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OPPORTUNITY REALIZED



Zelgmond Szanto, right, and his son, Robert, maintain the back yard of their Twin Falls home last week. Zelgmond and his wife, Edit, came to America after fleeing Romania in 1990.

Refugee couple makes the most of life in America

By Julie Panoce Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As 23-year-old Zelgmond Szanto flew over the Great Salt Lake in the starlit sky to Twin Falls in 1990, he pondered what it would be like to become a U.S. citizen.

Just days before, he had listened to his wife's parents tell a story about a July 4 citizenship ceremony in Twin Falls City Park. "I thought, 'Wow. How cool that would be,'" Szanto said. Szanto, his wife, Edit, and their 1-week-old baby boy landed in Twin Falls on July 5, 1990. It was one of the places in the United States designated as a refugee center for people fleeing... from poverty-ravaged Romania.

At the time, they didn't know they had missed America's birthday party by one day. But the political refugees saw right of the United States was a Disneyland of possibilities. "It is the land of opportunity," said Edit, a dark-eyed slip of a woman with a quick smile. "It is the land of opportunity



that you can't believe you're alive," Szanto followed up, waving his arms enthusiastically. "We came here, and all of a sudden your eyes pop open. You can further your education as far as you want. You can accomplish anything you want to. You have everything at your fingertips. You just have to work very hard to get it. "Hard work is the key," he emphasized.

Over the next decade and a half, the couple worked harder than most Americans can imagine. Zelgmond became a veterinarian and built a thriving practice. Edit earned a Ph.D. and now runs the instructional technology center at the College of Southern Idaho. And at the same time, they raised a son who's well-adjusted, they say. "They both became citizens at their first opportunity — five

years after they came to the United States. And today they'll celebrate the Fourth of July just like other Americans when they try out their brand-new barbecue grill and watch the fireworks.

Going for the dream
The Szantos arrived in the U.S. penniless and unable to... Please see SZANTO, Page A2

Turn up the volume in Twin Falls

Tonight's fireworks show might be biggest in city's history

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the sky erupts at this evening's fireworks display with bursts of color brighter and more varied than Twin Falls has witnessed, organizers of the show encourage people to not only ponder the country's independence, but also to celebrate the city's centennial.

"This revolves anything the big town up the road has ever done for Fourth of July," said Norm Rose, manager of the company responsible for this year's fireworks. "This is going to be a magnificent show." Due to a time grant of \$12,500 from the Twin Falls Centennial Commission, this year's show is slated to be the biggest-in-city history, larger even than the fireworks display in Boise. The fireworks show will begin at 10 p.m. on the College of Southern Idaho campus. "This is definitely the biggest

Enjoying the fireworks

- **What:** Twin Falls centennial fireworks show tonight
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho
- **When:** At dusk, around 10 p.m. The show will last close to 20 minutes.
- **Music:** Tune Into 102.9 FM (Mix 103) for music choreographed to the fireworks show.
- **Best viewing locations:** All lawns on CSI campus. Due to the increased size and altitude of parts of the display, as well as a preference on the part of the pyrotechnicians, the launching point has been moved to a spot in the college's alfalfa field north of North College Road. That means none of the campus lawns south of North College Road will be closed, allowing visitors to sit wherever they would like.
- **Food:** Concession stands will begin selling food in the afternoon.
- **Other activities:** Festivities begin on the CSI campus at 4 p.m. with a pie-eating contest. After the contest, a hypnotist will perform, followed by the Twin Falls Municipal Band at 8 p.m.

Driving and parking

- **Plan on coming early.** The police department will begin closing down these sections of Falls Avenue and Washington Street North surrounding the college at 9:15 p.m. North College Road will be closed at 7 p.m. The road closures are done to better ensure the safety of pedestrians in the area.
- **All roads and parking lots within the CSI campus will remain open.** Frontier Field Road also will remain open but will be closed as it meets North College Road.
- **Be patient.** Several thousand people routinely attend the display, and most of them drive to the event. It may take several minutes for the police to direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic off the campus safely. In addition, you may be routed in a different direction than you would normally travel to your home.
- **Don't drink and drive.** During previous displays, several traffic collisions have occurred as a result of impaired drivers. The area surrounding CSI will be heavily patrolled, and all drivers suspected of DUI will be arrested.

Driving and parking

Sources: Twin Falls Police Department, CSI, Southern Idaho Fireworks Committee

display since I've been involved with the fireworks," said Karla Cunha, coordinator of the Southern Idaho Fireworks Committee. The price tag for the fireworks display totals \$27,500 — that's... Please see FIREWORKS, Page A2

Iraqi militants may get amnesty

Official mulls plan to calm insurgency

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's prime minister, less than a week after taking power, may offer amnesty to insurgents and could extend it to those who killed American troops in an apparent bid to lure Saddam Hussein loyalists from their campaign of violence.

A spokesman for Iyad Allawi went as far as to suggest attacks on U.S. troops over the past year were legitimate acts of resistance — a sign of the new government's desire to distance itself from the 14-month U.S.-led occupation of Iraq.

"If he (a guerrilla) was in opposition against the Americans, that will be justified because it was an occupation force," the spokesman, Georges Sada, said Saturday. "We will give them freedom." Choking the brutal 14-month insurgency is the No. 1 priority of Allawi's government, and the prime minister is expected to make a number of security-related policy announcements in coming days. Besides the amnesty plan, those include the resurrection of Iraq's death penalty after an emergency law that sets curfews in Iraq's trouble spots, Sada said.

The amnesty plan is still in the works. A full pardon for insurgents who killed Americans is not a certainty, Sada told The Associated Press. Allawi's main goal is to "start bringing Iraq back to life" by giving a second chance to rebel fighters who hand in their weapons and throw their weight behind the new government.

"There is still heavy discussion about this," said Sada, interviewed in the prime minister's office. He said the U.S. Embassy has encouraged

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Group claims beheading of U.S. Marine

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A radical Islamic group in Iraq said Saturday that it had beheaded U.S. Marine Cpl. Wassaf Ali Hassoun in a videotaped execution. If true, it would mark the third beheading of a hostage in Iraq in about two months. Military officials in Baghdad could not say whether the beheading was dead or alive.

Hassoun, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, was reported missing on June 21 and was seen last Sunday in a video aired by the Arab satellite news channel Al-Jazeera. On that video, Hassoun was shown wearing a blindfold, with a man holding a curved sword above his neck. His unnamed captors said in a statement that they would kill him unless the United States released Iraqi detainees.

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Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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SURLEY RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms in the area. Highs near 90.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mother Nature may be providing some natural fireworks tonight with scattered thunderstorm activity.

BOISE

It will be fair to partly cloudy through next week with only small chances for rain or drizzle.

NORTHERN UTAH

through this Fourth of July and into early next week will only bring in eight chances for hill or mist thunderstorms.

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Szanto

Continued from A1 speak English. But they were young, optimistic and fully intent on capturing the American dream.

Random acts of kindness

What to do after WSU? Head back to Twin Falls, of course. "I had offers from other places in a way of getting more money, in places with more of a big-city atmosphere."

loan. But Zsigmond began searching, anyway. It was only after he visited every car lot in town that he finally struck gold.

more precarious because the Romanian government went out of its way to persecute that population.

Amnesty

Continued from A1 Allowed to try creative solutions to end the insurgency as long as they don't infringe on human rights.

Fireworks

Continued from A1 \$12,500 more than last year, she said. U.S. Cellular and the Central Commission are top list of major contributors.

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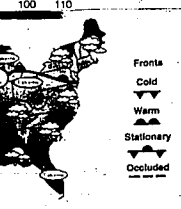
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NATION

In land at war, risky road leads to Saddam trial

The Associated Press

A defiant defendant, a court's shaky foundation, a war flaring outside the makeshift Iraqi courtroom — all point up the uncertainty and the risk in the trial to put Saddam Hussein on trial.

At Thursday's arraignment of the ex-president, the sweep and eagerness of the charges against him — invasion, mass killing, suppressing revolts — made clear that Baghdad's new government is far from ready for the full-blown trial.

One legal expert wondered afterward whether Saddam's court appearance was meant merely as a show of strength by the interim regime, handed limited sovereignty just three days earlier by U.S. occupation authorities.

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"Iraq's ousted leader may have been rehearsing his own 'Saddam effect' on Thursday, upbraiding the judge as a tool of the Americans, and declaring of himself, 'Saddam was the people.'"

"Iraq scholar Juan Cole identifies another risk in a Saddam trial, in laying bare, for Iraqis to see, the whole bloody story of the oppression of Kurds and Shiite Muslims by a Baath Party



In photo that has had guards' faces altered for security reasons, Saddam Hussein is led into a courtroom on Thursday at Camp Victory, a former palace of Saddam near Baghdad.

regime run by Sunni Muslims. "Some months on the kinds of investigations has the potential for provoking ethnic violence," notes the University of Michigan professor.

Concerns like these might tempt Iraq's new leaders to prosecute Saddam in secret. Iyad Allawi, interim prime minister, said last week the trial would be open, but earlier he'd suggested closing it. His reason: "to keep Saddam from broadcasting embarrassing tales about past links to foreign governments. The U.S. government was among those that quietly supported Saddam's Iraq in its 1980-88 war with Iran."

Thursday's session already was closed in good part, off-limits to the public and all but a few journalists. And Saddam's voice was suppressed on the videotape aired on Iraqi television.

Such issues of openness present a dilemma, Megally said. If an open trial is conducted, Saddam loyalists and other resistance fighters need their attacks on U.S. troops and their Iraqi allies, "judges would be very much intimidated, and eyewitnesses may not feel they can be protected."

On the other hand, a trial "carried out behind closed doors, under heavy security, relatively inaccessible to the population at large, then loses much of the value of the process."

A secret trial would further undermine the legitimacy of a process that international lawyer Daoud Khairallah says lacks much legitimacy to begin with.

The Washington attorney, an Arab-American expert in Middle East law, said he would like to see Saddam punished as an example for other dictators — but only after a sound legal proceeding.

He said the U.S. invasion and overthrow of the Baathists were not sanctioned under international law, and so "one cannot say that this (interim Iraq) government or this court represent in any way Iraqi sovereignty."

Only an international tribunal trying Saddam for crimes against humanity would have true legal standing, Khairallah contended. He said Saddam was correct on Thursday when he pointed out the existing Iraqi constitution gives him, as president, immunity from prosecution in Iraq.

Bush salutes economic policies, troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four months from Election Day, President Bush is taking credit for the rebounding economy and proclaiming the Fourth of July weekend as a time to thank the U.S. armed forces for standing strong around the world.

"In Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere, they are fighting terrorists that threaten America, and helping to build hopeful, democratic societies where the ideology of terrorism has no place," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "Our nation honors their sacrifice."

America is an example to the world that free people can succeed, he said, citing the

rebounding U.S. economy as a means of making sure that all Americans can "share in the promise of our country."

He noted the Labor Department's report Friday that 112,000 jobs were created in

June. That number, however, was less than half the 250,000 that economists had predicted. And the unemployment rate remained at 5.6 percent for a third consecutive month.

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The Saturday statement was posted to an Islamic Web site. "We would like to inform you that the martyr of the Lebanese origin Hassan bin Ali was slaughtered," said the group, called Ansar al-Sunna Army. "You are going to see the video with your very own eyes soon."

No footage of Hassan's death was shown Saturday night. In the past two beheadings — of a South Korean and an American — videos were provided to al-Jazeera. Hassan bin Ali (Zarqawi), also linked to al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for those.

In its statement about Hassan's execution, the group identified itself as being part of the National Islamic Resistance — 1920 Revolution Brigade, a name making reference to the Iraqi revolution of 1920 against British rule.

An offshoot of the group, Ansar al-Sunna, had also taken credit for twin suicide bombings that killed more than 100 people in northern Iraq earlier this year. The group is thought to be either a part of Ansar al-Islam, an al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist group that operated out of

northern Iraq before the war, or a collection of Wahabi Muslim extremists.

Reports of the killing came on a day of renewed violence in Iraq, whose government was given sovereignty less than a week ago. South of Baghdad, near the town of Mahmudiya, seven Iraqi national guardsmen were killed and two wounded in a rocket-propelled grenade attack.

The U.S. military also confirmed that a Marine died of wounds sustained Friday in fighting in western Iraq, but gave no further details.

While the number of attacks on U.S. troops went down to between 20 and 25 daily last week, a surge followed the handover of sovereignty, attacks have returned to between 35 and 45 a day now, according to a senior military official in Baghdad, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The military said it found a car-bomb assembly site in southern Baghdad, where four vehicles were in various stages of completion. Soldiers also found 50 pounds of C4 explosives, the equivalent of about \$8,200 in cash, a stash of Ak-47s and RPG equipment.

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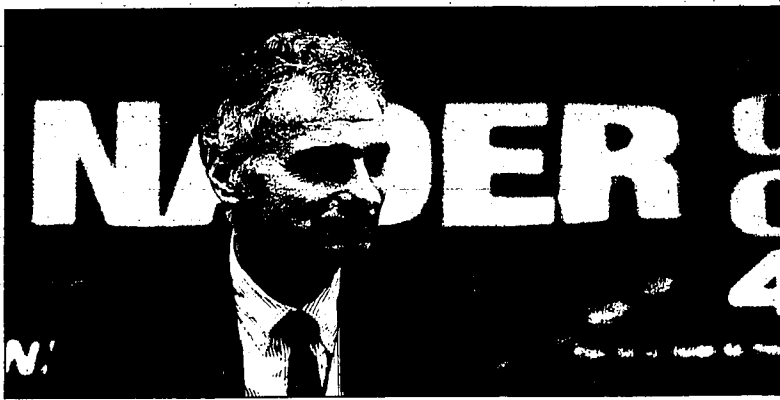
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NATION



Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader speaks on June 27, at an evening state nominating convention on the University of Washington campus in Seattle. Nader said he's confident he'll gather the 1,000 signatures he needs to get on the Washington state ballot in November.

Nader's allies and enemies team up

No one seems to want him to run

By Dick Polman
Knight Ridder News Service

Sometimes it seems like Ralph Nader is becoming the Rodney Dangerfield of presidential politics. Just ask Jeff Cohn, who was getting no respect while stumping for Nader the other night in a Philadelphia suburb.

Cohn tumbled to the Ne-shaminy Mall, figuring that some of the anti-Bush liberals who had shown up to see "Fahrenheit 9/11" would also be willing to sign his petition to put Nader on the Pennsylvania ballot in November. He knew he had guessed wrong when they started screaming.

"Get outta here," "What's your job you're doing," "You've gotta put Bush in for another four years."

And that argument explains why Nader, the tarnished anti-establishment hero who is trying to launch another presidential candidacy, finds himself under withering attack, here and elsewhere, as never before. These days, he's like the prep school kid who gets whacked by paddles as he runs the gauntlet.

His old Green Party allies have spurned him, fearing that he could split the anti-Bush vote and cost John Kerry the election. Democrats in several states are suing him, to keep his name off the ballot — and they succeeded on Friday in Arizona. Six "Stop Ralph" Web sites are going after him. And because Nader seems untouchable by the fact that Bush-friendly groups have been aiding his ballot efforts, his former friends are condemning him; their disdain for Nader nearly rivals their sentiments about the President.

Nevertheless, Cohn, as the Bucks County coordinator helping to garner voters' signatures to get Nader on the state ballot (26,000 signatures are required by Aug. 2), is sticking with his man: "A lot of people have been brainwashed about Ralph. The Democrats have done a great job since 2000 of saying that a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush.

Analysis

That's the sound bite, and people will just regurgitate it."

Nader still insists that Al Gore lost the 2000 race all by himself, but, in most quarters, Nader's image as a spoiler is well established, particularly because the latest polls in key states (Pennsylvania, Michigan, Florida) demonstrate that Kerry's prospects for beating President

Bush could be greatly reduced by Nader's presence.

"Nader is trying to kill us. He's trying to kill us," said Dan Morabito, who directs the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. "Despite the fact that we have half a million more registered Democrats than Republicans here, we regularly lose big elections. So in a competitive presidential race, we have to be worried about Nader. He could cost us the state."

But all this Democratic hostility, and the exodus of Nader's most visible 2000 election allies (including filmmaker Michael Moore), have seriously complicated his efforts to compete in November. In the words of Mitch Siley, an activist and third-party expert who backed Nader in 2000 but opposes him now, "Ralph is definitely litting some rocks, and he is increasingly isolated."

Thus far Nader has raised barely \$1 million, and new Democratic court challenges to his ballot signatures could slow him further. Nader press secretary Kevin Zeese said, "Those lawsuits certainly divert our resources away from advocating our issue positions."

Right now, Nader still is not officially listed on any state bal-

lots. He has been forced to fight for access one state at a time. Because the Green Party refused last weekend to endorse him — a decision that has cost Nader an automatic listing in 22 states. One reason for the refusal: the Greens wanted assurance from Nader that he wouldn't stump heavily in the key swing states in strategy that might imperil Kerry. Nader refused to offer that assurance.

Nader's attitude is great news for the GOP; that explains why Bush-friendly forces have been openly aiding his ballot efforts in Oregon and Arizona, according to a review of Nader's Arizona petitions by the state Democratic Party, 65 percent of the signatories were Republicans.

On June 27, the Oregon chapter of Citizens for a Sound Economy — led nationally by former U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Armey and financed by the corporate inter-

ests that Nader has opposed — phoned members, and said "Nader could peel away a lot of Kerry support in Oregon ... Liberals are trying to unite (but) we could divide this base of support" by signing up for Nader. A conservative Christian group made the pitch to its members.

There are always strange bedfellows in politics, but Nader's critics see this alliance as fresh proof of his perfidy. Brian Enright, a former Howard Dean aide who now runs thenaderfactor.com, said: "How do you reconcile the fact that he's accepting help from groups that stand for everything he has fought against for the last 40 years? At what point does he stop putting his integrity aside, for political gain?"

But Nader press secretary Zeese returns the fire: "Come on, get real. The Democrats are so hypocritical, because here was John Kerry sounding off (Republican senator) John McCain as a running mate. Kerry was willing to sell out the whole liberal wing of his party, in order to get elected — and they attack us?"

"We're not helping these (conservative) groups; they're helping us. It's nothing of our doing. If they think they're helping Bush in the end, that's their own political analysis. They can play it however they want."

Citizens for a Sound Economy spokesman Chris Kinnin said the group will aid Nader's signature-gathering efforts in Florida and Wisconsin — and were watching Pennsylvania. We will likely activate our state network (10,000 members) as Nader gets closer to the ballot deadline."

Democrats fear that Nader, once on the ballot, could attract independents who are upset with Bush but can't warm to Kerry. In the new Pennsylvania poll, Nader draws 14 percent of independents statewide. The Southeast is his best region, and his pull is highest among suburban women; as Anna Marie Parell, an independent in Bensalem, said: "I first saw him speak in the early '90s about irradiated food. I like that he has spent 40 years talking about consumer issues."

But Pennsylvania Democrats, unlike their counterparts in Arizona and Illinois, don't plan to challenge Nader's petitions. Morabito, the state director, said, "I wouldn't want to alienate Nader voters" by making it clear that Democrats want to curb freedom of choice at the ballot box.

Nader himself seems fatalistic. As he told *The Inquirer* in spring: "Support for me will shrink rapidly in the final week. The system is rigged that people want to be with the winner. They get into the voting booth and it's 'Gee, I'm going with Kerry.' That's what's going to happen."

And if Democrats don't believe that, they can always seek diversion these days by reading "The Bookends" comic strip. The characters, have bound and gagged Nader, and stuck him in a trunk.

Gephardt, the quiet candidate for No. 2

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the competition to become Sen. John Kerry's vice presidential running mate, Rep. Dick Gephardt is the tortoise to Sen. John Edwards' hare, the insider player to Edwards' outside game.

Edwards, of North Carolina, has kept a busy public schedule since he quit the Democratic presidential race in March, appearing at state Democratic Party conventions around the country, raising money in buckets for Kerry and the Democratic National Committee, lighting up audiences, and building support among the party's rank-and-file.

Gephardt, the former House Democratic leader and two-time presidential candidate from Missouri, has maintained a much lower profile, making far fewer public appearances and keeping his counsel close around supporters work those around Kerry on his behalf.

"It's clear that John Edwards is running the show, and unless I'm missing something, it's clear that Gephardt has exactly the opposite strategy," said a labor official who agreed to handicap the competition on the condition that he not be identified. "I think Edwards is working this very hard and Gephardt has a sense that (he and Kerry are) friends and it's a different deal."

A vice presidential contender in the White House, Gephardt has learned that presidential nominees are generally resistant to outside pressure, say his advisers. "He thinks there's only one person who should make this decision and it's John Kerry, and he has discouraged everybody from campaigning and lobbying in his behalf as best he can," said political adviser Bill Carrick. Many Democrats believe Kerry's decision will come down to a choice between Gephardt and Edwards, but there are others still believed to be under consideration. Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack is one, and there are indications that Sens. Bob Graham (Fla.) and Joe Biden (Del.) have also gotten a serious look from the presumptive nominee.

Kerry and Gephardt have served together in Congress for many years, but they did not develop a close relationship until the presidential race — during the long season of debates, forums and joint appearances before the primaries. "There was natural respect for one another and what they'd accomplished that grew on the campaign trail," said one Democrat involved in the campaign. "They seemed to be the two that got along best."

Their advisers long assumed the two would end up as the last two contenders for the nomination, and both were caught by surprise when former Vermont

governor Howard Dean surged to the front of the pack late last year. What might have become a strained relationship had they ended up battling for the nomination never materialized, as Kerry surged past Dean while Gephardt quickly fell by the wayside. Gephardt almost instantly endorsed Kerry; to the Massachusetts senator's delight.

Gephardt and Kerry differ on some key issues. Kerry supported the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1993 and welfare reform in 1996, while Gephardt opposed both. Gephardt proposed eliminating all of President Bush's tax cuts, while Kerry says he would roll back only those cuts benefiting the wealthy.

But Gephardt's advisers believe that those differences, as well as concerns about Gephardt being a figure of the past, will not be decisive in determining whether he is chosen. Said one adviser: "If Kerry had reservations about that, they wouldn't be talking about Dick."

Gephardt, 63, a lawyer and 14-term House member, became the House Democratic leader after the 1994 elections and served until he stepped down to run for president after his party failed to regain control of the House in 2002.

His supporters say that, among those seen as in contention, Gephardt's experience, discipline and ability to offer Kerry the strongest combination of attributes.

They argue that Gephardt, could boost Kerry's chances of carrying Missouri, which Bush won narrowly four years ago, and also help the ticket in other Midwest battlegrounds.

"The case is simply that he's the best man, he's the best prepared to be president," said Rep. D-Wis. Obey added: "He's also, I think, the best prepared to help a new president govern because he understands not just government, but he understands the country."

The argument against Gephardt is the same he faced during his unsuccessful presidential campaign this year, which ended a year after he finished fourth in the Iowa caucuses. Some Democrats, even admirers of Gephardt, fear that he represents the past, is too rooted in the old Democratic Party, is too tied to organized labor, and would complicate Kerry's efforts to present himself to voters as a centrist Democrat.

Although Gephardt has kept a low profile, he has plenty of public advocates. The industrial unions that backed his candidacy during the primaries strongly support him, and he has held support among his Democratic colleagues in the House. And the longtime adviser Steve Elmendorf now sits inside Kerry's headquarters as deputy campaign manager.

“He thinks there’s only one person who should make this decision and it’s John Kerry ...”

— Bill Carrick, political adviser

Dems debut a tougher terror stance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic Party pledges an unrelenting struggle against terrorism and a commitment to seeing Iraq succeed, according to a statement of election principles shaped heavily by national security crises.

A draft released Saturday of the party's 2004 platform offers few departures from Democratic orthodoxy on social and economic issues and hews to the agenda of its presidential candidate, John Kerry.

In one shift from the 2000 platform, Democrats dropped a reference to endorsing the Kyoto treaty on global warming. Also, the Clinton-era embrace of the death penalty is gone.

The document is predictably critical of President Bush and the manner in which he "rushed to war" in Iraq. But it does not call the war a mistake, saying people of good will can disagree on that.

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Army Spc. Danielle Green, center, works with occupational therapist Theresa Vallon, left, and Army Capt. Katie Yancosck to use a computer program that simulates Green's hand in preparation for a prosthetic device at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, on Wednesday.

Former star faces life after Iraq, and injury

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Danielle Green was a slasher, the kind of player who would blow by opponents with a quick first step and a few hard dribbles with her dominant left hand.

"She's kind of glide on the court," remembers Julie Henderson, a teammate at Notre Dame.

But when her college basketball career ended, she tried out for the WNBA's Detroit Shock and didn't make the final cut. She taught for a while at Chicago charter school, coached a bit, but "I had to do something different with my life. It was boring. It wasn't going anywhere."

So she joined the Army, and the Army sent her to Iraq.

On May 25, Danielle Green was sitting behind a stack of sandbags in Baghdad when a rocket-propelled grenade round whooshed past her head. Green grabbed her M-16, whirled around to return fire and was knocked off her feet by another round exploding nearby.

As she lay twisted behind the sandbag wall, she could see blood flowing from her leg. She couldn't feel her left arm. She thought she might be dying.

"I said, 'Oh God, I'm only 27 years old. I haven't done enough

in life yet,'" she recalled.

Four fellow soldiers lifted her from the roof. It wasn't until a few hours later that she allowed herself to cry. But she quickly composed herself, determined to stay calm.

"She called Willie Byrd, her husband of barely a month, in Chicago. 'I want you to be strong,' she said. 'I'm alive, but I've lost my left hand.'"

Today, Green sits in front of a computer screen at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, two thin wires hooked near the smooth stump below her elbow, where her left arm now ends. She flexes her remaining muscles, practicing motions that will help her use her new prosthetic hand and wrist.

She practices everyday tasks like writing with her right hand during therapy and learns how to use what remains of her left arm. She wears her wedding and engagement rings, recovered by fellow soldiers from her severed hand, on her right ring finger.

"I used to dribble only a little bit with my right hand," she says. "I called my coach recently and said, 'All those years you told me to use my right, well, now I have to.'"

That she should have a basketball player's mentality in

dealing with her injury is not surprising. For her, basketball has always been more than a game.

It was a way to escape a tough childhood on Chicago's South Side. Green realized early that a basketball scholarship was a way out. By the time she was a Roosevelt High School senior, the 5-foot-7 Green averaged 27 points per game and was named to the high school All-American team.

She was always a devoted Notre Dame football fan; early on, she set her sights on the university, and her work on the court finally paid off with an offer to play for the Irish.

She played on teams that went to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament three times. At guard and small forward, she averaged 9.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game in 2000, her last year. Her teammates called her "D. Smooth." All told, she scored more than 1,000 points.

Even her marriage had ties to the sport. She met Byrd, 58, in 1993 while a junior in high school. He was a coach at a rival high school, and Green, was among the players he took to a summer camp. Years later, after she graduated from college and worked with him as a coach, they became romantically involved.

Troops delay July 4th celebrations

Knight Ridder News Service

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — No one here wants fireworks this July 4th. They've heard plenty.

"It sounded like 1,000 firecrackers going off in a can," said Seabee Jonathan Garrison, 29, describing a recent firefight between Marines and insurgents near Fallujah. "We weren't sure whether it was outgoing or incoming," added Garrison, an Equipment Operator-First Class in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 from Gulfport, Miss.

The noise of battle has lessened over the past 10 days, but U.S. troops wonder whether insurgents will choose America's Independence Day to launch an attack.

July 4th will be much like any other Sunday in Camp Fallujah. Most troops have duties. "I'll celebrate when I get home," said Staff Sgt. Clinton Plaster of Washington state.

Plaster's wife promised to put aside fireworks for the family to ignite when he returns. His 10-year-old daughter loves fireworks.

This Fourth of July comes within a week of Iraq's very first independence day. Whether that day becomes one for Iraqis to celebrate is far from certain. "It is to be determined," said Plaster, who like many U.S. troops feels the Iraqis should take more responsibility to quell fighting in their country. "We've given it to them," he said.

For some troops, July 4th will be a happy time, even though the barbecue, parades and huge fireworks displays will be missing.

"I'd take a few fireworks," said Daniel Heyse, 41, from Gulfport. "I'm just going to rest and

give my family a call and visit with friend here on the base," he said.

He will have a half-day off to sleep late. Heyse plans to enjoy the day vicariously through his wife, Sherry and daughter, Laura, who will enjoy a traditional celebration with food, fireworks and friends.

"My wife said the big celebrations will be when I get home," said Heyse.

While he won't see any burning sparklers or roman candles, he still feels patriotic out in the hot, dusty desert.

"At least I know I'm doing something for a reason," Heyse said. For Construction Electrician Third Class Brian Nelson, 20, of Culver City, Calif., this holiday will be a time to remember what's important to him as an American.

"I plan to call my family and tell them that I love them," said Nelson. "They don't know whether we're going to see tomorrow."

Anti-war sentiment in the U.S. clouds his celebration of July 4th. Nelson said he is happy to help the Iraqis have their own independence day. "I know we're out here doing a good thing," he said. "A lot of people back in the states don't appreciate it, but these people need a lot of help."

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Zoos take up debate on caring for animals

Newsday

When Wanda and Winky, two female Asian elephants at the Detroit Zoo, are transplanted, most likely to a sanctuary in the South, they may be the first elephants relocated by a major animal facility for humane reasons.

"We now more fully understand an elephant's needs," Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoological Institute, said in a May 20 statement. "Just as polar bears don't thrive in hot climates, Asian elephants shouldn't live in small groups without many acres of room. They clearly shouldn't have to suffer winters of the North."

"The animal welfare ethic is emerging more prominently," says Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society of the United States.

"It used to be that basically you were just showcasing animals for the visitors."

Over time, he said, we've seen the mission expand... to include animals' welfare. Kagan hopes the zoo's decision will generate discussion about the welfare of elephants in captivity. Other zoos officials contacted offered praise for Kagan's decision to put the welfare of his animals first, but none had any intentions of relocating their elephants.

Elephant welfare has been a particular topic of discussion during the past few years. According to a 2000 study, the captive Asian elephant population in North America isn't self-sustaining and, given the current birth and death rates, the population of female elephants at accredited zoos will drop from 157 in 1999 to only five by 2049.

"We better do the best we can to make our populations self-sustaining," says the author of the study, Robert Wiess, director of animal collection at the Fort Worth (Texas) Zoo. "Elephants in the wild aren't doing very well — our captive populations may be the last hope if we can protect them in the wild." "We don't actually know what elephants need in captivity," said Georgia Mason, a behavioral biologist at Oxford University and author of a report on the welfare of captive elephants in Europe. "I'm sure in principle, it's possible to keep anything well in captivity as long as you do the research to find out its needs."

For its two elephants, the Detroit Zoo doubled the size of their enclosure in 1998 to just more than an acre and, in the past two years, had been looking to expand it even further. But the staff came to realize that their expansion would never be enough.

According to Kagan, in order to meet the physical, social and psychological needs of the elephants, the zoo would need to expand the exhibit to 10 to 20 acres, keep it climate controlled and obtain several more elephants. The price tag for the facility alone would probably be \$30 million to \$50 million.

But other zoos disagree. The Bronx Zoo, which has female Asian elephants kept in two groups of two, also keeps each pair of elephants in enclosures that are about an acre.

"It's not necessarily the square footage of the enclosure, but rather the complexity that impacts the animal's well-being," said Pat Thomas, curator of mammals at the Bronx Zoo. He said the elephants' needs are being met and the Bronx Zoo has no plans to follow Detroit's lead.

Dr. Larry Kilmar, deputy director of collections with the San Diego Zoo's wild animal park, which holds six Asian elephants in about 3 acres, notes that even though elephants have been held in captivity for more than 100 years, zoos are only beginning to understand what they need. For instance, because it has been recognized that elephants are complex social animals, in the past 10 years "it is no longer acceptable to have elephants by themselves."

Kilmar is confident that many important changes already have been made. While Kagan points out that elephants in zoos tend to have a variety of health issues such as foot problems and arthritis, Kilmar said new enclosure designs should lessen the problem. Since elephants in captivity often live into their 50s, the effects haven't been seen.

One person wins record \$290 million lottery

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — Whoever bought the winning ticket in the \$290 million Mega Millions lottery drawing couldn't have been much happier Saturday than the person who sold it.

Jay Patel, owner of Powers Liquors, was elated as he waited along with everyone else to find out which one of his customers won the huge jackpot in Friday's drawing with the numbers 10-25-38-39-50 and Mega Ball 12.

A hand-lettered sign that read, "We sold \$290 million's jackpot here" hung in the window of the store Patel called the luckiest Powers Liquors in the world right now.

Patel will receive \$50,000 for selling the ticket.

"There's no word to describe it, but it feels good," he said.

Patel said in the days before the drawing he sold about 4,000 to 5,000 tickets from his store, located in a strip mall in a racial-

ly diverse section of this working class city 30 miles north of Boston.

Steve Landino, a 37-year-old roofer from Lowell, buys tickets weekly at Powers. Even though he didn't win, he said, news that Powers sold the winning ticket gave me goosebumps, I tell you.

"I just hope it's someone who deserves it," he said. "It seems it always goes to someone who doesn't need it."

The sale of the ticket at Powers Wine was announced by the Massachusetts state lottery.

Quick-moving lines had formed at convenience stores and gas stations hours before the 11-state drawing as players tried to get a piece of the nearly unimaginable prize.

The jackpot had gotten so high that many people said they couldn't afford not to try. Other states that participate in the lottery — are — Georgia, Ohio,

Michigan, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

"People who never play are playing now," said Karen Cooley as she waited in line to buy 10 Mega Millions tickets at a store in downtown Atlanta. "I believe I'm going to hit it."

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On Fourth of July in Europe, old friends confront new reality

PARIS (AP) — It's July 4 in Europe, when U.S. ambassadors from Lisbon to Ljubljana hoist California chardonnay and ask their garden party guests to toast an often rocky but rock-solid friendship.

This year more than at any time in most people's memory, the response is mumbled and muted.

A new mood is clear in Athens, for instance, where the world will soon gather for ancient games meant to periodically wipe away any national hard feelings.

Once, Greeks just vented anti-Americanism symbolically by vandalizing a downtown Athens statue of President John Truman. Now rude graffiti is scrawled permanently near the U.S. Embassy.

our judgment, our motives, our implementation," he said by telephone from the Netherlands. "Democracy is ultimately about choice, and Europeans see choice being taken away."

By giving Europe a take-it-or-leave-it option — on Iraq, Goodfield said, Bush insulted old allies at a deep level.

"We bypassed the U.N. and diplomacy, and they're reacting to a slap in the face," Goodfield concluded.

Democracy is ultimately about choice, and Europeans see choice being taken away.

— Barry Goodfield, American psychotherapist

The question across the Old Continent is not the oft-asked, "Why do they hate us?" In fact, not that many Europeans do. More thoughtful Americans ask, "Why have they lost respect for us?"

Iraq is the obvious short answer. In polls and conversations, a clear majority of Europeans exorcise President Bush for charging on alone into a widening quagmire that is reshaping the world around them.

Surface signs are conflicting. The French alone account for 10 percent of McDonald's new worldwide business. Across Europe, Sylvester the Cat and Tweety are making it out in English on the Cartoon Channel.

Because of NATO, multinational business and globalization that grows at internet speed, the day-to-day dealings of the United States and Europe are inextricably intertwined.

But analysts see something many describe as deep and troubling, a sea change from the usual ups and downs of trans-Atlantic sentiment.

This is particularly critical now, they say, as 25 European states are trying hard to build a more perfect union that is largely shaped, even if often at an unconscious level, on the American model.

"When Europeans look over at the roots they planted in America, they see root rot," said Barry Goodfield, an American psychotherapist and conflict specialist who has worked in Europe since 1972.

In each of these nations, citizens regard themselves as no less free than Americans, he said, with elections, an unfettered press and, in some cases, dating back centuries.

For many in Europe, it is a question of style and attitude.

At an official level, European diplomats say, Bush manages to jab continually at sore spots, just as EU leaders reached a fragile accord on expansion, he visited Istanbul and told them they left out Turkey.

Yet, unlike earlier times when U.S. and European governments disagreed on issues, feelings run deep into every level of society.

European newspapers carry accounts of outraged travelers to the United States who end up in handcuffs and overnight cells before being sent home for what turns out to be a simple mistake.

While EU airport police barely glance at U.S. passports before stamping six-month entry permits, U.S. authorities require "fingerprints" and visas with pages of questions delving far into the past.

Americans familiar with Europe over the years almost invariably describe symptoms of a changing attitude.

Outside of Paris, an American visitor heard her French friend's 11-year-old daughter announce with clear contempt that she would not learn English but rather German as her school's mandatory foreign language.

Lisa Gerber, a Los Angeles-based actress who spent her childhood in Germany, Austria and Sweden, declares herself amazed on a visit to Europe at the depth of disdain many people seem to feel.

The other day, I heard one Englishwoman tell another about someone she'd been, and she added, "The best thing about it is that there aren't any Americans," Gerber said.

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Teachers push for more training

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many educators and employers lament the state of science education to a chemistry project gone awry. A bad mix of factors has come together and it spells trouble.

By law, making students better at reading and math is the nation's priority. When it comes to science, however, a quiet crisis is engulfing schools, say scientists, educators, business leaders and entrepreneurs.

It begins when young students skip challenging science courses and later produces an understaffed or ill-trained corps of science instructors. The result is lagging U.S. performance in jobs, research and innovation.

"The public is not hearing this," said Gerald Wheeler, a nuclear physicist and executive director of the National Science Teachers Association. "It's troubling that at one level, we understand that we live in a technological society but it's not playing out that way. Science is

on the back burner." Not everyone is pessimistic. "The country remains a dominant force in the advancement of science. Also, some observers say the picture of an "emerging and critical" problem in the labor force, as it was put by the government advisory National Science Board, is overblown.

But teachers in the field say they need help, mainly in professional training and enough class time to be creative.

"Is the goal now a set of scores or is the goal a set of scientists?" said Janis Elliott, who teaches physics at a high school in Bellevue, Neb. "That's the difference, and you don't achieve those goals in the same way."

Teachers attending the National Education Association's annual meeting spoke about the state of science education in a group interview Saturday with The Associated Press.

Elliott, who trains other teachers in science trends, says

she often must seek her own training from outside sources. They include military weapons experts, a private engineering company and a cancer research institute.

"In physics, with infrared imaging, I have to tell kids how to use it, how they're going to need to know it, what computer applications come with it, how they're going to use it in medicine and in looking for bomb shattering in war... We don't get that training in college," Elliott said.

Carol Bauer, an elementary school teacher in Yorktown, Va., says she sees inquisitive students who do not know what they are missing, either in school or in their own free time.

"The kids today don't have a chance to discover," she said. "They don't even get to go check out their own neighborhood. We have to know what they're doing all the time. They just don't know what exploration is," Education Department lead-

ers say science is not a second-class subject. They have led efforts aimed at improving teachers' skills and they are watching for results. By 2007, under the No Child Left Behind law, all schools must test students in science at least once in elementary, middle and high school.

The science news of late has not been uplifting, from national test scores to teachers' confidence in their science skills and parents' satisfaction in course offerings. Business leaders say they have seen declining interest in science among students.

"It's going to cause a steady weakening of U.S. leadership in technology and related fields," said Gary Bloom, chief executive of the Veritas software company and one of several technology executives to ask Congress to put greater focus on science in schools.

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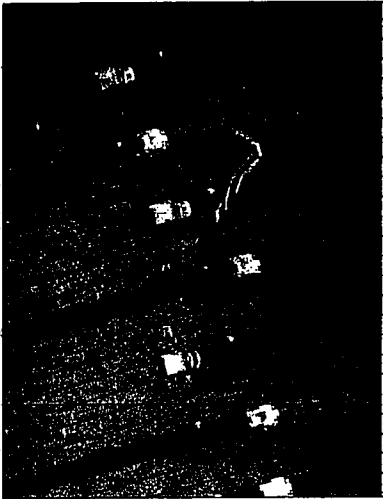
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Tea-picking machines move over tea trees during a competition at Chiran, southern Japan, on Saturday. The competition, the 30th edition being held this year, drew 10 teams from around the town located at the southern end of Satsuma Peninsula, Kyushu.

Japan reconsiders nuclear program as scandal surfaces

TOKYO (AP) — It was supposed to help revive Japan's troubled nuclear program — and curb the country's heavy reliance on energy imports.

But as Tokyo considers long-term plans to switch to an experimental, recycled nuclear fuel, it is also facing new allegations that officials misled the public in the past about less pricey alternatives.

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry acknowledged Saturday that a study it conducted in 1994 showed that reprocessing radioactive waste into a plutonium-uranium fuel would cost twice as much as burying it at a disposal site.

The study wasn't publicly released until after reports about it surfaced Saturday in the national Asahi and Mainichi newspapers.

"It was originally for internal decision-making purposes only," ministry official Taduo Yanase told The Associated Press.

Yanase said the ministry wasn't even considering directly disposing of nuclear waste from commercial reactors a decade ago.

The allegations that policymakers concealed data about

reprocessing fuel costs marked the latest setback for the nation's nuclear program, which has been plagued by recent safety violations, reactor malfunctions and accidents.

They come as the Atomic Energy Commission, which draws up energy policy, prepares to meet in coming weeks to discuss scaling back plans to use reprocessed fuel — known as mixed oxide, or MOX — for reactors in the face of opposition from local residents and criticism from nuclear experts.

Japan's 52 nuclear plants account for nearly 35 percent of its energy supply.

Officials say future expansion of the nuclear grid is crucial: It would lower resource-poor Japan's dependence on oil, natural gas and coal imports, they say.

A policy blueprint calls for building 11 new plants and raising electricity output to nearly 40 percent of the national supply by 2010.

As many as 18 electricity-generating reactors would use MOX as a transition to more advanced fast-breeder reactors, which run on plutonium and can also generate extra plutonium fuel.

China rallies youth to Communism

Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — When fathers of the Chinese Communist Party mapped out the road to socialist perfection, they didn't give much thought to green hair.

But amid growing concern it is losing touch with an increasingly rebellious youth, the government recently announced a series of steps to bolster social, ethical and moral standards among underage Chinese.

"What they're really afraid of is not political dissidents. It's long hair, decadence, punks and hip-hop. That's raising more concern than anything else," said Huang publisher of the Chinese edition of Seventeen magazine.

"In essence, China is experiencing its first real generation gap, and it's a 7 on the Richter scale." Premier Wen Jiabao set the tone in late February with State Council Document No. 8 — cited as the most important statement on youth in the nation's 55-year history — calling on parents, teachers and the government to help strengthen and reform the virtue of Chinese minors.

The government has also banned the release of all new foreign films during the school break this summer and tightened restrictions on foreign textbooks, cell-phone text messaging, the Internet and racy magazines aimed at teens. It's recruiting new, "upstanding youth" to serve as role models. And it's pouring money into "Youth Palaces" — the national network of after-school community centers started in the 1950s to promote extracurricular activities.

By Western standards, the vast majority of China's 367 million youngsters are well-behaved and hard-working — many American parents would love to have China's "youth problems." Judged by traditional Confucius benchmarks, however, the younger generation seems increasingly disrespectful, out of reach and out of control.

A series of high-profile cases has put a face on last year's jarring 12.7 percent rise in juvenile crime. Last December, a 16-year-old Beijing high school student killed his mother for "being too strict," before taking \$50 from her pocket and heading for an Internet cafe.

In February, a 15-year-old Beijing high school student stabbed a friend 17 times with a fruit knife for flirting with her boyfriend. And last month, a 23-year-old college student from Guangdong province was executed after killing his four roommates with a hammer over a card game.

Particularly vexing for senior Party and government officials, analysts and Party insiders say, is the limited traction that slogans and morality campaigns may have with a generation weaned on MTV and online games.

"The party is trying to do a little updating and repackaging," said Victor Yuan, chairman of Horizon, a market research firm that works for the government and private companies. "But compared to campaigns by professional ad people, they still fall short. Most young people would rather watch videos."

Even though young Chinese continue to join the Communist Party — exact figures are unavailable, although reports say the trend is up — party stalwarts fret that they're embracing the red banner for the wrong reasons.

Instead of identifying with party ideology, surveys suggest many youngsters view it as a networking opportunity, a sort of high-octane Rotary Club.

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Atomic agency will visit Israel Israeli troops kill two in Gaza

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Focusing on Israel's open secret, the head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency is expected to push the Jewish state this week for at least tacit acknowledgment that it has nuclear weapons or the means to make them.

Israel policy is to neither confirm nor deny it has such arms, and the international Atomic Energy Agency will not comment on how hard IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei will press officials during his two-day visit starting Tuesday.

But IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky says ElBaradei "certainly will voice ... the need for dialogue in the region particularly on security and nuclear issues."

ElBaradei has said that Israel should start talking seriously about a Middle East free of nuclear arms whether or not it owes up to owning them. Earlier this year, he condemned the imbalance caused in the Middle East because of "Israel sitting on nuclear weapons."

But senior diplomats familiar with the Vienna-based IAEA and the purpose of ElBaradei's visit said they did not expect his trip would change Israel's "no show, no tell" policy, particularly at a time of fears that Iran, Israel's foe, is trying to develop such weapons.

Israeli analysts warned against even low expectations. "There is no foundation for a change in Israel's policy of nuclear ambiguity under present circumstances, and the

topic is not on the agenda," wrote Gerald M. Steinberg, a fellow at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

Evidence that Israel has nuclear arms is overwhelming, much of it based on details and pictures leaked in 1986 by Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu. His revelations have been embellished by other leaks; research — and by statements made by Israeli leaders that stopped just short of confirming Israel's status as a weapons state.

"Give me peace, and we will give up the atom," declared then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres in 1995, when hopes for a Middle East settlement were still alive. "If we achieve regional peace, I think we can make the Middle East free of any nuclear threat."

Israel's doctrine of "nuclear ambiguity" — never formally confirming or denying that it has such weapons — is meant to scare rivals from considering annihilating attack while denying them the rationale for developing their own nuclear deterrent.

Israel has covered its tracks well, apparently developing much of any weapons program in the laboratory or buying knowledge instead of relying on testing and other easily detectable activities.

Because it has resisted international pressure to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Israel does not formally have to declare itself as a weapons state or agree to any curbs on its nuclear activities.

That leaves the IAEA and the rest-of-the-world-guessing about the nature and scope of Israel's program.

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops shot to death two Palestinian boys Saturday, pushing ahead with a broad military operation aimed at preventing militants from firing rockets at Israeli towns bordering the Gaza Strip.

Nine-year-old Ehab Shattat was killed by machine gun fire, apparently from a tank-mounted gun, while standing near his home in Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza, Palestinian hospital and security officials said.

The army said it fired warning shots at a Palestinian child that approached soldiers in a threatening manner, but it was not aware anyone was hit.

Hours later, troops killed a 16-year-old boy, who Palestinian hospital and security officials said apparently was shot by a machine gun. The army said troops shot and killed a teenager who was throwing cement blocks at soldiers.

The army raided Beit Hanoun on Monday after militants killed two Israelis, including a 3-year-old boy. The deaths were the first in a rocket attack since fighting erupted nearly four years ago. Six Palestinians have been killed in Beit Hanoun since the raid started.

Troops have isolated Beit Hanoun from the rest of Gaza and razed agricultural land in an attempt to prevent militants from taking cover in orchards when firing rockets at Israel.

Although the army has not restricted the movement of residents in the town center, farmers cannot access their land and all entrances to the town have been closed. Troops also took over three factories in the industrial zone.

Despite the military action, Palestinians have managed to fire barrages nearly every day,



The father, center, of 9-year-old Palestinian boy Ehab Shattat, weeps during his funeral in Gaza City on Saturday. Shattat was allegedly shot and killed by Israeli forces while walking near his house Saturday, Palestinian witnesses said. Israeli army officials said they had no reports of an incident involving the child.

wounding several people. Three rockets were fired while Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was visiting the family of the boy who was killed in Sderot.

Militants also fired a rocket into Israel on Saturday. It landed in an open field just inside Israel, injuring no one, the army said.

Palestinians have been firing the highly inaccurate, home-made rockets from Gaza for more than two years, but had not killed anyone until Monday. The army and Palestinian militant groups said the rockets had been upgraded to make

them deadlier.

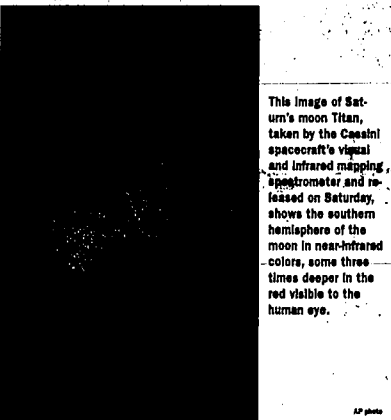
The new rockets could make it more difficult for Sharon to implement a plan to evacuate all Jewish settlements on the Gaza Strip and four on the West Bank by the end of September 2005.

Hard-liners who oppose Sharon's plan say removing settlements and a military presence from Gaza would put towns along the border at greater risk. Egypt has pledged to help train Palestinian security forces to ensure a smooth handover.

Israel troops shot and killed a 20-year-old Palestinian in the Balata refugee camp near Nablus.

Mahmoud Alahwani — whose younger brother was killed by troops 10 days ago — was throwing stones at troops when they opened fire on the demonstrators, according to Palestinian sources.

An army spokesman said Alahwani was armed, and that troops killed him because he chose to open fire. Earlier, the spokesman said Alahwani had been setting off bombs near the troops.



This image of Saturn's moon Titan, taken by the Cassini spacecraft's visual and infrared mapping spectrometer and released on Saturday, shows the southern hemisphere of the moon in near-infrared colors, some three times deeper in the red visible to the human eye.

Cassini gives scientists best view yet of Saturn's moon

The Associated Press

Scientists on Saturday released what they called the best pictures yet of the frozen surface of Saturn's enormous moon Titan but said they were puzzled that the Cassini spacecraft hadn't glimpsed any evidence of liquids.

The latest images of Titan revealed a single set of clouds about the size of Arizona and dark and light shapes across the moon that the imaging team continued to analyze.

The shots of the moon's surface features were taken during Cassini's first pass Friday at a distance of about 200,000 miles.

"It's different from anything we've ever seen before," imaging scientist Elizabeth Turtle said. "We're still trying to understand the surface of Titan."

Scientists believe the moon could have chemical compounds much like those that existed on Earth billions of years ago before life appeared.

Big enough to be a planet in its own right, Titan has an atmosphere 1.5 times as dense as Earth's, containing organic — meaning carbon-based — compounds. Scientists believe there could be hydrocarbon seas or lakes.

Turtle said initial data analysis suggested the moon is the site of some type of geologic activity that could include wind and erosion and development of the lakes or rivers.

the visual and infrared spectrometer team, said scientists were disappointed that they hadn't seen evidence of liquids.

"We thought we'd see some flashes, and we haven't seen any. So we're a little perplexed," he said after a news conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Among the new pictures released were four images of a cluster of clouds near Titan's south pole that are believed to be composed of methane. They were the only brightly distinct spots on otherwise fuzzy images of Titan.

"Someone likened it to a melting ice cream sundae," Turtle said.

There will be many more chances to uncover the face of Titan during Cassini's planned four-year tour. The spacecraft will make 45 more flybys of the moon and then send a probe into its atmosphere in January. The closest flyby comes in October.

The probe, named Huygens, will send pictures back to Cassini as it makes a 2.5-hour descent by parachute through the atmosphere.

Titan was Cassini's first encounter since the spacecraft began orbiting Saturn earlier this week.

The \$3.3 billion mission, funded by NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency, was launched in 1997. The spacecraft flew 2.2 billion miles on a roundabout route to Saturn.

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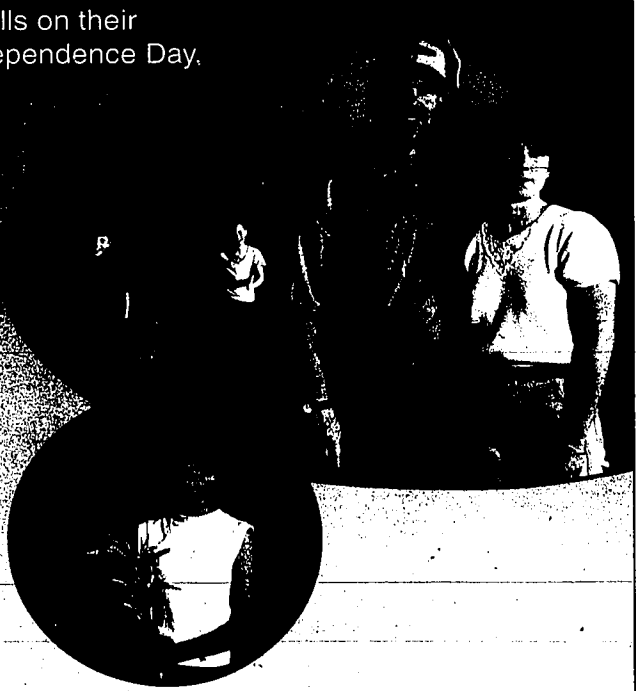
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Car bomb kills Iraqi official

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An Iraqi official killed this week in a car bombing was in charge of the Iraqi investigation into allegations that the ousted regime siphoned billions from the U.N. oil-for-food program, an official of an Iraqi political party said Saturday.

Ehsan Karim, head of the Finance Ministry's audit board, died Thursday of injuries sustained that day when a bomb exploded as he was heading for work. His driver and his dog were killed.

because of the investigation. The leader of the INC, Ahmad Chalabi, was instrumental in drawing international attention to alleged corruption in the U.N. program, under which Iraq was permitted to sell limited amounts of oil to ease the burden on the public despite U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990.

The audit board has been given responsibility in March for the Iraq investigation by the former U.S. governor, L. Paul Bremer. Karim had taken charge of Saddam's regime related to the oil-for-food program.

Earlier this year, the Iraqi newspaper, Al-Mudra, published a list of about 270 former government officials, activists, journalists and U.N. officials from more than 46 countries suspected of profiting from Iraqi oil sales under the program.

“It's possible that he was killed because of the investigation, which is a serious issue.”

—Entfadh Qanbar, Iraqi National Congress spokesman—

As head of the ministry audit board, Karim was in charge of the Iraq probe into the oil-for-food scandal, Entfadh Qanbar, spokesman of Iraqi National Congress, told The Associated Press.

“It's possible that he was killed because of the investigation, which is a serious issue,” Qanbar said. However, Qanbar said it was too early to say whether he was targeted



Indonesian presidential candidate Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, left, and his running mate, Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, present their programs during a televised debate in Jakarta on Thursday.

Indonesians may dump their incumbent

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's young democracy moves up a notch Monday with its first direct presidential election, and voters appear set to dump the incumbent and choose a poetry-writing, guitar-playing ex-general with a Mr. Clean image.

President Megawati Sukarnoputri trails in voter surveys behind Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the former security minister who resigned from the Cabinet months ago seeking to replace Megawati.

corruption and real progress on the economy. She didn't deliver,” said Jeffrey Winters, a professor and Indonesia specialist at Northwestern University.

The same pollsters who accurately predicted the outcome of the April parliamentary election now show Yudhoyono leading with about 40 percent. Neither Megawati nor any other contender has more than 15 percent, and a fifth of voters remain undecided. If one candidate tops 50 percent on Monday's vote, no runoff election will be needed.

“Indonesians feel very let down by Megawati. The image that she cared for the common people fell apart during her presidency,” said Daniel Springaga, a political analyst from Airlangga University. “Many just want her replaced by a more approachable leader who can fix the country's problems.”

A victory for Yudhoyono is likely to be seen as reinforcement for the war on terrorism, judging by his decisive response to the 2002 bombings on the island of Bali that killed more than 200 people. Hundreds of suspected Islamic extremists were arrested, and about 40 were convicted. Three were sentenced to death.

This presidential election, coming six years after President Suharto's 32-year dictatorship was overthrown, is the first by universal suffrage. Previous presidents were elected by lawmakers — a system widely abused under Suharto.

On the campaign trail, Yudhoyono has not laid out any specifics about how he would improve living standards and ease unemployment, which exceeds 20 percent.

Still, the soft-spoken 54-year-old is widely perceived as a politician with a common touch and the clout to deliver badly needed reforms. He sings at his campaign rallies; has written poetry about faith, nature and nationalism; played guitar in a band; and studied at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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China rejects push for democracy

HONG KONG (AP) — China on Saturday rejected the demands of Hong Kong people who staged a massive pro-democracy march, and analysts predicted the territory will be locked in an uncomfortable political standoff for the foreseeable future.



Protesters held banners that read from left: 'Improve people's livelihood,' 'Fight for Democracy,' 'Defend freedom' and 'Return power to the people' as many residents of Hong Kong took to the streets in a huge, peaceful pro-democracy rally on Thursday with many holding out hopes that Beijing would change its mind and move more swiftly on political reforms.

Pro-democracy activists vowed to stand firm in their insistence on universal suffrage—a goal that drew hundreds of thousands of people into the streets Thursday for a huge but peaceful rally.

A key mainland official in Hong Kong said it was “irrational” for anyone to call for Beijing to reverse its binding decision, issued in April, that locals cannot directly elect their next leader in 2007 or all lawmakers in 2008.

Rally organizers claimed 530,000 people had turned out, but police put the number at 200,000.

“We can't just accept whatever framework China sets for us,” said Jackie Hong, a Roman Catholic activist who helped lead the march. “The Chinese government has a responsibility to listen to Hong Kong people's views.”

Despite recent conciliatory gestures from all sides of the dispute, political scientists said Hong Kong appeared headed for a prolonged stalemate over the pace of democratic reforms.

Toning down past rhetoric, China has hinted it might allow some opposition Hong Kong lawmakers to visit the mainland after barring them for

years as troublemakers. But Li Gang, deputy head of Beijing's liaison office in Hong Kong, told reporters Saturday there was no room for negotiation over China's ruling on democracy.

“The National People's Congress had made a final decision,” Li said. “As the top judicial authority, its decisions cannot be changed, so to try to attempt something that's impossible is irrational.”

A scholar of Chinese politics, Wu Guoguang, said that while Beijing probably won't reverse its stance, it is equally unlikely to

silence the Hong Kong protesters.

When Britain returned this former colony to China seven years ago, Hong Kong received guarantees that it could enjoy Western-style civil liberties, including the rights of free speech, free press and assembly, for at least 50 years.

“The world can't accept a crackdown in Hong Kong,” said Wu, who teaches at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Pro-democracy figures charge that China already has sought to stifle opposition views, citing the recent decisions of three

outsoken radio hosts to go off the air amid allegations they were intimidated.

One non-governmental organization, the Asian Human Rights Commission, has warned of trouble ahead.

“By withholding democracy from the people of Hong Kong, the Chinese and Hong Kong governments are only sowing the seeds of instability and its negative economic consequences by spawning anger and frustration,” the Hong Kong-based commission said this week.

Hong Kong's mini-constitution, the Basic Law, sets out universal suffrage as an eventual goal, but without specifying a timetable.

Hong Kong's unpopular leader, Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa, was picked by an 800-member committee loyal to Beijing. Ordinary voters will choose 30 of 60 lawmakers in September elections, up from 24 last time, with the remaining seats filled by special interest groups like business executives, doctors and bankers.

Beijing and the Hong Kong government are worried that Tung's allies could lose control of the legislature. Opposition politicians say the big turnout Thursday shows that they have popular sentiment on their side.

The pro-democracy march came on the anniversary of a rally by 500,000 Hong Kong people angered by Tung's plans last year to pass an anti-subversion bill that many viewed as a threat to freedoms.

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Liberty's true spirit lives on in America

The great American experiment in liberty and democracy turns 228 years old today. America has grown beyond a state of infancy, and yet, she isn't exactly the oldest player on the global stage.

In the two centuries since Jefferson, Adams, Franklin and their band of patriots broke the grip of the mother country, Americans have toiled through lessons of sacrifice, endurance and struggle. Along the way, we've also had our fair share of peace and prosperity.

On this July 4, however, the hard lessons continue. We're now writing a new, difficult chapter in how to defend a nation from enemies of stealth.

Today's flames and fireworks fly in the long shadow of farewells and tears we made for departing local soldiers. As we look upward to see the rockets' red glare, we should also plead for the safety and quick return of those who make these celebrations possible.

In a week when all of these emotions and events collide, we offer some thoughts, words and ideas that have helped define America, and the God-given freedoms she was founded to protect.

...
 We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

— The Declaration of Independence

Let us recollect that peace or war will not always be left to our option; that however moderate or unambitious we may be, we cannot count upon the moderation, or hope to extinguish the ambition of others.

— Alexander Hamilton

The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind... Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.

— Thomas Paine

We are called the nation of inventors. And we are. We could still claim that title and wear its loftiest honors if we had stopped with the first thing we ever invented, which was human liberty.

— John F. Kennedy

My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth.

— Abraham Lincoln

If America ever passes out as a great nation, we ought to put on our tombstone: America died from a delusion she had moral leadership.

— Will Rogers

What the people want is very simple — they want America as good as its promise.

— Barbara Jordan

Freedom means the opportunity to be what we never thought we would be.

— Daniel J. Boorstin

The greatest good we can do our country is to heal its party divisions and make them one people.

— Thomas Jefferson

I love America more than any other land, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually.

— James Baldwin

Intellectually I know that America is no better than any other country; emotionally I know she is better than every other country.

— Sinclair Lewis

Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as a heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own doors.

— Abraham Lincoln

To me, the democratic system represents man's best and brightest hope of self-fulfillment and of a life rich in promise and free from fear. The one hope, perhaps, for the complete development of the whole man.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

We are either a united people, or we are not. If the former, let us, in all matters of general concern as a nation, which have national objects to promote, and a national character to support, if we are not, let us no longer act a farce by pretending to it.

— George Washington

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

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Silent Cal's legacy on the Fourth

Although presidential scholars have shown some renewed interest in him in recent years, Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president of the United States and the only one born on the Fourth of July, is remembered largely as "Silent Cal." Although that nickname stuck when he was president in the 1920s, he had much to say that was relevant to his times and, surprisingly, to ours.

In an age of 24-hour-a-day cable news channels, talking heads and never-silent officio-holders and politicians, it is hard to imagine a leader who believed that less is more. Along with his "Yankee virtues" of hard work, self-reliance, modesty, respect for others and a belief in the importance of public service, Coolidge believed that words should be used economically; measured out to have clear meaning.

He wrote all this in his speeches and these reflected his belief in the ingenuity and strength of the American people.

While his presidency had no dramatic crisis with which to cope, he did preside over a remarkable growth of the nation's economy and, for its time, an explosion of technological progress. He believed that government should get out of the way and let the people engage in myriad business interactions, freely arrived at. That would keep the

PETER HANNAFORD

economy strong, he reasoned. He also believed that faith was an essential element if the United States was to remain true to its principles and a source of inspiration in the world.

On July 5, 1926, President Coolidge marked the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a thoughtful address in Philadelphia. Seventy-eight years later, his words have a remarkable relevance to our times.

"Amid all the clash of conflicting interests, amid all the welter of partisan politics, every American can turn for solace and consolation to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution with the assurance and confidence that those two great charters remain firm and unshaken. Whatever perils appear, whatever dangers threaten, the Nation remains secure in the

knowledge that the ultimate application of the law of the land will prove an adequate defense and protection."

Speaking of the "inalienable rights" of Life, Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness described in the Declaration, Coolidge said, "Man everywhere has an unquenchable desire to be the master of his own destiny."

Calving antecedents of the Declaration of Independence — many from religious leaders — stretching back to the 18th century, Coolidge went on to say, "When we take all these circumstances into consideration, it is but natural that the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence should open with a reference to 'Nature, God

and should close in the final paragraphs with an appeal to the Supreme Judge of the world and an assertion of a firm reliance on Divine Providence. Coming from these sources, having as it did this background, it is no wonder that Samuel Adams would say, 'The people seem to recognize this resolution as though it were a

decree promulgated from heaven."

Coolidge's time, like ours, was a period of unprecedented material prosperity.

He warned continually of the risk of putting material acquisitiveness ahead of human relations and spiritual concerns.

In Philadelphia he said, "A spring will cease to flow if its source be dried up; a tree will wither if its roots be destroyed. In its main features the Declaration of Independence is a great spiritual document. It is a declaration not of material but of spiritual concepts. Equality, liberty, popular sovereignty, the rights of man — these are not concepts which we can see and touch. They are ideals. They have their source and their roots in religious convictions. They belong to the unseen world. Unless the faith of the American people in these religious convictions is to endure, the principles of our Declaration will perish. We can not continue to enjoy the result if we neglect and abandon the cause."

"Silent Cal" was not so silent after all.

No wonder he was one of Ronald Reagan's favorite predecessors.

Peter Hannaford is the author of "The Quotable Calvin Coolidge: Sensible Words for a New Century."

Remember those who fight this Fourth

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every soldier from the Magic Valley who is leaving for Fort Bliss and Iraq. Your courage is an inspiration to us all.

My brother, Stephen Sjostrom, is leaving for Fort Bliss. This year doesn't quite seem real until it affects you personally, as it has affected hundreds in the Magic Valley now.

I want all the soldiers to know that we are very proud of you.

You are the reason this country is the best place in the world to live and the reason it always will be.

You make us all proud to be Americans!

So this year on the Fourth of July, I urge every Magic Valley resident, when you are sitting with your family enjoying the fireworks and festivities of Independence Day, stop and say a prayer and a thank you to all of the men and women that are fighting for freedom.

Stephen, you will be greatly missed by your whole family — as a brother, as a son, as an uncle and as a husband. We love you!

LARRY SMITH
Twin Falls

Cherish liberty, not freedom, this July 4th

Independence Day, Fourth of July, recalling a war (twixt mother and son (Britain and us), but what's it really mean?

Hot dogs and fireworks and a concert in the park, but what's

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it really mean?

I reflect more the older I get. I would be more proud of being a citizen of a nation not conceived in war but one birthed naturally the fruit of love and mutual respect. Dozens of nations were thus spawned by Britain in the '60s with little blood shed. Let's face it, violence is not an American virtue. Few of us tolerate long stoplights well or Iraqi dictators. No doubt that's in our genes.

We celebrate freedom, whatever that means. Choices: Bush or Kerry, vanilla or chocolate, Mobile or Shell, and more problematic, homosexual or heterosexual, pregnancy or abortion.

Accurately and precisely, we don't celebrate freedom at all, rather liberty which is what our coins say. Liberty is good. Freedom is evil.

Freedom's ultimate end is slavery, additions to tobacco or steroids, porn or pop. Liberty respects an ultimate reality, a fenced pasture if you will, and says eat anything you want here.

Freedom says eat anything you want anywhere. Libraries are about liberty. The Internet is not about infringing on the "rights" of smokers but about protecting the "rights" of non-smokers.

Just as citizens do not have the right to endanger others by drinking and driving, they should not have the right to endanger others through second-hand smoke.

As minors, we have wondered if the law does not allow us to use tobacco products until we are 18 years of age, why should it allow us to be exposed to second-hand smoke

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that is just as lethal?

In response to John Breeding's letter, we acknowledge that smoking has been permitted in designated sections of restaurants.

However, more often than not, establishments have failed to fully contain the smoke in those sections.

Smokes have shown that staying in a non-smoking section for one hour can be equal to smoking two cigarettes.

Some businesses claim that ventilation systems clean the air.

The truth is, it would take the force of a tornado to effectively clean it.

We agree with Mr. James Gleason II that Bill 1283 is a good step toward promoting public health and further steps should be taken to protect non-smokers.

If bowling alleys went smoke-free, a more family friendly environment would be created. Since 72 percent of Idaho does not smoke, it is likely that their business would increase. Bowling alleys would be a fun and healthy place to be.

Finally, we want to thank Ms. Bonnie Dodge for pointing out that children cannot choose whether or not they are exposed to second-hand smoke at home.

At least now, we will not be exposed to it in public places.

MICHAEL MACHALA
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OPINION

The road to freedom in two lands

Americans always have been an audacious people. In 1776, a group of patriots dared to declare independence from Great Britain. They had no constitution and no reason to believe they could militarily defeat "Mother England."



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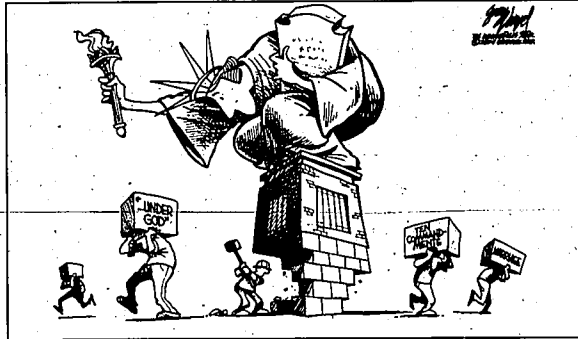
In addition, a large percentage of the people who would become "Americans" actually opposed the Declaration of Independence. These colonists wanted to remain part of the British Empire. Before we could become the United States, Americans had to fight a revolution against the British and, all too often, against their own neighbors.

But the desire for freedom is a powerful thing. It won out and allowed us to build the greatest country in history. And as we celebrate our Independence Day, we have an additional reason to be happy: Americans have long lived in freedom and this year, Iraqis do too.

On June 28, in the blistering heat of a Baghdad summer, the United States returned control of Iraq to Iraqis. "This is a historic, happy day, a day that all Iraqis have been looking forward to. It's the day we take our country back," said interim president Ghazi Yawar.

It won't be easy. In 1776, during the blistering heat of a Philadelphia summer, the signers of the Declaration of Independence stated that King George III "has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance."

But the British monarch was nowhere near the tyrant Saddam was. For decades, the Iraqi dictator raped and pillaged his country, living like a king in his many palaces and gathering riches from the corrupt United Nations Oil-for-Food program.



Meanwhile, his thugs executed some 300,000 Iraqis, and millions more faced starvation.

That's why today's Iraqi leaders realize there's still difficult work ahead: "Our dear Iraq is now at a setback, but it is a very temporary setback," interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi announced. "We will rise up after that like mountains, standing up very firm. And we will protect all the people regardless of religion, color or any other consideration, so every Iraqi will have the right to a unified, united Iraq where brotherhood and justice prevail."

And it's not just Iraq's leaders who realize things are getting better. A female doctor named Lina Ziyad recently told *The Wall Street Journal*, "Under Saddam, we lived in a big prison. Now we're in a kind of a wilderness. I prefer the wilderness. And former military officer Qasim Mohammed told the *Los Angeles Times* he wanted to thank the U.S. for getting rid of Saddam Hussein. "This day shows the true good intentions of the U.S.," he said. "It seems we are moving forward to democracy."

Mohammed no doubt would recognize Thomas Jefferson's words published on July 4, 1776, and since repeated thousands of times all around the world: "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the con-

sent of the governed." Saddam Hussein clearly didn't enjoy the support of his people. Like all tyrants, he held power by force, and it took the military might of the U.S.-led coalition to remove him and make a new government possible.

But in the new Iraq, we're seeing a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

Iraqis now hold sovereignty over their own country, and elections are planned for early next year. The winners truly will be governing with the consent of the governed.

As President Bush recently put it, that's good for Iraq and good for the entire Middle East: "A free and sovereign Iraq is a decisive defeat for extremists and terrorists, because their hateful ideology will lose its appeal in a free and tolerant and successful country."

More than 225 years ago, our founding fathers dared attempt something that many people said couldn't be done.

The republic they launched is now the envy of the world. Hopefully, decades from now, June 28 will be for Iraqis what July 4 is for us: A key milepost on the road to freedom.

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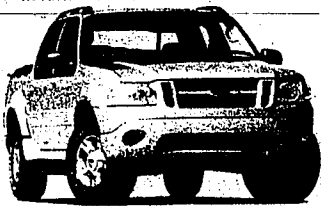
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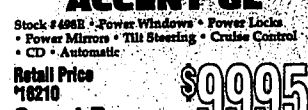
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Why can't a guy own a little dog?

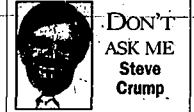
Can your dog beat up my dog? I wonder.

Every other guy I know is the owner of a large breed hound—Döbermanns, Labs, setters, retrievers, etc.—and eyes me with great disdain whenever I show up with my Lhasa apso, Petunia, in tow.

Lhasas are a foot tall and two feet long, and look like what they are—lap dogs. They're, well, cute.

Cute just doesn't cut it for a guy dog, of course, so it's not turned up driving a pink hatchback.

"That dog would be a two-bite snack for my great Dane," a friend snored recently.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

I'm skeptical of that. See, Petunia is what my friend Debra calls a "pestilent beast." My son is more succinct: "She's a cute little ball of teeth."

For small dogs have a chip on their shoulder—or would if they had shoulders. Like some short men, they compensate for their stature by being surprisingly ornery.

Owners will tell you that they give cocker spaniels a wide berth, and there's a Chihuahua in my neighborhood that chases bikers.

I'm not sure what sized dog it is, but the point is that little dogs take no prisoners.

And with due respect to you St. Bernard owners, pint-sized canines have a much more interesting history.

"Take Spot, the mutt in the neighborhood who chases bikers. If Spot doesn't run, nobody learns to read."

Or Sherlock, the basset hound that the Bessley sang to on the "Ed Sullivan Show." If not for Sherlock, there's no "You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound-Dog," and without "Hound Dog," there's no rock 'n' roll. Well, at least in the Percy Faith Orchestra.

Or Bultseye, the bow-legged bulldog in "Oliver Twist." Bultseye's owner, Bill Sykes, is the villain of the piece, and if Bultseye doesn't stay loyal to his master, then Sykes get away. Oliver dies, the story falls apart, the book sells badly. Charles Dickens never gets around to writing "A Christmas Carol." Scrooge ends up cornering the market in corn futures, plants it all in Sussex and leaves folks in Iowa with nothing to do except crossword puzzles.

Or Dogbert, who is the greatest mind, so far, of the 21st century.

Compare and contrast those contributions to Western civilization with those of big dogs. Lassie. It turns out to be a bawling "Beethoven" was a slobbering mountain of mischief, and Greyhound doesn't stop in bliss anymore.

Besides, small dogs are just smarter.

A couple of years ago, I took Petunia for a walk one evening and forgot the key to the front door. It was starting to rain pretty hard and I couldn't get into the house, so I got the stepladder, climbed it and shoved Petunia through the bathroom window, which I'd left open but which is far too small for me to crawl through.

Petunia curled up in front of the fireplace and fell fast asleep. I waited outside and got soaked. I'd been sitting on the front porch for a half hour or so when Petunia came prancing around the corner of the house.

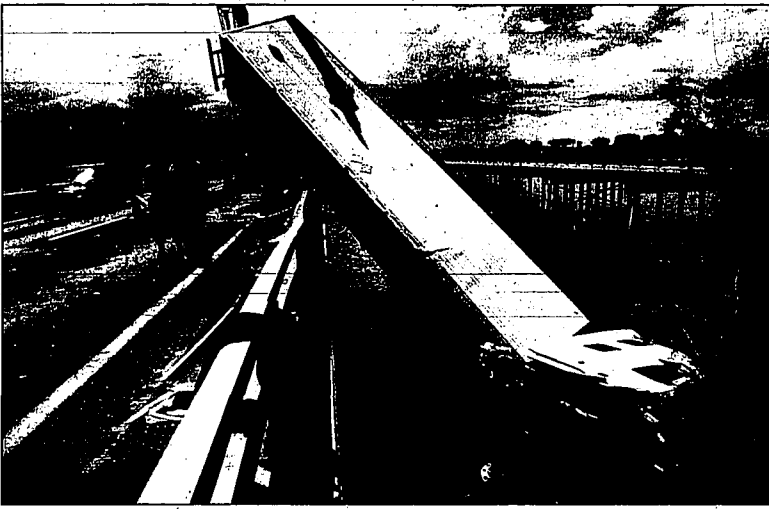
"How'd you get out?" I asked. "Through the back door," of course. I'd not only left the back door unlocked, but wide open. Now if I'd had a big dog, it wouldn't have fit through the bathroom window. We'd both still be sitting on the front porch. All big dogs want out of life is a bone and belly rub. All small dogs want is to be smarter than their owners.

And this from David Sass of Twin Falls.

What's the difference between a Hound and a Hoover? The location of the dirtbag.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor. Write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com. Unless you're a Harley owner, in which case write to David Sass.

Truck falls off bridge



Law enforcement officials investigate an accident on the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 near milepost 216 Saturday in which a semi truck struck a pickup before falling off the bridge into the Snake River. No one was injured.

Four accidents hit interchange, jam traffic

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

DECLO — A semi truck plunged into the Snake River after it hit a pickup truck at about noon Saturday and went through a guard rail, near the mile 216 interchange on Interstate 84 near Declo.

The tractor-trailer jackknifed into the water near the shore, with the tractor on its side, leaving the trailer leaning against the bridge at almost a 45-degree angle.

The two occupants of the semi climbed out a window to safety and no one was injured in either vehicle.

Seat belts are a miracle," said Idaho State Police Trooper

Richard Dennis.

The interchange was ploughed by four separate accidents Saturday starting at about 11 a.m. with a four vehicle accident on the westbound side of the bridge.

No one was injured. Dennis said the first crash was being cleared from the road when Petr Kokhanevich, 45, of Lebanon, Ore., was driving the semi truck and failed to slow down for traffic.

The semi hit a red Dodge pickup truck in front of it and went off the bridge.

Cindy Mangum, 38, of Declo, was driving the pickup and her eight-year-old son Zac was with her.

Mangum's husband Kelly

said she was slowing down to exit when the truck came up from behind and was unable to slow down, then swerved to avoid hitting them.

"The truck was damaged, but not totaled," Mangum said. The interchange needs to be redesigned because it is difficult for people to see as they enter and exit the freeway.

"It could have taken several lives today," Mangum said.

After the semi trailer crashed, a westbound minivan hit a guard rail near the interchange, but no one was injured, said Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries.

A third crash at the overpass at the mile 216 interchange was between two cars involving

three people about 4:30 p.m. Fries said the accident was alcohol-related.

At about 4 p.m., traffic was stopped on eastbound Interstate 84 and was backed up for about three miles.

Traffic was being diverted off the freeway at exit 211 and eastbound lanes were closed until about 9:45 p.m., according to a news release.

It took two cranes to lift the trailer and tractor out of the water, Fries said.

Minidoka County's dive team contained the fuel from the tractor so it would not contaminate the river.

"They had help from Cassia County law enforcement, Fries said.



Tyson Hart, 4, stirs up a dust cloud during the horse races at Rupert Downs on Saturday.

Many return to Rupert for annual celebration

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

RUPERT — Carma Maxey of Rupert summed up the city's Independence Day celebration pretty well: "Good weather, good food, good company."

Community spirits were high Saturday as hundreds of people gathered in Rupert's main square to celebrate Independence Day.

Patriotic music drifted through the park from the Old Time Fiddlers, while families sat under round picnic benches and enjoyed lunch from the vendors that ringed the square.

Jamie Campion of Pocatello, Maxey's daughter, comes every year to visit her mother and for the good food from the St. Nicholas Guild. She brought her Chihuahua, Willow, who was resplendent in her hot pink leash, even as she hid under Campion's feet.

Dax Duffin, president of Minico High School's FFA chapter, said the six-day festival would help the organization and the youth group from the Praise Chapel Open Bible Fellowship.

"I think this is one of the bet-

Rupert's Fourth of July Celebration continues

All events take place in the Rupert Square unless otherwise noted. Here's a look at upcoming happenings:

Today

- 1 p.m. — Carnival opens at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds
- 2 p.m. — Horse racing at Minidoka County Fairgrounds
- 6 p.m. — Singer Jerry Truckee performs
- 7:30 p.m. — Patriotic program

Monday

- 10 a.m. — Singer Thom Stimpson performs
- 11 a.m. — Parade
- 1 p.m. — Leslie Craton Singers perform
- 2 p.m. — Sandie's Studio Cloggers perform
- 2:30 p.m. — Zac Patterson performs
- 3 p.m. — Jessie Esquivel performs

ter years for us out here," Duffin said.

The two groups were selling food together to raise money. Please see CELEBRATION, Page B4

Buhl's Sagebrush Days festival combines food, fun and fishing

By Sandra Wisecover Times-News correspondent

BUIHL — Chairs and vehicles lined the Buhl Sagebrush Days parade route long before the procession began as parade watchers vied for a front row seat to the event.

"The parade is my favorite part of Sagebrush Days," said Buhl resident Mary Kelly. "It's huge for a small town and you get to see everyone."

The Kelly family left their vehicle parked next to the railroad tracks on Broadway early Saturday.

"That's where we always go," she said. "That's our spot. Even when we go really early, we're not always the first ones there."

They take a bucket for the candy they collect and a bucket for the candy wrappers.

And all roads in the west end of the county seemed to lead to Buhl Saturday, as a procession of cars filed into town from all directions.

At the center of town, Tom Spraker sang for the crowd until the Marine Corps League presented the colors at the center of town, then started the parade.

Announcer Lyle Masters asked the crowd to remember the many men and women who sacrificed so much, "so we can enjoy the things we take for granted. Today we celebrate the birthday of our great nation. As Old Glory comes through please take a moment to remember and pay tribute."

The Lee Family Helgians with Eric Lee at the reins, pulled a wagon carrying the grand marshals. The nine, who have spent much of their lives working in agriculture, included J. Roy Haley, Charlie Hill, Wilbur "Bud" Hill, John Honick, Thaine Roberts, Jake Stahlecker, Barron Sonner, Frank Wells and Harry Wilson.

Judges for the event were Bill



Kelsey Lemmons, age 4, of Buhl, grimaces as she hangs on to her trout at the Buhl Sagebrush Days trout scramble Saturday.

As the mile-long procession came down Main Street, young volunteers picked up information cards from each entry and carried it to the announcer's stand. Kendall Jack and Nick Hinton, Josh Cooper, Brian Schofield and Nathan Romans did a great job of doling children collecting candy to get the information to the stand before the entry reached the main intersection.

The parade was halted at the main intersection momentarily to make way for emergency personnel when a spectator required—medical—assistance. Poppewell, who is a member of the Buhl Quick Response Unit, led the judging platform to provide assistance along with fellow volunteers.

Chisholm said judging the parade can be a challenge.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a separate service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day to view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Lex Christiansen - Kimberly

Twin Falls businessman and Kimberly resident, Lex Christiansen, 51, died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, near Jackpot, Nev., from head injuries in a work-related accident.



Born June 9, 1953, in Logan, Utah, he was the third of four children to Floyd Leroy and Pauline Verna Christiansen. He grew up in Logan and graduated from Skyview High School in Logan in 1971. After graduation, Lex moved to Twin Falls, where he began work in the construction field. Later, together with his brother, Kirk, they formed Christiansen Construction and specialized in laying concrete and masonry work. Lex left this new business operation and went to work for PMF Inc., where he stayed for several years before returning to Christiansen Construction with a renewed enthusiasm for being an owner/operator.

The type of work projects Christiansen Construction and PMF took on were usually large and industrial and include the restructuring of Milner Dam, which Lex oversaw while with PMF Christiansen Construction projects include the new water tanks in Twin Falls, Rupert and Mud Lake, and hydropower plants at Richfield, Magic Reservoir and Rock Creek. Next week, they are slated to begin laying fiber optic below Kimberly Road between Eastland and Hankins Road.

In 1979, Lex met Pamela Jane Arrington, and a year later they were married on Aug. 21, 1980. Together they have five children: Whitney Marlin Christiansen and Brandon Lars Christiansen. Lex was able to see Whitney graduate

from the College of Southern Idaho, and Brandon from Twin Falls High School, both this year. He and Pam were nearing their 24th wedding anniversary.

Lex attained a great level of success professionally and was a tireless, serious worker. However, what his friends and family will remember most will be his happy-go-lucky spirit. He didn't believe in the word "can't." He was the life of the party. He had a way about him to make people laugh and feel important. He could walk into any setting and give equal attention to all, whether they were 2 or 82 years old. He never met a person he couldn't talk to. As serious as he could be in business, outside of work he was just a great big kid.

He loved Halloween and July 4th for the celebrations, and many would gather every year at his and Pam's home when they lived near CSI to take kids trick-or-treating, and watch fireworks. They also put on quite a fireworks display of their own, which their former neighbors certainly remember.

Just before Christmas 2001, Pam and Lex realized their dream of moving into the dream house they built south of Kimberly in the middle of 120 acres with a beautiful spread for Lex's cattle herd and a meandering stretch of the Rock Creek flowing through the middle of it.

He had gusto for living. His non-working hours were spent hunting, fishing, horseback riding, boating, ranching, skiing downhill and cross country, and supporting his kids as well as extended family members in all the games or achievements they made.

Lex was preceded in death by his father, Floyd, in 1979, and his stepfather, Harold Hall in January 2004.

Survivors are wife, Pam; children, two daughters and five sons; brothers, Kirk Christiansen of Twin Falls; brother, Gary Christiansen of Newport Beach, Calif.; sister, Paula Smith of Smithfield, Utah; mother, Pauline Hall of Salt Lake City, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Lex Christiansen was a dedicated family man, and a dedicated friend, and a son, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. All those who have crossed paths with Lex were touched and fortunate to have done so. He will certainly be missed.

A funeral for him will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at the Calvary Chapel on the corner of Falls Avenue East and Shoshone Falls road. The service will be conducted by Glenn Arrington. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Howard Wayne Miller - Dietrich

Howard Wayne Miller was born Dec. 26, 1951, in Boise, Idaho, to Howard Liddell Miller and Edie Alene Miller. He passed from this earth on June 30, 2004, at the age of 52. Howard was working at the time of his death as a company member of the Idaho Repertory Theatre's summer season at the University of Idaho.



Howard grew up in Koozika, Idaho, and graduated from Clearwater Valley High School. He attended Lewis-Clark State College, where he was active in drama and student government, and served as senior class president. Howard graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in theatre, and minors in English, Spanish and speech. At LSCS, he met the love of his life, Cheri, and they were married on Nov. 23, 1975, in Lewiston, Idaho. After graduation from college, Howard and Cheri moved to the Magic Valley. They both accepted teaching jobs in Shoshone and made their home in Dietrich, where they raised their four beloved daughters.

His team to many district and state championships, was drama commissioner of the Idaho Speech Arts Teacher's Association, received the prestigious "Speech Arts Teacher of the Year" award, and was nominated by his students for "Who's Who Among American High School Teachers" nearly every year. Howard was involved in many community theatre productions as actor and director. He counted among his favorite roles: "Kevin" ("Fiddler on the Roof"), "Tyng Herold" ("Jesus Christ Superstar"), "Madame Lucy" ("Irene") and "Pellinore" ("Camelot").

Howard was a devoted father who loved and supported his children in their athletic, artistic and academic involvements. After leaving Shoshone High School, Howard lived in the Twin Falls School District, where he was a powerful influence in the lives of his many students and friends. As a drama/speech teacher, he led

his team to many district and state championships, was drama commissioner of the Idaho Speech Arts Teacher's Association, received the prestigious "Speech Arts Teacher of the Year" award, and was nominated by his students for "Who's Who Among American High School Teachers" nearly every year. Howard was involved in many community theatre productions as actor and director. He counted among his favorite roles: "Kevin" ("Fiddler on the Roof"), "Tyng Herold" ("Jesus Christ Superstar"), "Madame Lucy" ("Irene") and "Pellinore" ("Camelot").

Mountain Apache, and valued his heritage. He shared that pride with his community, presenting "Arrow of Light" ceremonies to Cub Scouts and as a speaker on the art of Oral Tradition in area schools. He was a reserve Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy and longtime member of the Lincoln County Search and Rescue. Howard was a member of the LDS Church and enjoyed singing in the Dietrich ward choir. His callings for the church included cub master and home teacher.

He is survived by his wife, Cheri (Gakle) Miller of Dietrich; daughters, Rachel Miller of Lewiston, Jennifer (Dusty) Miller-Blackburn of Twin Falls, Talitha Miller of Boise, Mandie Miller-Sorenson of Twin Falls and Nicole Miller of Dietrich; his brothers, William Liddell of Carmichael, Robert Liddell of Fresno, Earl Liddell of Fresno and Don Miller of Koozika; grandchildren, Garth Devin, Delanie Rose, Seth Jacob and Samuel Stratford; many beloved nieces, nephews, other relatives, close friends and thousands of appreciative students also survive him. His parents preceded him in death.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the Dietrich LDS Church. Burial and remembrances will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Bruce George Miller

TWIN FALLS — Bruce George Miller, 66, of Twin Falls, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

A funeral for Bruce will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Mitch Hodge officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the funeral home. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

Thursday, July 8, 2004, at the Twin Falls 4th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Mr. Joann Scrivani-Wright

HANSEN — M. Joann Scrivani-Wright, 75, of Hansen, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Eloise Kennedy

GOODING — Eloise Kennedy, 80, of Gooding, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Lucy Lieder

SUN VALLEY — Lucy Lieder, 68, of Sun Valley, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at her home, of cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at the Lieder residence in Glendale.

Instead of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Donald Gene Hgwkes

WENDELL — Donald Gene Hawkes, 76, of Wendell, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

George Bennett

TWIN FALLS — George Bennett, 95, of Twin Falls, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A service will be held at 10:30

OBITUARIES - SERVICES



Lloyd Francisco Abadia

Lloyd Francisco Abadia, 68, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in Reno, Nev.

He was born Sept. 15, 1935, in Mantua, the second of four children born to Frank and Gladys Abadia. Lloyd worked for Lockheed Missiles and Space in Sunnyvale, Calif., from 1963 through 1996, when he retired as director of MSD Material.

He is survived by his four children, Anthony Abadia, Fremont, Calif.; Carmen (Abadia) Hawkins, Issaquah, Wash.; Dominic Abadia, Bellevue, Wash.; and Gina (Abadia) Heyer, Issaquah, Wash.; sisters, Margaret McDaniel, Bremerton, Wash.; Mary Brown, Rupert, and Juana Lauli, Millerton, Calif.; six grandchildren, three nephews, one niece and a number of very close friends.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the MAR Rupert Cemetery in Rupert.

Anthony Dylan Ceja - Rupert

Anthony Dylan Ceja, infant son of Charles and Wendy Massey Ceja of Rupert and grandson of paternal grandparents, Gerardo and Irma Ceja of Rupert, and maternal grandmother, Janice Massey of Heyburn, passed away Wednesday, June 30, 2004, tragically in an auto accident.

A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at the Rupert Cemetery with burial following with Pastor Walt Thompson officiating. The family will gather at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel prior to going to the cemetery.

Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Helen Seal, funeral at noon Wednesday at the Valley Presbyterian Church, Hazelton; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Lienkaemper Chapel in Ontario, Ore.

Keep up Read the Computers and Technology page every Tuesday in The Times-News.

The family of Rose Mattice wishes to express sincere thanks to the many who gave so generously during her illness and passing. The expression of love and caring our family received from cards, flowers, food, and prayer was so comforting during our time of loss. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Our thanks to everyone, friends and neighbors, for all the kindness and sympathy extended to us during our recent time of sorrow. They were deeply appreciated** Sincerely The Family Of Murray Walker, Retamae, Jan, Kenneth, Diann, Judy, Carrie

PUBLIC NOTICE

Montgomery Bridge located at 400 east Baseline will have construction starting on July 6, 2004 through approximately September 30, 2004. Traffic will be restricted to one lane from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The bridge will open after the stated hours and on weekends to normal traffic.

VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT GREATER THAN 12 FEET WIDE MUST DETOUR.

Waterways underneath the bridge will be restricted only in work areas.

Thank you for your patience during the construction. Should you have any questions please contact the Burley Highway District (678-5322) or Minidoka County Highway District (436-6112) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nellie 'Nell' Lucille Hartley - Twin Falls

Nellie "Nell" Lucille Hartley, 84, a longtime Twin Falls resident, died peacefully Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at a Boise care center.

Nell was born in Twin Falls, on Jan. 12, 1920, to David and Levina Rich.

She was the youngest of four children. In her youth, she lived on a farm near Filer and graduated from Filer High School.

She married Lloyd Eugene Hartley in 1938 and lived in Richfield, Utah, until his death in 1950, when she returned to

Twin Falls with her four children. Nell graduated from Twin Falls Business College while working at Sherwin Williams, then spent her career as head bookkeeper for Volco Building Supply, later Volco Inc., in Twin Falls from January 1953 until July 1986.

She was a member of Altrusa-and-of-Credit Women's International for many years. In the second half of her life, she became a world traveler, eventually visited most states in the United States and at least 25 foreign countries.

Nell is survived by her sister, Florence Sims of Vancouver, Wash.; two daughters, Marilyn Clans of Island Park, and Joanna Ehrmantraut of Bellevue; and two sons, Jerry Hartley of Baker City, Ore., and Dr. Terry Hartley of Boise.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her family plans a private ceremony and suggests that, in Nell's memory, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1111 S. Orchard St., Boise, ID 83705.

Linda Wilson Elder - Jerome

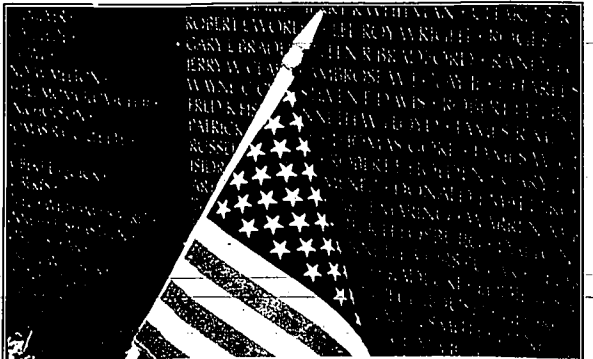
Linda Wilson Elder, 56, of Jerome, died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at her home.

She was born July 2, 1947, in Klamath Falls, Ore., the daughter of Harold and Edna Williams Bryson. She was raised in the Magic Valley and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1965. She worked at Jackpot for over 25

years, but for the past several years cared for her mother until her death a year ago. She then moved to Jerome. She enjoyed spending time at the Twin Falls Community Center, was self-taught computer guru. She enjoyed playing computer games and just spending time on the computer. She is survived by her aunt,

Marie Cain of Twin Falls; her uncle, George Brennen of Hawaii; several cousins and a number of good friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1988.

At her request, no services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."



In loving remembrance of those who gave their lives to fight for the freedom we enjoy everyday. For those who are still fighting, we say "Thank you." May you know that your sacrifice is not in vain. And for those who wait on the homefront, hoping for their loved ones' safe return; we are here to support you with our love and our prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.

From our family to yours, Have A Safe And Happy 4th Of July

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OBITUARIES

Enid McCauley - Eden



Enid. She attended Albion Normal School in 1929 and married Ralph McCauley in 1934. They had two children, Jim McCauley of Eagle, Idaho, and Carole Martens of Seattle, Wash.

Enid McCauley, 91, the Lord took her home on July 1, 2004. She is, after 36 years, happy to be reunited with her husband, Ralph McCauley, who preceded her in death.

Bryce M. Chugg - Rupert



Bryce enjoyed many things in his spare time. He rode in the Mini-Cassia Mounted Sheriff's Posse for a time. He enjoyed riding his horse out to the desert, where he could relive fond childhood memories. He was always proud of his family and attended their activities whenever possible. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Bryce M. Chugg, 65, of Rupert, died at his home on July 1, 2004, surrounded by his wife, daughters and family. His battle with cancer was brief and his passing was peaceful and painless.

Patricia 'Pat' Knoepfel - Twin Falls/Buhl



Pat enjoyed fishing and hunting (game birds and deer), Western music, and she really loved to dance — she could dance any and all dances.

Patricia "Pat" Knoepfel, 86, of Twin Falls and Buhl, passed away June 28, 2004, at Stony Creek Living Center.

Jordan Amae Murphy - Twin Falls



Hudelson of Twin Falls; great-grandparents, Helen Havison of Burley, Hazel Hudelson of Silver Creek, Nev., Pauline

Jordan Amae Murphy, beloved infant daughter of Buhl and Heather Murphy, died suddenly Thursday, July 1, 2004.

Jim R. McCord - Burley



He was an avid golfer and loved being on the golf course. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Jimmie "Jim" Ray McCord, age 68, of Burley, died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at his home.

her children, nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, in-laws and many friends.

George Nels Sill - Twin Falls



George worked as an airplane and auto mechanic. In May of 1966, he became a business partner in Hitch-Tax. In October 1970, he sold his partnership and retired.

George Nels Sill, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Betty Jean Jones - Rupert



She is survived by her husband, Ernest S. Jones; one grandson, John B. Jones; one granddaughter, Jessica L. Jones; brothers-in-law, Robert (Arlene) Jones of Twin Falls, and John (Kay) Jones of Stockton, Calif.

Betty Jean Jones, 88, passed away on July 1, 2004, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Muslim leader: We trust Allah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The local spiritual leader of the Muslims, an Iraqi military group, claimed on Tuesday his site had beheaded Saturday said the Marine's family was clinging to the fact his death was as yet unconfirmed.

by those who would do him wrong. "What faith are the captives, what faith is All Houssein is less important," he said.

The imam on Saturday said the family would prefer less attention, but had been receiving pressure of support from all over the nation.

Idaho Fish and Game suspends netting program

SANDPOINT (AP) — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is suspending a deep-water trap netting program that was scheduled to resume this fall because officials say the department wants to better gauge the public's opinion of the practice.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Fire scorches field near Twin Falls

The Times-News

RUPERT — Firefighters in Minidoka County responded to a house fire at about 5 p.m. at 40 South and 150 West near Rupert.

A shed burned at 400 South and 725 West near Burley about 4:30 p.m., Sheriff Paul Fries said. There were injuries and the causes and extent of damage were not available.

A small brush fire ignited near Shoshone Falls Saturday evening and was quickly put out by firefighters.

It was one of three brush fires around the city and many small fires around the Magic Valley.

Firefighters from Jerome Rural Fire Department and the Bureau of Land Management responded to a half-acre fire in the Devil's Corral area about 6:45 p.m., said Sky Huffaker, spokeswoman for the BLM.

Huffaker said the fire was put out completely by 8 p.m. and preliminary investigations indicated it might have been caused by fireworks.

Huffaker said the spring rains have left many plants rather green, so there is only moderate fire danger, but the danger is expected to increase as the summer continues.

In Twin Falls, firefighters were called to two small brush fires, one at about 2:30 p.m. to the 200 block of Falls Avenue West and one near North Meadow Ridge Circle outside of Twin Falls around noon.

Warren originally pleaded innocent on May 3 in 5th District Court to three counts of sexual abuse of a child under the age of 16 after his preliminary hearing was waived April 20, according to court documents.

Criminal charges were filed in November and December 2003 on behalf of two victims who alleged Warren had sexual contact with them.

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The second victim also was in his early teens when he reported abuse that took place in November of 2003.

Minidoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker said that Warren agreed to a deal Monday on the

Heyburn man pleads guilty in abuse case

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

NewTracker

■ **Last we know:**

Michael Ray Warren pleaded innocent May 3 to three counts of sexual abuse of a child under the age of 16.

■ **The latest:** On June 28 Warren changed his plea to guilty after striking a deal with prosecutors.

■ **What's next:** Warren faces three to 15 years with at least 280 days in the rider program on two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under the age of 16.

RUPERT — A Heyburn man has reached a deal with prosecutors that allows him to avoid a life sentence by pleading guilty to two reduced sexual abuse-related charges.

Michael Ray Warren, 46, of Heyburn, is scheduled to be sentenced in August on two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under the age of 16.

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Minidoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker said that Warren agreed to a deal Monday on the

lewd and lascivious conduct charges, which could carry a sentence of three to 15 years on each count to be served concurrently.

The deal means Warren avoided a possible life sentence on the three, more serious sexual abuse counts had he been convicted by a jury.

Part of the deal is a recommendation for the rider program, which evaluates offenders to determine whether they're capable of rehabilitation in place of prison time. Walker explained that War-

ren will be sent to Boise for a minimum of six months' evaluation, after which the rider program will recommend that he either be sent to prison or undergo some form of rehabilitation.

The most likely outcome, Walker said, will be probation with intense sex offender treatment if it's determined that Warren can be rehabilitated.

Warren entered an Alford plea — known as guilty without the admission of guilt — claiming he didn't remember committing the alleged acts but agreeing the evidence against him was strong enough to lead to a conviction.

Warren suffered a head injury in a car accident a few years ago and Walker said this was a factor in the deal his office brokered.

Walker said the benefit of avoiding a jury trial is keeping the victims off the witness stand where they are subject to intense questioning by defense attorneys.

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Nevada, California wait in line to get tankers

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Two of five firefighting air tankers cleared to return to service after being grounded over safety concerns are headed for Nevada and California, federal officials said Saturday.

The planes are expected to be stationed out of Battle Mountain, located about 220 miles northeast of Reno, and Lancaster, Calif. Bureau of Land Management officials said.

"With only five of the tankers initially going back to service, it was a tough decision on where to station them," said BLM

spokeswoman Jo Simpson in Reno. "They're being spaced out across the West to provide the best geographic coverage with limited availability."

The other three planes, former Navy P-3 Orion owned by California-based Aero Union Corp. are expected to be stationed out of Fairbanks, Alaska; Moses Lake, Wash., and Prescott, Ariz., BLM officials said.

Simpson said the U.S. Forest Service was in the final stages of signing contracts for the five planes on Saturday, a day after federal officials said they are

safe to fly. They were among 33 planes grounded in May by BLM and Forest Service officials, who cited safety concerns after two planes broke up in midair in 2002, killing five people.

Three crew members were killed when the wings broke off their plane while they were trying to make a return drop in Walker, Calif., 80 miles south of Reno.

Top officials in Western states pressed officials to reconsider their decision, saying the air tankers are vital to firefighting efforts.



Jenny Kensey of Kimberly drives a Friesian mare with a colt at her side to pull a doctor's buggy carrying passenger Jan Cubbs through the Buhl Sagebrush Days' parade Saturday.

Sagebrush

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He described it as, "a tough job, but thanks to Lyle Masters who keeps a lot of levity in the process, we have a good time."

The parade winners included: in the private horse division, Carolyn Phillips of Buhl; automobile, Darrel and Rita Edwards of Wendell, with a 1949 Chevy pickup pulling a 1936 sleeping trailer; antique tractor, Stephen Grono of Filer, with a 1941 John Deere A; marching unit, Buhl High School cheerleaders; wagon unit, Bob and Barbara Holloway of Filer; adult civic float, Buhl Animal Shelter; children's club, Boys and Girls Club and West End Men's Association; private group, Buhl Red Hat Society; riding group, Filer Junior Riding Club and commercial float, Healthy Earth Enterprises of Jerome.

As the last parade entry passed by, the crowd began making its way to the park.

Celebration

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The youth group is saving up for a trip to San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Rupert Mayor Audrey Nelwirth said there were about 300 people at Saturday afternoon's celebration in the park.

She said about 7,000 to 8,000 came Wednesday for the fireworks show.

"They just went on forever," Nelwirth said. "We've had a big success."

Juan Castañeda of Rupert said the evening crowds at the

West End frolic

Sagebrush Days in Buhl continues today with the following events:

- 11 a.m. — Community church service, First Christian Church, Broadway Avenue and Foster Street.
- 1 to 6 p.m. — Free swimming, Eastman Park.
- 2 p.m. — Firehose competition, McCluskey Park (four-person teams compete in men's, women's, children's and mixed divisions; no entry fee. Sign up at contest.)
- 5:45 p.m. — AmVets, Popplewell Elementary School grounds near Maple Street.
- Dusk — Fireworks, North Park.

where there were food booths, craft booths, entertainment and carnival rides.

Castleford resident Gary Reynolds stood in line with son

and daughter, Rylee and Haddie, to wait for the car ride while his wife, Becky, went to the train with their other son, Oree.

Juanita Olson of Buhl, was looking for a plain old hamburger as she passed by stands selling all kinds of things, including elephant ears, cotton candy, tacos, Dutch oven delights, burritos, teriyaki chicken and buffalo wings.

Children went home soaking wet and clutching plastic bags with their catches from the annual trout scramble.

As Jerry Eggleston released the fish into the canal pool, some youngsters dived in, while others squealed as the fish wiggled past them in the pool.

"We had a great day," Chamber president Holly Langdon said.

The celebration will continue tomorrow, concluding with a fireworks display at dusk.

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celebration. "This is kind of our roots," LaGrecia said.

Horse racing at the fairgrounds also drew about 300 people Saturday afternoon.

LaGrecia said she couldn't wait for the rodeo to see some "mutton busting," where youngsters try to stay atop bucking sheep for 8 seconds.

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Bills

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faced severe financial difficulties since the closure of the J.R. Simplot Co. processing plant last year and the loss of some 600 jobs.

The city recently pulled out of Minidoka County's joint animal control agreement citing the need to cut expenses following closure and its impact on the tax base.

Habsburg City Superintendent Scott Spevak said the level of rampant delinquency recently consumed one employee's entire Wednesday.

"The whole day was hanging pink," Spevak said.

Burley City Clerk Melanie Haynes expressed concern that Heyburn might have to hang more tags if delinquency notices are discontinued.

But Hopkins said that discontinuing notices would not increase the number of tags that would have to be hung.

"They already know that bills are due by the 10th," she said.

People who call to make arrangements before utilities are turned off are given every possible opportunity to pay their bills, Hopkins said.

"When we disconnect it's always a hard decision. It's not fun," she said.

Those who can't pay are referred to resources such as the South Central Community Action Partnership, state and county, welfare departments, the Salvation Army or other agencies, Hopkins said.

The city of Heyburn received energy assistance payments on behalf of 114 households last year, totaling about \$35,000, she said.

"This is the highest I've ever seen it," Hopkins said.

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Resident sues Shoshone over falling trees

By Rebecca Meany
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SHOSHONE — A man has filed a civil lawsuit against the city of Shoshone in 5th District Court seeking damages for an August incident in which he claims two trees fell onto his property, causing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

Tim Keegan alleges that trees located on city property fell onto his lot at 109 N. Greenwood, damaging his 1994 Fordaurus and damaging a chain link fence, according to the verified complaint and demand for jury trial.

The complaint says the amount of damage is \$11,130. The lawsuit states that "prior to Aug. 22, 2003, Defendant, City of Shoshone, knew, or should have known, of the condition of the trees and that the conditions were dangerous in nature... but

failed to take protective measures."

The trees had "encroaching branches and poor root systems," the suit alleges, which presented a hazard.

As a result of the city's negligence in maintaining the trees, the document says, two trees fell, causing extensive damage to Keegan's property.

Keegan also demands in the lawsuit that the city of Shoshone remove the remaining trees that lean over onto his property.

The city has previously refused to comply with this demand, he claims.

"This whole thing is a big pain in the butt," Keegan said. "It's a straight-forward case. The root system hasn't been maintained in 20 years. But the insurance company is saying it's an act of God."

Keegan said he and the city were in negotiations for the

to give Keegan the piece of property on which the tree grew.

"But then the trees fell and the city turned it over to their insurance company," he said. "The city has been really kind and nice. It's only the insurance company."

The city may be looking at other similar lawsuits from residents, Keegan said, because people are concerned about the lack of maintenance of older trees and the potential damage from their falling on private property.

Martin Hendrickson, attorney for the city of Shoshone, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

A status hearing was scheduled for July 7.

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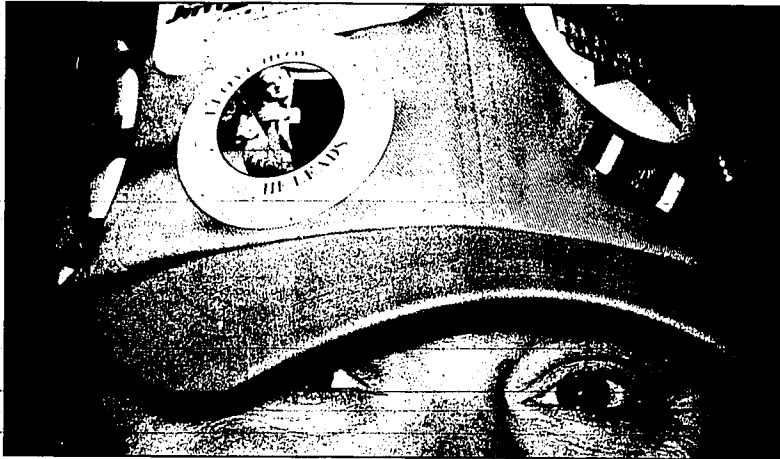
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OREGON CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Persian Gulf war veteran Liz Pearson, from West Linn, Ore., sports campaign buttons on her hat during a gathering of Republicans at their headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., on Wednesday. With about 120 days remaining until the presidential election, national Republicans are pulling out all the stops in hopes of swinging traditionally Democratic Oregon to President Bush.

Idaho soldiers ship out for duty

BOISE (AP) — The final group of 900 Idaho National Guard soldiers called in the largest deployment in state history flew to Texas on Saturday to prepare for duty in Iraq.

The 116th Cavalry Brigade soldiers left from airports in Spokane, Wash.; Lewiston; Idaho Falls; and Pocatello amid impromptu farewell ceremonies, said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano. He attended the Spokane departure before returning to Idaho to attend departures within the state.

The deployment went well, Marsano said.

"The soldiers are dealing with it as well as they possibly could, but it's not an easy thing to depart for such a long period of time and have to leave your family, your friends, your civilian careers," Marsano said.

Certainly the strain of that was showing on the faces of soldiers as they said today, but you could see that they had steered themselves for today and were ready to undertake this task."

Family members gathered at the departures to say goodbye to their loved ones, Marsano said, and in communities such as Idaho Falls, residents found their own ways to show support.

There were spontaneous grass roots farewell ceremonies, with people lining the streets between the National Guard and the airports, Marsano said.

"The Idaho public has been amazing in that regard. Certainly this isn't an easy thing for anybody, and just to see it as an observer, the emotion wells up inside."

The soldiers were headed for Fort Bliss, Texas, to join more than 1,000 fellow Guardsmen shipped there in recent weeks.

Following training at Fort Bliss and then Fort Polk, La., the brigade, which will include another 2,300 troops from six other states, will be sent to Iraq sometime this fall. The tour could be as long as 18 months.

Judge dismisses trespassing charges

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed trespassing and littering charges against a federal wolf biologist and a private contractor who were found with tranquilized wolves on private property near Cody.

U.S. District Judge Alan Johnson dismissed the charges Wednesday against Mike Jimenez, Wyoming's wolf recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Wes Livingston, a private contractor from Cody.

Rancher Randy Kruger filed the charges after he found Jimenez and Livingston on his private land near Meeteetse Feb. 14. The men had four tranquilized wolves they were collaring because of depredation problems in the area. The incident raised speculation by some that they were trying to secretly transplant wolves into the area.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Jimenez and Livingston "inadvertently" landed on the private land while working to place radio tracking collars on the wolves from the Washakie Pack. Fish and Wildlife regional director Ralph Morganweck apologized to the landowner in March.

Kruger said Friday he wasn't surprised at the dismissal.

"The way it appears is wolves have more rights than we do as property owners," he said.

Ed Bangs, Rocky Mountain wolf coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said his team was "pretty confident that once the facts got out, we would be upheld by the court."

Bangs said he was glad to set the record straight.

"We also absolutely emphasize that the Fish and Wildlife Service has the utmost respect for private property; and we would never knowingly go on someone's private property," he said.

Kruger said he was going to talk to the Park County attorney on whether to follow up on this case.

Trespassing and littering are misdemeanor counts that carry maximum penalties of up to \$750 in fines and six months in jail.

Attorneys spread word about settlement

LEWISTON (AP) — Attorneys representing the Nez Perce Tribe and Idaho are touring the state as part of a campaign to educate people about the proposed settlement of the tribe's water rights claims.

The deal affects the state and federal governments, water users and the Nez Perce Tribe.

The lawyers met with people from Lewiston, Orofino, Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint, and Idaho Falls, telling them the deal has benefits for all sides.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Anthony Johnson announced the settlement in May. It was the culmination of years of negotiations to resolve water claims in the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

Any of the parties involved could have litigated their claims but chose the certainty of settlement over the risk of



Dirk Kempthorne

going to court. Under the settlement, the tribe gets 50,000 acre-foot of water from the Clearwater River for multiple uses, and rights to water from springs or fountains on federal lands within historic reservation boundaries. The Nez Perce also get \$7 million worth of land, management of the Kookkia National Fish Hatchery and co-management of the Dvorshak National Fish Hatchery, \$50 million for natural resource acquisition or improvements and \$23 million for sewer and water systems on the reservation.

In exchange, the tribe drops water claims on nonfederal and private lands.

The deal calls for improved habitat and water flows for endangered salmon in the Salmon and Clearwater rivers and revisits the way minimum flows in the Snake River are determined.

"There is no city in the Clearwater Basin that is going to be negatively impacted," said Roberts. "It protects current domestic, commercial, municipal and industrial use."

Rather than describe provisions of the settlement as impacts to the parties, deputy Attorney General Clive Strong described them as benefits. People may be opposed to the settlement for philosophical reasons, Strong said, but he does not believe they will be harmed by its provisions.

For instance, Strong said some people in the upper Clearwater Basin wanted the case to continue in the hopes that it would address their concerns over tribal sovereignty

and jurisdictional issues. But he said the settlement does not give the tribe jurisdiction over nontribal members.

Tribal attorney Steven Moore said the settlement has not been finalized — it still must be approved by the state Legislature — and any of the parties, including the tribe, could decide to risk the benefits in the settlement against the possible spoils of a court victory.

"One choice for them that is still on the table is walking away from this deal and litigating," he said.

He described the decisions faced by tribal members as important as those faced before the treaties of 1855 and 1863. Likewise the state or different water interest groups could also risk it all for a court victory.

But the settlement erases any uncertainty brought by a court case, Strong said.

Third bear dies in park animal-car collision

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — An adult female black bear was struck and killed by a car, the third bear to die in less than a month from a collision in the park.

The accident occurred about 9 p.m. Thursday near Seven Mile Bridge between West Yellowstone and Madison Junction.

The sun was setting and heavy rain was falling when the driver struck the bear as it ran onto the road, rangers said.

Two male black bear cubs were killed by a vehicle June 15 near the Sheepsteer Cliffs picnic area, one of Mammoth Hot Springs.

On average, one bear a year is struck and killed on Yellowstone roads, rangers said.

Visitors and employees are reminded to be especially cautious when driving at night or in

Yellowstone in brief

min or snow.

Rangers investigate possible dog poisoning

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Rangers are investigating the death of a dog which exhibited symptoms similar to poisonings in Jackson Hole that have killed or sickened at least 26 dogs.

Rangers received a call from a Jackson veterinarian Thursday about a dog brought in that morning that had possibly consumed a toxic substance in Bridge Bay Campground.

The dog's symptoms before it died at the campground were similar to those shown by, ingesting Tenick.

—compiled from wire reports

Suspended student heads back to school

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) — A West Jordan Middle School student suspended for giving a prescription cold pill to his cousin will be allowed to return to classes this fall after taking a drug-intervention class.

Tyson Burningham's 45-day suspension will be shortened if he completes a weeklong drug-intervention class in August, the Jordan School District Board has decided. If the board had kept the 45-day penalty in place, the boy would not be allowed to return to classes until Oct. 15.

Still, the family is not pleased with the board.

"I don't think I should go to drug classes because I don't do drugs," Burningham said. "It was just a decongestant."

The board maintained that the 13-year-old boy violated district policy.

"A prescription drug is a controlled substance," board member Lynette Phillips said. In May, some parents were outraged at the severity of the punishment, calling it "absurd" and "excessive."

"The policies are ridiculous. They need to rewrite them," said Diane Fehr, a Sandy resident and mother of two middle-school students in the district. "Tyson still has to go through drug classes. What for? He wasn't taking drugs. He was taking cold tablets."

Heidi Burningham, Tyson's mother, disagreed with the board's ruling, even though it softened the suspension.

"He has to go to a class for drug users and what he did wasn't substance abuse," she said. "His doctor even wrote a note attesting to that fact." Tyson also balked at the board's decision.

Archaeologists fear artifacts stolen from new site

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Less than a week after an ancient Indian site in remote eastern Utah was uncovered, the result of archaeologists fear some artifacts may already have been stolen.

Archaeologists believe two stone blades and a pottery fragment are believed to have been looted from the Fremont Indian sites. The Salt Lake Tribune reported Saturday. Although the items aren't worth much money, taking them violates the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, or ARPA.

Graduate students working at the site 130 miles southeast of Salt Lake City said this week they took down a license plate number from a van seen picking up two hikers in the remote area, but weren't sure if there was any connection.

"A substantial portion of our successful investigations and prosecutions were the result of that initial, critical information provided by the public," Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Dance said.

ARPA crimes there are punishable by fines up to \$250,000 and possible prison time. Dance estimated the number of



An ancient Indian drawing showing a human figure shooting an animal with a bow and arrow decorates a rock in the Range Creek area southeast of East Carbon City, Utah, on Wednesday.

The ancient site was seen in newspapers and television across the country this week when media members were given a tour Wednesday. The publicity could also draw looters, so BLM and DWR officials are working toward tightening security.

The 200-acre area is currently open-to-foot-and-horse traffic, but is protected by a locked gate. The BLM purchased the Range Creek property from rancher Waldo Wilcox two years ago.

the Division of Wildlife Resources, meaning much of the property under state jurisdiction. BLM officials will have to determine from whose land the objects were stolen.

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William Clements of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs performs a ceremonial blessing of the Wildland Firefighters Monument during dedication ceremonies, June 15, 1996, in Prineville, Ore. The monument, the first of its kind in the U.S., honors all wildland firefighters. Funds to construct the monument were raised by the parents of the 14 firefighters killed on Colorado's Storm King Mountain in July 1994.

Firefighters work for safety

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — By the time Eric Hipke and the other firefighters turned to run, the fire on Storm King Mountain had swept below them and was roaching through shrubs as if they had been soaked in gasoline.

Glowing orange embers swirled around the desperate men and women as they scrambled uphill, thick smoke blocking the sun and coloring the steep slopes an eerie red. Hipke sped past them and scrambled for the safety of a ridge.

He let out a yell as a blast of super hot air knocked him down, then picked himself up and escaped down a draw.

Later, as his scorched body was loaded onto a stretcher, Hipke saw gear from the firefighters he thought were right behind him.

"I looked at that and thought they took a different route," he recalled. "I said 'Thank God, they made it out.'"

Hipke was wrong. Ten years ago this Tuesday, 14 of his colleagues died at Storm King. Poor tactics, miscommunication and a lack of air support all contributed to the deaths. But investigators discovered something else — a firefighting culture that may have prevented those who died from raising objections and refusing a dangerous assignment.

Investigators felt that the "can do" attitude did a part, said Jim Cook, the training projects coordinator at the National Fire Operations — Safety, Office — in Boise. "That cut to the chase because that's a huge part of what we take pride in, doing the hard jobs."

U.S. wildfire disasters date back more than two centuries, but include tragedies like the 1949 Mann Gulch fire near Helena, Mont., that killed 13, or the Rattlesnake blaze four years later that claimed 15 firefighters in Southern California.

Fire managers responded with reviews and policy changes in how to fight flames so powerful they can change the weather and so unpredictable they can roar back through miles of burned out terrain.

By July 6, 1994, decades of wildfire suppression had forced firefighters to learn how fire behaves in rough terrain with thick vegetation acting as seemingly endless fuel.

"They had hours of training learning how to avoid getting caught in or not recognized by a lightweight, silver metallic tent, might be needed."

Of 12 of 18 warning signs taught to all firefighters were either ignored or not recognized by Storm King — investigators found.

Eight of 10 standard orders issued to ensure safety were not followed. The flames came so quickly that only one of the victims had



Firefighter Eric Hipke reaches for a cross dedicated to one of the 14 firefighters who died on Storm King Mountain near Glenwood Springs, Colo., as he hikes a trail on the mountain, June 9. Hipke survived the 1994 blaze.

time to crawl inside a fire shelter to no avail.

"What happened here that day? ..."

The lightning-sparked fire had been burning for three days when the Hotshot crew from Prineville, Ore., was sent in to dig a fire line on the flanks of Storm King.

The team was young but not unusually so, ranging from 21-year-old Bonnie Iobley to Terri Hagen, who was 28.

"There had been several offers by members of the public to snuff out the so-called Storm Canyon fire early on."

They had been rejected because only federal crews were authorized to fight the fire, which was now stubbornly marching through the shrub oak and sending smoke into the sky above Glenwood Springs, five miles away.

The team was below a ridge when crews farther up the mountain began to see warning signs.

The weather changed, winds whipping flames that now were burning below the group and threatening to sweep uphill.

The nine-member Hotshot crew turned toward safer ground, marching along a fire line uphill accompanied by Hipke and three other smoke jumpers.

shrub 6 to 12 feet tall.

"We were nervous about it," Hipke said. "The spider senses started tingling and you're just going, 'Oh man, how are we going to get out of this?'"

But no one complained to supervisors, he said. "We didn't really go up the ladder with that."

Cook, who trains firefighters in leadership and decision making, said many in the group that day had misgivings about the assignment but really didn't have a procedure to articulate it. "They all knew they were doing something wrong, but they kept on working," said Patrick Richardson, an 11-year firefighting veteran with Castle Rock Fire and Rescue. "It would have taken somebody incredibly strong to say, 'You know what, it's time to turn around.'"

"I can't say I would have been the guy to do it," he said. Hipke said part of what happened is that no one — veteran or newbie — wanted to look weak to the others by suggesting they should step back from the flames.

"You've got to look like you're working," he said. "You're going to jump in and then go sit on a ridge? I guess it's that sort of thing, it's not good, but it's a human nature kind of thing."

He laughed sheepishly. "You want to look good for everybody else."

Counting around that attitude is now stressed in training through a new type of class developed after the Storm King deaths.

The so-called "L" classes for leadership are intended to shatter the fire line culture where no one wants to be the first to point out dangerous situations.

"When I started, you didn't say anything," said Jim Hendrick, an 18-year veteran who now helps write training manuals for firefighters. "The culture was that if you said something, you were showing weakness."

Among the specific changes since the disaster is an ad hoc emphasis on dropping tools and heavy packs when trying to escape a fire, and making a sturdier fire shelter.

Fire managers are also clarifying so-called safety and deployment zones to give crews a better chance at survival should things go bad.

Perhaps the biggest change is now training designed to avoid the same overconfidence that contributed to an experienced and knowledgeable crew from turning around before the fire started its run up the mountain.

"Prior to South Canyon, training was almost exclusively technically oriented," Cook said. "What are good tactics, how does a fire burn. We considered that to be adequate."

"We're now focusing on human behavior than focusing on just fire behavior," he said.

Judge throws out groping suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge dismissed a libel lawsuit filed against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger by a woman who accused him of groping her.

She said the campaign falsely labeled her a convicted criminal.

Rhonda Miller, 53, charged that Schwarzenegger and his campaign intentionally defamed her after she held a news conference the day before last year's recall election and claimed the actor had lifted her shirt and assaulted her on a movie set.

It was among a number of similar accusations that rolled the campaign in the days before Schwarzenegger successfully ousted then-Gov. Gray Davis.

Hours after her news conference, a Schwarzenegger campaign spokesman sent an e-mail to reporters directing Schwarzenegger to Web sites to search for records of a Rhonda Miller whose history included prostitution, drug crimes and disorderly conduct. She turned out to be a different Rhonda Miller.

Miller, a stuntwoman, has no arrests or convictions for such crimes, her attorneys said.

On Friday, Superior Court Judge Robert L. Hess ruled that because Miller held a news conference to broadcast her allegations against Schwarzenegger, she was a limited public figure.

As a result, her attorneys needed to furnish "clear and convincing" evidence that Schwarzenegger knew Miller had no criminal history when the campaign sent the e-mail.

That higher standard of proof wasn't met, the judge ruled.

Schwarzenegger denied even knowing the e-mail was written.

Additionally, there was no proof that Schwarzenegger's campaign communications director, Sean Walsh, who sent the message, or others were aware Miller had no criminal record.

The judge said.

"This case presents an arguable failure to further investigate when a reasonable, prudent person might have done so," Hess said. But, he added, "the court is not persuaded that it presents a purposeful avoidance of the truth."

Miller and her attorneys promised to appeal.

"I think I should have the right to have my name in court," Miller said in a statement.

But Martin Singer, a lawyer for the governor, said the decision showed that Miller's lawsuit was " frivolous" and Schwarzenegger "should never have been sued."

Days before the Oct. 7 election, the Los Angeles Times detailed allegations from six women who said Schwarzenegger groped or sexually harassed them between 1975 and 2000. By the election, the number had grown to 16.

According to Miller, Schwarzenegger accosted her in 1991 during the filming of "Terminator 2" and three years later while shooting "True Lies."

Without giving real or naming names, Schwarzenegger apologized before the election for "behaving badly sometimes," said he had been on "trowdy movie sets."

But the campaign denied the incidents alleged by Miller had ever happened.

Five wildfire air tankers will be restored to service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five large air tankers that were grounded over safety concerns will be back fighting fires Monday, a report says their private operators has demonstrated they are safe to fly, federal officials said Friday.

The five planes, former Navy P-3 Orions owned by California-based Aero Union Corp., were among 33 planes grounded in May because officials had no way to tell if the military surplus planes — some of which are as old as 60 years — were safe.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton and other officials said Friday that after working with the Federal Aviation Administration and a private contractor that inspected the planes, officials were confident the air tankers being returned to service were safe.

"With better information and a precedent set for me, although inspections by the contractors, we believe we can operate this equipment safely this fire season," Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said.

No decisions have been made about where the planes will be based or deployed, Bosworth and Norton said.

The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management canceled \$30 million in contracts for use of the large air tankers in May, citing safety concerns after two planes broke up in midair in 2002, killing five people.

Since then, lawmakers and governors in Western states have pressed officials to reconsider their decision, calling the large air tankers — which are capable of dumping up to 3,000 gallons of chemical and water-based retardant — vital to firefighting efforts.

Getting these planes back in the air and working to quell wildfires is very good news, especially since we continue to have fires pop up all over the West," said Sen. Peter Domenici, R-N.M. "The need for aerial-as-

saults on these fires is clearly evident, and the more planes and helicopters we can get safely into the air the better."

Norton said the planes being returned will be under strict observation and will have limits placed on them. For instance, each plane will hold a maximum of 2,650 gallons of retardant and will have strictly monitored, she said.

More tankers owned by other companies also may be returned to service after Texas-based DynCorp Technical Services, the government's contractor on plane inspections, completes reports on them, Norton said. DynCorp is completing a report on plants owned by Montana-based Neptune Aviation Services, and will then inspect planes owned by Oregon-based Butler Aircraft and Nevada-based Minden Air City. That list has 17 planes.

Mark Rey, the agriculture undersecretary who directs U.S. forest policy, called the return of the large air tankers a plus, but said a reconfigured fleet of smaller planes and helicopters has been as successful in fighting fires as the 33 large tankers were last year.

In Arizona and New Mexico, more than 99 percent of fires have been stopped with an initial air and ground attack, Rey said — about the same as last year, despite drier fire conditions. That has sparked hundreds more wildfires.

The Forest Service added nearly 130 aircraft to its 700-plane fleet last month, at an estimated cost of \$66 million. Eight military C-130 aircraft also will be used to fight fires this summer.

Without the air tankers, the Forest Service has been relying more on smaller single-engine air tankers — basically retrofitted crop-dusters — one of which crashed last month in Utah, killing the pilot.

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'IT'S ABOUT LOVE'

Rainbow Family gathers to promote peace

MODOC NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. (AP) — Lucky Sunshine Day says he arrived at this year's Rainbow Family Gathering "a moon cycle ago, measuring time much as he has the 20 years of his life."

He spent much of his youth traveling aboard a Rainbow bus with his parents, Flower and Two Rock, hitchhiking a ride to this year's event deep in the woods of northern California.

"It's about love, it's about community, it's about family," he said. "We're here to restore the earth to its natural state."

This year's annual peace gathering got off to a bad start when one participant beat another nearly to death with a shovel for driving too fast through a campground.

The early violence was an indication for an event where violations generally involve recreational drugs, occasional nudity or an unleashed dog, said participants and law enforcement officials, who have had a running 30-year dispute over policing the event. The counterculture festival culminates today when more than 10,000 self-described hippies from at least 40 states and eight nations are expected to hold hands in a circle, silently praying for world peace from dawn until noon.

Twenty years ago the Rainbows hitchhiked and shared rides in peace buses and Volkswagen vans to these same lovely hills and meadows tucked in the Modoc National Forest, 26 miles over rough gravel roads from the tiny town of Likely. The pilgrimage more than doubled the population of Modoc County, hidden in California's remote northeast corner.

Though the Gathering officially is July 1-7, the "road dogs" had been in the area for weeks, helping find and set up the camp, and will spend weeks more cleaning up. The later arrivals were just as likely to arrive in Audis, Volvos or sport utility vehicles, "weekend hippies" who had pulled out their tie-dyed T-shirts and Grateful Dead stickers for the occasion.

"You find a vast segment of society here, from lawyers to people who are living on the street trying to get along," said Happy 46, who like most participants gave only his Rainbow name.

"Everybody with a bellybutton is a Rainbow. Some people just don't know it yet," said Sarieah, cradling her 2-year-old daughter Zaklaya on her hip.

For some, the event is a religious experience.



Rainbow Family members walk on a path which separates villages Wednesday in the Modoc National Forest in California.



A woman who identified herself as Sarieah holds her daughter Zaklaya during the Rainbow Family peace gathering on Wednesday.

"While other people are shooting off fireworks, we're praying for world peace," said Faith, a 29-year-old midwife from Texas. "My hair is standing on edge just thinking about it."

For others, the annual Gathering is a party in the woods. Marijuana is omnipresent, though alcohol is discouraged.

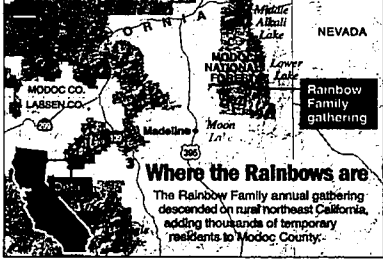
The reason is that 10,000 drunken hippies are a riot waiting to happen, while 10,000 stoned hippies are merely mellow, explained Glowing Feathers, a Vietnam veteran who has been a Rainbow since the first event in 1972.

Though donations are accepted, the food is free, served communally at kitchens each with their own specialty: organic food, vegetarian, vegan,

Hare Krishna fare, coffee, even a bakery—the only place where drumming was discouraged because the cakes might fall. Elsewhere, as the full moon came up the drums came out, filling the woods with a hypnotic tribal beat. Rainbows consider themselves a tribe, or a gathering of tribes, and have drawn much of their language and tradition from American Indians.

Yet their choice of a site drew protests from the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council, which worried diggings of latrines in particular would harm ancestral artifacts.

The U.S. Forest Service has been trying to regulate the Rainbows' activities since the first Gathering in 1972, but only since last year has it succeeded in issuing the group a group-use permit for what pre-



SOURCES: ESRI; GOV; USGS

Jesse Gamler - AP

viously had been officially illegal events. The Rainbows have no leadership, only unofficial elders and organizers, and decide everything by consensus at council meetings. Most refuse to acknowledge they need a permit to freely assemble on public land.

"Whenever there's a problem, we deal with it. We call the sheriff," said Khalif, the head gatekeeper. They spend an enormous amount of money for no purpose to harness Americans camping in the national forest for the Fourth of July—what's more American than that?"

Kalif turned in his longtime friend Harry "Hugs" O'Neill, 47, of Whitehorn, Calif., on June 22 after O'Neill allegedly used a

shovel to smash the windshield of a pickup truck and beat the vehicle's two occupants. O'Neill remains jailed on felony assault and battery charges.

Christopher Witcher, 47, of Roan Mountain, Tenn., nearly died from injuries that included a punctured lung, ruptured spleen and head injuries, police said. Kelly Cook, 44, of Brossan, Texas, suffered a head wound but later returned to the Gathering.

The hostility between law enforcement and Rainbows echoes from the '60s, when both sides well practiced at their roles.

A half-dozen Rainbows held hands and sang "Give Peace a Chance" as Forest Service rangers on horseback with riot batons and bulletproof vests en-

Everybody with a bellybutton is a Rainbow. Some people just don't know it yet.

—Saricah, Rainbow Family member

Glossary

Here's a glossary of slang used by the Rainbow Family:

Babyforn: The outside world.

Bites (slang): A Rainbow who spends most of his or her time stoned on marijuana.

Bites pit: A fire pit.

Bitesware: A cup, bowl, tin can or other container used for food and drink, usually tied to the waist when not in use.

Gathering: The annual national event held somewhere in a national forest.

Groovy Rainbow: A Rainbow who has a permanent home and job but enjoys the lifestyle.

Also Weekend hippy.

Groundscores: Anything valuable found on the ground.

Hippy Meads: A flashlight shined in the eyes of a stoned hippy.

L-E-O: Law enforcement officer.

Mud: Thick brewed coffee.

Plumber: Usage: "Is there a plumber in the house? I've got a broken pipe." Translation: I need to borrow a marijuana pipe.

Road Dog: A Rainbow who travels constantly between events, with no permanent home or job.

Sherril Sena: Peacekeepers, or the Rainbows' internal volunteer security guards.

Six Up: An LED in a vehicle, named after the six rooftop lights.

Six Up-Giddyup: An LED on horseback.

Tumpy: Inexperienced Rainbows who "turn up" without proper equipment or clothing for the wilderness.

Weekend hippy: A Rainbow who has a permanent home and job but enjoys the lifestyle.

Also Groovy Rainbow

Zuzu: Candy

Source: Associated Press interviews

Man claims polygamy is a right

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — The attorney for a former police officer convicted of bigamy and illegal sex with an underage girl has filed a brief with the Utah Supreme Court arguing that polygamy is a constitutional right.

Rodney Holm, a former police officer in the polygamous community of Hildale, was found guilty in August and sentenced to serve a year in jail.

In a 115-page brief, attorney Rodney Parker wrote that monogamy was the minority way of life worldwide, and that critics of polygamy overstate its problems. Current demo-

graphics, domestic relations law, and religious diversity all accommodate plural marriage," Parker wrote. "Popular departure from traditional marriage has made our domestic laws on cohabitation and fornication anachronistic."

Holm's conviction stemmed from his union with a divorced, Ruth Stubbs, who was 16 at the time of the plural marriage performed by leaders of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Holm, who was 32 at the time, also is married to Stubbs' older sister, Suzie, and a second wife, Wendy. In the brief, filed

Wednesday, Parker argues that Mormon women have consistently voted to retain multiple marriage — rejecting a common claim that it amounts to women's enslavement.

However, prosecutors contend that there is no constitutional right to have sex with a minor, and say polygamy can mean forced marriage and child spousal abuse.

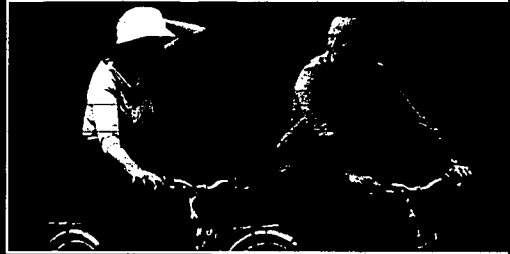
Polygamy was part of the early beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints but was abandoned more than a century ago. The Mormon church excommunicates those who advocate it.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“No errors!
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—Now-fired Arizona manager Bob Brenly after the Diamondbacks had a rare error-free game Thursday night

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 Who won the first Cy Young Award — given for both leagues — in 1956?

.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball
 Cowboy Classic AA, Walker Field.
 See story for teams and times' Boise A Tournament, TBA

IN BRIEF

Minico volleyball open gyms begin

RUPERT — Volleyball open gyms will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in July from 7-9 p.m. in the multi-purpose gym at Minico High School beginning on Wednesday.

The weight room will also be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 a.m. to noon, starting Wednesday.

Area golf course report aces

TWIN FALLS — A number of area golfers recorded holes in one recently.

On July 3, Edna Pierson of Jerome hit from 95 yards out on Hole No. 5 at the Jerome Country Club for her second hole in one. The witnesses were Ken Wright and Priscilla Malone.

On July 2, Jason Torres of Woodland hit from 135 yards out on Hole No. 4 at 93 Golf Ranch using a pitching wedge. It was his first ace.

The witnesses were Mike Bingham and Tina Eggleston.

On June 19, Mark Keith of Salt Lake City used a pitching wedge on No. 4 at the 93 Golf Ranch to score his first ace from 135 yards out.

The witnesses were Jerry and Kathleen Thompson of Twin Falls and Jim Keith of Jerome.

On June 15, Grayson Stone made his first-ever hole in one on Hole No. 4 at Candleridge Golf Course. The witness was Cory Albertson.

On May 30, Jaren Peay hit an hole-in-one on the 61st Canyon Springs Golf Course from 140 yards out using a 6-iron for his first-ever ace. The witnesses are Val and Steve Evertson.

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Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Don Newcombe. The Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher was also the National League's most valuable player in 1956.

Ericson grabs Latham championship

2004 LATHAM MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

By Eric Larson
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Steady, steady, steady.
 It was the mantra many golfers said they had to live by to take the 2004 Latham Match Play Championship. It was also the way Twin Falls native Michael Ericson played to defeat Marc Vedder in the men's championship final Saturday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Ericson reeled off six straight pars to finish his round, defeating Vedder 4-and-2 after his final par on the par-four No. 16 hole. During that span, Vedder struggled with his putter, going from one up after 10 holes to out of the match six holes later.

It was a frustrating back nine for Vedder, who could do nothing but shrug his shoulders and say, "Okay," after another would-be par putt stayed on the No. 15 green. Vedder finished five over par for the final seven holes, while Ericson's only back-nine bogey came on the par-three No. 10.

"I had a pretty good stretch of holes," Ericson said. "My putter really helped me out. Neither of us hit really well, but he kind of struggled with the putter a bit."

Ericson's championship is his first at the Latham in two tries. The former Utah State University golfer and current College of Southern Idaho student says he'll probably be back to defend his title next year.

"I plan to go professional in the winter of 2005, so I'll probably be back," he said.

Ericson advanced to the final by defeating Eric Peterson 5-and-4 in his semifinal match.

"It's real nice," Ericson said. "It's such a prestigious event — the Latham

— it feels good. It feels real good." Those same sentiments were shared Karen Darrington, who defended her 2003 Latham title by defeating Bill Brown 3-and-2 in this year's women's final. The win is Darrington's third overall Latham championship.

"I just felt really relaxed," Darrington said. "It was fun to come back home and see a lot of friends and not have a lot of the self-imposed pressure I put on myself for the State Amateur."

Darrington made her charge against Brown in the semi-final match, which she won on a sweeping putt that curved nearly 90-degrees, while Darrington chipped in for her bird on No. 14.

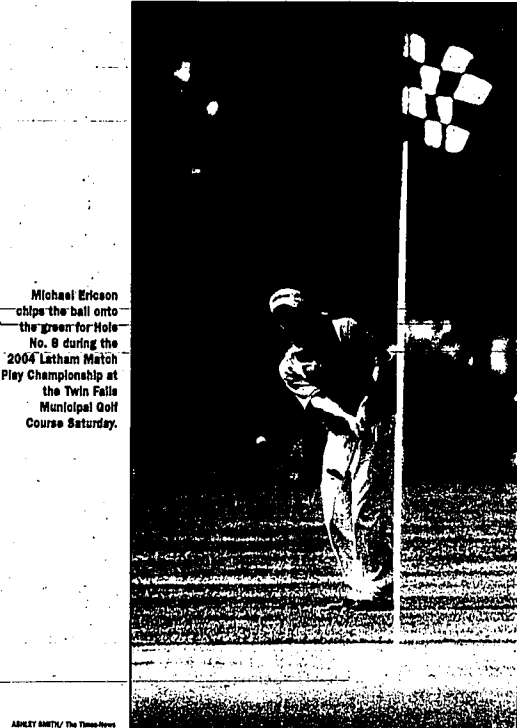
"I've grown up on this course and it helped a lot today," Darrington said. "That, and I like to play in the wind."

The wind blew a little too much around 2:45 p.m. when Darrington was supposed to tee off. Play was suspended for roughly half an hour while an electrician checked over the course. Things weren't any sunnier Saturday for young standout Taliver Latham. The No. 11 seed had to drop out of the tournament after playing seven holes of his semifinal match against Vedder. Up five holes heading on to No. 8, Latham tore a muscle in his shoulder and couldn't swing the club anymore.

"I just couldn't play anymore," Latham said. "I didn't want to give up, but there was nothing I could do about it."

Latham said his doctor said he could be ready for the Junior World Championships in San Diego on July 11. He is just one of the young players who made a splash in this year's Latham.

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ARLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Tennis' new star is only 17

Sharapova defeats Williams for Grand Slam

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Tennis has a new superstar. And she's just 17.
 Completing an improbable journey from the far reaches of Siberia to the pinnacle of the sport, Maria Sharapova beat two-time defending champion Serena Williams 6-1, 6-4 Saturday to win Wimbledon for her first Grand Slam title.

She's the first Russian to win a Wimbledon singles title, the third-youngest women's champion in history and, at No. 13, the lowest seeded women's winner since Wimbledon began seeding players in 1927.

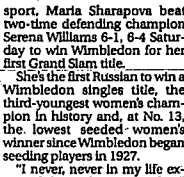
"I never, never in my life expected this to happen so fast," Sharapova said. "It's always been my dream to come here and to win. It was never in my mind I would do it this year."

After Williams hit a forehand into the net to end the 73-minute match, Sharapova dropped to her knees at the baseline and covered her face with her hands. She raised her arms and walked to the net. Williams walked around the net and the two players embraced.

Sharapova pumped her fists, whacked a ball into the stands and climbed into the guest box to hug her father, Yuri. She pulled out a cell phone and couldn't call her mother but cried get through immediately.

"I turned it on and it keeps turning off — come on, technology," she said with a giggle.

Sharapova accepted the winner's trophy — the Venus Rosewater dish — from the Duke



Russafa's Maria Sharapova holds the winner's trophy after defeating Serena Williams in the Women's Singles, final match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, on Saturday.

"I want to cut up this trophy and give it to everybody, this whole crowd," she said.

Turning to Williams, Sharapova said, "I have to take this trophy from you for one year."

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Elks down Cowboys, face Idaho Falls next

By Dustin Leproy
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Nearly shutout, nearly no-hit, cleanly won the Twin Falls Cowboys Saturday.

The Lethbridge Elks (19-8) beat the Cowboys 5-2 to go 3-0 in the Cowboys Classic American Legion Baseball Tournament. The Elks will play Idaho Falls for the championship today at Walker Field 11 p.m.

The loss puts the Cowboys into the third-place game against the Billings Royals today at 10 a.m. at Walker Field.

"We're just not getting runners into scoring position enough and we're not getting it done with runners in scoring position at all," Cowboys coach Tim Stadelmeier said. "Our guys are thinking they're 6-5, 240, trying to hit everything out and it's not going to happen with us."

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Cowboy Classic

- Saturday's scores**
- Lethbridge Elks 5, Twin Falls Cowboys 2
 - Billings Scarlets 3, Casper Oilers 2
 - Palo Verde Panthers 9, Idaho Falls Russas 2
 - Billings Royals 6, Triple Play Hornets 2

Today's games

- Brain Field**
- Palo Verde Panthers vs. Casper Oilers, 10 a.m., seventh-place
 - Triple Play Hornets vs. Billings Scarlets, 1 p.m., fifth-place
- Walker Field**
- Billings Royals vs. Twin Falls Cowboys, 10 a.m., third-place
 - Idaho Falls Russas vs. Lethbridge Elks, 11 p.m., championship

Fairfield teen finds success 'Down Under'

By Amy Ballard
 Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Kelly Webb didn't head into the Down Under Bowl expecting to win.

"I was on a team of kids from Idaho and Oklahoma," he said. "We were the underdogs but we pulled it off."

Webb, who played as an offensive and defensive lineman for Carnas County High School until he graduated this spring, was the only Musher chosen to participate in the event held this year in Brisbane, Australia.

Kyley Koski of Gooding and Jerome players Zach Fleming, Brett Hamilton and Clay Swan also competed on the "Idaho" team.

"We won both football games, so we are a champ-

ionship team," Webb said. "We won the gold medal."

The first 6-0 win was over a team composed of players from New Mexico, Nevada and Michigan. The second was over a 14-7 victory over a Missouri-Kansas-Mississippi team in the A division title game.

Webb, 18, said he made a lot of new friends during the 10-day event.

"All the guys on my team were really cool guys," he said. The trip to Australia required a 17-hour flight that began Monday June 14.

"Tuesday didn't exist for us because of the time difference," Webb said. "We landed and headed straight into Wednesday. Of course, on the way back we got to Los Angeles earlier."

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Armstrong makes massive start

By John Legerstatter
 Associated Press writer

LIEGE, Belgium — Doubters take note: Lance Armstrong is not playing to lose.

Making an emphatic if not victorious start to his record-chasing Tour de France, Armstrong dealt key rivals a psychological blow by leaving them in his wake in the debut time trial on Saturday.

The Texan, seeking to become the first six-time Tour



winner, cast off the stress and murmurs that he is past his prime by speeding to second place in the 3.8-mile prologue race against the clock in Liege, Belgium.

Only an exceptional ride by Fabian Cancellara, a Swiss rider

nearly 10 years Armstrong's junior, dethroned the 32-year-old five-time champion of a place atop the podium and the overall leader's yellow jersey he covets.

"I'm satisfied by the way I felt, but I'm disappointed to lose by only a couple of seconds. That's the way it goes," Armstrong told reporters after a congratulatory kiss from rocker girlfriend Sherry.

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A brief look at

Saturday's prologue of the 91st Tour de France.

- Stage: A 3.8-mile individual time trial, where riders raced flat out against the clock.
- Winner: Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland, in 8 minutes, 50 seconds.
- How Others Paced: Lance Armstrong placed second, two seconds behind. Jan Ullrich was 16th, 17 seconds behind.
- Yellow Jersey: Cancellara.
- Next Stage: 125.5 miles from Liege to Charleroi, Belgium.



Five-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong of the U.S. Postal team sprints towards the finish line during the prologue of the Tour de France cycling race in Liege, Belgium, Saturday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Request for Parole wins United Nations

OCEANPORT, N.J. — Request for Parole beat Mr. Q for a half-hour Saturday in the Grade 1 \$750,000 United Nations Stakes at Monmouth Park.

Ridden by Edgar Prado, Request for Parole covered 1 3/8 miles on turf in 2:13.17 and paid \$110,550 and \$4.

Request for Parole earned \$450,000 for owners Jeri and Sam Knighton of Elmhurst, Ill., and raised his career earnings over \$1 million.

"We were really happy with post two because the starting gate is so close to the first turn," trainer Stanley Hough said. "He really had a great trip today and usually in races like this the horse with the best trip gets the position."

Prado positioned Request for Parole third along the inside of the Belmont Stakes race for Parole and to the outside for the stretch run.

"He broke beautifully, and I put him where he was comfortable the whole way," Prado said. "He really had to sit on the inside all the way until we turned for home. I was a little concerned when the leaders opened up by a few lengths, but I just got my horse clear, he really took off."

Mr. O'Brien returned \$4.60 and \$3.60, and Nothing to Lose paid \$7.20 to show.

Edwards comes back from crash to win

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Carl Edwards came back from a first-lap accident Saturday to win the Craftsman Truck Race at Kansas Speedway, his second victory of the season.

"I just can't believe we won this race. It just doesn't seem real," said Edwards, who celebrated with a backflip after his Ford pulled away from Bobby Hamilton's Dodge in the closing laps of the O'Reilly Auto Parts 250.

Points leader Dennis Setzer was not so fortunate in the most caution-filled trucks race in the track's four-year history.

After Setzer drifted wide and put Edwards into the wall on the first lap, Setzer dropped to the back of the pack where he got caught up in a seven-car crash in the second lap.

He had to replace his air cooler and radiator, but still 31 laps down, Setzer managed to finish the race and finished 25th.

His lead over Edwards in the standings dropped from 131 points to 34, with Hamilton 61 points off the lead after his second-place finish Saturday.

Wallace breaks drought with Busch win

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Matt Leffler's decision to play bumper cars on the final lap of the Winn-Dixie 250 left the track at Daytona International Speedway littered with debris and opened the way for Mike Wallace to charge through to his first NASCAR Busch Series win in a decade Friday night.

The wild last lap around the high-banked 2.5-mile oval began with Michael Waltrip's car and Dale Earnhardt Jr. in hot pursuit, but ended with Waltrip spun out in the grass and Earnhardt bumped up against the wall after separate crashes.

Leffler, who drafted Wallace to the lead on the backstretch on the 97th lap of the 100-lap race, got too close to him coming out of Turn 2 for the final time and touched Waltrip's rear bumper.

Wallace then charged through to spin out Waltrip's Chevy and left Leffler with a clear run to the finish. So when Earnhardt went up high to challenge for the lead between Turns 3 and 4, Wallace was already in place to go, but the wall.

"He took us out, crashed us, wrecked us. Whatever you want to call it, it was a damn good move," said Leffler, who was going for his fourth consecutive Busch win at Daytona. "Just no other way to put it. He ain't took us out."

More than 200 doping tests for Tour de France

LIEGE, Belgium — More than 200 doping tests will be done during the Tour de France, the most in the last five years for the showcase race in a sport at "war with doping."

Just hours before Saturday's start of the three-week event, the president of the company that raised the stakes in the intent is to root out the "cancer" of performance-enhancing drugs.

Clearly and unfortunately, doping hasn't been beaten.

Patrice Leleux said he had hopes for a final Saturday. Christian Prudhomme, the Tour's assistant director, said that for the first time, blood will also be drawn for doping, cords with about 30 such tests expected.

"Another 180 urine tests — at least six a day — also will be carried out, with the winner of each stage and the overall leader among the 180 to give samples, he said. Others will be selected randomly.

Last year, there were 142 tests, he said. One was positive. About 100 urine and 500 tests will be done for EPO, a banned performance-enhancer that feeds oxygen into the bloodstream, he said.

Olympic torch makes a stop in Moscow

MOSCOW — The Olympic flame traveled through Moscow on Saturday, with Russian sports stars Elena Dementieva, Pavel Bure and Maria Butyrskaya among the torchbearers in a relay that ended with a concert at Red Square.

Russian Olympic Committee chairman Leonid Tyagachev opened the relay with a jog of 320 yards. He then passed the flame to Pyotr Bolotnikov, the 1960 Olympic gold medalist at 10,000 meters.

In all, 120 people carried the flame on a winding 23.5-mile route from the Poklonnaya Gora park west of the city center to Red Square.

Some of Russia's best-known athletes participated, including Sydney Games pentathlon gold medalist Dmitry Svatkovsky and Dementieva, the 2000 Games tennis silver medalist.

The last time the Olympic flame was in the Russian capital was 1980, when Moscow hosted the Summer Games in the face of a U.S.-led boycott to protest the invasion of Afghanistan.

Foulke packs away hat with American flag

NEWYORK — The flag flap is over for Keith Foulke.

After a personal letter from commissioner Bud Selig, plus talks between the players' union and baseball management, Foulke's suspension was approached. Foulke reluctantly packed away his Boston cap that featured a patch of the American flag.

"I still think I would be able to wear it," the Red Sox reliever said this week at Yankee Stadium. "But I don't want to do anything that would cost me the team."

Foulke was the only player in the majors with the issue. He had the flag on a U.S. Air Force man, he wore it most of the season to show his support for the American troops in Iraq.

"It's not like I was trying to call attention to myself," he said. "I'm a patriotic guy and it's just a personal thing I wanted to do. It was only about an inch square, on the left side, and a lot of people didn't even notice it."

According to the sport's labor agreement, players cannot make individual changes to hats, jerseys and anything else they wear. The issue came up during the 2002 NL playoffs when San Francisco pitcher Jason Christiansen was told he could not continue writing Darryl Kile's number "57" on his cap in tribute to his late former teammate.

Navratilova will retire with share of record

WIMBLEDON, England — Martina Navratilova lost in the women's doubles semifinals Saturday and will retire with 20 Wimbledon titles, a record she shares with Billie Jean King.

A nine-time Wimbledon singles champ, the 47-year-old Navratilova reaffirmed her plans to retire at the end of the year.

"I'm a bit of a tank, but not to play," she said. Navratilova and Lisa Raymond, seeded third, lost 7-6 (4), 7-5 to Iliana Kubler and Al Sugiyama in their advance to Sunday's final against Cara Black and Rennae Stubbs.

"That's probably the hardest that I ever tried and still lost, but that's how it goes," Navratilova said.

Compiled from wire reports

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WHAT'S ON TV

Auto Racing

- Formula One, French Grand Prix, SPEED, 5:30 a.m.
Argent Motorway Indy 300, ABC, 10:30 a.m.
Infiniti Pro Series, Racing for Kids 100, ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.

Baseball

- Red Sox at Braves, TBS, 11 a.m.
Mariners at Cardinals, FSPT, noon
White Sox at Cubs, ESPN, 6 p.m.
Dodgers at Angels, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

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- Tour de France, Stage One, OLN, 7 a.m.

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SPORTS

Olympic rebirth: Former Greek javelin great granted new beginning with Palestinian team

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The desire was still there. So were flashes of her world record form.

Athens Olympics Countdown

40 days to go

Just the old distance was gone. No matter. Sofia Sakorafa got in her javelin throws and will be going to the Olympics. This time, however, the 47-year-old Greek mother will be wearing the colors of the Palestinians and the cause she has adopted.

"Sport is a political movement," said Sakorafa, explaining her decision to return to the javelin runway after 17 years. "It isn't a mere social event... Sport stands for ideas and ideals that, perhaps, other movements don't have the strength or ability to convey."

Nationality has become an increasingly flexible standard in international competitions. Olympic organizations have been hunted for world-class athletes with even a sliver of Greek. Qatar raised its sports profile by putting up cash for top athletes willing to compete for the tiny Gulf nation.

In May, the International Olympic Committee gave permission for nationality changes for Sakorafa and 15 others.

In one case, the switch starts out. Sakorafa had her Olympic moment in Moscow in 1980. Then she set a new women's world mark at the 1982 European championships with 243 feet, 5 inches and held the record for nine months. She remains a sports hero in Greece.

Her midlife return is all about trying to grab a bit more of the Olympic stage for a Palestinian member. Palestinian team, which should get a lavish welcome by the strongly pro-Palestinian Greeks.

During a visit in May to the

West Bank, Sakorafa said competing under the Palestinian flag would be her "life dream."

There's also some local payback with all the attention. Sakorafa, a municipal councilor in Maroussi, joined opponents of a 1,592-bed media village in her suburb, the site of the main Olympic stadium. They claimed the project broke zoning codes and that small merchants would suffer when the facility becomes a major shopping center after the games.

The Socialists — then in charge of Olympic works — dumped Sakorafa from the party's parliamentary ticket for national elections in March.

"My goal is to compete for the Palestinians and for peace. That's all. And that's what I want to convey to the world, not the competitive aspect," she said.

"Sakorafa can no longer throw a javelin as she did before."

That was evident May 24 at a "small meet" in Hania on the island of Crete for the same field where she set the world mark 22 years ago. Her record toss then was so unexpected that officials did not have a scale to weigh the javelin as required to confirm the result. They finally found one at a nearby maternity ward.

This time, Sakorafa — lit her first appearance representing the Palestinians — came in fourth with 154 feet, 11 inches. That's not even in the neighborhood of the current women's record of 234.8, using the new style javelin with its center of gravity moved forward to shorten on the flight distance.

But Sakorafa never stopped smiling. She only needed to take part in one meet to seal her Olympic appearance.

"I'm sure everyone realizes a 47-year-old woman who hasn't competed for 17 years doesn't have any ambitions of setting records or winning medals," she said. "But I want to be a worthy

22 years ago



Pictured (a) showing Greek javelin thrower Sofia Sakorafa the day she broke the women's javelin world record in Hania on the Greek island of Crete, in this 1982 file photo.

competitor. I'm not just going to throw without trying. I will just do my best."

Such simple aspirations could have a strong appeal in Athens with the stain of doping spreading through athletics. Sakorafa knows it well. In her time, the secretive East Bloc athletic programs were suspected of rampant abuse of performance-boosting drugs. But it was everywhere, she claimed.

"It existed then as it does

New beginning at 47



Sakorafa in her first appearance representing Palestinians in Hania on June 28, 2004. After a 17-year absence, Sakorafa, 47, is returning to competition, this time as a member of the Palestinian team during the Aug. 13-29 Olympic Games.

today," she said. "Athletes have always been predisposed to try to steal — if you will — victory records and benefits. Doping exists. That's a fact. We have to fight it in some way."

Her idea: ban lucrative sponsorship and other financial rewards in major sports.

"Look, if someone said they'd offer \$5 billion to jump off the fifth floor, don't you think many people would do it without considering the consequences?"

she explained. "That's what's happening in sports. The athlete never thinks about the consequences of doping. It's all about the money."

In 1972, when Sakorafa was in high school, Palestinian militants infiltrated the Munich Olympics and killed 11 members of the Israeli team. It was her first exposure to the level of bitterness in the region.

It's worse now, Sakorafa terms

the current Palestinian retaliations, including suicide bombers, "appalling actions." But she is also outraged at perceived injustices. This is the target of her javelin.

"It's a country under occupation. Children are killed. People are killed," she said. "Homes are destroyed. Families are destroyed. I think the least we can do is show solidarity for their cause. That's why."

Mixed signals exist as gays try to find their place in sports

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Rosie Jones walked off the green, signed a few autographs and pondered the reaction.

No boos. No taunts. No under-the-breath putdowns. Nothing but encouragement. "Go get 'em, Rosie!" one fan cheered.

Surprising? ...

"Kind of," Jones conceded. "I didn't really think people would treat me bad, but I've been pleasantly surprised. I guess people have respect for my game."

Score one for changing attitudes.

Jones revealed in March that she was a lesbian, signed an endorsement deal with a company that caters to gay clientele and went right on with her life as an LPGA golfer.

Then again, the gay athlete has hardly become a fully accepted member of the sporting world. No one has ever come out while still active in the major leagues of football, baseball, basketball or hockey. There's ample evidence that person who breaks down that barrier will face hostility from teammates and opponents.

Consider:

- Cincinnati Reds pitcher Todd Jones, who writes for magazines



Rosie Jones holds up the winner's trophy after her victory in the Aashli Ryokun International, May 11, 2003, at Mount Vintage Plantation in North Augusta, S.C. Jones revealed in March 2004 that she was a lesbian, signed an endorsement deal with a company that caters to gay clientele and went right on with her life as an LPGA golfer.

and newspapers, admitted it would be tough to have a gay teammate. "I'm homophobic," he wrote. "It's easy to be scared of something you don't know anything about."

- Atlanta Braves closer John

term in describing relationship with his teammate at the Dolphins' annual banquet. He later apologized.

While countless gay athletes have revealed their sexuality in sports like women's golf and figure skating, the greatest frontier lies ahead. When will someone come out in major league baseball? Or the NFL? Or the NBA? Or the NHL?

"Fifteen years ago, nobody believed a gay man would be able to penetrate the upper echelon of athletes," said Eric Anderson, who has done extensive research on the subject and is writing a book, "In the Game: Sport, Homophobia and Gay Male Athletes." "Now, everybody is waiting."

Anderson, who came out as a high school track coach in 1993, expects it to happen first in baseball, probably revealed by a little-known player nearing the end of his career.

"There's only a few Jackie Robinsons out there," he said, referring to the player who broke baseball's color barrier in 1947. "It's more likely to be a third-string athlete than one of the big guys... He'll say, 'Nobody knows my name now, but what if I come out of the closet I'll be on Oprah.' They'll make a movie about me."

Certainly, homosexuality has

become a hot-button issue in this election year, especially after some communities began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples (including Anderson and his partner).

Opponents fought back, pushing laws to preserve nudism only between a man and a woman. President Bush even weighed in, calling for a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage.

Smoltz said the homosexual lifestyle is at odds with his religious beliefs.

"If somebody believes two men should be able to get married, well, I think that's wrong," he said. "That's against everything that man is built on."

Other sports have shown more tolerance. When Rosie Jones decided to reveal publicly that she's a lesbian, LPGA Tour commissioner Ty Votaw and most of the top players backed her up. "I know that she's really happy about it, and that's fine with me," Annika Sorenstam said.

Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez gave Jones a hug.

While insisting he could play alongside a gay teammate, Smoltz would question the motives of anyone who felt the need to come out publicly. What would that person be trying to accomplish other than bringing attention to himself? What

would be the impact on his teammates?

"Sooner or later, someone is going to do it," Smoltz said. "I wouldn't have a problem with it — unless it compromised the team."

In his writings, Todd Jones said the proximity of teammates — showering together, dressing together, spending long hours on the road together — would likely lead to isolation for an openly gay player.

"Off the field is where it gets tough. Real tough," Jones said. "Players would think twice about asking him out to lunch because other players might think the straight player is gay."

Anderson, who recently took a teaching post at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, insists times are changing. The MTV generation is more open to homosexuality through TV movies and other media outlets. Familiarity breeds acceptance of different lifestyles.

In January, Cleveland Indians pitcher Kazuhito Tadano admitted taking part in a gay porn video in which he engaged in a homosexual act. He insisted he was straight and apologized for what he called a one-time mistake. The fact that he was able to get on with his career showed Anderson that times are changing.

Boxer Tyson faces uncertain future

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Mike Tyson was sprawled on his back on the canvas, not the kind of place you want to be if you're a fighter, much less the former baddest man on the planet.

A day after his 38th birthday, his back was in spasms and his face was contorted in pain.

Tyson wanted his sparring session this day to be a good one. Two visiting writers were watching and he was determined to be impressive.

Tyson has a lot to apologize for, but there was nothing to be sorry about this day at the Central Boxing Club near Phoenix.

He had gone five hard rounds with two rugged sparring partners before the back spasms he had felt earlier in the day while running flared up. So he quit in the middle of the sixth round.

It was only the third day of sparring in his latest comeback — this one July 30 against a British heavyweight of dubious distinction named Danny Williams. Tyson's timing wasn't always

there, but he showed there still might be enough left in his aging body to be a factor in today's fractured heavyweight ranks.

It's the other things, mainly his bizarre ways both in and out of the ring.

Tyson has served time for rape, bitten Evander Holyfield's ear, tried to break another fighter's arm and threatened to eat Lennox Lewis's children. He's wasted away some \$300 million, owes \$28 million to various creditors, and is basically broke.

"I've come to the conclusion I've had a bad psychological opinion of myself," Tyson said. "I never realized how many people were pulling for me, wanted me to do well. It was too much pressure for me. I didn't know how to handle it. I wanted people to think I'm a social guy."

"I'm a misfit, but I'm a good guy," he added. "I don't know if the two intertwine, but that's the real deal."

Tyson's latest comeback is driven by money — or, more specifically, a lack of it. A bankruptcy reorganization plan filed last month in New York calls for

him to fight up to seven times over the next three years to pay off his debts.

That plan still has to be approved by a judge, who might have some second thoughts after looking at Tyson's recent record.

He's fought only twice in the last three years — getting knocked out by Lewis in eight rounds and knocking out Clifford Etienne in 49 seconds — and has seemed to want to spend his time playing instead of fighting.

He senses now, perhaps, that time is running out, and that this comeback must be for real or there will be no more.

With Tyson, of course, the best plans often come apart. Now, though, there is an urgency.

"You see me now, my back is in pain," he said. "I wouldn't be getting up early in the morning and putting myself through this pain if I wasn't serious."

"I'm feeling pretty good about myself and when I do become successful, it will be the most successful boxing story in the world."

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20 Under 40



Dallas Gray, foreground, and Nate Bondalid are bona-fide whiz kids who were running their own computer sales and service business, TekHut, when they were barely of legal age.

Young entrepreneurs share love of technology

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls now has an official resident whiz kid — times two.

Dallas Gray and Nate Bondalid sharpened their computer skills at Kimberly High School and were running their own business when they were barely of legal age.

Gray is now 23. Bondalid just turned 21. Tek-Hut, their computer sales and service business, turned a profit in early 2002, after only three months. Last year, the duo tallied just under \$500,000, doubling figures from the year before.

Attempting to explain their entrepreneurial success, Bondalid simply says, "People really like us because we get the job done."

What's not to like?

At work, Gray and Bondalid wear the uniform of the single young computer genius: jeans, jeans and jeans. Their offices are decorated in empty Pepsi bottles. Posters on the walls convey motivational sentiments like "All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible."

Bondalid said he and Gray named the company Tek-Hut because they are "techie" and because a parent company with companies underneath is sort of like a hut.

Then he added, "And we really like Pizza Hut pizzas."

Early on, Bondalid embarked on a legendary path blazed by teenage whiz kids before him: in high school, he got into some technological hot water.

"In my freshman year, I took over a network and gave myself adminis-trator privileges," Bondalid recalled. "I got kicked off the school computer system for two years."

So he went to the College of Southern Idaho and enrolled in night computer classes.

These days, Tek-Hut has contracts with most of the school districts in the area. But the owners are still grateful for their first client, Care Billing Service — Gerry Crandall and Gail Peterson, who also built a successful business in a two-year span.

Gray and Bondalid didn't borrow money for start-up costs. Instead, they used their own credit cards.

Today, they say, they have virtually no debt.

Their payroll is \$7,000 a month. They employ one tech and subcontract some of their Web design and

About these stories

These articles first appeared in the July 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.

Young entrepreneur news inside:

33-year-old turns slow hair salon into thriving business D3

22-year-old manages two different businesses D4

E-commerce. Their office manager, Erin Walker, is Gray's fiancée. Every dime of profit goes into real estate.

Gray and Bondalid have purchased several commercial properties, including their own office building at 469 South Main. They live on opposite sides of a duplex, which they also own. Recently, they turned over their rental properties to a management company.

"Dallas and Nate are organized and conscientious," said Zane Lindley, their accountant. "They know their business inside and out."

Everyone who nominated them for "20 Under 40" talked about how young they are.

"Dallas has traveled all over the United States as a trainer for Cisco Networking," said his customer (and future mother-in-law) Conni Walker. "We didn't want him to lose seminars when he's too young to rent a car."

The guys are really self-taught, thanks in part to Nate's parents, Gary and Gaylene Bondalid.

"We didn't want him to have Nintendo, so we got him a computer," Gaylene Bondalid said of her son's earlier years. "We thought it would be more educational."

Along the way, Gray joined Business Professionals of America and Civil Air Patrol. Bondalid earned his Eagle Scout badge.

Now they just want to hire a couple more techs, move to a few more cities and play a little golf. They aren't multimillionaires yet, they say, but don't count them out.

Come to think of it, isn't Bill Gates an Eagle Scout?

20 UNDER 40

There's nothing particularly magical about reaching the age of 40, but earning the respect of one's peers and achieving success before that age is particularly notable.

When we set out to honor 20 young business professionals for Southern Idaho Business' "20 Under 40" issue, we were pleasantly surprised at the range of nominees we received.

We were looking for young business people who stand out from

the rest. Entrepreneurs, Managers, Experts in their respective fields. All accomplished — and under 40 years old.

From pilots to insurance agents to marketers to hairdressers, all of the winners profiled here are outstanding in their own right.

Our featured nominees are Nate Bondalid and Dallas Gray — technology "whiz kids" who own and operate their own consulting company, Tek Hut. While their computer skills made them notori-

ous in high school, they've turned those skills into a profitable and successful Twin Falls business.

Nominees were judged on measurable business accomplishments and overall leadership, and listed in alphabetical order. We hope you draw inspiration among the winners' profiles, and we look forward to receiving many more nominees next year.

—Megan Hinds,
Southern Idaho
Business editor



Shawn Bingham
Age: 36
Company: Farmers Insurance Group
Position: insurance agent

BURLEY — Shawn Bingham built his own Farmers Insurance Agency office from scratch. At first, the idea of selling something scared him.

"My first sales call, the people said to come out," Bingham recalled. "I was in shock. As I walked up the sidewalk, I prayed they wouldn't answer the door."

After 10 years at Boise Cascade, Bingham realized he could do more. He volunteered for after-hours assignments in the scheduling department so he could learn to operate the computer. Then he saw a classified ad for an insurance agent position.

"The then-district manager, Dusty Tonney, tested me," Bingham said. "He said he thought I'd be good at insurance. I didn't believe him, but I tried it anyway."

Since then, selling has become second nature. So have the computers.

"I love this job," Bingham said. "I really enjoy meeting new people and helping meet their needs. It is a people person business."

Two other agents work with Bingham now. His district manager, Doug Nelson, has known him two years.

"Shawn has recently been selected to become a member on

the Commercial Emerging Agent program," Nelson said. "Since opening in November of 1998, he has grown his agency to 1,500 policies in force. Farmers has been enriched 110 percent by having him on the team."

Bingham has received several company awards, including the Blue Vase, Run-to-Daylight and Gold Car.

—Coren Hart
Times-News correspondent



Mark Doerr
Age: 38
Company: Precision Aviation
Position: Owner

JEROME — A pilot with 20 years of experience in the aviation industry is building a successful charter service based in Jerome.

"No one has been doing this for a number of years," said Mark Doerr.

Doerr's business, Precision Aviation, has three core components: charter flights, aircraft management and instruction.

Aircraft management involves helping clients purchase aircraft that matches their needs and taking care of the maintenance of the aircraft. In addition to providing pilots and filing all necessary paperwork.

Most of the charter flights are business travel for Magic Valley-based corporations and agribusinesses. Doerr leases a

Beechcraft King Air B200 for charter flights. The aircraft can carry eight passengers and is ideal for trips up to 1,000 miles. Doerr said.

Although he has only been in business since February 2002, Doerr is already adding a second aircraft — a single engine plane — and will be hiring a second pilot. Expanding in this business, which is capital intensive, is a reflection of both how quickly the business has grown and how Doerr is working to meet his customer's requests, he said.

"I've had a lot of requests for single engine charters," he explained.

"Single engine planes are better suited for trips of less than 250 miles and carry only one passenger."

The 38-year-old has flown as captain on both Boeing 727 and 737, and has been an instructor on a range of aircraft from single engine trainers to the 737.

Starting a charter business seemed like the next logical step for Doerr. He lived in the Magic Valley and commuted from here throughout his career in the airline industry.

"I saw a need here. No one was doing fixed wing charter," he said. "I've always had the drive to do it yourself."

His father, John Doerr, can attest to that.

Mark exhibited entrepreneurial tendencies as a child and honed these skills by starting new airlines from scratch and shepherding those startups through to full certification, John Doerr said.

—Clidy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

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CAREER MOVES

Yongja Marie Tanaka
TWIN FALLS - Yongja Marie Tanaka became a licensed certified public accountant July 1. Tanaka received a bachelor's degree in accounting in December from Boise State University. She passed the November CPA uniform exam and fulfilled both the experience and 150-hour education requirements.



Yongja Marie Tanaka

She is a former employee of Van Engelen CPAs & Co. She is married to L.M. Col, Richard Tanaka, U.S. Army retired, and they have a daughter. Tanaka will practice accounting, payroll and taxes at her home, 3711 N. 2506 E. in Twin Falls. She can be reached at 736-0788.

Jane Zimmerman



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GOODING - Jane Zimmerman is the new director of human resources at Gooding & Co. Memorial Hospital. A native Idahoan, Zimmerman recently re-

turned to Magic Valley after spending 10 years in the state of Washington. She has many years of experience in human resources and health care, the hospital said.

Barbara Delmore



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TWIN FALLS - Barbara Delmore was promoted to assistant vice president and manager of the Blue Lakes branch of D.L. Evans Bank. Delmore is a 1967 graduate of Twin Falls High School, a 1973 graduate of the Idaho State University and a 1987 graduate of the Northwest Intermediate Banking School. She began her career with Idaho Bank & Trust/Key Bank in 1973 and held various management and lending positions with Key Bank until 2001, when she joined D.L. Evans Bank. Delmore is a lifetime resident of Twin Falls; where she lives with her husband; her three grown children live in Boise.

Joshua Peterson

TWIN FALLS - Joshua Peterson of Twin Falls received an associate's degree in business administration from the College of Business at Johnson & Wales University. Duvier campus commencement ceremony. Johnson & Wales - which calls

itself "America's career university" - was founded in 1914. It is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business, food service, hospitality and technology with campuses in five cities.



Michael Kip Wood

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TWIN FALLS - The Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced two June 25 graduates. Each received a Class A commercial driver's license with all endorsements.

They are Michael Kip Wood and Ryan Wood, both of Twin Falls.

Twayne O. Buhler

TWIN FALLS - Twayne O. Buhler of Buhler Agency earned his third membership in the Million Dollar Round Table annual meeting held June 12-16 in Anaheim, Calif. Membership is for those who demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, expertise and client service, a press release said.

Million Dollar Round Table is an international independent association of more than 28,000 life insurance and financial services professionals from 74 nations and territories. Buhler began in the insurance and investment business in 1971 in Twin Falls.

He owns the Buhler Agency, founded in 1965 by his father, Jay O. Buhler.

Marilyn (Mills) Dedman

TWIN FALLS - Marilyn (Mills) Dedman, who has been in the beauty business in Twin Falls since 1982, recently moved her business to The Class Act Salon at 270 Falls Ave. W.



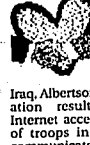
Marilyn (Mills) Dedman

Dedman has been a makeup artist and cosmetologist for nearly 30 years. She has had her own line of skin care and makeup products since 1982 and will launch a new line of skin care products that will be available in July at her new location inside The Class Act Salon. Following in August will be a line of color cosmetics, including custom-blended foundations made for each individual skin color.

Dedman attended a workshop to learn the technique last fall. Dedman can be reached at 734-3052.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Idaho-based Albertsons Inc. shipped 185 computers to Camp Anaconda in central Iraq to connect family and friends with deployed loved ones. The donation came in response to the U.S. Army's concern that too few computers were available at Camp Anaconda, the main Army base camp in Iraq, Albertsons said.



This situation resulted in limited Internet access and hundreds of troops in line waiting to communicate with home. The computers will also help soldiers continue their education via distance learning. The computers will be used in the Soldiers' Education Center, at various soldier study centers and in several Internet Cafes sites, as well as augmenting battalions computer capability in peak periods.

The computers were packed and loaded by Albertsons associates along with 200 care kits who are deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

U.S. Cellular is giving Twin Falls residents the same advantage of wireless number portability a way to recycle retired wireless phones for a good cause. Industry experts predict millions of phones will be cast aside because consumers nationwide now have

the option of changing service providers while retaining their original wireless phone numbers, the company said. To give consumers a way to safely dispose of those unused phones and support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, U.S. Cellular is relaunching its "Community Action Recycling Effort" program in Twin Falls and certain other cities.

Through Aug. 31, people can visit any local U.S. Cellular store or exclusive agent location to donate their retired wireless phones. The program is open to all wireless consumers. Donated phones will be sold to RMS Communications Inc., which restores and refurbishes wireless phones. Even phones that have no market value will be accepted; materials will be recycled in other manufacturing processes, preventing them from ending up in landfills. The phones need not be in working order.

The company will also accept the phone's battery or charger, if available. RSVF programs include providing transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and bill paying; providing volunteer respite care to clients and their caregivers; tutoring at elementary schools; and mentoring at-risk children and youths.

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Charles Wright opens law office in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Charles E. Wright opened a law office at 450 Falls Ave., Suite 201, in Twin Falls.

Wright's practice will focus on business representation, financing, real estate, wills, trusts and general contract issues.

Originally from Buhl, Wright received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 1996 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1999.

Wright was previously an associate with Ropes & Gray in Boston, where he advised clients on tax-exempt financings, loan agreements, business and real estate purchases/sales.

venture capital financings, initial public offerings and general transactional matters. The law office's phone number is 733-3107.

New Kwal Paint store opens in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - A new Kwal Paint store is now open in the McCullen Creek Shopping Center, 2333 Addison Ave. E. across from Lube near (Jiffy Kmart).

Store hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Dan Barga is the factory sales representative. Paul Luker will be the store manager, with Rose Nutting as assistant manager and Carol Jones as interior designer. Barga, Luker, Nutting and Jones have a combined total of 80 years of experience in the paint and interior design business.

Kwal Paint said its products are formulated to color, withstand the climate extremes of the Rocky Mountain region where temperatures can swing 40 to 50 degrees in a single day. In addition to withstanding extreme exposure to ultraviolet rays due to altitude, Kwal Paint retains its elasticity in dry and arid climates, the company said.

A news brief about Kwal Paint

published June 27 misspelled the company's name. The Times-News regrets the error.

Independent review gives Blue Cross of Idaho an A-

TWIN FALLS - Blue Cross of Idaho said it was awarded an A-minus rating in an independent review issued by Weiss Ratings Inc.

Improvements in all of the index scores led to an upgrade in Blue Cross of Idaho's rating from B-plus to A-minus. Blue Cross of Idaho attributes the higher score to improvements in the efficiency of its operations and demonstrated ability to keep up with business growth.

The Weiss report said: "The A-minus rating means that, in our opinion, this company offers excellent financial security ... While the financial position of any company is subject to change, we believe that this company has the resources necessary to deal with severe economic conditions ... an A-minus rating places this company on the Weiss Recommended List of companies, an

elite group of 112 life, health and annuity insurance companies."

Blue Cross of Idaho offers traditional, preferred provider and managed care plans for customers under age 65 and supplement and managed-care programs for Medicare recipients. Blue Cross of Idaho is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Weiss bases its rating on a range of factors, including capitalization, investment safety, profitability, liquidity and stability.

Hallmark stores offer new ornaments

TWIN FALLS - Hallmark Gold Crown stores - Kurt's Pharmacy in the Lynwood Shopping Center and Kurt's Hallmark in the Magic Valley Mall - will unveil more than 200 new collectible ornaments Saturday during the Hallmark Keepsake Ornament Premiere.

The new 2004 line features three new series: "Father Christmas," first in a series of Santas;

"Majestic Lion," first in the Carousel Ride series; and "Downhill Delivery," first in the Nick and Christopher series. Eight ornaments in the new "Santas Around the World" collection also will be shown, and an Ornament Wreath featuring the eight ornaments will be available during the premiere. Traditional classes from Disney are available, too.

For information, call Kurt's Pharmacy at 734-8177 or Kurt's Hallmark at 734-0335.

MILESTONES

Do you work for a company? Beware the corporate-speak

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Susannah Rust got a letter from her employer at the beginning of the year that said the company was "implementing a reduction in force to your position."

"Not only did her boss not say she was being let go, but it was additionally laughable because this 'reduction in force' was in an office of just 12 people. And she was the only one left."

Management-speak. Buzzwords. Lingos. They can be the bane of office existence. Check out the wording in Primus Knowledge Solutions Inc.'s first-quarter report (pointed out to me by one of the company's annoyed employees): "... related to the company's March 2004 restructuring, of its workforce and operations in an effort to realize efficiencies and synergies from its recent acquisition."

Translation: layoffs in the company we just bought. "Why do managers and executives decide this is a good way to use the English language? In the two cases above, it seems that employers are trying to proceed beyond (skip, ignore, hide) the transitional information (bad news).

There have always been catchwords and phrases. Today, however, a lot of them are corporate, workplace words. It's a topic often broached in the Dilbert comic strip. "There's so much Dilbertese out there, and it has permeated our language so much that we don't even flinch anymore!" wrote Jessica Gentile Riley, a re-

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"I think these words sometimes come up because there's no other better word for what is happening. Concepts like 'prairie-dog-ing' (peeking out over cubicles) didn't exist 100 years ago because there were no cubicles then," she said. One woman who e-mailed me said she and her mother, who work at different organizations, hear two different buzzwords to describe budget cuts. My correspondent works for an Ohio university, which calls the cuts "strategic budgeting" (when is figuring a budget out not strategic?) and her mother's company's term is - wait for it - "The Lean Initiative." (I'm sure it hasn't already

happened, the managers will soon be tossing "TLI" around. "No coffee at the meeting today, folks. You know - TLI.")

The most obvious use of management-speak happened when George Tenet resigned from the CIA to "spend more time with his family." Between "that" and "leaving to pursue other options," no one gets fired anymore.

We all know and complain about management-speak, and yet we all use it, said Geoffrey Numberg, author of "Going to the Sun: Language, Power and Culture in Controversial Times" and a Stanford University linguist, including Numberg himself.

"I would use the words myself in that life, then to come home and do this job," he said. "A parallel language was developed. These are words we don't use for ordinary life. You don't say to your partner, 'Can we align our vision?'"

Granted, some of the management-speak has seeped into our everyday language. Our friends no longer have problems, nor are they nutty. They "have issues." And no more are our kids hyper and hard to handle. They are "a challenge." In fact, "challenge" has become a catchall for all things bad. "Something horrible that happens is a challenge." A bad - no, horrible - year is a "challenging year." ... It's the one-stop word that avoids all the "icky stuff," said Patrick Cleary, senior vice president of human resource policy at the National Association of Manufacturers.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information, The Times-News wants to hear about it. Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magvalley.com or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 733-0931, Ext. 242 Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538



College of Southern Idaho Surgical Technology students recently attended the Texas Heart Institute Conference on Left Ventricular Assistive Devices recently in Houston, where they met medical pioneer Dr. Michael DeBakey. DeBakey, center, is known as a teacher, surgeon and inventor. He is the developer of many devices and procedures used in heart surgery.

CSI grads return from medical conference

TWIN FALLS - Graduates of this year's surgical technology class at the College of Southern Idaho returned recently from a medical conference in Houston, where they learned about heart surgery advancements and met two pioneers of medicine.

The students were guests of Dr. Denton Cooley, founder of the Texas Heart Institute for the study and treatment of diseases of the heart and blood vessels. Cooley performed many of the techniques used in cardiac surgery, performing the first human heart transplant in the United States in 1968 and the first artificial heart implant the following year. CSI said the student Cooley and his associates have performed more than 100,000 open heart operations. While at the conference, the students met 96-year-old Dr.

Money In Brief

Michael DeBakey, considered by the medical community to be a living legend for his contributions to modern medicine, CSI said. DeBakey is working with NASA to develop a self-contained, miniaturized artificial heart and is active on the staff of Methodist Hospital in Houston. DeBakey has personally performed surgery on more than 60,000 people. Janet Milligan, surgical technology instructor at CSI, said the conference was an opportunity for the students to learn the latest procedures and thinking with regard to heart medicine. A key message of the gathering was that heart surgeons and researchers believe that

help a weak heart, pump blood - will eventually take the place of heart transplants. "For information about the surgical technology program at CSI, contact Milligan at 732-6706 or at jmilligan@csi.edu.

Women's Council of Realtors will meet

TWIN FALLS - The south-central Idaho chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors will meet at noon Friday at Tomato's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Georgia Mechem of Boise, president-elect of the state Women's Council of Realtors, will be the speaker. Members and anyone interested in joining the chapter are welcome. - compiled from staff reports

MONEY

20 UNDER 40

Cattle interests part on free trade agreement



Jill Trowell
Age: 33
Company: Stevens Pierce and Associates
Position: Marketing director

was out of his grandfather's pickup, and he jokingly told Adam to go take the bolts out of the tranny pan.
"Adam walked up to them several minutes later with most of the bolts in his little hands. He had found the correct-sized tools, got under the truck on a creeper and removed the bolts that weren't too tight for the wrench."
—Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent



Nancy Winnmill
Age: 35
Company: Fine Furniture
Position: Co-owner

BURLEY — As co-owner of Fine Furniture, Nancy Winnmill is known as a woman who is totally committed to her store.
Since purchasing Fine Furniture five years ago, Winnmill and her husband pursue each other to strive for excellence.
"We are both competitive," she said. "We have to outdo each other."
That level of commitment sometimes takes the couple away from home, occasionally on holidays. The first year their store was open, they were called out to a customer's home because a new clock wasn't working.
"If you're not committed, the people have too many choices," Winnmill said. "You have to be committed to customer service, or they'll go elsewhere."
Balancing five children and her dream of owning her own business, Winnmill believes her young age has not prevented her business from standing out in the community.
"We'll stay open for people," she said.

She characterizes the reasons for her success as good customer relations, friendships and work ethics. She expects 100 percent from herself, she says.
"We've worked harder for ourselves than anyone else," she explained.
—Hillary Johnson
Times-News correspondent



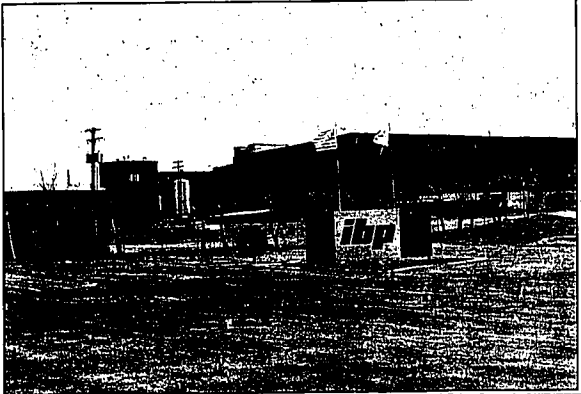
Troy Winnmill
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Company: Fine Furniture
Position: Co-owner

BURLEY — Five years ago, Troy Winnmill and his wife purchased Fine Furniture in Burley.
Winnmill's friends say he has a strong sense of fair play and an "old school" ethic. He loves his business, and it shows.
He also enjoys special projects.
Striving for the best, he has expanded Fine Furniture's flooring department. The store now carries a full carpet line and other floor coverings.
His leadership extends to the community, too, where he is active in baseball — coaching and organizing area tournaments for Babe Ruth and all-star teams.
He always wanted to own a business, he said. Because he works for himself, he is able to be more active in the community. This also gives him the flexibility to be with his family.
But Winnmill often works 65-70 hours per week. Sometimes, his day starts at 5 a.m.
"We've never worked so hard in our life," he said. "I think the reason we've done that is if we don't work hard, we fail."
"Our whole heart and soul, everything we have, is in this business."
—Hillary Johnson
Times-News correspondent

WASHINGTON — National Farmers Union and R-CALF USA this week applauded Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., for introducing a provision that both groups contend would defend U.S. markets against disruptive Australian beef imports caused by trade loopholes created to circumvent safeguards against import surges.
The applause fell on deaf ears, however. The Senate Finance Committee rejected draft-implementing legislation for the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement because of Conrad's amendment. The Conrad amendment would have provided congressional veto power for presidential action that some say would waive the safeguards within the FTA against surges of imported beef.
"The Conrad amendment would have simply ensured that the limited safeguards that are included in the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement are kept intact," NFU President Dave Fredericksen said.
Gregg Doud, chief economist for National Cattlemen's Beef Association in Washington, D.C., sees "things differently."
He said, he doesn't see what NFU and R-CALF object to in the FTA with Australia. Granted, the plan phases out out-of-quota tariffs, but that won't be complete for 18 years, and the agreement does contain some safeguards for U.S. producers, he said. And while the agreement won't benefit U.S. beef opportunities in Australia, beef imports from Australia benefit U.S. producers here and pose no threat to U.S. markets.

Cold water disease vaccine shows promise
TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Fish producers are still a long way from having a vaccine that will prevent cold water disease, but researchers are learning more about the disease.
"Cold water disease causes compression of an infected trout's spine, which makes it difficult for the fish to go through processing equipment and can also cause death. It is one of the most economically damaging diseases trout producers face."
Researchers have found evidence that suggests the

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The IBP meatpacking plant in Wallula, Wash., now operated by Tyson Fresh Meats is one of the state's largest meatpacking plants. U.S. meatpackers count on imported lean product to mix with U.S. lean trimmings in producing ground meat for the fast food industry.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

bacteria that causes cold water disease can be passed from the brood stock to egg to progeny. The University of Idaho is looking for a vaccine that could break that cycle.

Spring users bring wants to interim committee
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and restore the health of the aquifer. That means reducing net depletions beginning in the spring of 2005, whether those reductions come from aquifer recharge, conversion from ground-water sources to surface-water sources or curtailment of ground-water pumps.
"We expect to see immediate measures in the spring of 2005. Measures that relate to real water," he said.
Any deal must also reaffirm water rights under the prior appropriation doctrine.

Michigan growers seek to buy sugar plant
DAY CITY, Mich. — An attempt by sugar beet growers for Monitor Sugar Co. and Michigan Sugar Co. in Bay City, Mich., to buy the Monitor sugar factory is another indication of the trend toward cooperatives in the industry, an official said.
The tax advantages and vertical integration of cooperatives give them an edge over privately owned factories, said Jack Honey, director of economics and policy analysis for the American Sugar Alliance in Arlington, Va.

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Adam Ward
Age: 22
Company: Ward's Refrigeration and Heating
Position: Manager

BURLEY — Adam Ward manages two family-owned businesses, and his parents and grandparents say they want to leave to close the doors without him.
The businesses, owned by George Ward and Danny and Alicia Ward, are where young Adam Ward is fine-tuning his management skills. Recently, he received his Master Auto Technician rating from ASE, a government-sponsored program to give consumers confidence in their repair technician.
"He has a great rapport with his customers," said his father, Danny Ward.
When Adam Ward graduated from American Heritage Academy at age 16, he accepted the Joe Gibbs Scholarship (Western States) and won the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) Scholarship. He studied at Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix.
In high school, he studied at the Vocational Technology Center in Burley.
He repairs transport refrigeration trailers and tractors, fertilizer sprayers and combines. He is "qualified" in refrigeration, heating and motor vehicle repair.
"There's nothing he can't do," said his mother, Alicia Ward. "When he was 3 1/2 years old, his father and grandfather were chatting in the shop. The tranny

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Remember your last job interview? Nervous, afraid of saying something stupid, hoping to keep it relaxed? You were probably so focused on your answers...

BOISE - Following is the list of businesses filed during May with the Idaho secretary of state office...
Elba Alma Road, Alm, ID 83312.
Rocky Mountain Glass Repair LLC, Randy Schoolcraft, 45 S. 180 E., Shoshone, ID 83352.

R. Couch, 109 Loggers Lane, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
Serenity Chapel Ministry Inc., Rosemarie Denning, 244 Fifth Ave N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Desmond S. Thomas, 714 N. Main St., Bellevue, ID 83313, services.
Kambeam Construction Co., E. Allan Patzer, 122 Canyon, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.

Ehrmantraut, 2118 N. Main St., Bellevue, ID 83313.
Twin Falls Sign Inc., Randall K. Patterson, 635 Fifth Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Wall Street Investments LLC, Tim Crom, 50 Eagle Creek, Ketchum, ID 83340.
West Specialties Inc., Kenneth R. Floyd Sr., 560 Washington St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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PUBLISH: July 1, 4 and 6, 2004
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FOUND puppy, black, 8 weeks old, female, found up on Union St. In File #. Call 208-212-5473
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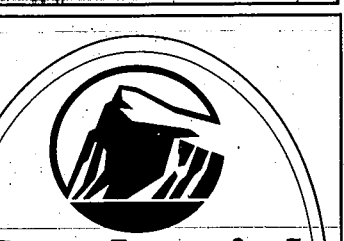
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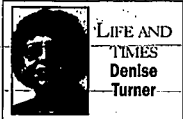
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Section E

Things that go boom in the night

Today is not my favorite day of the year. My favorite day of the year is still two weeks away, the day when everybody finally runs out of fireworks.

I know. That makes me an Independence Day party pooper, and I do feel a little guilty about that. But I've just never liked fireworks.



LIFE AND TIMES
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I do tolerate fireworks, for my family, when there are six firefighters lighting the fuses and three paramedics standing by. But even then, I prefer to watch from inside a house.

I know this probably puts me into some scorned minority, but I never have figured out why everybody has to be like everybody else. And I know it would be easier if we could accept each other's differences and stop going around expecting everybody to change.

Several years ago, when I was helping with church drama rehearsals, I remember one 10-year-old girl calling a 10-year-old girl a "dopey." The girl started crying. A friend rushed to the weeping child's rescue.

"Jesus heard that!" she yelled at the boy.

Another child chimed in, "And Jesus will probably tell Santa Claus."

By the end of the evening, my blood pressure was soaring. Life would certainly have been easier that day if I had just expected kids to act like kids.

Other days, too, I could have stopped a lot of awful moments in life if I had just revised my expectations. Here are some other life experiences that I should have seen coming.

I should never have sent my 16-year-old daughter off in the family car to buy lunch for her little brother's baseball team before games. I should have known she would get lost at least twice going the three miles between Harmon Park and home - and that I would have known that she would go inside the restaurant to fix her hair instead of using the drive-through.

I should have known my husband well enough to know that he's one of the few people in the world who's laid back enough to let me have the car alone in my Boise with his 15-year-old son, the proud owner of a new driver's permit, at the wheel.

I should have known what would happen when we went back to the Midwest for a big family dinner. The family patriarchs couldn't agree on where food should be served, with some shifting us around until the food got cold - and then they kept switching our desserts around because they couldn't decide who should have the bigger piece.

I should have expected the woman chattering on her cell phone in the car ahead of me to straddle the left and middle lanes with her left turn signal on and then fail to make it into the left lane when that light turned green - and then to sit in front of everyone in the middle lane while that light turned green and then red again, and then to turn left across and in front of traffic when all the lights were back to red.

I should have expected my 23-year-old daughter, who never got interested in learning how to cook, to call and ask me how to make a fried egg sandwich. I avoided the temptation to tell her to fry the egg and put it between two slices of bread. Instead, I tried to make the process sound more involved than it really is. But then, when she asked me what side of the bread to put the egg on.

I should have expected to read, in Consumer Tastes and Trends, that 37 percent of pet owners now talk to their pets on the phone and even leave messages for their pets on answering machines.

I once heard someone define "life" as doing the same thing over and over but expecting to get a different result.

I couldn't have said it better.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Born on the 4th of July



Cleo Peterson will celebrate his 88th birthday today with family and friends at a party in Gannett. Peterson said he plans on singing a song called 'Waltz across Texas' during the festivities.

Everybody's partying anyway; why not have a birthday?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

GOODING - Why does everyone celebrate July 4?

Because it's Irma Carrico's birthday, that's why.

"That's what I tell everybody anyway," quipped Carrico, who will turn 93 today.

Carrico is a member of a unique club - folks whose cakes were forever festooned with sparklers, not candles. They share a birthday with, as George M. Cohan put it, "my Uncle Sam, born on the Fourth of July" (Cohan himself, though, was born on July 3).

The song from which that lyric comes, "Yankee Doodle Boy," was written in 1904 for a Broadway musical called "Little Johnny Jones." The 1942 Jimmy Cagney movie about Cohan's life made it a household phrase.

Movie director Oliver Stone used it as the title for his 1988 film about a disillusioned, disabled Vietnam veteran, starring Tom Cruise. (Although Cruise, too, was born on July 3.)

"It's always kind of fun because it's a holiday and everybody's in a good mood," said Carrico, whose children and grandchildren will help her celebrate today.

Still, Carrico grew up in Fair-

field - elevation 5,056 feet - where the Fourth of July isn't necessarily a summer holiday.

"One year on my birthday we had snow," she said. "And we made (homemade) ice cream. We could barely find enough snow to get it frozen."

Some other Independence Day birthday stories:

Randolph Scott

He was born in Hollywood on the Fourth of July 1905, and his dad was a big movie fan.

So Mr. O'Melia named his son Randal - short for Randolph - Scott, after Tineltown's reigning star of cowboy films at the time.

"When I was young, I would get money for my birthday, and I would go buy fireworks," said R. Scott O'Melia, who now lives in Twin Falls. "When I was about 10 or 11 years old, I decided never to spend my money for fireworks ever again. Instead, I would buy birthday money and saved myself one nice thing, I bought my first shotgun with my birthday money this way. I have only bought fireworks two or three times since then and that was when my two girls were little."

Tales of Fish Creek Dam

Cleo Peterson hails from a re-

mote corner of Blaine County called Fish Creek Dam - just up a narrow gravel road from Carey. When he was growing up there in the 1920s, Fish Creekers had to make their own fun.

"We had games and races on the Fourth of July," said Peterson, who will turn 88 today. "It was a good day to have a birthday."

Peterson, now of Jerome, was still living at Fish Creek Dam 65 years ago when his daughter who born at the hospital in Hailley on the Fourth of July.

"I took my wife into town and she had the baby, then I came home and got snowed on - 8 inches on the Fourth of July."

Firecracker

If Independence Day is your birthday, it doesn't hurt at all to have red hair.

"I had red hair and was teased about being a firecracker born on the Fourth of July," said Beverly Pickering, who will turn 64 today.

Pickering, who was born in Twin Falls and now lives in Jerome, says it was fun to be guaranteed a big party on your birthday.

"I remember as a child, for many years, we went on a picnic to the Buhl park with several of

Who else?

Some other famous people born on Independence Day:

- President Calvin Coolidge (1923-29), 1872.
- Gerald Rivera, 1943
- George Steinbrenner, 1930
- Abigail Van Buren, 1918
- Ann Landers, 1918
- Nell Simon, 1927
- Rube Goldberg, 1883

just 3 or 4, we had a picnic in the South Hills and I spied something green and found in the cool water of Rock Creek. I asked Grandpa what that was since it didn't look like a rock. He called it a "little green pig" and the name has stuck all these years.

"Can you guess? It was a watermelon."

Everybody's out of town

When Alan Horner got old enough to have birthday parties, he quickly found that all of his friends would be out of town.

"Nobody stays home on the Fourth of July, so that's kind of tough."

Notwithstanding, he always had big crowds to help him celebrate his birthday.

"All your relatives are with you on the Fourth of July anyway," said Horner, of Twin Falls, who will turn 54 today.

And although he's now the president and CEO of First Federal Savings Bank, he sees another advantage.

"You always get your birthday off."

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my parents' friends," she said. "There was cake and ice cream and then swimming in the Buhl pool."

Missed the picnic

Linda Helms was born in Wendell on Independence Day while the rest of her family was picnicking in the South Hills.

"Even though I didn't get to go to the picnic in 1948, I still love picnics, camping and family reunions," said Helms, who now lives in Jerome.

Many birthdays were spent at the Kimberly home of Helms' Aunt Phyllis.

"We always had fried chicken, potato salad, hot rolls and some 'little green pigs,' provided by Grandpa Helms. Oh, when I was

Go someplace exotic to get married

The Washington Post

"Where have you always dreamed of getting married?"

Andrea Luckoo-Edwards, a wedding coordinator at Beaches Negril resort in Jamaica, is used to asking engaged couples tough, probing questions that only psychoanalysts and mothers-of-the-bride would dare broach.

"You just said the beach," she gently reminds groom Vincent Tobias Bell, 38.

"But we've always said the garden, and now you're saying the beach?" Rhonda Spears, 36, asks her fiancé.

Luckoo-Edwards rises from her desk in the cramped Wedding Centre, leans into the Washington couple facing her and shifts into mediator role. He wants beach, she wants garden - so they'll wed in a gazebo on the lip of the white-sand beach but with enough potted plants and floral arrangements to "re-create Eden." Now, about that cake. He wants chocolate, she wants vanilla ...

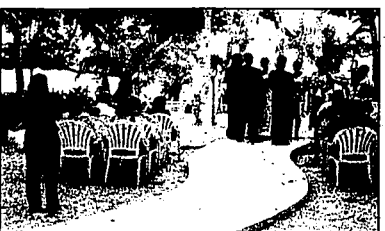
The Spears/Bell wedding was just one of six held at the Caribbean resort on a recent muggy Saturday - and that's a normal day. In the past decade,

destination weddings have boomed, growing 150 to 200 percent among U.S. couples, according to TheKnot.com, a wedding-planning Web site. For its part, Beaches Negril hosted 600 nuptials in 2003, while 226 brides had already gone down the aisle through May of this year.

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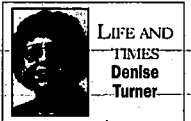
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Section E

Things that go boom in the night

Today is not my favorite day of the year. My favorite day of the year still two weeks away, the day when everybody finally runs out of fireworks.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

I do tolerate fireworks, for my family, but then there are six firefighters lighting the fuses and three paramedics standing by. But even then, I prefer to watch from inside a house.

I know this probably puts me into some scorned minority, but I never have figured out why everybody has to be like everybody else. And I know life would be easier if we could accept each other's differences and stop going around expecting everyone to change.

Several years ago, when I was helping with church drama rehearsals, I remember one 10-year-old boy calling a 10-year-old girl a "dimple." The girl started crying. A friend rushed to the weeping child's rescue.

"Jesus heard that!" she yelled at the boy.

Another child chimed in. "And Jesus will probably tell Santa Claus."

By the end of the evening, my blood pressure was soaring. Life would certainly have been easier that day if I had just expected kids to act like kids.

Other days, too, I could have skipped lots of great moments in life if I had just revised my expectations. Here are some other life experiences that I should have been coming.

I should never have sent my 16-year-old daughter off in the family car to buy lunch for her little brother's basketball team's twenty games. I should have known she would get lost at least twice going the three miles between Harmon Park and Woodmont. I should have known that she would go inside the restaurant to fix her hair instead of using the drive-through.

I should have known my husband well enough to know that he's one of the few people in the world who's laid back enough to sleep in the way home from Boise with his 15-year-old son, the proud owner of a new driver's permit, at the wheel.

I should have known what would happen when we went back to the Midwest for a big family dinner: The family members couldn't agree on where to eat, so I should have been shifting us around until the food got cold - and then they kept switching our desserts around because they couldn't decide what should have the bigger pieces.

I should have expected the woman chattering on her cell phone in the car ahead of me to straddle the left and middle lanes with her left turn signal on and then fail to make it into the left lane when that light turned green - and then to sit in front of everyone in the middle lane while that light turned green and then red again, and in front to turn left across and in front to turn left when all the lights were back to red.

I should have expected my 23-year-old daughter, who never got interested in learning how to cook, to call and ask me how to make a fried egg sandwich. I avoided the temptation to tell her to fry the egg and put it between two slices of bread. Instead, I tried to make the process sound more involved than it really is. But then, when she asked me what side of the bread to put the egg on ...

I should have expected to read, in Consumer Week and Trends, that 37 percent of pet owners now talk to their pets on the phone and even leave messages for their pets on answering machines.

"I once heard someone define 'insanity' as doing the same thing over and over but expecting to get a different result. I couldn't have said it better.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Born on the 4th of July



Cleo Peterson will celebrate his 88th birthday today with family and friends at a party in Gannett. Peterson said he plans on singing a song called 'Waltz across Texas' during the festivities.

Everybody's partying anyway; why not have a birthday?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

GOODING - Why does everyone celebrate July 4?
Because it's Erma Carrico's birthday, that's why.

"That's what I tell everybody anyway," quipped Carrico, who will turn 93 today.

Carrico is a member of a unique club - folks whose cakes are forever festooned with sparklers, not candles. They share a birthday with, as George M. Cohan put it, "my Uncle Sam, born on the Fourth of July" (Cohan himself, though, was born on July 3).

The song from which that lyric comes, "Yankee Doodle Boy," was written in 1904 for a Broadway musical called "Little Johnny Jones." The 1942 Jimmy Cagney movie about Cohan's life made it a household phrase.

Movie director Oliver Stone used it as the title for his 1988 film about a disillusioned, disabled Vietnam veteran, starring Tom Cruise. (Although Cruise, too, was born on July 3.)

"It's always kind of fun because it's a holiday and everybody's in a good mood," said Carrico, whose children and grandchildren will help her celebrate today.

Still, Carrico grew up in Fairfield - elevation 5,056 feet - where the Fourth of July isn't necessarily a summer holiday.

"One year on my birthday we had snow," she said. "And we made (homemade) ice cream. We could barely find enough snow to get it frozen."

Some other Independence Day birthday stories:

Randolph Scott
He was born in Hollywood on the Fourth of July 1925, and his dad was a big movie fan.

So Mr. O'Melia named his son Randall - short for Randolph - Scott, after Tinseltown's reigning star of cowboy films at the time.

"When I was young, I would get money for my birthday, and I would go buy fireworks," said R. Scott O'Melia, who now lives in Twin Falls. "When I was about 10 or 11 years old, I decided never to spend my money-for-fireworks ever again. Instead, I saved my birthday money and would buy myself one nice thing around the resort in a way I have only bought fireworks two or three times since then and that was when my two girls were little."

Tales of Fish Creek Dam
Cleo Peterson hails from a remote corner of Blaine County called Fish Creek Dam - just up a narrow gravel road from Carey. When he was growing up there in the 1920s, Fish Creekers had to make their own fun.

"We had games and races on the Fourth of July," said Peterson, who will turn 88 today. "It was a good day to have a lightning bolt."

Peterson, now of Jerome, was still living at Fish Creek Dam 65 years ago when his daughter who born at the hospital in Hazelton on the Fourth of July.

"I took my wife into town and she had the baby, then I came home and got snowed out - 8 inches on the Fourth of July."

Firecracker
If Independence Day is your birthday, it doesn't hurt at all to have red hair.

"I had red hair and was teased about being a firecracker born on the Fourth of July," said Beverly Pickering, who will turn 64 today.

Pickering, who was born in Twin Falls and now lives in Jerome, says it was fun to be guaranteed a big party on your birthday.

"I remember as a child, for many years, we went on a picnic to the Bull Park with several of my parents' friends," she said. "There was cake and ice cream and then swimming in the Bull pool."

Missed the picnic
Linda Helms was born in Wendell on Independence Day while the rest of her family was picnicking in the South Hills.

"Even though I didn't get to go to the picnic in 1946, I still love picnics, camping and family reunions," said Helms, who now lives in Jerome.

Many birthdays were spent at the Kimberly home of Helms' Aunt Phyllis.

"We always had fried chicken, potato salad, hot rolls and some 'little green pigs,' provided by Grandpa Helms. Oh, when I was

- Who else?**
Some other famous people born on Independence Day:
- President Calvin Coolidge (1923-29), 1972.
 - Gerald Rivera, 1943
 - George Steinbrenner, 1930
 - Abigail Van Buren, 1918
 - Ann Lenders, 1918
 - Neil Simon, 1927
 - Rube Goldberg, 1883

just 3 or 4, we had a picnic in the South Hills and I spied something green and round in the cool water of Rock Creek. I asked Grandpa what that was - since it didn't look like a rock. He called it a "little green pig" and the name has stuck all these years.

"Can you guess? It was a watermelon!"

Everybody's out of town
When Alan Horner got old enough to have birthday parties, he quickly found that all of his friends would be out of town.

"Nobody stays home on the Fourth of July, so that's kind of tough."

Notwithstanding, he always had big crowds to help him celebrate his birthday.

"All your relatives are with you on the Fourth of July anyway," said Horner, of Twin Falls, who will turn 54 today.

And although he's now the president and CEO of First Federal Savings Bank, he sees another advantage.

"You always get your birthday off."

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Go someplace exotic to get married

The Washington Post

"Where have you always dreamed of getting married?" Andrea Luckoo-Edwards, a wedding coordinator at Beaches Negril resort in Jamaica, is used to asking engaged couples tough, probing questions that only psychoanalysis and mothers-of-the-bride would dare broach.

"You just said the beach," she gently reminds groom Vincent Tobias Bell, 38.

"But we've always said the garden, and now you're saying the beach?" Rhonda Spears, 36, asks her fiancé.

Luckoo-Edwards rises from her desk in the cramped wedding center, leans into the Washington couple facing her and shifts into mediator role. He wants beach, she wants garden - so they'll wed in a gazebo on the lip of the white-sand beach, but with enough potted plants and floral arrangements to re-create Eden. Now, about that cake. He wants chocolate, she wants vanilla ...

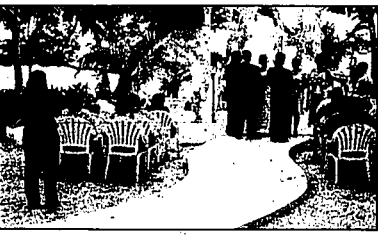
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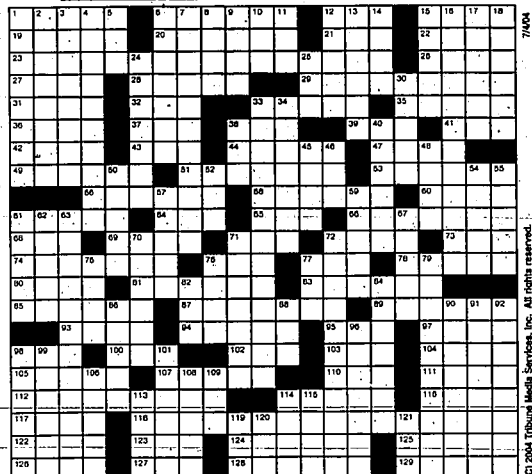
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10-year-old can conquer her fears if you let her



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Q: Our 10-year-old daughter has a problem with separation from me. After I put her to bed, she gets up numerous times to make sure I'm still in the house. She comes into our bedroom in the middle of the night for the same purpose. During the day, if I do not immediately respond to her when she calls me, she begins to panic and scream. I've lately realized that indulging her fears has only made them worse. I've also realized that they are a means of controlling our relationship and that she must learn to deal with them herself.

A: With that in mind, I told her last night that if she got out of bed to check on me, I would cancel an upcoming sleepover. She got out bed to check on me and I canceled it. This morning, I told her there would be no more sleepovers or play dates until she stops checking on me after I put her to bed. She was furious with me, but I'm sticking to my guns. Am I doing the right thing? How should I handle the daytime fears?

When she gets control of her nighttime anxieties, you should not only reinstate her sleepover and play date privileges, but also do something special for her, something she's been asking you to do for quite some time. Then, after some time has passed, tell her it's time to get control of the daytime problems. Give her two weeks to stop checking on you during the day. If it's apparent that she needs some "help," then reinstate the "no sleepover/no playdate" rule until she completely tames her pet monkey.

his lists and was wondering if it is a sign of a possible disorder, such as autism.

A: Autism? My Lord! Today's parents are so sensitized to "disorders" that they tend to see behind every quirk, of which this is one, and of which we are all blessed, or burdened, depending on the quirk in question and one's point of view. If your son is social and interested in a relatively broad range of things, then let me assure you, he's not autistic. Indeed, some autistic children may spend a disproportionate amount of time making lists, but one "symptom" does not a diagnosis make. Sometimes, childhood quirks become lifelong occupations. Your son will probably grow up to be the need librarian at the Library of Congress or something equally distinguished.

By the way, if you continue to worry about this, I will be forced to conclude that you have an anxiety disorder. Under the circumstances, I will have to send an emergency psychiatric SWAT team to your house to subdue and sedate (the dreaded S-and-S tactic), so don't ever mention this again if you know what's good for you.

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Honor our freedom's authors as you celebrate Independence Day

DEAR READERS: Today marks the 228th year since the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

The resolution for the Declaration was introduced June 7, 1776, by Richard Henry Lee.

Do you know who seconded the motion? John Adams - who would later become our second U.S. president.

Any idea how many states he was president of? (I confess, I had to call the public library to find out.) There were only 16 when John Adams took office.

Do you know who wrote our Declaration of Independence? A committee of five. Thomas Jefferson is credited with writing most of it, assisted by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Robert R. Livingston and Roger Sherman.

And was it enthusiastically adopted? Heck, no! The Congress "suggested" a number of changes - and you can imagine how poor Jefferson felt about that. (About the same as any author who has to report to an editor.) Do you care to know how many changes were made by the "tweakers"? Eighty-six. (It makes one wonder, if that's where the term "eighty-sixed" - slang for someone or something rejected or rejected - originated.)

The Lee-Adams Resolution of Independence was adopted on July 2, 1776. The Declaration, which gives the details of the resolution, was adopted on the evening of July 4.

So why don't we celebrate on July 2? Beats me - Happy Fourth of July one and all!

Readers as you and celebrate our freedom, won and



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- KAREN
IN LILLY DALE, N.Y.

Born on the Fourth of July? Find inspiration in the world

IF JULY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you have the ability to find inspiration in the world around you. You may not always be able to change the circumstances or hardships in your life, but you can make a conscious effort to change the way you face them. Cultivate a positive attitude as your sensitivity grows. Stop and smell the flowers along the way.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): You are a powerhouse of strength, fearless and likely to set off some fireworks yourself this weekend. Use this dynamic flare to tackle work at home that has been neglected. Passion is your middle name this weekend.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Enchanted moments are on the agenda. Generosity and an openhanded spirit bring others closer, but beware of going overboard. You may experience guilt later tonight if you wallow in too much pleasure.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Outings will have a delightful dreamy quality, but you may prefer to work your magic closer to home. The urge to merge is in the air and partners will be sensitive to your needs. Tighten the bonds of love.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept. 22): People will look to you for advice and value your words today. Make headway with key relationships under these pleasant cosmic skies. Security and safety are just around the corner if you play your cards right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Companions are vibrant and dynamic, and unlikely to accept the word "no" if passionate urges are aroused. A little flirting goes a long way. Good vibes center around home and family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You burn with passions that

must be satisfied. Heavy physical work will not deter you from your objective, and you won't mind getting your hands dirty. The advice of friends can magically solve your problems.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The wheels are still turning smoothly where your public image is concerned. Your magic touch makes money grow abundantly, and possessions purchased now will give good service. Capitalize on your sex appeal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Seek advice about finances and you will find wise counsel. Love under the stars is likely if you are with a trusted companion. Romantic fireworks may flare for hours. Love the one you're with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have satisfied your lust for adventure yesterday and are ready for tranquil hours of harmony with a significant other. Relationships are blessed by peacefulness today, but experimentation along passionate avenues is likely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You can put your one heart and soul into something you love and care about this weekend. Lucky breaks are coming your way. Reap the benefits quickly before the atmosphere shifts.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Lazy hours relaxing in front of the pool will not satisfy others who have the itch to accomplish much this weekend. Someone may prod you into action. Add your creative genius to someone else's project and enjoy the fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You were added to someone else's muscles could equal superlative accomplishment. Tackle home improvements or brainstorm joint ambitions. The exciting process of a special someone may put a smile on your face.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

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Donors turn out despite busy summer

BUHL - Lots of regular donors were busy in the fields and unable to donate at the most recent American Red Cross blood drawing in Buhl. Despite busy schedules and a cold bug in the air, 102 donors turned out for the event at the Moose Hall. With eight deferrals for miscellaneous medical reasons, a total of 94 pints of blood were collected.

Drive chairwoman Sandra Wisecaver said they were grateful. "Each pint of blood can help three people. Although recipients will never know the donor, they will be forever grateful."

First-time donors Brenda Barnes, Tandra Benavides, Heidi DeVille, Denise Gadsby, Connie Martinez, Sharon Rosenbaum and Tanya Turnover helped out the drive.

Calvin Parrott received a special edition Red Cross paperweight for donating his 100th pint of blood. Anita Svancara was the recipient of a special edition Red Cross umbrella-for-donating-her-50th pint.

The next drawing will be held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, July 9 at the Moose Hall in Buhl. To schedule an appointment, call Judy Quillen at 543-8289.

John Dalos and Virginia Koehn received five-gallon pins for donating their 40th pint of blood; Richard Schneider, a four-gallon pin; Doug Hilbert, three-gallon pin; Bob VandeWater, two-gallon pin; and Luann Studer, one-gallon pin.

The May event was Wisecaver's last as chairwoman.

"I can't say enough about the generosity of our donors and volunteers who work at each drawing," she said. "They are dedicated to helping those in need and it is always a privilege to work with such caring, giving people."

Judy Quillen is the new Buhl chairwoman for the July blood drawing.

Quillen has been a blood donor since 1978. She said she is grateful for the blood donors who helped give her late husband, who was diagnosed with cancer, a better quality of life during his final months.

The Buhl Moose provided the facility for the drawing and Buhl Kiwanis Club unloaded and loaded the equipment for the drawing. The women of the Valley View Methodist Church provided cookies for the donors and lunch for the nurses and the workers. Rldley's Market donated the juice.

Edna Wiebe is the canteen recruiter and Nedra Korte serves as the volunteer recruiter. Greeters were Diane Campbell, Anita Svancara, Beverly Wagner and Kathy Zagata.

Facilitators were Sharon Rosenbaum and Aggie Schilder and Pat Koehn served as the escort. Carolyn Jones assisted with publicity.



Donor Calvin Parrott, shown here with Jane Stutzman, donor recruitment supervisor for the American Red Cross Boise Center, received a special edition paperweight for donating his 100th pint of blood.

Photo courtesy of SANDRA WISECAVER

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Evangelion Demetrious Gage, son of Jody Ann and Edward Raymond Gage of Jerome, was born Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

Ellie Mae Rene Glendenning, daughter of Amanda Carrie and John Rondo Glendenning of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

Emily Nicole Ferguson, daughter of Sheri Denise and Daniel W. Ferguson of Gooding, was born Thursday, June 24, 2004.

Gavin Page Gardner, son of

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Jamie LaGean and Clayton Shaoun Guener of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, June 24, 2004.

Grace Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Linda Susan and Ralph Charles Williams III of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, June 24, 2004.

Genri Rae Covington, daughter of Brooke Ann and Ryan Jacob Covington of Murtaugh, was born Friday, June 25, 2004.

Emma Katelynn Dickinson, daughter of Holly Anne and Brady David Dickinson of Twin Falls, was born Friday, June 25, 2004.

Bryson Everett Turgoose, son of Debra Lee and George Everett Turgoose of Twin Falls, was born Friday, June 25, 2004.

OREGON TRAIL WINNERS



Oregon Trail Elementary School in Twin Falls announced its 80 in a Minute Medal winners for the second semester in fifth grade. They are, from left, first row: Bruno Gonzalez, Milam Rulavcala, Salma Miramontes, Jenna Sharp, Jordan Staley and Colton Sweazy; second row: Jesse Partida, Jacob Nielson, Maria Short, Maria Chavez, Nigel Cvencek and Eric Rodriguez; third row: Sam Petersen, Viadimir Kryshtal, Shalene Dloekard, Israel Perez and Kevin Strickland.

AP Photo courtesy of Oregon Trail Elementary

REWARDING READING

Students of Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert celebrated the achievement of reaching their school-wide trimester goal of 22,000 Accelerated Reader points. The celebration included an assembly by author Gary Hogg and the presentation of books to several high-point readers. From left are C. J. Angulo, Hogg and Kobi Miles.



Photo courtesy of Big Valley School



Left, Oregon Trail Elementary 80 in a Minute Trophy winners for the second semester in fifth grade are, from left, first row: Salma Miramontes, Jordan Staley and Colton Sweazy; second row: Whitney Ward, Sarah Sheen, Nigel Cvencek and Kevin Strickland. Right, Oregon Trail Elementary 80 in a Minute Beyond Einstein Achievers for the second semester in fifth grade are, from left, first row: Whitney Ward and Colton Sweazy; second row: Sarah Sheen, Nigel Cvencek and Kevin Strickland.

SERVICE NEWS

TFHS graduate reports to flight school

Helen Marie Smith, daughter of Phog and Edna Smith of Filer, was commissioned as a naval officer April 30 from the ROTC program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Smith reported to the Navy flight school in Pensacola, Fla. in June to train as a pilot. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2000 and from the University of Michigan in May

with a degree in aerospace engineering.

Armstrong, Slevers graduate from training

Air Force Airman Courtney C. Armstrong and **Air Force Airman Keegan L. Slevers** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airmen studied the Air

Force mission, organization, military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

Armstrong is a 1999 graduate of Buhl High School.

Slevers, a 2000 Twin Falls High School graduate, is the son of Roger Slevers and Bonnie Lezarniz, both of Twin Falls.

CSI starts evening computer classes

TWIN FALLS - Evening computer classes will begin the week of July 12 at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave. E.

The one-credit courses run from 6-9 p.m. The classes include:

- "Intro to Computers," Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 13-27, in the Shields Building, room 101.
- "Intro to Computers in Spanish," Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 6-20, in the Evergreen Building, room A23.
- "Intro to Excel," Mondays and Wednesdays, July 7-21, in the Evergreen Building, room C93.
- "Intro to Windows," Mondays and Wednesdays, July 12-26, in the Shields Building, room 101.
- "Intro to PowerPoint," Mondays and Wednesdays, July 13-27, in the Shields Building, room 201.
- "Using a Scanner," Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 13-27, in the Aspen Building, room 144.
- "Using Photoshop," Mon-

days and Wednesdays, July 7-21, in the Aspen Building, room 144.

"Using Internet and E-mail," Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 13-27, in the Canyon Building, room 124C.

All courses cost \$82.50, not including a text book. The scanner and Photoshop courses cost an additional \$25 lab fee. Students need to have general computer knowledge. For more information, call Olenka Paredes at 732-8441, or e-mail her at oparedes@csl.edu.

Ex-POW's organization meets in Pocatello

POCATELLO - The Idaho Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War will hold a luncheon meeting at noon Wednesday at the Golden Coral Restaurant, 800 Yellowstone Ave., Pocatello.

"Bud" Kirchhoff of Couer d'Alene, a national director, will address the meeting.

A B-17 and a B-24 bomber will be displayed at the Pocatello airport Thursday through Friday. Tours will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The meeting has

been scheduled to allow airport visits afterwards.

The luncheon is no host. All former POWs, veterans, families, friends or interested people are welcome. For more information, call Kirchhoff at (208) 233-3741, the Buttas at 785-2984 before Tuesday for reservations, or in the Butley area, call Frank Bauman at 678-2297.

AARP hears old favorite songs at meeting

BURLEY - Bob Kinsel will play the guitar and sing old favorites at the Mini-Cassia American Association of Retired Persons indoor picnic at noon Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

Kinsel recently moved to Idaho from South Palm Beach, Fla., where he had been in the insurance and health club businesses. He has a son, Chris, who manages radio stations in Twin Falls; a daughter, Dana, a massage therapist in Rupert; and three grandchildren.

All interested people are invited.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Burley resident serves two years in Corps

Darlene McDonald of Burley has accepted a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps to serve as a community health volunteer in Lesotho. She is the daughter of Phillip and Alberta McDonald of Burley.

McDonald will work with host country nationals to pro-

vide community awareness of food and nutrition issues, especially among highly vulnerable groups. She left the United States for training on June 7.

McDonald graduated from Boise State University in 1999 with a degree in horticulture. She has three grown children, Aaron and Adam Hambleton of Burley and Jennifer Hambleton of Spokane, Wash.

UI College of Ag and Life Sciences honors student

Jerril Jo Burger of Rupert was one of the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences outstanding students, faculty and staff, who were recently honored.

Burger won the Moscow University's Outstanding Senior Award.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rollo Harrison is chapter president.

Hagerman resident celebrates 90th birthday

HAGERMAN - The friends and family of Jean Glauner are invited to an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at her home at 224 Second Ave. N. in Hagerman to celebrate her 90th birthday.

The family requests no gifts.

League hears about judicial independence

TWIN FALLS - The League of Women Voters will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at Perkins restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd.

A 30-minute video will be presented about the importance and ramifications of judicial independence.

The league is a nonpartisan organization that works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. Membership is open to everyone age 18 or older.

For more information, call 734-6868 or visit www.voteinfalls.org.

West Magic Fire District hosts fund-raiser

SHOSHONE - The West Magic Fire District will host a fire sale fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the West Magic Fire Station on Pioneer Drive at the West Shore Estates.

A barbecue will follow the sale from 3-5 p.m. at the West Magic Lake Recreation Club House, 960 West Magic Road No. 14.

To donate items, drop them off at the West Magic Fire Station. For more information, call 487-2288.

Motorcycle club rides the river for seventh year

DEGLO - The Southern Idaho Bros Club's seventh annual Southern Idaho Motorcycle Rally will be held July 9-11 at the Village of Trees RV Park behind Travel-Stop 216 in Declo, exit 216 off Interstate 84.

All proceeds will help local

children in the Mini-Cassia area. Events include a wet T-shirt contest, raffle, prizes, bike rodeo, music by the KAP Bros. Band and a Sunday morning breakfast by donation.

The club will raffie a motorcycle. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at Red's on Sixth Avenue in Paul; Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. in Burley; Pawn and Consignment, Highway 24 285 S. 285 W. in Rupert; and from any club members.

Admission is \$10 at the gate. Children under age 13 are free. Camping is free. For more information, call Red at 438-2690 or 431-4528.

Church sponsors ice cream social this week

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Methodist Church Centennial Committee will hold an ice cream social at 5 p.m. Thursday on the church lawn on Fourth Avenue East.

The public is invited. Home-made fruit pies, waffle cones, sundaes and various ice cream flavors will be available for a freewill donation. For more information, call 735-3160.

FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENTS

LEWIS-BARKER

PAUL - James and Teresa Lewis of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jane Lewis, to Justin Lee Barker, son of LeLand and Karen Barker, of Smithfield, Utah.
Lewis is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School.
Barker is a graduate of Skyview High School in Smithfield, Utah.
The wedding is planned for Sunday, July 4, in Ogden, Utah.
A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. An



Amy Lewis and Justin Barker
open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at 155 W. 400 N., Smithfield, Utah.

PATTERSON-BUTLER

TWIN FALLS - Ken and Gay Patterson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra Patterson, to Chad Butler, son of Bill and Connie Butler of Kimberly.
Patterson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Brigham Young University-Utah in Provo. She is employed at the Buhl School District.
Butler is a graduate of Kimberly High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho.
The wedding is planned for Thursday, July 8, at the Idaho



Chad Butler and Kendra Patterson
Falls LDS Temple, a reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 9, at The White House in Twin Falls.

GIBBONS-ANDERSON

FAIRFIELD - Larry and Pam Jones of Fairfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie Gibbons, to Kenneth Glenn Anderson, son of Daryl and Sharon Anderson of Gooding.
Gibbons is a graduate of Boise State University. She is employed at Digestive Health Clinic in Boise.
Anderson is a graduate of Ricks College in Rexburg. He is employed at the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone.
The wedding is planned for Friday, July 9, in Boise. A recep-



Kenneth Anderson and Angela Gibbons
tion will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the Gooding LDS Church.
The couple will reside in Gooding.

HAMBLIN-HORNADAY

TWIN FALLS - Kevin and Leslie Hamblin of Twin Falls and Marlene and Jerry Callen of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Shantae Hamblin, to Chase Phillip Hornaday, son of Evone Butterfield of Twin Falls.
Hamblin is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending Mr. Juan's College of Hair Design. She is employed at Tomato's Italian Grill in Twin Falls.
Hornaday is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and will be attending the College of Southern Idaho in the fall.
He is employed at Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls, and is



Shantae Hamblin and Chase Hornaday
serving in the Marine Corps.
The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at the home of Dennis and Sandra Capps, 350 W. 500 S., Jerome. A reception will be held at 8 p.m. following the ceremony.

DRESSLE-CLARK

BURLEY - Sandra Dressle of Burley announces the engagement of her daughter, Kelli Lynn Dressle, to Larry Joseph Clark, son of Bob and Clydene Clark of Burley.
Dressle is a graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at Best Western Burley Inn.
Clark is a graduate of Burley High School. He owns and operates Needful Things in Burley.
The wedding is planned for Friday, July 9, at Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian Road, Rupert. A reception to



Larry Clark and Kelli Dressle
honor the couple will be held at 4:30 p.m. July 9 at the home of Ron and Gale Pates.

RICONDO-COMER

RUPERT - Mike and Tana Ricondo of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Joyce Ricondo, to Chad Wayne Comer, son of Danny and Kelly Lacy of Cronin, Ky.
Ricondo is a 2003 graduate of Minico High School and is an aero medical technician in the U.S. Air Force.
Comer is a 1999 graduate of Christenson County High in Kentucky and is currently an aircraft electrician in the U.S. Air Force.
The couple is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.



Chad Comer and Jennifer Ricondo
New, where they will reside.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 10, at the Embassy Terrace in Las Vegas, Nev.

KELSO-CASTELLO

HAZELTON - Tony and Beth Kelso of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandria Elizabeth Kelso, to Andrew Castello, son of Rich and Debbie Castello of Murraugh.
Kelso is a graduate of Valley High School. She is employed at Valley Recreation Department in Hazelton.
Castello is a graduate of Murraugh High School. He is employed at Dollar Tree in Twin Falls.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 10, at the Hazelton



Andrew Castello and Alexandra Kelso
City Park. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

TRAUGHBER-GALLEY

JEROME - Mike and Theresa Traugher of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Elizabeth Traugher, to Joshua John Gailey, son of Ric and Carla Gailey of Jerome.
Traugher is a 2003 graduate of Jerome High School and currently is attending the College of Southern Idaho, working towards a degree in elementary education. She is a shift manager at the Twin Falls Pizza Hut.
Gailey is a 2002 graduate of Jerome High School and attended CSI. He is employed at the Idaho State Transportation Department.
The wedding is planned for



Joshua Gailey and Kimberly Traugher
Saturday, July 17, at the New Life Community Church in Wendell. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony.
The couple will reside in Wendell.

BROOKS-BEERS

GOODING - Lea Brooks of Gooding announces the engagement of her daughter, Heidi Monique Brooks, to Matthew Joner Beers, son of Bill and Ruthanne Beers of Gooding.
Brooks is also the daughter of the late Harold Brooks. She is a graduate of Kuna High School and a 2004 graduate of Lewis Clark State College. She is continuing her studies for a master's degree in school counseling at the University of Idaho.
Beers is a graduate of Gooding High School and is currently a graduate of Lewis Clark State College with



Heidi Brooks and Matthew Beers
a degree in education.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 31, at the Ten-Mile Community Church in Meridian.

JARDINE-RUIZ

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jardine of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Kambrich Jardine, to Jason Richard Ruiz, son of Terry Renee of Olympia, Wash., and Jim Ruiz of Yelm, Wash.
Jardine is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She attended Coxy College and graduated in 2002 from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma with a degree in computer science. She is employed by Seastrom Manufacturing in Twin Falls.
Ruiz is a graduate of Yelm High School. He graduated in 2002 from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma with a degree in com-



Jason Ruiz and Anna Jardine
puter science. He is the unit director for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.
The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 4, at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls.

WEDDING

FEDDERS-GAALSWYK

CASTLEFORD - Sarah Fedders and Donny Gaalswyk were married March 20 at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa.
The bride is the daughter of Roger and Bonnie Fedders of Iron, Iowa.
The bridegroom is the son of Donald and Dianna Gaalswyk of Castleford.
Grandparents of the couple are Lena Fedders, George and Chris Vank, Marlene and Hilda Gaalswyk and William and Margie Vander Pol.
The maid of honor is Leah Fedders of Iron, sister of the bride.
Bridesmaid was Robin Fedders of Modesto, Calif., sister-in-law of the bride.
The best man was Brad Visser of Castleford, cousin of the groom.
Groomsmen were Brandon Easterday of Castleford, brother-in-law of the groom.
Ushers were Adam Fedders, brother of the bride, and Steve



Sarah and Donny Gaalswyk
Cornell, friend of the groom.
The flower girl was Alicia Easterday of Castleford, niece of the groom.
The ringbearer was Jasper Fedders of Modesto, nephew of the bride.
The bride's personal attendant was Alicia Huismann of Orange City, Iowa.
The candle lighters were Noah Fedders of Iron, brother of the bride, and Denise Gaalswyk of Castleford, sister of the groom.
After a honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple resides in Buhl, where the bride is a substitute teacher and the groom works for Rockledge Dairy.

CANOPY-SMITH

TWIN FALLS - Lyle and Sandy Canopy of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Heaven Marie Canopy, to Gavin Wade Smith, son of Richard Smith and Wendy and Bruce Crawford of Highty.
Canopy is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and will be attending the University of Idaho in the fall. She is employed at Creation of a Child Preschool in Idaho Falls.
Smith is a graduate of CSI and will be attending the University of Idaho. He is employed at Rocky Mountain Contractors in Idaho Falls.



Gavin Smith and Heaven Canopy
The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 21, at Magic Mountain Ski Resort. A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort.

WEDDING

SCHNEIDER-O'RORKE



Katie and Kevin O'Rorke

JEROME - Katie Schneider and Kevin O'Rorke were married May 22 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Los Gatos, Calif.
The bride is the daughter of Fred and Connie Schneider of Montrose, Colo., and Linda and Paul Robles of San Jose, Calif.

She graduated from Presentation Catholic High School and earned her bachelor of science degree in business from Arizona State University. She currently is employed in the banking and real estate industry.
The bridegroom is the son of Barbara O'Rorke of Tacoma, Wash., and Patrick O'Rorke of Jerome. He graduated from Jerome High School and Idaho State University. He earned his

master's degree from Northern Arizona University and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Arizona State University. He is the associate dean at Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
The couple honeymooned in the Florida Keys and will reside in the North Miami Beach area.

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Riders should wear helmets, but must wear them correctly

It's important to wear a helmet whenever you ride a bike, but it's also crucial to wear it correctly. Here's a quick safety checklist, from Parents magazine:
The helmet should rest low on the forehead—no more than two adult-finger widths above the eyebrows.
The strap should be taut and fit around the ears in a "v" shape.
The helmet should be fastened tightly enough under the chin that it can't slide back and forth.
Eat your veggies
Research shows that as many as 95 percent of children don't eat the recommended minimum of five fruit and vegetable servings per day. Stephanie Osborn, clinical dietitian at Children's Medical Center of Danville, offers these tips:
Start early. Dietary habits are hard to change after age 3, so the earlier kids are introduced to fruits and vegetables, the better.

Family news you can use

Give them a dip. Serve chopped veggies with low-fat dressing or fresh strawberries with yogurt.

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Farming, 1905 style

Agricultural whiz was the busiest man on the tract

Alexander McPherson was surely the busiest man on the Twin Falls tract during its first few years of existence. He was the agricultural whiz - and former state horticultural and pure food inspector - hired by the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. to instruct the new occupants of the land in the latest and most profitable methods of farming. That "Alec" won the hearts of his students is evident in this verse from the "Twin-Falls-Home Song," written in 1905:

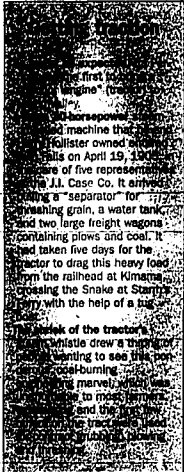


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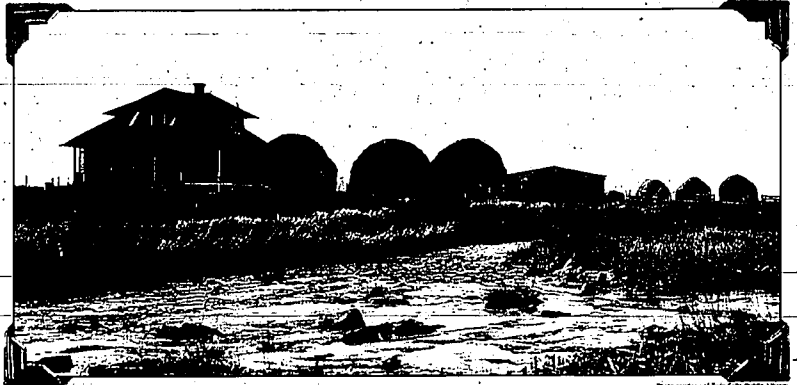
*"I want to be a farmer and with the farmer stand,
A pickfork on my shoulder and a shovel in my hand;
I want to join the institute and learn to farm aright,
And go and hear McPherson on every Saturday night.
For he's the canny Scotchman who surely does know how
To cultivate a tater patch or milk a Jersey cow."*

Nearly every weekend McPherson could be found in one town or another, lecturing in small schoolhouses to one of the farmer's organizations he helped start up. Or, he might be holding one of his "institutes" which dealt with a wide range of farming subjects - soils, land preparation, weed and insect control, irrigation, dairying and fruit growing just to name a few. In addition, the "superintendent," as he was known, taught basic agriculture to schoolchildren and wrote newspaper articles on a variety of farming subjects.

McPherson was also responsible for the "experimental" or demonstration farm which operated for three summers, starting in April 1905, by agreement between the state and federal governments. Laid out on the east side of Blue Lakes Boulevard at its junction with Shoshone Street, the 40-acre farm was used to test various



in July 1903 at the first drawing for tract property. McPherson always advised his neophyte farmers not to work more land than they could handle, and he reckoned that 40 acres was about the amount suitable for most families. And, he said, if a family had at least \$1,000 available for starting up, it would usually make a go of it. Most entrymen came to realize that McPherson was right about the farmstead size, and many of them who had filed on more acreage divided it and sold off the excess. There were about 5 million of these small family farms in the United States in those days, compared with less than 2 million today. On most of them, the work was done entirely by hand, or with the help of horses. It was tough going, especially in the beginning, but the Twin Falls irrigated land held the promise of a good life. A visitor from Illinois summed it up well in a letter to the folks back home, saying: "I doubt if a man in middle life (in Illinois), who is used to lying in bed and listening to the patter of the rain on the roof while his crop is growing, would readily adapt himself to farming by irrigation. But men who have learned the art of putting water on their crops ... say that irrigation is the only system which makes results an



Three years from sagebrush, the McPherson farm is pictured in about 1909. Porrine Coulee is in the foreground.

absolute certainty. Such men never come east to farm."

Hogs, chickens and cows were the mainstay of these small family farms. The woman of the house usually had charge of the chickens, whose eggs brought about 35 cents per dozen. Fattened hogs sold for 5 to 7 cents a pound, live weight. Unlike today, milking cows was done on a small scale. Two good Jerseys - the breed generally favored - could provide ample butter and cream for the family table and bring in a bit of cash to boot. In the earliest

days, there were no milk-processing plants or cheese factories in the valley, and Twin Falls didn't get its first creamery until January 1908, but milk and cream were in great demand among the townspeople.

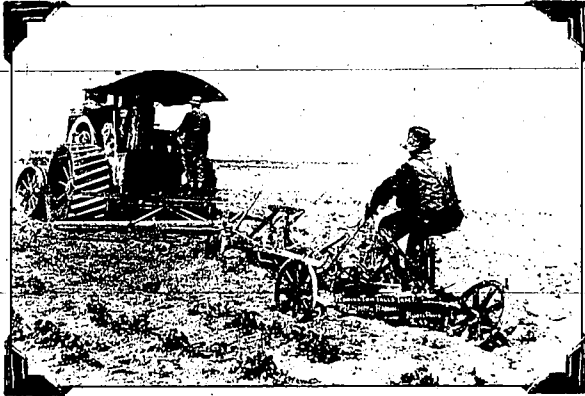
The family cows sometimes made the difference between success and failure. One rustic Scandinavian poet, writing in a 1907 issue of the Minnesota journal *Farm, Stock and Home*, put it this way: "But dem feller wi't da brindle cows ... Hay got bully 'ing, you bet!"

Hay never lose da whole year's crop
If grain ban dry or gits too wet;
Ven hail ban strikin' down da grain,
An' yust ban raisin' fits,
At night hay call dem brindles home
An' yust ban pullin' ...

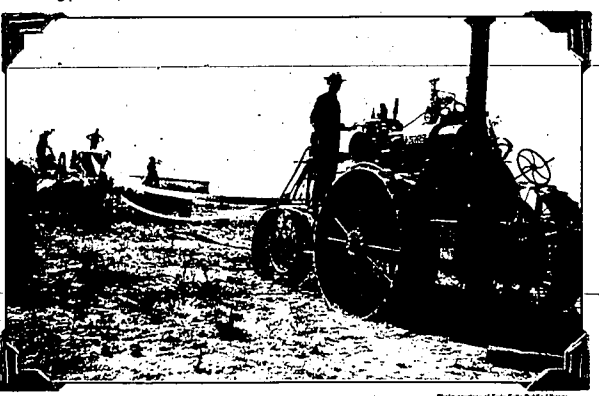
James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the 'Magic Valley,'" sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.



Picking potatoes, in about 1908.



Plowing with a steam tractor, in about 1908.



Threshing with a steam tractor, in about 1908.

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