and purchase information directly onto a customer's receipt. Customers no longer have to refer to a booklet containing rebate information to find the correct forms and requirements.

BLACKFOOT — Trade negotiators are telling sugar beet farmers that if the Central American Free Trade Agreement passes through Congress, they could just grow other crops, said Mark Duffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association executive director.

"It's not that simple," Duffin said.

"The American sugar market is already over supplied," said Jack Roney, director of economics and policy analysis for the U.S. Sugar Industry Group, in a recent press release. "Opening markets to additional imports through FIAs will render our domestic support program unworkable and lead, ultimately, to a collapse of the U.S. sugar market."

Such an agreement could also hurt the potato industry as well.

A recent University of Idaho study completed for the Snake River Sugar Co. estimated that the impacts would be if no sugar beets were planted in Idaho. The study estimates that an additional 8.8 million hundredweight of potatoes would be grown in Idaho if sugar beet production ceased, leading to a 17 percent decline in market price. Many sugar beet growers are also potato growers. If those growers were no longer producing sugar beets, they would likely turn to potatoes.

Both camps claim victory in milk study

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in one corner — represented by National Milk Producers Federation — are U.S. dairymen who contend the imports are lowering milk prices and displacing domestic product in U.S. processing.

In the other are processors — represented by the U.S. Coalition of Nutritional Ingredients — who say there is no domestic MPC production and nonfat dried milk cannot be substituted for MPC in their program. Those processors use milk proteins in everything from cheese and baby food to coffee creamers and sports bars.

Wilson Gray, an extension dairy economist with the University of Idaho in Twin Falls, said in his opinion, the study

"probably favors the argument that imports didn't impact (farm) prices that much, but it did affect government purchases."

As for both factions claiming victory, Gray said, "It's probably due to selective reading and an interpretation thereof. They both think it supports their argument," so they're going to campaign that way. We're probably going to wind up seeing what happens in Congress."

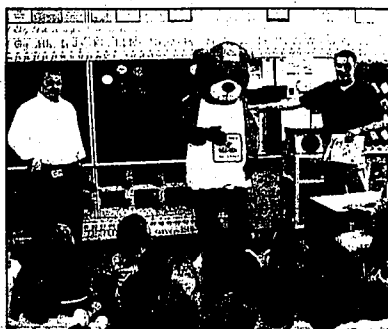
Bean industry puts down roots in Mexico

The Idaho Bean Commission is shooting to plant at least one demonstration plot of Idaho seed beans in Mexico this fall, bean commission officials said.

The commission intends to plant at least a ten-acre plot of seed beans in the Mexican state of Sinaloa in October as a comparison, said Commission Administrator Diana Caldwell said.

The commission would plant several varieties of donated pinto, black and cranberries beans next in Mexican soil, she said. The goal is to show how Idaho's top-quality seed beans can do in Mexico, where many producers simply replant beans from the prior year's commercial crop.

The test plot would be done in cooperation with Cadena Sistema Producto Frijolito, which is an industry task force appointed by the Mexican agriculture department to revamp the country's dry bean industry, Caldwell said.



State Farm Agents Matt Stokes, right, and Collin Sharp and the State Farm "Good Neighbor" role play potentially dangerous situations with third-grade classes from Harrison Elementary School as part of the Home Alone program sponsored by the Red Cross and State Farm Insurance. Home Alone workbooks were distributed to participating schools across Magic Valley.

■ Through their Home Alone program, State Farm Insurance and the Red Cross partnered to teach children how to deal with emergencies. State Farm agents Matt Stokes and Collin Sharp are visiting local schools with Red Cross Executive Director Patricia Lindholm to provide children with tips and strategies for confronting strangers or dealing with emergencies at home when there is no adult supervision.

They role play potentially dangerous situations and talk about what to do in scenarios such as answering the phone, dealing with a fire, walking home from school and calling 911.

Each child gets a Home Alone workbook to take home and, organizers hope, to discuss with his or her parents.

For information on Home Alone, call Stokes at 734-8327, Sharp at 324-3772 or Lindholm at 733-6464.



Wal-Mart in Burley donates money to several Mini-Casals organizations. From left in front are Tanya Buck, Burley High School orchestra; Audrey Nelwarth, city of Rupert; Sanie Baker, Oakley High School computer department; Troy Richards, Wal-Mart store manager; and John Nunez, assistant manager. In back are Derrick O'Dell, Wal-Mart assistant manager; Bob Alverson, Oakley High music department; Connie Stelly, Oakley High; Barbara Ward, Burley Junior High School media; Steve Copman, Burley Junior High; and John Anderson, Wal-Mart co-manager. Not pictured are Scott Pellin, Burley High baseball, and Steve Aston, Minico High School business club.

■ Wal-Mart in Burley gave grants to several schools and organizations.

Money donated to Oakley High School's computer program will be used to purchase new chairs for the computer lab. Oakley High's music department received a grant for equipment repair and improvement for the jazz band. Burley Junior High School's media department plans to use its grant to purchase books on tape and improve the library collection. Minico High School's business club plans to use the grant it received to help students attend a national leadership conference and career skills event. Burley High School's orchestra program will use its donation to pay travel expenses for students

attending the Music Heritage Festival in Las Vegas. Raft River High School will use its grant to build a Tribute Garden at the school where each senior class can plant a tree or create a memorial as a gift to the school. Burley High's baseball department plans to use its grant for field maintenance, uniforms and equipment.

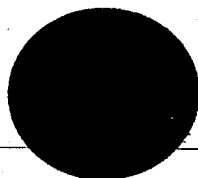
The Rupert city recreation department also received a grant and plans to use its grant for youth sports programs that include more than 3,000 local children.

The donation was raised with the help of Wal-Mart associates and members of the organizations that were recipients in the company's community matching grant program.

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Buyout does not always appear to be automatic ticket to the good life

By Pamela Vio The Dallas Morning News

As Bobb Bellfrom considers a buyout offer from Verizon Communications Inc., he's pondering more than just the money.

"My focus has been on my career and on growing an economic base for my family," said Bellfrom, 53, a group manager for Verizon Logistics in Irving, Texas, handling materials management and purchasing.

"This is an opportunity to wind down and get back to doing things I've put on hold for 30, 31 years - time for travel, time with the family, time for golf, more leisure time."

Reaching a decision isn't a move Bellfrom takes lightly. He started thinking a decade ago about what he wanted his retirement to be.

And he's taking the right approach, experts say. Dispel any notion that a buyout is an automatic one-way ticket to the good life. You've got to do some serious soul-searching and planning before deciding whether to go for it. You have two choices, and neither of them comes with a guarantee.

"A buyout package is not a fairy tale where you are free to make whatever choice you want and live happily ever after," said Joseph Gallagher, director of executive compensation at Watson Wyatt Worldwide in Dallas, an employee benefits consulting firm.

It's crucial that your decision-making process has two aspects: The numbers part and the non-numbers part.

First, the numbers. "Many people underestimate the financial requirement for a successful retirement," said Viktor Szucs, a certified financial planner at West Capital Management in Dallas.

Those without a financial plan have an especially difficult task because they have to start from scratch, and it is difficult to make smart decisions about money when the pressure is on.

Here are some financial considerations: Can you afford to retire? Estimate how much you'll need to live on. Then factor in your other sources of income.

Will you want to continue working after you leave your current employer, that should go into your calculation, too.

"Make sure to take that severance package wisely," said Bryan Lee, a certified financial planner and president of Strategic Financial Planning Inc., in Plano, Texas.

"If you don't already have an emergency savings, the severance package should be used to sustain you through your job search until you find a job."

Can you find work elsewhere in your field or will you go outside your field? How much could you make?

A key question to ask is whether your job skills are easily transferable.

"This may not only be a difficult decision to make, but it can also be a difficult task to successfully execute," Szucs said.

If you're an ex-corporate worker, be realistic about how employers may view your age. This doesn't mean that you won't find a job, but you may have to search a little harder.

"Despite the advantages of the older worker in terms of reliability, experience and work ethic, many employers are worried about the cost of medical claims, illness-related time off and younger managers/supervisors may prefer not to deal with 'Mom/Dad,'" Gallagher said.

"Ask if your company will provide outplacement counseling. Typically, the companies don't like laying off people," said Alan Goldfarb, a certified financial planner and director of financial strategies at Weaver and Tidwell Financial Advisors Ltd. in Dallas.

"If they can do something to help this guy make the transition - the more they can do, the better."

What about health insurance? If you accept the buyout offer, will the company continue to offer you health insurance? This is a key issue that many workers overlook.

Some companies will continue to subsidize their portion of health insurance and require you to continue to pay the employee portion; Gallagher said. That would continue until your severance package runs out, after which the company is required by law to offer you continuation of coverage under COBRA, which stands for the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

COBRA requires that health coverage be continued for 18 months, during which you pay the health insurance premium that your company paid at the group rate.

If you have questions about COBRA, ask your human resources or benefits department.

"Do you know what it will cost, and can you afford it?" Gallagher asks. "What will you

do to replace it if at the end of 18 months, you are not employed?"

What do you know about your pension? If you leave the company, what would your pension benefit be? How do interest rates play into the pension plan? And how healthy is your company's plan?

The longer you've been with the company, the better the payout at retirement. Changing employers might hurt financially, financial planners say.

That's because of the way traditional pension benefits are calculated.

Workers typically accrue the bulk of their benefits in the last five to 10 years of service with their employer. Although workers must wait some time for a significant benefit to build up, when it reaches that point, it can walk them up to a high pension level overnight. Key factors include how long they've been with their employer and their salary in the later years of their career, which presumably would be higher than when they first started.

Remember that as part of a buyout, you may or may not be able to get your pension in a lump sum. Most likely, you will not be able to get your benefit as a lump sum, Gallagher said.

Verizon is an exception. The company is offering to increase by 5 percent the pension benefits of workers who take the buyout package and is also allowing them to take their pension as a lump sum.

Also, pay close attention to interest rates, which companies use to calculate their pension obligations.

Moreover, the working vacation is a firmly entrenched reality for some, with nearly a third (32 percent) saying they check their e-mail or office voice mail while off.

The survey also divided respondents by geography, with Midwesterners the least likely to miss a vacation, 24 percent compared to 30 percent nationally.

Those who live in the West were most likely to forego their vacation time when confronted with a heavy workload.

Is a buyout right for you?

Before accepting or declining a company's buyout offer, consider these things:

- Can you afford to leave the company early? Prepare a budget and lay out what you'll need to live on.
- If you leave, what nonsalary benefits will you be forfeiting? Stock options? Other benefits?
- How attractive are the pension and retirement benefit sweeteners? How many years are you into your traditional pension? A pension grows the longer you work. Defined-benefit pension plans promise workers a specific monthly benefit at retirement. The amount of the benefit is usually based on factors such as age, earnings and how long you've worked for an employer.
- Will you have to pay for your own health insurance? Most buy-

out offers don't include health coverage. Even if the company says it will continue your health insurance, check to see if the firm has the right to change or cancel the coverage at any time. • If you remain with the company, what are the chances you will be laid off? The gamble is that you'll lose your job with no severance package at all with a severance package that's less attractive than the one you were originally offered. • If you accept the buyout, will you eventually get a job at another company and can you get another job at your age? • Are you psychologically ready to stop working entirely? Is your spouse prepared to have you full time at home? SOURCE: Dallas Morning News research

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Tips for homebuyers on getting best deal

By Andrea Coombes CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO - Homebuyers navigating the closing-cost maze won't get help from the federal government any time soon, but that doesn't mean they can't help themselves.

The Housing and Urban Development department's March decision to scrap mortgage-loan reforms means consumers are on their own amidst a confusing array of variable, often steep fees.

HUD said the reforms would have saved consumers about \$700 on average, or \$7 billion in annual savings overall.

"The issues that led to HUD trying to make these changes are still going to be there," said Allen Fishbein, director of housing policy at the Consumer Federation of America.

It's difficult to compare costs (and the good faith estimate is often not sufficiently close to the mark so consumers know what the closing costs will actually be," he said.

But consumers can protect themselves from being hit with unexpected, and often unnecessary, closing costs, said James B. Nutter Jr., chief executive of James B. Nutter & Company, a mortgage banker based in Kansas City, Mo.

Start by researching lenders' fees, rather than focusing solely on interest rates. The lowest rates sometimes come with the highest closing costs, Nutter said. "It is not cheap change," he said. "It can easily be in the thousands of dollars."

Homebuyers should get the lender's good faith estimate as soon as possible - some lenders will provide it before borrowers even file an application.

"If a consumer hasn't received their good faith estimate from a lender within the first three days after they've made an application, it would be a red flag," said Neal Krumper, executive vice president with Sterling National Mortgage, in Great Neck, N.Y.

Then query the lender about fees, Nutter said. "Most of these companies that have huge extra charges are very upfront about it," he said. "When you see a \$500 processing fee on there, that's a huge red light."

Note that some lenders don't charge application, processing, underwriting or document preparation fees, Nutter said. "Those are superfluous extra fees which go straight to the pocket of the mortgage lender," he said, noting that his company only charges third-party vendors fees.

Legitimate charges include those for appraisals, credit re-

ports, title policies, recording fees, surveys and state registration fees, he said.

Ultimately, consumers have the power to say "I'm not going to pay this," Nutter said.

Consider researching the author of the good faith estimate - the loan officer. "The good faith estimate is only as good as the loan officer," said Terry Watson, a broker with GM King Realty in Chicago.

Consumer questions asking the following questions: How long have you been in business? How long have you been with this company? What percentage of your good faith estimates change at the closing? Are there any other fees that I can expect to see at the closing that you have not disclosed to me?

Generally, lenders provide the settlement statement detailing final costs at the closing table, but borrowers should ask for that information in advance, said Rick Gillespie, chief marketing officer with GMAC Mortgage.

"If you get that in advance, you can review it. There should be no surprises at the closing table. Surprises are always the result of some kind of breakdown of communication," he said.

"Some settlement sheets are adjusted right up until the last minute, but for the most part, closing packages are arranged no less than 24 hours in advance," he said.

With that statement in hand, "the borrower has the right to challenge anything they want to prior to closing," he said.

Some lenders offer fee packages, guaranteeing consumers a flat fee for a certain portion of closing costs.

For instance, GMAC Mortgage, through its Ditech.com unit, offers a flat fee option for \$395, including lender-related costs such as appraisal fees, credit report and processing fees. The fee doesn't cover certain items, such as prepaid interest, homeowners insurance and title insurance, Gillespie said.

Meanwhile, Nutter's company offers a no-fee package for the cost of a slightly higher interest rate, currently about 5.34 percent for a 30-year fixed rate loan.

While flat-fee packages can offer peace of mind, be wary, too: They limit the ability to negotiate. And make sure you understand the fees that are not included.

And with "no cost up front" packages, note that fees are often added to the loan amount. Still, this might be a worthwhile option for those low on cash.

Leadership

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considered to be a small meat packer within the industry, the company focuses on niche markets, Bourquin said. That makes identifying and developing new leaders from within the company even more important.

The skills involved with selling a niche product involve more than giving a customer a price, Bourquin said.

"Employees that are on-time and are the first to raise their hands for overtime are the ones who catch supervisors' eyes," he said. Employees also notice those employees who come up with innovative ways to do their job better.

Employees who are flexible, can multi-task and handle stress are candidates for supervisory positions, Bourquin said.

Leadership skills are taught from within the company by individuals who have learned the needed skills.

For example, Bourquin received most of his on-the-job training from a supervisor who had been on the job for 40 years and served as Bourquin's mentor.

But attending the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce leadership program allowed Bourquin to build partnerships with people he never would have met before.

"It's given me more confidence personally about my skills," he said.

A character-building experience

Another intensive leadership program that some Magic Valley professionals draw skills from is Leadership Idaho Agriculture.

Bruce Waag, Coors Brewing Company agronomist, completed the program fourteen years ago, and he still draws upon that experience.

All of the Coors fieldmen working in Magic Valley as well as some of the research staff from the Burley facility have also completed Leadership Idaho Agriculture, Waag said.

"It said attending programs like Leadership Idaho Agriculture teaches skills that just aren't taught in college courses or other settings, from etiquette to the ability to think on one's feet.

Learning interpersonal relationship skills is particularly important for fieldmen who must communicate with contract growers daily, he said.

Rather than a monetary raise from attending a leadership program, the most attendees of leadership program find the payoff is in personal development.

Americans lose vacation days

LOST HOLIDAYS: As Americans, we do a pretty poor job when it comes to getting away from our work, according to an annual "Vacation Deprivation" survey.

On average, workers say they'll probably lose three days of vacation time this year by not using it, up from two days in 2003. As a result, employees get about 415 million vacation days returned to them, according to the findings from a survey by travel site Expedia.com of 1,301 workers last month.

Moreover, the working vacation is a firmly entrenched reality for some, with nearly a third (32 percent) saying they check their e-mail or office voice mail while off.

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Supermarkets shift to self-checkout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supermarket checkout clerks are going the way of the bank teller — available if you want one, available if you don't.

Self-checkout machines, which let customers scan, bag and pay for their own groceries, offer shoppers a chance to avoid the lines at the checkout stands.

"This is like an ATM for them. It's quicker and easier," said Jennifer Panetta, a spokeswoman for the six-state Harris Teeter chain, based in Matthews, N.C. "They are in pretty much all our stores."

About one-quarter of grocery chains are trying them now, with some 34,000 machines in use in stores in 2003, said market analyst Greg Buzek, president of IHL Consulting Group in Franklin, Tenn.

Buzek, who wrote a report on the equipment, predicts that by 2007 there will be 244,000 self-checkout machines in stores and that virtually every chain will at least have some of them.

"The way we shop has changed quite a bit in the last 15 years," he said in an interview. "But the checkout lane hasn't changed all that much."

For example, shoppers have been shifting from grocery carts to plastic baskets, and adding short stops to the big weekly grocery purchase. More than half of supermarket customers bring fewer than 15 items to the register, and self-checkout is ideal for them, according to Buzek's report.

Express lanes were set up to speed these customers through, but self-checkout can be even faster, Buzek said. A space that could fit one or two lanes can handle four to six self-checkout machines, reducing the chance of getting stuck in a line.

"There's usually nobody in line at self-checkout," Buzek said.

Customers take longer than a clerk to ring up and bag groceries, but the shoppers do not seem to notice that, the report said. Because the customer is



Mary McKinlay scans her groceries at the U-Scan lanes at the Harris Teeter food market in Falls Church, Va., Thursday.

keeping busy scanning and bagging instead of waiting while the clerk does the work, time seems to pass faster.

"I think this is faster if you know what you are doing," said Khatool Reha of Reston, Va., as she dropped a couple of cans of spaghetti into a plastic bag at a Harris Teeter store. "There is no need to wait in line."

When she buys more than 10 items, "I just go over there," said Reha, motioning toward the staffed lanes.

That is the way it is supposed to work, Buzek said. Getting more small purchasers into the self-checkout lanes — frees cashiers in the staffed lanes to deal with big-ticket purchases that customers bring to the front of the store.

For retailers, the use of self-checkout can reduce staffing at the front of the store.

One staffer typically is the only employee needed to assist customers at the self-checkout lanes when shoppers cannot

get a bar code to scan or do not know where to put their credit card.

Buzek said there also is less theft at self-checkout counters. Employees are responsible for most of the theft in a retail store, he said: "One common form is 'sweethearting,' in which the clerk helps a friend by passing a cheaper item over the scanner but dropping a more expensive one into the bag."

That is hard to do on a self-checkout machine. The computer can identify the object, typically weighing each product-coded item. A customer drops the item into the bag after it is scanned, and if the weight of the bag doesn't change by the proper amount, the machine halts the transaction until things get straightened out.

Wal-Mart has self-checkout in about 840 of its more than 3,000 stores, and is putting the equipment into all of its new stores as they open, said Gus Whitcomb, a spokesman for the chain in Bentonville, Ark.

Whitcomb said Wal-Mart customers have put just about everything through the scanners — even ready-to-assemble desks in "a big gigantic box."

Other stores, such as The Home Depot hardware chain, also have been using self-checkout.

Not every food store chain is leaping to the technology. Publix Super Markets, based in Lakeland, Fla., has about 800 stores, mostly in Florida, but only about a dozen have self-checkout, and seven of those were already in stores the chain purchased in Tennessee, said Brenda Reid, a Publix spokeswoman.

"The corporate culture at Publix emphasizes having staffers do things for customers," Reid said. "Self-checkout would be very counter-cultural," she said.

Another reason is that the manager sees a demand for self-checkout can get it, she said, but "nobody is beating down our doors."

Some who own homes shouldn't, study says

By Steve Kerch
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — The drive to create more U.S. homeowners, a policy position embraced by the Bush administration, real estate trade groups and mortgage lenders, may be about to have its gears stripped.

The desire to own one's own home, a big part of the fabled American dream, is a strong one, and a record number of households have bought in: More than 68 percent of Americans own their homes today, up from 64 percent in 1990. Initiatives announced by the president and subscribed to by mortgage agencies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac aim to move that number to 70 percent or more in the next decade.

But there are a number of signs that they may already have pushed homeownership too hard, and that continued efforts to boost homeownership rates — which focus on low-income and minority home seekers — may be misguided.

"Encouraging low-income families to buy homes may be good politics, but it's not always good policy," said M. Leanne Lachman, a research strategist and principal at Lend Lease Group. "Pushing low-income families into homeownership without adequate counseling and with minimal down payments is a potentially dangerous strategy."

Lachman authored a new report called "Homeownership: Tom Much of a Good Thing?" She argues that owning a home is not necessarily the best shelter — solution — for every household. Even with today's low interest rates, homeownership poses challenges for families with limited financial reserves.

"With homeownership rising through the decade, a lot of people jumped on the bandwagon. But we may have gone too far."

with the potential for political, economic and social risk that (it) might involve," said Lijian Chen, a Lend Lease research principal who also worked on the study.

Among the causes for concern cited in the report: Although mortgage delinquencies have fallen for two quarters, the number of mortgages in foreclosure is at an all-time high. In Indiana and Ohio, the states with the highest foreclosure rates, unemployment among two-income households and tumbling over-the-earnings have forced many from their homes, the report points out. That's particularly disturbing because Indiana and Ohio have above-average homeownership rates and relatively low median home prices.

Home prices rising at a healthy clip across the country have allowed many borrowers in financial trouble to refinance their way to a better balance sheet or sell their home and retain some equity in the face of mortgage delinquency. But home-price gains are slowing, costing consumers — especially those with little equity — their cushion. "If the economy doesn't pick up, as home prices slow that limits the options of households," said Doug Duncan, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. "Income growth, which for most of 1990s kept up a pace that justified sharply higher home prices, has recently fallen behind, Chen said.

Muscular debt remains high. Mortgage debt as a percentage of disposable income, which peaked in late 2001, is still at 6.24 percent, higher than at any time during the 1990s.

Millions of U.S. households are burdened by excessive housing costs. In 2001, nearly 10 percent of American homeowners, 2.25 million, spent 50 percent or more of their income on house payments.

With plasma TV screen and yoga, community bank makes its mark

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — There are no velvet ropes or marble teller's counter. No dark wood or imposing glass panels.

Instead, the interior of Umpqua Bank has the feel of a sleek living room. Hip leather chairs form the bank's entrance, flanking a plasma TV screen and a shelf of best sellers. On offer are mortgage consultants, as well as yoga class, movie night, freshly brewed coffee and a chunk of milk chocolate with every transaction.

"What if we felt like home?" asks Umpqua Bank's chief executive Ray Davis, standing next to a pot of steaming coffee in the plush Portland branch.

Started in 1953 in the southern town of Caveville by loggers who were fed up with driving long distances to cash their checks, the tiny Oregon bank has grown into a cutting-edge institution.

Community banks like Umpqua are gaining prominence by adding a human touch, prompting commercial giants like Wells Fargo and Bank of America to change the way they handle basic financial transactions.

In 1994, Davis — who had just been hired to help Umpqua Bank grow beyond its rural roots — did something revolutionary. He invited customers to linger.

Internet banking had just



Umpqua Bank CEO Ray Davis talks during an interview at a local branch in Portland, Ore., April 30. Begun in timber country in 1953, Umpqua Bank has expanded its reach from its southern Oregon roots into the Seattle area and California.

been invented and the prevailing ethos was that customers could be wined off human contact.

"If you wanted to check your balance, we sent you to the phone. If you wanted to withdraw money, we told you to use the ATM," said Nancy Kinnard, manager of Umpqua Bank's Eugene branch, who worked for First Interstate Bank before joining Umpqua.

"The big banks had created a vacuum," said 77-year-old Milton Herbert, the only surviving founder of Umpqua Bank.

company's own blend. The transformation started in the southern town of Roseburg, site of the bank's headquarters until moving to Portland in 2001.

In Roseburg, the bank's design team tore out the teller windows and created a living room, replete with magazines, a couch and a large-screen TV.

"Read, Sip, Surf, Bank," became the bank's motto. "What if we felt like home?" is no just a rhetorical question for Davis — but also the bank's latest advertising line, emblazoned on buses and billboards.

From \$140 million in assets a decade ago, the bank has grown to \$3 billion today. It has 64 branches and recently announced plans to expand into Washington and California.

By inviting people to linger, Davis stumbled upon a concept familiar to the retail industry.

"There is a direct relationship

between the time spent in a store and the average amount that you buy," said Dan Stanek, executive VP of Retail Forward, a retail research and analysis firm in Columbus, Ohio.

"Retail is a four-letter word for most bankers," said Davis. "They see themselves as the guy with the coat and tie."

Starting in 1996, Umpqua Bank became the first to call its branches "stores."

"Retail is the Estee Lauder company, they began offering a complimentary gift with every new account — a T-shirt, a Java mug, a bestseller."

"My customers walk away with a bag full of stuff," gushed Marie Greva, manager of the Roseburg branch.

Like in a department store, the products are on display. "If you were to go outside a Nordstroms, what do you see? Merchandise," said Davis.

"If we believe that we're in the

same service industry, then we need to figure out how to visualize a mortgage loan."

Open an interest-bearing account, and you get the seed of a Douglas fir tree wrapped like a gift of Tiffany's earnings in soft, white tissue.

At the Roseburg branch, customers walk past an elaborate fish bowl and a sign asking: "Has low tide left your business dry?"

"Retailers understand the importance of touch and feel — even with intangible products like electronics," said Ellen Tolley, spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation in Washington, D.C.

Smart retailers, she said, display digital cameras on the countertop and encourage customers to point and shoot.

A decade after opening its first "store," Umpqua Bank is now far from alone in its approach.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
As a relative beginner, I have not yet moved past strong two-bids. I was taught that you should normally respond to no trump to show a negative, but I have heard recently that it is now acceptable to pass with a poor hand.

Powerhouse, Saint John, New Brunswick

ANSWER: If you play strong twos, you ought to treat them as forcing for one round. Indeed, you can stop below game in three of your long suit only if responder produces a negative, then gives preference back to that suit, or if opener rebids his own suit over a negative response.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Could you please explain what you meant in a recent column when writing that "par was not tacked at any of the eight tables"?

Indian Summer, Woodland Hills, Calif.

ANSWER: Par is an abstract concept at bridge based on the theory that on every deal there is an ideal result, which could be achieved if neither side made any sort of mistake at all. As you will all know, that does not happen very often!

Dear Mr. Wolff:
When vulnerable in second seat, I opened a weak-two with this hand: ♠ Q-6-4, ♥ K-Q-J-7-5-3, ♦ Q-10, ♣ J-10. Do you agree with my bid? And what should I have responded to partner's two-no-trump ask?

Sound and Furious, Haleth, N.C.

ANSWER: Your choice of a weak-two makes good sense to me — you have enough points for a one-level opening, but no controls. In response to the enquiry, do NOT

bid three hearts simply because you have no side ace or king. Try three spades if your methods allow it, or jump to four hearts. A three-no-trump response ought to show a suit headed by at least the ace-king-jack.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
What is the best method for responding to partner's weak-three pre-emptive opening bids?

Award Board, Muncie, Ind.

ANSWER: New suits should be natural and forcing, with three no-trump a strong suggestion to play there, normally with a suit of your own. Some people use a form of Gerber in response to pre-empt (four clubs asks for key-cards — i.e., the aces and the king-queen of trumps), but that may be only for experts.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Is it acceptable to open relatively balanced 11-counts at pairs in first or second seat? I was recently faced with this hand: ♠ 10-8, ♥ A-K-9-5, ♦ K-J-6-3, ♣ 10-4-3. I elected to open one diamond, for which I received much criticism. Was it justified?

Lighter Fluid, Newport News, Va.

ANSWER: When you are nonvulnerable against nonvulnerable, a little latitude in opening is permissible. Here, give me the diamond 10 or a fifth diamond, and I could live with an opening bid. At other vulnerabilities I'd be less inclined to open. The problem here is not so much your action on this deal; it is the seed of doubt you sow the next time you open!

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Section E

That old eBay black magic

I have friends who can't park their cars in their garages because they've turned the space into a crafts workshop. Others fill every spare inch of their houses with empty bleach bottles and pickle jars, sitting ready to be transformed into things of beauty.

It gets worse during bazaar season. One of my friends, who was using her bedroom as a storage ground for hand-crafted dolls to be sold at her church bazaar, told me her husband was complaining about uninteresting in the bedroom because of all those little porcelain ladies staring at him.

A while back, I received a press release from the Hobby Industry Association reporting that 50 percent of U.S. households now participate in crafts. The five most popular are cross-stitching, home decor, painting, scrapbooking/memory crafts, floor arranging and crocheting. Now hobby crafters even have a new way to turn their hobbies into cottage industries. According to James Dillehay, who wrote "Sell Your Crafts on eBay," the practice has become big business. In fact, a craft-related item is currently being sold on eBay every nine seconds.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Dillehay's book teaches crafters how to get top dollar for their work. Sometimes in surprising ways.

For example, the word "hand-made," spelled as one word, was used in auction titles with an average closing price of \$16.29. But when titles that included "hand made" as two words brought an average closing price of \$27.81.

Whew! Almost makes me wish I were a crafter. Alas, I am not.

Oh sure, there have been years when I've volunteered to help with school projects. I've made ornaments from recycled play-doh and built wooden castles out of flour and salt. But the other moms could take old toothpaste tubes and a little glitter and create something Martha Stewart would envy. Whenever I tried to join in their level of fun, I always ended up with something that looked like old toothpaste tubes and a little glitter.

Combine that with my love/hate relationship with the computer and I think I'd better forget about selling my crafts on eBay.

I probably could be a better crafter than I am. I figure I attended one too many bad craft committee meetings when I was young enough to be emotionally scarred by them.

I remember one, in particular, at a church in the midwest. When I arrived at the meeting, one woman was falling off a ladder trying to put up a poster while the other women were taking too much to notice.

No one really liked her anyway. I was later told. They just invited her because she was the only one who knew where the bazaar supplies were kept. At the same meeting, a young woman arrived with her 5-year-old son, the kind of kid whose favorite way to sit down is to take a long, running leap onto a chair. Several of the older women openly frowned.

Then a woman got up and handed out a committee agenda. The woman sitting next to me, who had been asked to attend the meeting, said she wanted to demonstrate her quilting, said she already had one from the last bazaar meeting.

"You don't have this one," she was told, "because you're not a real member of this committee."

Before we had adjourned, a woman with a walker had interrupted the meeting by arriving a hour late. I could not remember if the committee met on the first Wednesday or on the first Wednesday after the first Monday," she said.

And a woman who was nearly blind turned to me and whispered loudly, "I can't believe no one has taken up an offering yet."

We were out to change the wheel on my truck... But I did enjoy buying the crafts.

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PARK IT!

Know what delights state parks offer

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They're cheap. They're close. They are, by and large, beautiful.

Besides, as a taxpayer, they belong to you.

So why wouldn't you consider a family vacation at one or more Idaho's 28 state parks this summer?

Six of them are local, including the newest - Billingsley Creek State Park, located a mile north of Hagerman. With the exception of City of Rocks near Alma, the Magic Valley state parks are generally well off the tourist path, easy to get to and with lots of elbow room.

The State Parks Department runs an efficient, and quite detailed, reservation system, and you can book camp- or RV sites online for 16 of the 18 state parks that offer overnight camping.

Web site: <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>. Or, you can book by phone with the individual park.

Here are a few of those facilities, what you'll find there, and how to make reservations.

Bear Lake State Park
Location: Twenty miles south of Montpelier on U.S. Highway 89. It's 226 miles, a 1 1/4-hour drive from Twin Falls.

Attractions: Mile-high, 20-mile long, turquoise Bear Lake sits across the Idaho-Utah border. Swimmers will enjoy two-mile-long beach on the north end of the lake, plus a 1/2-mile beach on the east side. Ramps are available for boaters and water skiers who want to enjoy the water, too. Anglers can try for a native cutthroat or lake trout in the summer. In the winter, they can come back with buckets and nets when the Bonneville glacier runs. The fish is found nowhere else on Earth.

Camping: You can RV or tent camp at Bear Lake. For camping reservations, log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>, or call (208) 847-1045. The campground is located on the east side of the lake and offers developed campsites, primitive sites and day facilities. The North Beach unit of the park offers over two miles of sandy beach, however it is dry use only. Basic campsite rates are \$12.77; \$16.77 with electricity. Group camping rates are also available.

Bruneau Dunes State Park
Location: Twenty minutes off Interstate 84 near Mountain Home; take Exit 112. It's 97 miles from Twin Falls, a 1 1/2-hour drive.

Attractions: The dunes are unique in the Western Hemisphere. Others in the Americas form at the edges of natural basins; these form near the center. They include the largest single-structured sand dune in North America, with a peak 470 feet above the lakes. The park contains lake, marsh, desert, prairie and dune habitats. Since most desert wildlife is nocturnal, early morning and late evening are the best times for spotting the park's inhabitants. The small lakes at the foot of the dunes provide an bass and bluegill fishery. Sport fishing from non-motorized boats. Nearby Bruneau Dunes Observatory invites you to look at the stars.

Camping: Bruneau Dunes has one of the longest camping seasons in Idaho's system. Shade trees and shelters are abundant in the campground. A new group camp area with two camps and 25 sites has been added.

Two cabins rent for \$35 per night each. The one-room cabins sleep up to five on bunk



Located in scenic central Idaho, the Land of the Yankee Fork Historic Area provides visitors with a chance to experience Idaho's frontier past. Managed jointly by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the federal Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, the site combines history with many recreational opportunities.



Harriman State Park lies in the heart of a 16,000-acre wildlife reserve in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. This sanctuary protects a diversity of birds and mammals similar to those living in nearby Yellowstone National Park.



Farragut State Park is LOCATED at the foot of the Coeur d'Alene Mountains in the Bitterroot Range in northern Idaho, with scenic mountains, pristine forests, abundant wildlife, and the crystal clear, azure waters of the largest lake in Idaho, Pend Oreille (pond ubray). Lake Pend Oreille, with its 1,150-foot depths, offers trophy fishing, sailing, swimming and wide-open water-skiing.

Farragut State Park
Location: Four miles east of Athol on Idaho Highway 54, near Bayview. It's 605 highway miles from Twin Falls, a 5 3/4-hour drive.

Attractions: Located 30 miles north of Coeur d'Alene on the shores of Idaho's largest lake, this former Navy base now offers picnicking, swimming, boating, hiking and camping. Other facilities include a shooting range, RV dump station, campfire programs, fish cleaning station and a variety of group camping and day use facilities.

Camping: There are 63 developed campsites, and 121 sites with water and electricity. All campsites have a picnic table and campfire grill, with modern rest rooms and showers available.

Camping is available until the last weekend in October, and reservations are accepted through mid-September. Nightly rates, depending on services provided, range from \$15.77 to \$38.77. Camper cabins are available year-round.

City of Rocks National Reserve

Location: Fifty miles south of Burley via Idaho Highway 27 and Idaho Highway 77. It's 95 miles from Twin Falls, a 2 1/2-hour drive.

Attractions: Spectacular granite rock formations, pinyon/juniper tree stands and alpine-like meadows, the reserve presents an inspirational landscape. Recreational activities include hiking, wildlife viewing, picnicking, rock climbing, backpacking, Nordic skiing, photography and horseback riding. The City of Rocks Visitor Center is located in Alma. An all-weather route through Alma is open year-round. The road via Oakley is closed during winter months.

Camping: Available at designated primitive sites. Reservations are available by phone (208) 824-5519.

To learn more ...

- To learn about the facilities available and camping rates at other Idaho state parks:
- Pendorene (near McCall): Phone (208) 334-2164 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Hayburn (near Plummer): Phone (208) 686-1308 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Lake Cascade (surrounding Cascade Reservoir in Valley County): Phone (208) 382-6544 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Winchester Lake (near Winchester): Phone (208) 524-7563 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Hells Gate (located south of Lewiston on the Snake River): Phone (208) 799-5013 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Round Lake (located 10 miles south of Sandpoint on U.S. Highway 95): Phone (208) 263-3489 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Lake Walcott (located 11 northeast of Ruper on Idaho Highway 24): Phone (208) 436-1258 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Massacre Rocks (located east of American Falls on Interstate 86): Phone (208) 548-2672 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Three Island Crossing (Glenns Ferry): Phone (208) 366-2394 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Dworshak (northwest of Orofino): Phone (208) 476-3132 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>
 - Priest Lake (located north of Priest Lake off Idaho Highway 57): Phone (208) 443-6710 or log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>



North Idaho's Hayburn State Park provides an abundance of fish, the marsh areas have plentiful waterfowl and the heavily timbered slopes and open meadows are ideal habitat for deer, bear and upland birds.

Henrys Lake State Park

Location: Fifteen miles from the western boundary of Yellowstone National Park, on Highways 20 and 191. It's 250 highway miles from Twin Falls, a 4 1/2-hour drive.

Attractions: This high-mountain lake is surrounded by 10,000-foot mountains and Targhee National Forest which provide spectacular scenery. The fishing in Henrys Lake is world renowned. The park, named after explorer Major Andrew Henry, closes Oct. 31, or as weather conditions warrant. After September 15 it is wise to call ahead to see which services are available. Cutthroat trout, averaging three to five pounds; cutthroat rainbow hybrids of up to 12 pounds; and brook trout up to three pounds abound in the waters of Henrys Lake.

Camping: The park offers 45 campsites - 25 with water and electricity and the remaining sites have central water. Twenty seven (27) sites are reservable from spring opening through Labor Day. All sites have a picnic table and campfire grill. There is a central utility building with restrooms and showers. Summer-season fee: are \$15.77 nightly for basic developed campsites and \$19.77 for campsites with electricity. Camper cabins are also available for rent for \$38.77 a night. For camping reservations, log on to <http://www.idahoparks.org/parks/reservations.html>, or phone (208) 558-7532.

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FAMILY LIFE

Study confirms long-held beliefs regarding television



PARENTING
John Rosemond

From the "I Told You So" Department: In 1979, I wrote a feature-length article for The Charlotte Observer (subsequently picked up by other newspapers) in which I opined that we knew enough about how the brain develops to conclude with reasonable certainty that television was bad for young children.

Specifically, bombarding the developing brain with television's incessant "flicker" was a recipe for a significantly shortened attention span and, by extension, poor impulse control. I emphasized that since all television programs (with the notable exception of "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood") produce said "flicker," that it did not matter what a child was watching—"Sesame Street" was as harmful to the developing brain as a high-action movie.

Over the intervening 25 years, I have revisited this theme a number of times, proposing that television was contributing, and significantly so, to the epidemic of attention deficit disorder (ADD).

My recommendation: No television at all prior to the establishment of full literacy, which generally occurs around age 8 or 9. I was ridiculed by a good number of "experts," many of whom exoriated me for "blaming" parents of ADD kids, and called an "extremist" by lots of parents, many of whom pointed out that in moderation, nothing is harmful. Some professionals even went so far as to call my ideas "dangerous."

Now a team of researchers representing some of the best and brightest in the field have

determined that even a moderate amount of television-watching during the formative years has an adverse effect on attention span. That's all well and good, and I do indeed feel significantly vindicated (apologies, anyone!), but said researchers have yet to spell out the obvious: to wit, that short attention span compromises one's ability to exercise impulse control.

Although by no means the sole cause of ADD, I am confident that when research will find that when television watching "tips over" the attention-span "domino," ADD is the highly likely end result.

Confirming anecdotes abound, such as the one I received from the mother of a now 5-year-old who was, at age 3, an enthusiastic television-watcher whom she says was "mouthy" and belligerent.

One morning, at wit's end concerning the child's misbehavior, she and her husband pulled the plug on the television. She writes, "What happened in the ensuing days (not weeks or months) was amazing. The misbehavior, most of which I'd put down as being an 'age thing,' went away completely, and the creativity that television had

siphoned off emerged with a vengeance.

Suddenly, tents began appearing in the play room, which became his "operations center." He became a chief for a while, then an explorer, then a scientist. We began the habit of "reading" the newspaper together every morning, a ritual that continues to this day. The most amazing change that occurred, however, was in his overall attitude. He went from surly and belligerent to cheery and cooperative almost overnight.

"I hadn't realized how much his behavior had been adversely affected by television, even the small amount that we had previously allowed. Our television has been 'broken' now for more than two years.

He occasionally watches something at someone else's house but here, in our home, we have completely replaced it with other things too numerous to mention including blessed silence. Today, my former rebel without a cause is a highly energetic, creative, occasionally misbehaving 5-year-old. This experiment had an obvious, to have a happy ending.

Thanks to said mom for a wonderful and inspiring story, at least I hope it inspires. In any case, don't say I didn't tell you so.

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Birthday today? Put a smile on

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

IF JUNE 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...you should put a smile on your face and enjoy a pleasant day surrounded by those who truly care. The weight of responsibility may have been tugging on your shoulders, but you need not look or think about the past.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): A little flirtatious banter makes the time pass more enjoyably. Partners could be a bit morose or more serious than usual, but your enthusiasm brightens the mood.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Be mindful that someone important is not willing to put money or feelings on the line. Remember that actions speak louder than words.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have just the right words on the tip of your tongue to smooth out awkward situations. It may take a while for others to warm up to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Seek companionship for small chores and you will be less apt to go on wild spending sprees. There is an itch to do something

out of the ordinary but what you really need is to surround yourself with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your romantic, cheerful mood puts you at an advantage where social matters are concerned. You will be at your best if you exercise restraint when making important purchases.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your cheerfulness and gracious manners can make a world of difference when tact and diplomacy are called for. Make the best of dreary circumstances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A few demonstrations of outright selfishness may have a dampening effect on the day. The best thing you can do is talk over problems with someone else and refuse to let negative emotions fester.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It

might be a good time to isolate yourself and examine the financial situation dispassionately. The stirrings of ambition may begin to tingle as you contemplate your future today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Those you mingle with today could have serious problems on their minds and may not be helpful if you need advice. Banish cares by looking for an escape to your worries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Suspicious can spoil a good relationship or cause worry where financial transactions are concerned. Talk things over and try to see the other person's point of view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You and your significant other could easily be on the same wavelength but may need to acknowledge restrictions that have recently come to light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Take your shoes off and walk through the grass. Keep conversations upbeat; refuse to be dragged into reliving old troubles.

Son's misdeeds may sink friendship



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We are good friends with our neighbors the "Smiths." Our oldest son is their youngest son, best friend. The problem is their oldest son, "Joey." Tonight we came home to find that Joey had broken into our garage and stolen the liquor we had stored there. When Mr. and Mrs. Smith confronted him, he took off.

This is not the first time Joey has vandalized our home or stolen from us, and we are fed up. It would be sad to sacrifice our relationship with his parents, but we don't know what else to do.

Should we press charges? Or would that open a whole new can of worms with Joey? Do you

think he might take his anger out on our kids? I don't know what's best. Part of me wants to throw the book at him; part of me fears of the repercussions. What would you do?

—HAD ENOUGH IN MINNESOTA

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: I'd make my decision based on the number of times Joey had acted out. Since this is not the first

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or write via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

time he has vandalized your home or stolen from you, I'd put the Smiths on notice that if anything further happens, the police will be involved. Their son is in serious need of counseling and possibly drug rehabilitation. Also, he needs to learn that there are serious consequences for his actions. If he threatens your children, it may be necessary to get a restraining order.

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 \$6 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:
Monday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, cob of corn, tossed green salad, fruit, bread, raisin cake
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, peas w/ carrots, three-bean salad, bread, cherry cobbler cake

Wednesday: Meatloaf or liver, sautéed onions, roll, scalloped potatoes, french cut green beans, coleslaw, pudding, bread
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, roll, carrot and raisin salad, ice cream sundae
Friday: Spaghetti w/ meat balls, veggies, tossed salad, french bread, strawberry rhubarb

Activities:
Today: Dance
Monday: Quilting
Exercise class
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Wednesdays: Quilting
Elks club
Exercise class
Jackpot trip
Thursday: Center pinocchle
Fathers day meal
Friday: Quilting
Lunch bingo
Blood pressure
Exercise class
Saturday: Bridge tournament all day, no bingo.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Menus:
Today: Chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, applesauce, muffin, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Hamburger, pasta salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, pudding
Thursday: Turkey potatoes and gravy, peas cranberry sauce, pear lime Jell-O, bread, birthday cake

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cards, 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.,

2 to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.
Birthday dinner, noon
Friday Exercise, 10 a.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:
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, fries, pickles, pinto beans, jelly veggie salad, bar cookies
Thursday: Roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, hot rolls, sheet cake

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken strips, au-gratin potatoes, corn, fruit cookies
Tuesday: Barbecue ribs, parsley potatoes, winter mixed veggies, fruit, carrot cake
Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, scalloped potatoes, green salad, fruit, pudding
Thursday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, carrots and peas, Jell-O fruit, apple crisp
Friday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, beans, green salad, cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocchle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic
Blood pressure
Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
BJ & Friends, 11:30 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Birthday dinner

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Klamberly
Menus:
Monday: Cube steak, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, bread and butter, watermelon
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, beans, tossed salad, rolls and butter, cake
Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, apricots
Activities:
Today: Sunday dinner, noon to 2 p.m. Chicken. \$6 for adults,

\$3 for children under age 12.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Beef and noodles, veggies, cottage cheese, bread, custard
Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, green beans, carrot pineapple salad, garlic bread, peaches
Wednesday: Sweet-n-sour pork, rice, veggies, beef salad, french bread, pudding

Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, pasta salad, roll, cake, lemon sauce

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Aspen grove, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocchle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Art guild, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting and sewing, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

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: Tamales
Tuesday: Beef stew
Friday: Baked chicken

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 maple bar bake days.
Menus:
Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, salad, fruit cocktail, cookies

Thursday: Meatloaf, mixed veggies, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, biscuits, dessert
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m.

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Tuesday: Canadian bacon pizza, mixed green salad, peas and peanut butter cookies
Thursday: Chicken patty, macaroni salad, orange chiffon pie
Friday: Baked potato bar, chili, broccoli, rolls, strawberry shortcake

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Pinocchle w/ Gooding, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Monday: Sausage gravy and biscuits, mashed potatoes, beans, ginger bread
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, blueberry pie

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menus:
Tuesday: Ham pasta primavera, cheese bread sticks, green salad, melons slices, baked fruit, ambrosia w/ whipped cream
Wednesday: Taco salad bar, pinocchle, upside down cake
Friday: Glazed ham, mashed sweet potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, relish tray, Ambrosia strawberry rhubarb pie

Activities:
Monday: Twin Falls shop, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Development committee, 8:30 a.m.
Thursday: Accreditation, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides 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: Lasagna, peas, carrots, tossed salad, Texas toast and milk
Tuesday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dilled green beans, carrot/pineapple salad, bread
Thursday: Barbecue pork chops, baked beans, broccoli, roll, salsa

Activities:
Monday: Foot clinic
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: BS meet, 1 p.m.
Friday: Taps, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.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:
Friday: Ham and scalloped potatoes, beans, pineapple, bread, oatmeal raisin cookies
Wednesday: Sub sandwich, beef barley soup, corn, bananas, cake
Friday: Pork chops, au-gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit, apple crisp

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.
Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cards, 12:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday:

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Lunch and dessert beverages are served every day with snack gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Menus:
Friday: Salad, sausage and sauerkraut, potato pancakes,

veggies, rolls, ice cream
Tuesday: Salad, Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, rolls, pudding
Wednesday: Salad, spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast, peaches

Thursday: Cottage cheese, potato bar, broccoli, Texas toast, sherbert
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHIBA assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1-4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley

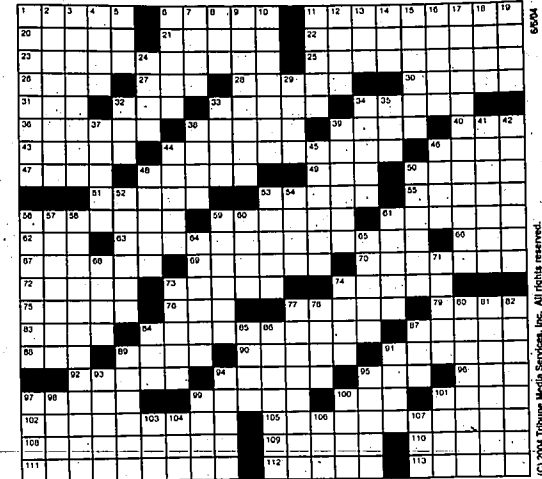
Menus:
Monday: Ham and cheese quiche, peas, potato salad, bread, Jell-O, power bars
Tuesday: French dip sandwich, dinner fries, green salad, veggies, apricot crisp
Wednesday: Birthday dinner, turkey
Thursday: Barbecue on a bun, tater tots, corn medley, fruit Jell-O brownies
Friday: Salisbury steak, noodles, gravy, honey cranberry, bread, apple salad, dessert

Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dominions, 10 a.m.
Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
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Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
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Pinocchle, 1 p.m.
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ENGAGEMENTS

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

HUMAN GEOLOGY By Josiah Breward, Scranton, Pennsylvania



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 - 31 African fever
 - 31 Lawyer's dog
 - 32 Debt reminder
 - 33 State of rupture
 - 34 Disrupted hands
 - 36 Ducks for down
 - 38 Pastoralist leader
 - 39 Service charges
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 - 43 "Gis Schöchi" soprano role
 - 44 "No, No, Nanette" star
 - 46 Ice mass
 - 47 Stand up
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 - 49 Joliet's brother
 - 50 Lyrical Carol Bayer ... by the roots
 - 51 In force
 - 53 Mike and Buddy
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 - 62 "Distaine NBC" anchor
 - 65 August sign
 - 67 Tooth decay
 - 69 Going for a song
 - 70 Corporate pinatas
 - 72 Pastoral poems
 - 73 Expansion component
 - 74 Riga's river
 - 75 Jockey's garb
 - 76 Meas. stress
 - 77 Of bees
 - 83 "Slavey" author
 - 84 "Pink" author
 - 85 "Prudy" author
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 - 87 Large wild bird
 - 88 N.A. file
 - 89 Rubneck
 - 90 Singing chipmunk
 - 91 Leathernose
 - 92 Pastoralist leader
 - 94 Missile garages?
 - 95 Unhappy
 - 96 "Bovis" soprano role
 - 99 Crows
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Bruce Melton and Terri Voyles

VOYLES-MELTON
TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Voyles of Fallay announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Lynn Voyles, to Bruce Allen Melton, son of the late Noel Melton and the late Patsy Hornback.

Voyles received an associate of arts degree at the College of Southern Idaho and a bachelor's degree in corporate training/vocational education at Idaho State University. She currently is working on her master's degree in business administration/human resource management at the University of Phoenix and also holds certification as an international certified alcohol and drug counselor. She recently has opened an Addiction Counseling Center, Freedom in Choices in Twin Falls.

Melton is attending CSI and plans to pursue computer programming. He is self-employed in drywall in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at 1953 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.



Travis Stickler and Brittany Coffman

COFFMAN-STICKLER
BUHL - Doug and Rose Coffman of Blackfoot announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany Marie Coffman, to Travis Wayne Stickler, son of Kinnie and Connie Stickler of Buhl.

Coffman is a graduate of Blackfoot High School and Idaho State University. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in the emergency room department. Stickler is a graduate of Buhl High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Magic Valley Sleep Institute.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday, June 16, at The White House in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.



Kristen Schaal and Dustin Russell

SCHAAL-RUSSELL
TWIN FALLS - Mark and Pam Schaal of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Schaal, to Dustin Russell, son of Doug Russell of Twin Falls.

Schaal is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is attending Boise State University, majoring in elementary education. Russell is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He will enter boot camp with the Marines on June 28.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, June 18, at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. A dinner and reception will be held following the ceremony.

MERRILL-MCKINNEY
JEROME - Darrell L. McKenzie of Carey and Donna J. McKenzie of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy D. Merrill, to Scott C. McKinney, son of Diane Hamilton of Filer.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 19, in Higgens. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

KOCH-HUNTER

PAUL - Kevin and Shana Koch of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellene Koch, to Justin Hunter, son of Blaine and Lorie Hunter of Paul. Koch and Hunter are both graduates of Minico High School. The wedding is planned for Thursday, June 10, at The White House in Twin Falls. A reception to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony.



Kellene Koch & Justin Hunter

CROZIER-HYATT

TWIN FALLS - Randy and Laura Crozier of Neola, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Lea Crozier, to Ross Brent Hyatt, son of Brent and Jan Hyatt of Twin Falls. Crozier is a graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg with an associate's degree. She is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, majoring in landscape architecture. Hyatt is a 2004 graduate of Utah State University with a degree in accounting and is employed at the university. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12, in the Salt Lake



Ross Hyatt and Jamie Crozier

LOWE-SCHENK

BURLEY - Shanny Thiebaud Lowe and Kirk Schenk announce their engagement. Lowe is the daughter of Dennis and Patty Walker and the late Steven and Sharon Thiebaud. Schenk is the son of Jerry and Dixie Schenk. The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the Burley Elks Lodge. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony.



Shanny Lowe and Kirk Schenk

BEER-DOUD

WENDELL - Gary and Deanna Beer of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara June 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

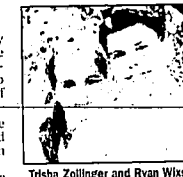


Manuel Doud III and Barbara Beer

The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at Soldier Mountain Ranch and Resort in Fairfield. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

ZOLLINGER-WIXSON

SUBLETT - Russell and Patty Zollinger of Sublett announce the engagement of their daughter, Trisha Tennelle Zollinger, to Ryan French Wixson, son of Bruce and Judy Wixson of Boise. Zollinger is a graduate of Boise State University. She is employed at Albertsons corporate office in Boise. Wixson is a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed at the Amalgamated Sugar corporate office in Boise. A reception to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony.



Trisha Zollinger and Ryan Wixson

The wedding is planned for 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the Russell and Patty Zollinger residence in Sublett.

ENGAGEMENTS

SUWANRIT-SMITH

TWIN FALLS - Paul and Fiama Suwanrit of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Angel Suwanrit, to Blake Smith, son of Tomas and Carrie Smith of Wendell and Ashley and Debra Hammond of Burley. Suwanrit is a 2002 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho's general education development program with honors. She is employed as shift supervisor for Sonic Drive In. Smith is a 2000 graduate of Wendell High School. He is employed at Western Line Builders. The wedding is planned for



Angel Suwanrit and Blake Smith

Friday, June 18, at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls. The couple will reside in Twin Falls.



Michelle Fitzpatrick and Dinis Raposo

FITZPATRICK-RAPOSO
HAZELTON - Lola and Darrell Fitzpatrick of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Fitzpatrick, to Dinis Raposo, son of Dinis and Maria Raposo of Chino, Calif.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Friday, June 18, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis, Jerome.

A reception to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony at the Jerome County Fairgrounds, 200 N. Fir.

SHARKEY-HACKLEY

TWIN FALLS - Sherry and Gary Sharkey of Gillette, Wyo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Sharkey, to Scott Hackley, son of Peggy and Ray Hackley of Twin Falls. Sharkey is a graduate of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. She is working on her master's degree at Phoenix University in Denver, Colo. Hackley is a graduate of Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. He is employed at John Deere Co. in Fort Collins, Colo. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 19, at Rapid City, S.D. A reception will be held at 5



Jennifer Sharkey and Scott Hackley

p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Sylvan Lake Lodge in Custer, S.D.

YOUNG-KEATON

BUHL - Charles and Debbie Young of Herrin, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie Young, to Robert Lynn Keaton, son of David and Norma Keaton of Buhl. Young is a 2001 graduate of Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wis. She is employed at Marquette Baptist Academy in Downers Grove, Ill. Keaton is a 1992 graduate of Clear Lakes Christian Academy in Buhl and a 2001 graduate of Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown. He is employed at Marquette Manor Baptist Academy in Downers Grove, Ill. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 19, at Victory Baptist Church in Cartersville, Ill.



Angela Young and Robert Keaton

A reception will be held following the ceremony.



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Gooding Middle School's seventh- and eighth-grade band play at a festival in Jerome where they earned a superior rating. Photo courtesy of COLLEEN LOCKWOOD

Gooding school musicians end year on high notes

GOODING—Gooding music students wrapped up their year with concerts and competitions. On May 6, Gooding Middle School musicians performed in concert under the direction of Tony Randall. The sixth-grade band played "Canterbury Overture," "Westwind Overture" and Montezuma's Castle. Sixth- to eighth-grade choir sang "Love of a Song," "Festival Procession" and "Tarzan," where they choreographed their own movements. The seventh- and eighth-grade concert band selections included "Spirit of the Sphinx," "Highlander" and "Grand Canyon Overture." The groups headed to the

District IV festival in Jerome May 12 to compete, and both bands received outstanding superior ratings. The choir received an excellent rating. The music students also performed at a District IV festival April 28 in Burley, where the choir and concert band received an excellent rating. Besides performing, they were required to sight read a piece of music. The Gooding High School jazz band and Madrigal singers returned from their Reno trip April 24-27 and had received an excellent rating. The jazz band selections included, "Night Walk," "St. Louis Blues" and "Dark Side of the Moon."

Soloists were Jason Jensen, Eric Gushee, Alyssa Elexper, Jaelyn Miller, Rachel Guyman, Julian Legard, Eric Randall and Morgan Fredrickson. The Madrigals' selections included "Take Five," "Brazil" and "All or Nothing." Soloists were Morgan Bow and Paul Sabastian. The flute Caravan group also performed and received an excellent rating. The four high school groups also performed for fine arts appreciation evening at Gooding High School May 19. The groups selected two songs that they learned within a two-week period. The evening also showcased senior projects and the art show.

STORK REPORT

Magick Valley Regional Medical Center

Sarah Jo Halley, daughter of Larissa Lea Adams and Jason Robert Halley of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, May 22, 2004.

Karima Diane Garza, daughter of Mandy Rae Dyer of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, May 22, 2004.

Drake Vaughn Boyd, son of Tarah Richelle Kodesh and Brandon Vaughn Boyd of Murrtaugh, was born Tuesday, May 25, 2004.

Morgan Jeffrey Claiborn, son of Graecalee Kaye and Jeffrey Lee Claiborn of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 26, 2004.

Bradley Nowell Halcom, son of Jessica Marie and Justen Paul Halcom of Jerome, was born Wednesday, May 26, 2004.

Gracie June O'Connor, daughter of Megan and Brandon Robert O'Connor of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Leah Ashby, daughter of Deanna and Thomas Charles Ashby of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 27, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call 735-3278

Nolan Hunter Rietkerk, son of Amy Louise Mathews and Nolan Henry Rietkerk of Gooding, was born Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Hunter Dee Thompson, son of Christ Michelle and Bradley Edwin Thompson of Jerome, was born Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Jaeda Renee Lee Gomez, daughter of Melissa Renee and Christopher Michael Gomez of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Edith Yohana Giron Gomez, daughter of Carla Patricia Giron Gomez of Jerome, was born Friday, May 28, 2004.

Reece Sommer Garey,

daughter of Leah Anne and Daren Clint Garey of Twin Falls, was born Friday, May 28, 2004.

Anna-Clarissa Patricia Beltran, daughter of Isabel Gonzalez and Ricky Beltran of Jerome, was born Friday, May 28, 2004.

Jesus Manuel Olguin, son of Esmeralda and Jesus Manuel Olguin of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, May 30, 2004.

Shae Bennett, daughter of Michelle Lee and Lance Eric Bennett of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 31, 2004.

Emry Daniek Whitney, son of Karl Marie Hartley and Daniel Lee Whitney of Hollister, was born Monday, May 31, 2004.

Jakinzee Rae Bates, daughter of Lisa Marie and Marco Bates of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 31, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Derrick Eugene Talbert, son of Sally and Brandon Talbert of Heyburn, was born Thursday, May 27, 2004.

BUHL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Buhl High School Students of the Month for the month of April in the freshman and sophomore classes are, from left, bottom row: Cassie Tipton and Tara Bridges; middle row: Matthew Wiggs, Angela Hutchison and Devin Heworth; top row: Clyde McClain, West End Men's Association representative, Tanner Leckenby, Andrew Lauda, Javier Harris and Travis Madril. Each student received a certificate and door prize. The West End Men's Association helps sponsor the event. Photo courtesy of Buhl High School

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Buhl High School Students of the Month for the month of April in the junior and senior classes are, from left, bottom row: Mayoli Negrete, Tandra Benevides, Crystal Rustin, Kocchil Sanchez, Johnathan Puente, Julie Hall and Sonia Avelar; top row: Clyde McClain, West End Men's Association representative, Elizabeth Woods, Krystal Avelar, Jessica Brown and April Dieter. Each student received a certificate and door prize.

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Buhl veterans help with emergency center

By Jami Whitte Times-News Writer

BUHL—In December 2002, the Buhl Veterans of Foreign Wars gave Christmas gifts to two children whose mother had cancer. The sight of the children's excited faces delighted the veterans and sparked the idea for the Emergency Supply Center. The veterans started the Emergency Supply Center just before Christmas 2003. The Buhl VFW Post gives donations to help people who've lost everything to fires, car accident victims and anyone they can help in an emergency. "We need a lot of donations before we can really do anything yet," Harvey Pilant, the post commander, said. The veterans seek donations of blankets, toys, canned food, pots and pans, clothing and anything else needed in times

of crisis. The group also needs volunteers to help the post-aid emergency victims. Donations have included cases of vegetables donated by Seneca Food in Buhl and bedding from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The veterans ask that more businesses and individuals donate food, clothing or whatever can be used in an emergency. "Money is always needed, Pilant said, "But it's a lot harder to come by." Recently, the post donated \$100 to a man in Wendell who has a tumor and must have the tumor and his gall bladder removed. The man is in the

National Guard and was called to Iraq, but couldn't serve because of his medical condition. The Buhl VFW Post has 12 to 15 active members that meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Lincoln Court in Buhl. Pilant and five or six other veterans meet around 10 a.m. every Tuesday morning at the Cosmic Jolt in Buhl to discuss the Emergency Supply Center and other events. "The group will help anyone in the local area, but priority is given to veterans," Maxwell said. One family was in need last December when their business in Buhl failed. The owner was a disabled veteran. The post was able to collect food donations and money to help them. "Right now, we're just trying to get more help and donations so we can keep helping the community in times of need," Pilant said.

Want to help?

To donate, call Harvey Pilant at 736-5023, Riley Maxwell at 543-8047, or Floyd Hernandez at 543-8265 and the veterans will pick up the donations.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free lunches for kids are served at Shoshone Park

SHOSHONE—The Adventure Club, a nonprofit child care center, through the federal summer food program, will offer free lunches to children ages 1-18 at Shoshone Park. The lunches will be offered from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 13. For more information, call 886-2654.

Girl seeks donations to attend competition

OAKLEY—Codi Payne of Oakley was one of the young women crowned queen May 1 at the Miss American Starlet Scholarship Program in Poestello and the only girl from the Magic Valley to win a title and is seeking funds to help her travel in August to the national competition in California. Codi was voted Miss-Queen in this competition two years ago but was unable to travel to the national competition. She was also a contestant in the



Codi Payne

America's Junior Miss Pageant held in Burley on April 21.

She is the daughter of Wendy VonWeller of Oakley, a junior at Oakley High School, a volunteer at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley and member of the Delta Society. At the national competition in California in August, she will receive the savings bond she won in the regional competition and have a chance of winning up to \$10,000 in additional savings bonds for her education. Donations for Codi will be accepted at the Simco Credit Union in Burley or by calling 431-0837 or 862-6425.

Snake River Weavers' Guild meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS—The Snake River Weavers' Guild will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The hostess will be Elly Young. For more information, call her at 734-5358.

Boot Scooting dancers club teaches lessons

TWIN FALLS—The Boot Scooting Country Dancers Club will offer line and couples dance instructions from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-10:30 p.m. Fridays at the Radio Rodeo, 241 Main

Ave. W. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call 733-9045 or visit <http://groups.msn.com/BootscootingCountryDancersClub>.

'Japanese Americans in Idaho' talk takes place

TWIN FALLS—Robert Sims will give a presentation on "Japanese Americans in Idaho: The Minidoka Internment Camp" at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. This free presentation is open to the public and made possible by support from the Boise Cascade Corporation and funding from the Idaho Humanities Council. For more information, call Kallea Taugher at 734-5000, ext. 306.

Former bank employees plan evening social

TWIN FALLS—A meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging Annex Building, 898 Washington St. N. to plan an evening social for former employees of the Twin Falls Bank and Trust. The event will be held in September. A count of all those interested

in attending is needed.

For more information, or to help with the social, call Norma Prestridge at 733-1711, Vi Scott at 734-1182 or Leona Watson at 733-8949.

Button club hosts free state show on Saturday

TWIN FALLS—The Old West Button Club will host the Idaho State Button Show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the South-eastern Idaho Learning Center, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The show is free and open to the public. The theme will be "Surprise, Surprise, Surprise." For more information, call Monica Goley at 734-7728 or 423-4008.

Craft store offers family event, summer camp

TWIN FALLS—Learning how to make bracelets will be the subject of a free family event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Michaels, 1988 Bridgeview Blvd. Participants will choose from a variety of bracelets or anklets, colors and designs. Michaels will also hold its annual Summer Arts and Crafts Camp July 12-16. There will be sessions daily from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for 5 to 8 year olds and from 1:30-3:30

p.m. for 9 to 12 year olds.

The cost is \$7.50 per session or \$30 for the entire week. The theme will be "Around the World with Crafts." For more information, call 735-8006 or visit www.michaels.com.

UI office offers pressure canner gauge testing

JEROME—The University of Idaho Jerome County Extension Office is offering gauge testing for pressure canners from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the extension office, 600 Second Ave. W. The cost is \$5 per lid. Replacement gauges and seals will be offered at an additional cost. For more information, call 324-7578.

Jerome Class of 1949 locates classmates

JEROME—The Jerome High School Class of 1949 is planning its 55th reunion on July 30-31 and Aug. 1. Organizers want to contact classmates Jay Nelson, Eleanor (Johnson) Elrod, Dorothy (Morgan) Huff and Donald Wilsie. To provide information about these people, or for more information about the reunion, call Erma Lee (Sikver) Gooch at 324-

2459, or Shirley (Easton) Shropshire at 324-2167.

M.V. La Leche League learns about baby arrival

TWIN FALLS—The La Leche League of Magic Valley will meet 10 a.m. Thursday in the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The topic will be "The Baby Arrives: Getting Breast-feeding Off to a Good Start." Interested women, pregnant women, mothers and babies are welcome to attend. Participants should enter through the north entrance by Signs Now. For more information, call Judy at 733-9639 or Rosie 736-1731.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE WOLVES

GOODING - Ben and Ellie Wolfe will be honored at an open house and barbecue for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the home of Tina and Jim Holland, 220 Agri Lane, Gooding. The couple also will be renewing their wedding vows. The family requests no gifts; bring a picnic dish and beverage.

The couple moved to his hometown, in 1965, the family moved to Boise for a few years. In 1974, they moved to Gooding, where he started his own business, Wolfe's Land Leveling. He worked around the Magic Valley area for a few years, while she started a pet shop business and then a dog kennel business. Ellie Mae's Kennels, at their home north of Gooding. In 1980, they



Ben and Ellie Wolfe

moved to Emmett, where they still reside. They have four children, Betty (Butch) Taylor of Kimberly, Sherry (Chuck) Coble of Boise, Sally (Ron) Howard, of Emmett, and Tina (Jim) Holland of Gooding. The couple has 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren with one on the way.

THE NIELSENS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Jay L. Nielsen of Twin Falls are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Nielsen and Lillian Atkinson were married Dec. 3, 1954, in the Logan LDS Temple. He served in the U.S. Navy and was president of D.L. Evans Bank for a number of years. He currently is employed with the Boy Scouts of America. She raised their children and helped part-time at the bank.

They have been active members in the LDS Church and have had many callings. They served an LDS mission in Las Vegas, Nev. They have four children, Alan (Darla) Nielsen of Springdale, Darwin (Laurie) Nielsen of Tremonton, Utah, Michael



Jay and Lillian Nielsen

(Sheana) Nielsen of Twin Falls and Teresa (Val) Darrington of Declo. The couple has 20 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way. They plan to spend an evening with their children at the Logan Temple with dinner afterwards and then an evening with all their children and grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

MUSSLER-MAXFIELD

PAUL - Ellen Mussler and Lynn Maxfield were married June 5 in the Logan LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Hans and Ruth Mussler of Thacher. She is a graduate of Grace High School and will be a senior this fall at Albion College of Idaho in Caldwell. The bridegroom is the son of Ward and Judy Maxfield of Paul. He is a graduate of Minico High School and will graduate from Albion College in December.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the Paul LDS Stake Center.



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BURLEY SELLERS

BUHL - Ovwie Burley and Brandon Sellers were married May 23 at the Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.

The bride is the daughter of Phil Burley of American Falls and Mary Severe of Hagerman. The bridegroom is the son of Cliff and Tammy Sellers of Wendell. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Issues. Rayna Neil, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Holly Pearson, friend of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Kyta Sellers, daughter of the bride and groom, was the flower girl.

Cliff Sellers, father of the groom, served as best man. Joe Sellers, brother of the groom, was the groomsmen.

Special guests were step-parents of the bride, Jim McLean and Glenda Burley, and grandparents of the groom, Joe and Oucie Sellers.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Clear Lake Country Club.



Ovwie and Brandon Sellers

The bride is a 2001 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. The bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Wendell High School. He is employed at Joe Bill Robertson Construction. The newlyweds reside in Wendell.



THE WILLIAMSONS

TWIN FALLS - Rudy and Marie Williamson of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

They were married June 10, 1944. Your friendship and love are treasured gifts and the couple requests no other.

Nurturing touch has lifelong benefits

Los Angeles Times

The more parents nurture their offspring, the more likely the children are to remain emotionally and physically healthy through old age.

That's the conclusion reached by a team of researchers from the University of Albany and the University of Michigan who analyzed a survey of 3,000 adults. Participants who had not received enough emotional support from their parents in childhood were more likely to report poorer physical health as adults than those who indicated they had been given plenty of emotional support. The ones who hadn't gotten enough nurturing were also more likely to suffer from depression or other emotional illnesses, said researcher Benjamin Shaw, an assistant professor of social behavior and community health at the Albany campus.

How much can your car tell about you?

'Auto relationship' expert says a lot

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Shhhhhhh. Listen. Your car is blabbing away even if all you hear is the engine's steady purr.

Your Mini Cooper coos, "I'm huggable!" Your Jeep Wrangler boasts, "I'm rugged!" And your mouthy SUV shouts, "I'm really tough!"

You know this now, thanks to Clotilde Rapaille, a marketing expert and daffing of Detroit carmakers who hire him to divine what hums in your head when you buy a car that calls to you without saying a word.

"A car is a message," says Rapaille, 62, whose Boca Raton, Fla., business, Archetype Discoveries Worldwide, collects consumers' thoughts on everything from cars to coffee. "It has eyes, a mouth, a chin. It has a face, and that face speaks to you."

Rapaille says cars do more than haul us from one spot to another. As he talks, he strolls through Coral Cadillac in Pompano Beach, Fla., where a yellow Hummer does more than speak. It shouts.

It's so big, bold and bright, it simply demands your attention. "It's a war machine," Rapaille says. "It says if you want to fight, I can fight. But you will die."

And you believed you bought your wheels because you liked the price or style or thought the car was so cool you'd look really hot.

That can be part of it, of course. But there's something more, something deeper, he says.

As Rapaille sees it, you respond to cars in ways connected to different brain activity. They can be intellectual or emotional reactions, but the strongest of all is the "reptilian" response: It's about survival and all that entails, including sex.

"The reptilian brain always wins," says Rapaille, who helps businesses create products and advertising that "speak" to the paying customer. If you don't believe it, consider the SUV's popularity. On the road, it looks powerful, yet very high vehicles are vulnerable to

Car trivia

Americans have a thing about their cars. According to an international survey by Yahoo! Autos (autos.yahoo.com):

- 52 percent tend to judge someone's success by their car (compared with the United Kingdom, for instance, at 39 percent).
- 62 percent tend to find the opposite sex more attractive if they drive a nice car (Chinese, 74 percent).
- 69 percent talk to their car (Italians, 29 percent).
- 49 percent think of their car as female (Germans, 7 percent).
- 62 percent love to flirt with other drivers (Italians, 15 percent).

rolling over. On an intellectual level, buyers know this but buy anyway. Psychologically, being up high makes you feel bigger and taller and, as a result, safer. "That's the reptilian response," Rapaille says. "If you're big and strong, you will survive."

In other words, this buying business can be a lot more about feelings than facts. Now, picture Rapaille, who speaks with real passion, his mane of reddish hair flying, translating his reptilian theory to nuts-and-bolts gearheads in Detroit. At times, it's a rocky road.

"He talks about motivations and calibrates that with biology, which some people find hard to connect with product development," says Bryan Nesbitt, a car-design executive who worked with Rapaille at Chrysler and GM. "But when you design a vehicle, understanding its emotional value becomes important."

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ENGAGEMENT

THOMPSON-ROBERTS

TWIN FALLS - Lee and Carol Thompson of Roseburg, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Diane Thompson, to Morris William Roberts, son of Steve and Gretchen Roberts of Eagle Point, Ore.

Thompson is a 2000 graduate of Douglas High School in Winston, Ore., and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Roberts is a 2001 graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed at Intermountain Beef Producers in Idaho. The wedding is planned for



Morris Roberts and Angela Thompson

Saturday, June 26, at Shoshone Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn and Suites in Jerome.

ENGAGEMENTS



Brian Winn and Amanda Monek

MONEK-WINN

TWIN FALLS - Tom and Debbie Magaw of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Jo Monek, to Brian Sterling Winn, son of Stacey and Barbara Winn of Twin Falls.

Monek is a graduate of Boise State University. She is employed at Jayker Wholesale Nursery in Meridian. Winn is a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed at Jayker Wholesale Nursery in Meridian.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 26, at the Blue Lakes Country Club. A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Blue Lakes Country Club.



Angie Smith and Eric Kasel

SMITH-KASEL

TWIN FALLS - Angie Smith and Eric Kasel announce their engagement.

Smith is the daughter of Cindy Bailey of Buhl and Danny Smith of Montpelier. She graduated from Cokeville High School in Wyoming and Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colo.

Kasel is the son of Ron and Carole Kasel of Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School and is employed by Kasel Ranches.

An August wedding is planned.

PICKETT-STANGER

MURTAUGH - Steve and Debbie Pickett of Murtaugh announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerstin Pickett, to Matt Stanger, son of Tracy and Nan Stanger of Murtaugh.

Pickett is a graduate of Murtaugh High School. She is employed at The Buckle in Twin Falls. Stanger is also a graduate of Murtaugh High School. He is employed at L. Ray Stanger Sons Farms in Murtaugh.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 26.



Kerstin Pickett and Matt Stanger

A reception will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Pickett residence.

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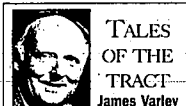
New city's musicians organize long-lasting institution



Twin Falls band poses in front of the city's original bandstand, in about 1910.

Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library

Twin Falls' most enduring tradition is its city band. Most small communities had such groups around the turn of the 20th century, when our town came into being. They were frequently called "Silver Cornet" bands, and, in those days before radio and television, their rich and mellow sounds on a warm summer evening were a delight to our forebears' ears.



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley



Twin Falls band leads the 1910 county fair parade.

Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library



Shoshone Silver Cornet Band plays on Main Street for Odd Fellows celebration on April 28, 1906.

Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library

The Twin Falls "brass band" was organized in April 1905, about the time the gates were first closed at Milner Dam and water began to flow across the Twin Falls tract. One of the few places to meet in early Twin Falls was William A. "Billy" Ring's roller-skating rink, and that is where the musicians gathered to choose officers. Named president was Charles Thomas, the local state land agent. George Fraser, editor of the *Twin Falls News*, was chosen vice president; Charles Cole, who ran a clothing store, became the secretary; and J.M. Maxwell, a bank cashier, was picked as treasurer.

Although it was announced that instruments would be purchased immediately, there was no further activity reported for over a year. Then, in April 1906, the local Odd Fellows celebrated the 87th anniversary of their national lodge. It was announced that the Twin Falls Brass Band would play for the occasion but, for some reason, the Silver Cornet Band from nearby Shoshone played instead. As the *News* reported, this was the second band to "awake the echoes of Rock Creek Canyon." The first had been the Pocatello City Band, which had come to town for "Railroad Day" in August 1905.

This incursion by the Shoshone band seems to have provided the necessary stimu-

lus to the Twin Falls musicians because, a few weeks later, on May 16, 1906, a number of them met and decided to get the band reorganized immediately. Among those present were George Lacey (a farmer and clarinetist), John Bainbridge (a real estate agent and clarinetist who had once played with the Northwest Mounted Police band), Carl Camp (cornetist and owner of a cement company) and his father, Silas H. Camp. The older Camp - an accom-

plish e d musician, who had just arrived in town with his cornet - became the first director. Some members already owned their instruments, but more were needed for those who did not. Camp rehearsed those who were equipped, and the group made its initial public appearance at the event will begin at 11 a.m. as visitors begin arriving at the park near Shoshone Falls. Landowners at the top of the canyon grade are providing fields where drivers can park their cars and take one of the free shuttle buses provided by Western States Bus Co. The shuttles will relieve traffic congestion in the canyon and keep visitors from having to pay the \$3 entry fee to the park, the Centennial Commission said.

No admission will be charged to the event. The commission made

arrangements with the Twin Falls Canal Co. and Idaho Power Co. to provide a temporary display of water over the falls - likely to be a popular sight to the drought-stricken valley and its visitors. But Saturday's flow over the falls is not likely to be as dramatic as organizers had hoped earlier this spring, water managers said last week.

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open-air concerts to large crowds in front of the skating rink, then played for dancing inside. Also that year, the group played for occasions as varied as Memorial Day services, the fair, the opening of Sweet and Gaut's saloon and the reception for William Jennings Bryan, who was visiting in Fernie.

A high, round bandstand was built in City Park using band funds in 1910, and weekly summer concerts began there on Friday nights soon afterward. The present semicircular band shell was built on the same site during the 1930s, with the help of the Works Project Administration, a make-work organization that existed during those years of economic depression.

It can't be determined with any certainty who the earliest directors were, subsequent to Silas Camp. In 1908, it was reported that the band would reorganize under George Reels, an experienced bandmaster. But, the following year, a certain Frank H. Thomas was mentioned as having been director. Another source has C.D. Tyler taking over from Camp; still other documents have John Bainbridge as director from 1907 to 1922.

James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley," sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.

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This ad for a band minstrel show was published in *Twin Falls News* on April 6, 1914. A reviewer thought that the solos and chorus parts had been "rendered with a precision and snap that kept the audience well-pleased." The "end-men" - Messrs. Herbert, Thorp, Latterbauch and Chaplin - and "interlocutor" C.D. Thomas were particular favorites.

Centennial Commission plans Blessing of Water

Saturday event features history of Twin Falls Tract, free ice cream, a little extra water over the falls

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Prepare to ponder the importance of irrigation next weekend. And bring your cameras to capture the sight of a little extra water over Magic Valley's famous falls. The Twin Falls Centennial Commission's next special event will be the "Blessing of the Water" ceremony at Shoshone Falls on Saturday. It will feature pioneer recollections of the early days on the Twin Falls tract, as well as vendors, historical exhibits and a blessing pronounced upon the

water by a local pastor. The commission's Executive Director Bonnie Lezarnik said the event will begin at 11 a.m. as visitors begin arriving at the park near Shoshone Falls. Landowners at the top of the canyon grade are providing fields where drivers can park their cars and take one of the free shuttle buses provided by Western States Bus Co. The shuttles will relieve traffic congestion in the canyon and keep visitors from having to pay the \$3 entry fee to the park, the Centennial Commission said. No admission will be charged to the event. The commission made

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theme of the event, bottles of water with a commemorative Twin Falls Centennial label will be on sale for \$1 each. Those who attend may bring picnic lunches or buy food from the vendors on site. Western Waste Services will provide additional sanitation and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will provide paramedic services. At 2 p.m., state Sen. Laird Noh will begin the program and act as the master of ceremonies for speakers from the city of Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Canal Co. and Idaho Power; local author Jim Gentry; and longtime residents of the area. The actual blessing of the water will be performed by the Rev. Brian Thom, a representative of the Magic Valley Interfaith Association. Young performers will sing "Just Add

Water," the city's centennial song. The Twin Falls Lions and Kiwanis clubs will help with parking and transportation. Buses will run continuously from 11 a.m. until about 4:30 p.m., when the event wraps up. Similar, though much less elaborate, observances have taken place at canal headgates in some springs, when water from Milner Dam is turned into the canal system that feeds acreages on the south side of the Snake River. Those informal events are usually attended by a few county and canal officials. "The Centennial Commission decided to create a larger, more public event for Twin Falls' centennial year and hold it at the falls where everyone could enjoy it," the commission said in a statement.