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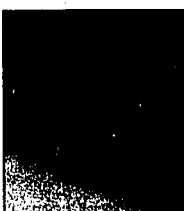
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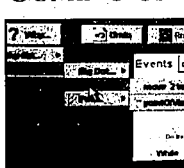
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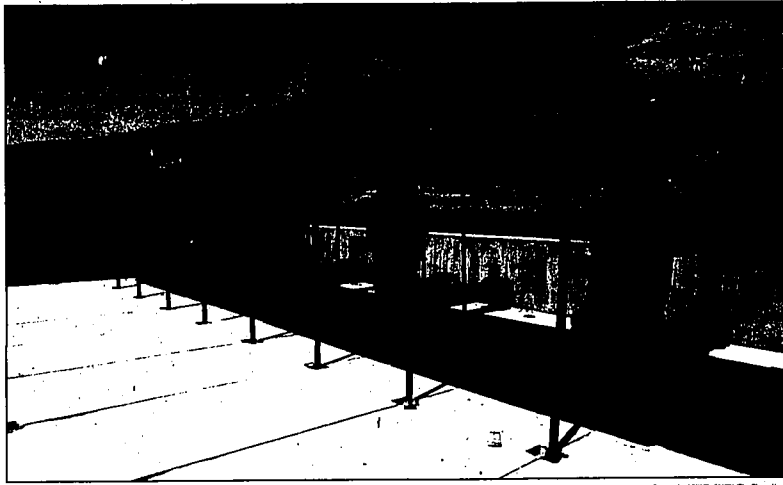


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Above, the Wilay Pumping station along the Snake River below Hagerman is one of four belonging to the King Hill Irrigation District. The pumps lift water 200 feet out of the canyon into the district's canals. Some canyon pumps belonging to other irrigators lift water as high as 900 feet. Below, the Black Mesa pumping station belonging to King Hill Irrigation District lifts water 266 feet out of the Snake River Canyon. Most high-lift pumps can be found on the river in Owyhee and Elmore counties.

Eyes turn to high-lift farms

By Jennifer Sandman
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — They've got the water everybody wants. High-lift pumpers lift water out of the Snake River Canyon from depths of as much as 900 feet up to their fertile farms on the Snake River Plain. These irrigation operations generally are found in the rugged, twisting canyon from Hagerman down to Murphy. "I think people have identified that high-lift pumps are a place where water could be acquired for these other states."

State and federal water managers looking for water know these irrigators have an incentive to rent or even sell their water when commodity prices are poor and electrical costs are high. The market reality is built into a landmark settlement among the state, federal government, Idaho water users and the Nez Perce Tribe over Snake River water and endangered salmon.

Idaho is looking for more water that can be left in the river. Please see HIGH-LIFT, Page A2

Snake River high-lift pumps



Map showing high-lift pump locations along the Snake River. Source: 1999 U.S. Geological Survey report on Snake River withdrawals between Upper Salmon Falls and Swan Falls dams.

Statistics

- **Snake River pumping stations:** There are 32 pumping stations between Upper Salmon Falls Dam near Hagerman and Swan Falls Dam near Murphy. This area accounts for most of the Snake River's high-lift pumping.
- **River withdrawals:** Average annual withdrawals in 1995 were estimated at about 202,790 acre feet of water.
- **Highest lift:** Sallor Creek pumping station west of Glenns Ferry in Elmore County lifts water about 900 feet.
- **Average lift:** The 32 stations on average lift water about 400 feet. Source: 1999 U.S. Geological Survey report on Snake River withdrawals between Upper Salmon Falls and Swan Falls dams
- **Economies**
• **Acreage:** Irrigation withdrawals below Milner Dam near Burley exceed 200 river miles on the Snake River and two of its tributaries from Twin Falls to Weiser.



Pumping information

- Falls to Weiser, watering about 150,000 acres of farmland.**
- **Concentration:** Sixty percent of the withdrawals occur within Elmore and Owyhee counties, and 18 percent occur within Twin Falls County.
- **High-lift:** Most of the land is irrigated by pumps that lift water more than 300 feet.
- **Economic profile:** Government jobs offer the largest employment sector in Owyhee and Elmore counties. Agriculture adds about \$362 million to the rural economy and employs about 2,375 workers in the two-county area. Source: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Million Acre Foot Study, 1999, regarding flow augmentation
- **Nez Perce agreement**
• **Water rental:** In a proposed settlement over tribal claims to Snake River water, the federal government could rent or acquire up to 60,000 acre feet of water between Milner and Swan Falls dams.
• **Who benefits:** The water would be used to support river flows and aid salmon runs below Idaho Power Co.'s Hells Canyon hydropower complex. It would provide another means for the state to meet goals of providing a total of 427,000 acre feet of water a year for salmon, and in plentiful water years, up to 487,000 acre feet.
• **Costs:** Although rental prices for high-lift water aren't spelled out in the agreement, the Bureau of Reclamation likely would pay market value. Program details are being developed.
• **Community compensation:** Federal legislation needed to authorize the rental or acquisition of the water would include a one-time payment of \$2 million to local governments within the rental areas.
• **No guarantee:** The agreement doesn't guarantee a set amount of water will be provided by Idaho water users in any given year.
• **Agreement pending:** The agreement has until March 31, 2005, to be approved by the state, Congress and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Security forces kill 13 in attack

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi security forces killed 13 suspected insurgents Sunday after opening fire on a barrage of mortar and rocket-propelled grenade fire near the north-central town of Buhzur, according to U.S. military officials.

The battle, along the fiercest fighting since the hand-over of authority to the interim Iraqi government last month, came as violence throughout the country Sunday left at least eight Iraqis dead. The 1st Infantry Division said its troops played a limited role in fighting the purported insurgents. Meanwhile, Pakistan's foreign ministry announced Sunday that it suspects two nationalists working for a Kuwaiti-based company in Iraq were kidnapped while traveling outside of Baghdad. The suspected kidnappings came a day after Pakistan's information minister said Pakistan would consider sending troops to Iraq if asked by the interim government and if other Muslim countries also contributed soldiers. Please see CRASH, Page A2

Crash on interstate kills three

The Times-News

BLISS — Three people, including two people from Twin Falls, were killed Sunday morning in a head-on collision on Interstate 84 four miles east of Bliss. The ISP called it the worst fatality accident of the summer. According to the Idaho State Police, 25-year-old Matthew Brown of Nibley, Utah, was driving eastbound in a 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse along a stretch of interstate under construction and reduced to two lanes. Shortly before 9 a.m., he crossed the center line in the construction zone into oncoming traffic and crashed head-on into a westbound 1992 Mercury Marquis driven by 40-year-old Gary Whitehead of Twin Falls. Both drivers were killed as was Valerie Whitehead, 46, a front-seat passenger in the Mercury. Stacie Lynn Whitehead, 18, a back-seat passenger in the Mercury, and 24-year-old Kenny Milton, a passenger in the Mitsubishi were flown to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Please see CRASH, Page A2

Democratic officials promise positive message at convention

The Washington Post

BOSTON — Sen. John F. Kerry campaigned through battleground state of Ohio on Sunday as Democrats prepared for the opening day of a national convention here that party officials vowed would accentuate the positive and tone down attacks on President Bush. Amid protesters and unprecedented security preparations that turned the area around Boston's Fleet Center into an armed encampment, the Democrats will unveil the convention to order at 2 p.m. MST today and are set to turn on the opening night spotlight on former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

Clinton will help remind voters of the economic prosperity of the 1990s and Gore, by his very presence, will reinforce for party of a 2000 election defeat that have helped to motivate Democrats throughout the campaign.

The rest of the week will mix Democratic luminaries like Sen. Edward Kennedy (Mass.) with some of the party's rising stars and with ordinary Americans, all with the assignment of giving voters not only a fuller portrait of Kerry but to highlight the stakes of a fiercely contested election. Sen. John Edwards, Kerry's vice presidential running mate, will take center stage Wednesday night. Kerry's heavily anticipated acceptance speech, in which he will attempt to give voters a sense of both his vision and his character and his character, will be the culminating event Thursday night. Delegates planned to party late into Sunday night, with a ticket to Fenway Park for the Red Sox-Yankees game. But Monday they will get down to business. Democratic National Committee chairman Terry

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Kelly Williams, right, gives Paul Willdon a helping hand as he makes final adjustments on a television monitor in the Fleet Center in Boston, Sunday during the Democratic National Convention will be held beginning today.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Not as hot with patchy clouds and brisk winds. Highs near 89.
Tonight: An evening thunderstorm may surface, otherwise, partly cloudy and breezy. Low near 60.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and storm free. Highs near 88.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy, breezy and warm with a small chance of rain and thunder developing. Highs lower to middle 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy, cool, then clearing with little to no threat of rain. Lows middle to upper 50s.
Tomorrow: Marginally cooler, but mostly sunny and mostly dry. Highs lower 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Not as warm and partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly mountain showers and thunderstorms developing today. Cool, mostly sunny and storm free on Tuesday.

BOISE

Hot, partly cloudy and occasionally breezy today. Precipitation is unlikely. Tuesday will remain mostly storm free with a chance of a summering. Overcast. Temperatures will be slightly cooler.

NORTHERN UTAH

Today and Tuesday will be warm, partly cloudy to mostly sunny and storm free.

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, etc. Includes cities like Bonners Ferry, Challis, Elba, NV, Gooding, Hagerman, Idaho Falls, Jackson, Lewiston, Malheur, Pocatello, MT, Post Falls, Rimbey, Rosspoint, San Luis City, Utrich, and Yellowstone, MT.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls from Today to Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 89, Low 60).

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Table for Yesterday's Low, 58 Month to Date, 0.53; Yesterday's Minimum, 18%; Yesterday's 10:10, 70; Today's Maximum, 22%.

MOON PHASES

Table for Moon Phases: Full Moon, Last Quarter, New Moon, First Qtr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities like Bonners Ferry, Challis, Elba, NV, Gooding, Hagerman, Idaho Falls, Jackson, Lewiston, Malheur, Pocatello, MT, Post Falls, Rimbey, Rosspoint, San Luis City, Utrich, and Yellowstone, MT.

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Table for Moonrise and Moonset: Tuesday Moonrises: 8:41 PM, Moonsets: 1:46 AM.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for cities like Albuquerque, Bismarck, Boise, Burlington, Cheyenne, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, El Paso, Fargo, Flagstaff, Grand Rapids, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, New York, Omaha, Phoenix, Portland, ME, Raleigh, Richmond, Sacramento, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Tulsa, Wichita, and Washington, DC.

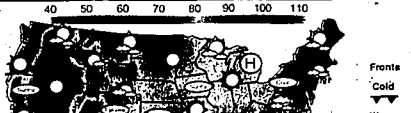
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Table for U.V. Index: Low, Moderate, High.

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World forecast table for cities like London, Moscow, New York, Tokyo, Sydney, and others.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Crash

Continued from A1. Center in Boise where they were both listed in critical condition Sunday evening. Whitehead was in the hospital's intensive care unit and Milton was in the hospital's cardiovascular intensive care unit, said a hospital spokeswoman.
A third vehicle was also involved in the crash. A 2000 Ford pickup driven by a 51-year-old Jack Montgomery of Bliss crashed into the Whitehead vehicle after it went into the vehicle's path after the initial impact. Montgomery was taken to Gooding Memorial Hospital and then flown to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where he was in the intensive care unit Sunday evening. A passenger in the pickup, 15-year-old Frankie Lee Montgomery was treated and released from Gooding Memorial Hospital.
ISP investigators were unsure what caused Brown to cross over into oncoming traffic, according to an ISP news release. ISP Trooper Richard Dennis said the stretch of interstate,

normally two lanes in each direction with a median between them was narrowed to two opposing lanes along the stretch while construction was in progress but that the road was well marked and signed. Officers were still determining which of the people involved in the crash were wearing seat belts and which were not.
Both the eastbound and westbound lanes of the interstate were closed until debris could be cleared.
The triple-fatality crash is the worst of this summer, but so far the total death toll for the summer is less than it was at the same time last year, according to the ISP. In the first six months of 2003, 141 people died in Idaho traffic accidents. That compares with 103 in the first six months of 2004. Officers warned that July through September are statistically the deadliest months on the highways and that safety knows no season. ISP reminded motorists to use extra caution and to wear their seat belts, the news release said.

Attack

Continued from A1. Masood Khan, a spokesman for Pakistan's foreign ministry, said an engineer and driver for the al-Tamimi group disappeared Friday as they drove to the capital, new services reported.
Khan said the Pakistani government had not been contacted by anyone claiming to have abducted the two workers, but he said, "It is feared they have been kidnapped."
Millant groups who have snatched foreigners recently have demanded that governments and foreign companies associated with the interim Iraqi government and the U.S.-

led multi-national force leave Iraq immediately.
On Friday, Egypt's third-ranking diplomat in Iraq was abducted as he left a Baghdad mosque after prayers.
A group calling itself the Holders of the Black Banners says it is holding seven Egyptian, Indian and Kenyan truck drivers. The group threatened to behead one of the captives every 72 hours if the Kuwaiti trucking company they worked for didn't pull out of Iraq.
On Sunday, the captives' company said they had assurances their employees would be freed.

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Convention

Continued from A1. McAlliff said that, in addition to attending speeches and events in FleetCenter each evening, delegates will be expected to participate in daily training sessions to prepare for voter mobilization efforts for the fall campaign.
"Everyone will leave here with a specific assignment," he said.
Freed from disputes large or small that have colored previous Democratic conventions, Kerry officials hope that the singular focus on turning Kerry into a more appealing candidate will produce political dividends when the conventions and Kerry and Edwards return to the campaign trail.
Anger at Bush has fueled Democrats throughout the presidential campaign, but initially by former Vermont governor Howard Dean and his op-

position to the Iraq war. The other Democratic candidates, including Kerry, quickly appropriated portions of Dean's angry, anti-Bush message, but Kerry advisers have pushed him in recent weeks to shift to a more forward-looking, positive message and leave the Bush-bashing behind.
Kerry strategists see this week's convention as an opportunity to reach out to an audience of voters who have paid only sporadic attention to the campaign so far and who, they believe, are more interested in hearing what Kerry would do as president than a harsh Democratic critique of Bush's presidency.
"This is more a convention for introducing John Kerry to people who aren't his fan club," Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm told Post editors and reporters Sunday afternoon.

"That's why you're not going to hear the traditional rhetoric you've heard (at past conventions)... This is about persuasion. It's not about rallying the troops."
But a campaign in which tens of millions of dollars already have been spent by both Republicans and Democrats on negative ads, there are limits to the Democrats' desire to put on a cheerful face this week. "You will hear about George Bush," said Kerry communications director Stephanie Cutter. "His name will come up. This is a political convention."
Cutter said the main objective for the week will be to fill out the "stronger at home, respected in the world" convention theme. "We are filling out what these words mean in terms of a John Kerry-John Edwards presidency," Cutter said. "We are driving a message

every day. Bush will come up, mark my word. But we don't feel we have to spend any real time talking about George Bush because it's his record that impacts the daily lives of the American people."
Party leaders and convention speakers filled the Sunday talk shows promoting Kerry's candidacy and fending off criticism from Republicans. Kennedy, appearing on ABC's "This Week" said GOP efforts to label Kerry as liberal and tie him with Kennedy's liberal record will have little effect on voters in November.
"His running a positive message for something," he said. "The Bush administration is running away from its record, which it hasn't got, and is attacking it. And that's a quick-covering in some cases, but you don't win presidential campaigns, because people are tired of it."

High-lift

Continued from A1. river to meet commitments for endangered salmon downstream of Idaho Power Co.'s three-dam Hells Canyon complex on the Oregon border.
Magic Valley water users are looking for ways to stretch local water supplies, although acquiring high-lift water for those needs still could involve the expense of lifting water.
Water costs Grant about \$250 an acre to grow sugar beets on his Murphy-area farms, where his pumps lift water anywhere from 600 to 800 feet. That's 2.5 times the roughly \$100 an acre it costs on his Rupert farm.
This year Grant had to chase to dry up about 80 percent of the land he farms near Murphy and rent the water to the federal government's salmon program.
The Bureau of Reclamation has been renting high-lift water for the past three years, but only one year at a time, said Rich Rigby of Reclamation's Boise office. The Nez Perce agreement would allow the government to enter into long-term leases with high-lift pumps or to buy out their

water rights for up to a total of 60,000 acre feet of water a year.
This year Reclamation has paid up to \$150 an acre for the high-lift water, Rigby said. A 10 percent administrative fee is subtracted before farmers receive the payment. That premium rate probably would not be typical of a long-term lease, he said. Reclamation was operating in an emergency mode to acquire water for downstream salmon and wanted to see how many irrigators would be interested in the price.
The agency bought 78,000 acre feet this year, which added up to a cost of \$3.58 million and took 26,000 acres out of production. The agency calculates water needs at 3 acre feet per acre.
The high-lift rental water takes some pressure off of water users above Milner Dam, who also are asked to contribute to salmon flows to help the state meet a goal of sending 427,000 acre feet of water downstream for the fish.
Concerns have been raised about the potential that too many entities eyeing high-lift water could consequently boost rental costs.
"We're not going to compete," Rigby said. "We're going

to find a way for those interests to work together so we don't compete."
Rental rates for high-lift water are much higher than reservoir water, which is being rented for \$14.50 an acre foot this year above Milner Dam. Acreage isn't required to be dried up when water is rented from above Milner. The difference in rules revolves around distinctions between renting storage water from reservoirs versus rentals of "mature" flow water in the river that supplies high-lift pumps.
The Idaho Department of Water Resources is using satellite images to verify that high-lift acreage has been dried up on farms that have rented water.

Compared with other pumping projects in the area, King Hill doesn't lift water as high, so its water costs - about \$65 an acre this year - aren't as extreme as those experienced by other crops. It also has a quick-covering organization. Selling or renting water would require a membership vote.
Irrigators along the reach of river from Hagerman to Murphy can find a quick-covering agency and organized water districts.
Being able to draw on private water users increases the likelihood that the federal government can find water for rent. Many folks are quicker to come to a decision, because there are fewer people involved than when an organization is involved, Rigby said. There isn't an institution to protect.
For private pumpers like Grant, the decision to rent or sell comes down to prices. What will fetch the best price: water or crops?
What could make the water deal more attractive for farmers and more definite for fish is the possibility of long-term rentals under the Nez Perce agreement, but also the annual agreements that have been available for the past few years.
"We're looking to maybe use some of that rental income into developing the land into some form of other agricultural use," Grant said.
That may include concentrated livestock operations such as large dairies, he said. Large-scale dairies near populated areas of southern Idaho have generated controversy surrounding the pollution they produce and its effect on neighbors. The high-lift pumping plan is a remote part of the state, an area where water is produced and will be away from other development.

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Suit against punch card ballots hits trial

CLEVELAND (AP) — Four years after Florida's hanging chads captivated a nation and less than 100 days before what could be another tight presidential race, this year's punch-card voting system is being challenged in court.

The trial, set to begin today, is the first in the nation, voting experts say. Lawsuits filed by the American Civil Liberties Union against several other states have been settled with agreements that punch-card ballots will be replaced.

Even a victory by the ACLU in Ohio would be unlikely to bring change before this year's presidential election because there would be too little time to make a conversion, experts say.

The ACLU wants all punch-card ballots in the state removed before November, saying the system is antiquated and causes errors that lead to undercounting of minority group votes.

From our point of view, the case is about providing a system for registering and counting votes in the state that is as reliable as possible in a system that treats every voter the same way," said Richard Saphire, a University of Dayton law professor working on the ACLU case.

Ohio is one of a handful of states that still use mostly punch-cards. The ballots are used in 69 of Ohio's 88 counties, representing nearly 73 percent of registered voters.

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Poll: AIDS threat to kids worries Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of Americans are worried their children might become infected with the virus that causes AIDS, although few people believe the overall threat is very serious, an Associated Press poll found.

That decline in fears about AIDS comes at a time the disease is spreading quickly in a comeback in this country.

About six in 10, 61 percent, said they feel AIDS is a "very serious" problem, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. When people were asked in 1987 how serious AIDS was as a national health problem, almost nine in 10 said it was "very serious."

Revolutionary new drugs allow people to live longer with the disease and young gay men have no memories of the devastatingly deadly early days of the sexually transmitted disease two decades ago. Health officials fear complacency could contribute to a comeback of the disease.

Their fears were confirmed a year ago when AIDS diagnoses increased for the first time in a decade.

Only two in 10 polled said they were concerned they would personally be infected with HIV, but more than half, 51 percent, said they were worried that a son or daughter could be infected.

"The way I look at it, kids are going to be kids," said Mike Savitz, a 45-year-old father from Albuquerque, N.M., "like what we did when we were teenagers."

More than six in 10 of those

lates the 14th Amendment, which guarantees due process and equal protection.

The state says it's working as fast as it can to replace punch-cards — but problems with electronic voting technology have stalled the effort.

"They're claiming that the state has been denying the right to vote to African-Americans," said Rich Cogliandro, an attorney defending the state. "It's our position that the state has not denied the right to vote to anybody, and the evidence will never be able to show that."

Michael Shamos, a Carnegie Mellon University computer scientist and voting technology consultant, said that although he believes "punch-card voting is the worst form of voting ever devised by mankind," the ACLU will have a difficult time proving the constitutional issues.

"The reason for that is those machines are not racially apportioned, but they are used by minorities for the use of those machines," he said.

Punch-card balloting gained notoriety during the 2000 presidential election in Florida, where problems with the ballots led to 36 days of legal wrangling and recounts, until George W. Bush was declared the winner of the state, and thus the White House, by just 537 votes.

Bush won Ohio by a larger margin, but in a poll last week of Ohio voters by the American Research Group, he was tied with Democratic nominee John Kerry.

The Florida fiasco inspired Congress to appropriate \$3.9 billion for an overhaul of the nation's voting systems, one that was to be aided by technology promised by companies such as Ohio's Diebold Inc.

with children said they were concerned that a child might be affected. Even four in 10 of those with no children acknowledged fears about the possibility of a child being infected, if they had one.

Teaching safe sex should be a high priority to curb AIDS, Savitz said, noting that promoting abstinence is likely to get a cynical reaction from teenagers: "Yeah, yeah, like I'm going to do that."

A majority in the poll, 55 percent, said teaching safe sex should be the focus of efforts to prevent AIDS, rather than promoting abstinence, backed by 40 percent.

The United States provides financial help to developing countries that support President Bush's insistence that abstinence — rather than condoms — should be the main way to fight AIDS.

Americans say they support the \$15 billion the United States has pledged to help fight AIDS in developing countries overseas. But when asked whether the money should go abroad or be used to help the epidemic at home, they chose keeping the money here by a 2-1 margin.

The recent increase in diagnosed cases of AIDS is likely a sign of things to come, said Dr. Jim Curran, dean of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a long-time veteran of AIDS prevention efforts.

"There are a number of factors that would suggest that AIDS and HIV infections will continue to be on the rise in the United States," Curran said.

Docs: Alzheimer's fears could lead to unnecessary procedures

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — The ability of doctors to image the brain to look for early signs of Alzheimer's disease has advanced dramatically in the last two years, but researchers said last week the technology is ripe for abuse.

Alzheimer's researchers said commercial firms already have begun advertising brain scans to detect Alzheimer's, a practice they said had little value for most people and may even be detrimental.

"People are going to make money on these PET scans; there's no question about it," said Michael Weeber, chairman of the neuroimaging working group of the Alzheimer's Association and a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco.

In the last two years, positron emission tomography (PET) has developed to the point where it can detect the so-called plaques and tangles of proteins that accumulate in the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease. There also have been advances in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), except for research applications and other limited uses, the technology has little value to the general public, according to several scientists who presented results here at the Ninth International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

"I have reservations about everybody jumping on the bandwagon," said Shi-Jiang Li, a professor of biophysics at the Medical College of Wisconsin who is developing MRI scans to detect Alzheimer's. "I think abuse is the right word."

Convention draws protesters

BOSTON (AP) — As delegates arrived Monday for the Democratic National Convention, protesters clamored for attention, staging demonstrations and marches across the city against the Iraq war, abortion and a host of other issues.

An estimated 3,000 demonstrators, most of them protesting against the war, rallied on Boston Common before winding their way through the city and marching past the FleetCenter, the downtown arena where delegates are nominating hometown candidate John Kerry for president this week. They were accompanied by a ragtag group of demonstrators against everything from oppression in Haiti to better funding for schools and health care.

The protesters passed the FleetCenter before looping back through City Hall Plaza and returning to the Common — a 50-acre park that is the starting point for the Freedom Trail and was once used for public hangings.

This is just the beginning of a week of protests," said Larry Holmes, spokesman for Act Now to Stop War and End Racism, the coalition of activist groups that staged the march.

At Faneuil Hall, the historic meeting house where patriots gathered before the American Revolution, an estimated 1,000 anti-abortion protesters staged a rally before a smaller group set off on their own march toward the FleetCenter.

A brief scuffle broke out on the Common between some of the peace demonstrators and a man



Demonstrator Benny Zable of Australia wears a mask and holds a sign as he marches with others past the FleetCenter in Boston on Sunday. About 3,000 demonstrators marched through the streets to protest the Democratic National Convention which begins today.

carrying a graphic anti-abortion sign. Witnesses said the man was pushed to the ground and his shirt was torn, but he was unhurt.

The anti-war and anti-abortion groups crossed paths again a few blocks from the FleetCenter and exchanged angry words. A handful of anti-abortion marchers lay in the street in the fetal position as their fellow protesters drew chalk outlines around them. Police moved them along, and the marches continued their separate ways

after a few moments of confusion.

Authorities took two people into custody. One was later released without charges.

State police in riot gear lined Beacon Street during the anti-war march. "A half-dozen cruisers and 18 police vans followed slowly along the parade route. Representatives of the National Lawyers Guild and other civil libertarians accompanied the march, wearing hats reading "legal observer." The crowd ranged from

teenagers to war veterans. They carried flags, banners and signs reading, "Bring the troops home now," "Health care, not warfare," and "Veterans for Peace."

Some protesters criticized the Bush administration and the decision to go to war in Iraq.

"How dare we go into another country and tell them how to run it, how to make it better when we cannot even better our own government?" said Christina Denmore, 31, of Springfield, Mass. "Our own people are dying."

Plane crashes into airport hangar

TOUGHKENAMON, Pa. (AP) — A small plane crashed into an airport hangar and burst into flames Sunday, killing all four people aboard, authorities said.

The single-engine propeller plane crashed about 4:15 p.m. at New Garden Airport, about 20 miles southwest of Philadelphia in Chester County, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said.

Peters said the Piper Arrow PA28 had been performing touch-and-go landings, in which a plane touches down on the runway and immediately takes off again.

"When he was departing, he struck the left side of the hangar on the last touch-and-go he attempted," Peters said.

The National Transportation Safety Board had been called to the scene to investigate.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Accident injures motorcycle driver

BUHL — A collision Sunday between a pickup truck and a motorcycle sent the motorcycle driver to the hospital.

The accident occurred at 3753 North 1400 East. Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies responded to the call at 11:27 a.m., said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The motorcycle driver was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and then flown to a hospital in Boise, Howell said.

No names or other details about the accident were available at deadline Sunday.

Accident on bridge involves six cars

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho State Police responded to a six-car accident late Saturday afternoon on the Perrine Bridge. An ISP dispatcher said two ambulances responded to the scene but no other details were available at deadline Sunday.

T.F. County Fair offers free admission day

FILER — Sept. 2 has been designated Military and Armed Forces Day at the six-day Twin Falls County Fair, which runs Sept. 1-6. Military families who come and show their military identification cards will be granted free admission, which normally costs \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12.

The idea was prompted by a recent presentation to the Twin Falls County Fair Board by Sonya Nowland, the family assistance coordinator at the Twin Falls Army National Guard Armory and Spc. Leandra Pereira, a National Guard soldier.

The women spoke of the difficulty of having family members deploy.

"My husband is on active duty and a lot of servicemen and women have been activated from the Magic Valley," Nowland said. "And a lot of them took significant pay cuts when activated."

One of many concerns facing families left behind is keeping their children busy. One traditional activity is going to the county fair, but it can be hard for some families because of the loss of income deployment brings.

"By showing community support it shows soldiers that the community cares about their family and the soldier," Nowland said.

Pereira said servicemen and women appreciate the gesture of a free military day.

"It boosts morale, which is important to a soldier," she said.

Bliss firefighters hold benefit auction

BLISS — The Bliss Fire Department is holding a benefit auction to raise funds for extraction equipment.

The event will be held at noon Sunday on the east side of the Bliss Fire Station located on Highway 30 in Bliss.

Donated items include everything from homemade quilts, a black powder gun and a Global Positioning Unit to hay, grain, tools and a horse trailer.

For more information or to donate items call Pruett at 352-112 or Fire Chief Jerry VanderWyst at 352-1180.

Craters celebrates improvements

ARCO — Craters of the Moon National Monument will dedicate improvements to the park's trademark Spatter Cone Chain during a ceremony Wednesday.

Geologists say spatter cones were formed when blobs of hot lava piled up around low-sloping vents in the Earth's crust. Miniature volcanoes were formed that today are delicate geologic features in the middle of Idaho's sagebrush desert.

Craters of the Moon received a \$40,000 grant from American Airlines through the National Park Foundation in 1998. The grant enabled with money collected from visitor entrance fees combined with park to replace slumping asphalt trails, construct a new viewing platform with railings and create new on-site exhibits.

— compiled from staff reports

BLM chief visits for celebration

Official will present land lease to Jerome for future North Rim Park

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

JEROME — Plans for a new park along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon will be celebrated Tuesday with the visit of the Bureau of Land Management's top official.

BLM Director Kathleen Clarke will present the lease for about 6,600 acres of public land to Jerome County commissioners for the future North Rim



Kathleen Clarke

Park. She also will award county leaders and other groups with the agency's 4Cs award for the cooperative efforts undertaken to create the park and preserve open spaces.

The 4Cs stand for "consultation, cooperation and communication, all in the service of conservation."

Park development for a variety of potential uses — off-road vehicles, horseback riders, rock climbers and target shooters — is still a long way off.

Jerome County will appoint a park advisory board that includes members who represent various interests. Commissioner Veronica Lierman said.



There was concern that the acreage one day could end up on the BLM's land disposal list, Lierman said.

"It's a big deal in that it protects that land for open use and public recreation," she said.

The county commission has supported the project with the understanding that it will not require county tax dollars, she said.

No money actually changes hands through the lease, said Bill Baker, field manager for the BLM's Shoshone office. It's a 25-year lease with renewal options.

Another example of a similar lease is the property used by the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum in Jerome County, he said.

The North Rim lease authority comes July 26, she said.

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City will air security concerns for events

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some members of the City Council wonder if certain groups are getting special treatment when it comes to oversight of beer and alcohol consumption on city property.

Meeting today

The Twin Falls City Council will hold its regular meeting at 5 p.m. today in the new council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. The meeting is open to the public.

The question surfaced during last week's regular City Council meeting when council members learned that the Twin Falls Junior Club has never had to hire security when the group holds its annual Bite of Twin Falls event. Club President Kyla Kelly told the council that the Twin Falls Police Department had viewed the application and had waived a possible requirement for security at the event.

But Councilman Chris Talkington said he was uncomfortable with that decision. He said he simply doesn't want to take any chances with something happening during any event on the city's property. A negative incident related to alcohol consumption might ultimately result in city residents demanding that all alcohol be banned on city property, he said.

Councilman Lance Clow said he doesn't want residents to get the impression that the city is showing favoritism toward any group.

At today's council meeting, Capt. Jim Munn of the police department is scheduled to explain the department's rationale in allowing a group, such as the Junior Club, to forgo paying for security.

In 1995 with the help of the police department, the City Council fashioned and passed an ordinance allowing the police some flexibility in determining if a proposed event where there could be alcohol will require extra surveillance.

When a group, individual or business applies for permission to use a city facility, the proposal must first pass muster with the city Parks and Recreation Department on such issues as concessions, food and cleanup, Munn said. Then the application heads to the police department for scrutiny.

At staff meetings, officers analyze the proposals based upon history and common sense, and the staff sergeants make recommendations, he said. Because the Junior Club in its 16 years of holding its fund-raiser called Bite of Twin Falls has never had an incident of unruly or dangerous behavior, even with beer and wine sales, the police allow the members to forgo security, he said.

On the other hand, not long ago there was an incident of unruly behavior at a party. Munn said he wanted to sponsor a "battle of the bands" of an anarchist genre at the Roper Auditorium. Police determined the event had the potential to bring on plenty of alcohol and drug abuse and disorderly conduct. So the Twin Falls police told the sponsors they would have to pay a minimum of four police officers to be hand to patrol the event. The band organizers backed out, Munn said.

"We make decisions based upon experience and common sense," Munn said. "You have to make judgment calls that aren't very popular."

"Some annual events have had a history of drunkenness and rowdy behavior that prompted the police department to require sponsors to pay for police officers. Then in future years sponsors managed their events better, so the department backed off an obvious police presence. That has occurred with a regular softball tournament as well as the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration, he said.

Sometimes the department will require that sponsors simply hire their own private security people, Munn said. And sometimes, a group might

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Let the dancing begin

Local team will represent United States in festival

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — When the Idaho International Folk Dance Festival kicks off tonight in Rupert, the United States will be ably represented by the Mini-Cassia-based Rocky Mountain Express team.

Idaho International Folk Dance Festival

- **Today**
 - 6:30 p.m. — Parade, street dance and Wild West shootout on the Rupert Square.
 - **Tuesday**
 - 7 p.m. — Pre-show at King Fine Arts Center.
 - 7:30 p.m. — Gala performance at King Fine Arts Center.
 - **Wednesday**
 - 9 a.m. to noon — Youth Culture Day workshops at Burley High School.
 - 1 to 3 p.m. — Youth Culture Day workshops at Burley High School.
 - 7 p.m. — Pre-show at King Fine Arts Center.
 - 7:30 p.m. — Gala performance at King Fine Arts Center.
- Tickets for gala performances and the Youth Culture Day are available at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. Gala performance tickets range from \$5 to \$12.50 and may also be obtained from the Book Store in Rupert and the Book Plaza in Burley. Tickets for Youth Culture Day are free.
- For event information, call Kristine Handy at 678-0318.



Rocky Mountain Express Dance Team member Brent Lee, 12, sweeps Nicole Mabey, 13, off her feet during a recent rehearsal for the Idaho International Folk Dance Festival that begins today.

taken part in festivals in Italy and Mexico, Handy said.

The team hopes to perform at festivals in Taiwan or Germany next year, mandolin player Jacques Lee said during a recent rehearsal.

Team members say meeting dancers from other cultures is the payoff for long hours spent rehearsing.

"It allows you to learn about other cultures, which is useful in life," Tom Reis, 17, said.

Reis, who has been clogging since

kindergarten, said it's also important to learn how to be a member of a team.

"There's no better way to experience other cultures than to be in and among them," Hillary Handy, 19, said.

Handy's brother, Branson, 12, was the youngest member of the team when it toured Mexico, and he said it's interesting meeting people from other countries, even when it's sometimes difficult to understand one another.

Amy Walker, 16, said she has been

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Wild West Shootout helps kick off festival

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Don Garner, director of the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center, is going to be shot tonight, but he's used to it.

Garner gets shot and killed every time he is involved in a shootout in the Rupert Square. You see, he plays one of six villains in the Wild West Shootout, which will be performed tonight in conjunction with the opening of the Idaho International Folk Dance Festival.

Garner became involved in the production through his neighbor, Jean Phillips, who wrote the script and directs the shootout.

Phillips also directed "Shot Out a Hole in the Wall," a melodrama held in 1998, and said the show pro-



Villain Don Garner duking it out with Cowboy John Gochounr in a fake fistfight during a recent rehearsal for the Wild West Shootout to be held this evening on the Rupert Square.

vided character ideas for the Rupert Shootout.

The Rupert characters include several mail-order brides who arrive on a horse-drawn wagon and several cowboys

stated to be bridegrooms.

But the villains, headed by Rob Newman, have other ideas and try to woo the girls to work in their businesses. Newman, a local actor, has been a

hit with audiences for years.

A fistfight breaks out between the cowboys and the villains and turns into a Wild West shootout. Special effects include the wagon catching on fire and being doused by the cowboys, Phillips said.

Characters will use real guns and shoot blanks donated on loan for the event from the Rupert Trading Post and several individuals.

Garner said special effects are often as popular with performers as they are with the audience.

"We had a bank robbery one year," he said. "We had cannons and everything. That was really fun."

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Woman becomes first teacher certified from computerized test

LEWISTON (AP) — A Moscow woman has become the first teacher in Idaho to be certified from a new computerized test that's been criticized by the state's top education official.

Charlotte Kendall opted for the new alternative route to teaching certification adopted in November by the State Board of Education, over the objections of State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard. Four people have passed the Passport to Teaching program offered by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence, but have not yet received their state certification.

The Idaho state board added a mentoring component offered either by the program or school districts, and the Legislature mandated school districts offer the programs, but has not provided funding.

"There is little or no evidence that online mentoring or professional development is effective," Howard said. "My concern about online mentoring is it doesn't provide any face-to-face response on the learner's performance. And there is no chance for the mentor to observe the teacher directly."

Kendall said the fact she lacks the final year of student teaching is not an obstacle to her future ability to teach.

shortage worsens, we will lower the standards even further," he said.

Former Sen. Darrel Deide of Caldwell, who now works with the Idahoans for Excellence in Education, a political action committee for charter schools, supports the method. He said bringing in diverse teachers will elevate the status of the profession.

"They're going to bring a lot of real-life experiences to the classroom and those real-life experiences can help the classroom come alive," Deide says. "And that's the secret of teaching, hooking the kids on what you're teaching and showing them how it is important to them."

Since receiving her certificate, Kendall has applied in school districts throughout Idaho and Montana.

She said, she is convinced there is a place in public education for people like her. And when older, more experienced people are given the chance to teach, she says the public will be pleasantly surprised.

The computer test bypasses some college requirements and provides people with certification for \$500. Idaho is the only state completely embracing the American Board's computerized certification plan. Pennsylvania initially endorsed the system but then backed away to require at least some in-classroom training, an issue Howard and other lawmakers worry about.

Family of missing Utah woman still clings to diminishing hope

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The family of a missing pregnant woman said Sunday they were clinging to diminishing hopes of finding her alive, and appointed a spokesman after a week of nearly constant media coverage.

"We are all exhausted and we need to concentrate our efforts and our energies on finding Lori," said Thelma Soares, Lori Hacking's mother.

The family had been holding as many as two news conferences a day since the 27-year-old woman was reported

missing a week ago. But they have been more reluctant to face reporters since questions arose about the credibility of Hacking's husband, Mark Scott Dunaway, a leader in Soares' church and the family's new spokesman, said they had learned little as far as new developments in the investigation.

A clump of brown hair was found Saturday in a trash bin at a gas station less than a block from the store where Mark Hacking bought a mattress before reporting his wife missing last Monday. But police say they

don't know whether the hair was Lori's.

Detective Dwayne Baird, a police spokesman, wouldn't comment on a Denver Post Morning News report, citing unnamed sources, that a bloody knife with strands of hair was among items taken from the Hackings' apartment.

"We took a lot of things out of that apartment," Baird said. He said police were still waiting on test results from a search of the apartment and surrounding area.

ON THE AGENDA

- Today**
- Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.
 - Jefferson County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland Ave., Burley.
 - Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.
 - Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
 - Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.
 - Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.
 - Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W.B. Shores, Burley.
 - Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.
 - Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.
 - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Tuesday**
- Burley Public Library board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 4th Street S., Burley.
 - Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St.
 - Gooding County Memorial Hospital board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St., Gooding.
 - Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St.
 - Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
 - Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.
 - Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.
 - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Wednesday**
- Cassia Regional Medical Center board of directors, hospital board room, 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley.
 - Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St.
 - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- Thursday**
- Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
 - Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
- This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.*

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Florence Opal Blakley — Filer

Florence Opal Blakley, 84, of Filer passed away Saturday, July 24, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Florence was born November 4, 1919, in Mt. Grove, Missouri, the daughter of Isaac and Grace McGowan Popplewell. She married Harold Blakley on November 4, 1938, in Twin Falls. Florence loved to go camping, dancing, bowling, shopping, and playing cards. She enjoyed visiting with her neighbors and loved to receive hugs. She was very involved in the activities of the Filer Baptist Church where she was a member. Florence was also a member of the Miriam Hebeke Lodge No. 86 and the Filer Senior Citizens. Her love for her grandchildren



was endless. She is survived by her two children, Judy (Richard) Allen and Jim (Cassandra) Pharis-Blakley.

both of Filer; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lee Popplewell of Buhl. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and four brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Filer with Pastor John Babb officiating. Interment will follow at the Filer Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park. The family suggests that memorials be given to the Filer First Baptist Church, P.O. Box V, Filer, Idaho 83428, or to the Filer Senior Citizens, 222 Main, Filer, Idaho 83428.

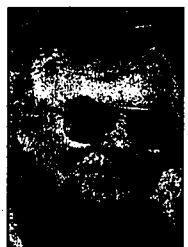
Clifford Dale Perme — Jerome

Clifford Dale Perme, beloved husband and father, 59, of Jerome died at his home on July 24, 2004.

He was born in Wendell, Idaho, on Nov. 2, 1944. He graduated from Jerome High School in 1963, and from Ricks College in 1968. On August 25, 1972, he married his soul mate Kathy Kay Smith.

Dale served four years in the U.S. Navy before joining the Idaho National Guard, and later the Army Reserve. He proudly served his country for over 20 years. Dale was employed by Moore Business Forms for more than 20 years when he retired.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy of Jerome; son Trevor (Ona) Perme, also of Jerome; daughter,



Chelsea (Rod) Durayee of Waterfalls; and his parents, Frank and Lavera Perme of Jerome and Regina Lowe of Twin Falls.

brothers, Frank Perme of Phoenix, Ariz., Rundy Perme of Austin, Texas, and Layne Perme of Meridian; sister, Lisa Greer of Twin Falls; and three grandchildren — Dean, Jarrod and Jayme. His sister, Bonnie Jenkins and his father, Clifford Lowe preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Jerome. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at the church. Friends may also call one hour prior to the service. Burial with military honors will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Service and arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Ralph Conrad Shipley of Springdale, Ark., service at 10 a.m. today at the Round Mountain Community Church in Fayetteville, Ark. (Beard's Chapel, Fayetteville).

Peggy Mae Gilmore of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Betty Joan Thompson of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS Chapel on Tiger Drive (Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Sandra Jean Martin of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Eudora Hannah Webb Preston of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; viewing from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Charlotte Ann Hill of Hansen, service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Florence Opal Blakley of Filer, service at 10 a.m. Thurs-

day at the First Baptist Church in Filer; viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dede L. Hewlett of Arlington, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Thursday at Arlington Free Methodist Church in Arlington (Parry & Walters with Cassidy Funeral Home, Everett, Wash.).

Stephen Hecht of Hagerman, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Christian Center in Hagerman.

DEATH NOTICES

Walter E. Stark

RUPERT — Walter E. Stark, an 85-year-old Rupert resident passed away Saturday July 24, 2004, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Extended Care. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Shirley M. Graves

TWIN FALLS — Shirley M. Graves, 81, of Twin Falls died Sunday July 25, 2004.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Hagerman; potluck will follow the service at his father's home.

Sandra "Sandi" Webb Ferguson of Boise, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Buhl (Aclesea Funeral Home, Boise).

Bessie Jane Fahrnl of The Dalles, Ore., and formerly of Jerome County, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Fire-side Room of The Dalles Civic Auditorium (Columbia Cremation & Burial).

Carl Couch

TWIN FALLS — Carl Couch, 79, of Twin Falls died Saturday morning, July 24, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of Carl's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. At Carl's request there will be no public visitation.

Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. A full obituary will appear in the newspaper's edition of *The Times-News*.

Gas dips less than a penny

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Gasoline prices dropped slightly in the past two weeks as refineries finished projects that have been limiting production, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The weighted national average price for all grades of gasoline fell a little less than a penny between July 9 and Friday to \$1.95 per gallon, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey. The survey polls nearly 8,000 gas stations across the United States.

Gas prices have declined since peaking at just over \$2.10 a gallon on May 21. Self-serve regular averaged \$1.92 per gallon in the latest survey. Mid-grade gasoline averaged \$2.02 per gallon, while premium averaged \$2.11 per gallon.

Lundberg said refineries have finished several projects designed to maximize output for summer travel, leading to a dip in prices. An increase in the cost of crude oil prevented gas prices from falling further, she said.

The lowest average price for a gallon of self-serve regular was \$1.74 in Tulsa, Okla. The highest average price was \$2.25 in Honolulu.

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SURF'S UP



Hideyoshi Tanaka, 28, of Japan, competes in the Junior division of the U.S. Open of Surfing, Sunday, in Huntington Beach, Calif. The competition started Saturday and runs through August 1, 2004.

Some question law disciplining judges in secret

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The case of a former Idaho Falls judge has sparked questions about the secrecy of the Idaho Judicial Council, which handles disciplinary actions against judges and magistrates.

In December, Judge James Archibald was accused of being drunk in public and groped two women at a juvenile drug court conference last year in Florida. Archibald continued to sit on the bench for six months, but resigned just two weeks before

his probationary period ended, citing depression and job pressure.

Two weeks ago a woman went public with accusations against Archibald. The woman, an Idaho attorney, did not file criminal charges, instead taking her case to the Judicial Council, who heard the case in private.

Archibald resigned before the council had ruled. He said Archibald did not dispute the charges, and some question if the events leading up to his June

16 resignation would have remained a mystery if his accuser hadn't released a public statement last week.

Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout said the system endorsed up working in the Archibald case.

"If that's done through resignation, the council has carried out its responsibility to ensure a strong judiciary," she said. "But that feeling is not shared by everyone."

If a judge merely resigns the details surrounding the situation remain secret. If the judge is fired, or the council recommends discipline, the charges against him become public.

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, said the secrecy may not be in the public's best interest.

"If the conduct rises to the level that is involved in this (Archibald's) circumstance, that would register some form of public need-to-know," Davis said.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

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

Driving under the influence sentencings

Juanie Sue Robertson, 27, 800 Elm St., Idaho Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty with judgment: \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, 30 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 159 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Randy L. Sinker.

Shirley J. Brown, 37, 256 Main St., Haven, driving under the influence, excessive, amended to driving under the influence second offense, pleaded guilty with judgment: \$2,000 fine, \$1,500 suspended, \$750 court costs, 180 days in jail with 150 suspended, 205 days in jail with 205 suspended, 30 days probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Randy L. Sinker.



Felony sentencings

Robert Hornier, 44, 900 N. Broadway, Boise, possession of a controlled substance, amended to driving under the influence, second offense, pleaded guilty with judgment: 180 days in jail with 159 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Randy L. Sinker.

Tracy A. Manzanos, 18, 559 Healds Road, Twin Falls, failure to purchase a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty: \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$35 court costs; five days in jail with five suspended; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy L. Sinker.

Jose Alcides Serrano, 33, P.O. Box 3522,

\$419.67 restitution; District Judge Monte B. Garbutt.

Civil filings

Elythe Babas, an individual, and widow of John Perry, deceased vs. Irving K. Falk, AWP Leasing and Trainers, Inc. et al. Defendant to account for all funds received from or on behalf of the plaintiff and her husband John Perry and to return \$10,000 bail money; money changes in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.

Richard Allen Norris, 31, 403 Clear Lake Lane, Idaho Falls, possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; credit for full time already served; Magistrate Judge Randy L. Sinker.

Jose Abans Salazar, 23, 802 Fifth St. S., Rupert, one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent, pleaded guilty: \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Randy L. Sinker.

John Carlos Perez, 29, 203 Sixth Ave., Idaho Falls, possession of a controlled substance, amended to driving under the influence, second offense, pleaded guilty with judgment: 180 days in jail with 159 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge John C. Holtstrom.

Linda Marie Lenzner, 39, 1515 Kimberly Road, No. 12, Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty: three years probation; two years indermental; \$500 court costs; two years probation; \$68.50 court costs; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge John C. Holtstrom.

Armya Lynn Stanley III, 19, 236 Sycamore St., Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty: three years probation; two years indermental; \$500 court costs; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge John C. Holtstrom.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Jose Angel Cardona. Seeking establishment of paternity; 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,762 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Jimmy L. Jacobson III. Seeking establishment of paternity; 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,774 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Joshua Adam Siegers. Seeking establishment of paternity; 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,774 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Salvo Sanchez. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,364 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Victor Lora. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,100 for costs of birth; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces filed

David Arthur Pearson vs. Lisa Michelle Pearson Sanchez. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$51 monthly support plus 67 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Alicia Earl vs. Tony Earl. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,364 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. George Leann Reeves vs. Robert Eugene Reeves. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,364 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Dawn Stewart Hampton vs. Dane Stewart Hampton. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,364 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

George Ann Boyles vs. Gary Austin Hampton. Seeking establishment of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; 55 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,364 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

Robert O. Hamilton vs. Jeanne A. Hamilton. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$49 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,710 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

Penry L. Ridinger vs. Timothy E. Ridinger. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$49 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,710 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

Idaho Power will hold public meeting

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Power Co. will hold a public meeting Tuesday about its 10-year plan for meeting future power demands.

The company updates its power planning documents every two years, and this year's plan calls for drawing on more generation resources from coal and wind as hydroelectric resources continue to suffer from drought.

The company says it has selected a group of power resources that represent a balanced power resource mix and thermal generation and represent a diverse portfolio.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., in Twin Falls.

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customers during the festivities.

For more information, contact Phillips at 735-8825 or twinfallsdemocrats@email.com or Bill Haines at 735-6295 or twinfallsdemocrats.org.

Fair offers free passes to military families

RUPERT — Families of servicemen and women who turn in pictures of their loved ones serving will be given free passes to the Minidoka County Fair rodeo on Friday, Aug. 6.

The photographs will be part of a special display in the Merchants Building during the fair, which runs Aug. 2-7.

"Each year we've tried to honor some part of the community, but we felt it was very appropriate to honor servicemen and women for their service," Minidoka County Fair Board member Linda Wheeler said.

T.F. Democrats gather for convention party

TWIN FALLS — County Democrats will take part — at least vicariously — in their party's 2004 National Convention when they gather for its climax Thursday at Woody's Restaurant in Coffeyville, 2115 E. Wood.

Twelve Idaho Democrats were selected as delegates to the convention being held in this week in Boston, said Harry Phillips, Twin Falls County Democratic Party Committee chairman. The convention is scheduled to be telecast over major networks, and local Democrats can watch it as a group on Woody's giant screen TV.

"It may not be the same as actually being on the convention floor where Idaho's delegates will cast their votes for the nominees," Phillips said, "but we expect to see an evening of fellowship that will help to unify our party in this area."

The festivities will begin at about 6 p.m. and will continue until the close of news coverage.

Woodward, the party's proprietor, said use of his facilities does not imply endorsement of any political persuasion and the establishment will remain open to regular

Families, friends hold service for Rexburg women found dead

REXBURG, Idaho (AP) — About 200 friends and relatives met at a memorial service for Lorraine and Laura Kaneko, the reclusive mother and daughter found dead at their Rexburg home June 13.

The bodies were badly decomposed and the cause of death has not been determined. Madison County sheriff's investigators have not ruled out the possibility it was murder.

Following a family rift, Lorraine Kaneko, 58, and her daughter, Laura, 33, withdrew. Laura Kaneko dropped out of Ricks College. They lived in a doublewide trailer behind Lorraine's mother's home on the Salem Highway near Rexburg for about 10 years. Neighbors reported rarely seeing the women.

On Saturday the day Lorraine would have turned 59, family and friends held a memorial service with no burial. The bodies are held as evidence.

County commissioners have set aside \$200,000 from the county's contingency fund to pay for the ongoing investigation, which has included consultations with forensic experts and paying officers overtime to watch the home 24 hours a day.

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dancing since she was 6 and that she still keeps in touch with Andres Zancatas, a dancer she met while touring with the team in Mexico.

Youth Culture Day will be held Wednesday at Harley High School. Kids ages 6 to 16 will have the opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange with dancers

Park

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concerned about the condition of the area over the last 20 years," he said.

Tuesday's ceremonies, which are not available to the general public because of limited parking and canyon access, will also include awards presented to volunteer groups who have helped maintain and clean up local BLM lands. The Park Service doesn't encompass private or state land.

Interest in organized recreational development is in response to concerns that existing use is harming the park. A free-for-all, Baker said. Illegal dumping over the canyon rim and human-caused wildfires are among the major problems.

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decide to not only pay for its own security, but also the \$40 an hour per officer for overtime to have police present, he said.

"You have to remember the police don't regulate who has liquor in the park," Mann says. "We focus on security and safety matters."

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Talk about an impact player, Florida instantly moved to 18th from 27th on the list of the most obese states in the union.”

— Jim Armstrong of AOL Sports, on the Miami Heat acquiring Shaquille O'Neal from the Los Angeles Lakers.

TRIVIA QUESTION:
How many professional athletes appeared on "The Brady Bunch" and who were they?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
Legion baseball
A district play-in game, TBA

IN BRIEF
Burley Ladies announce winners

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies Golf Association held a stroke play tournament recently at the Burley Municipal Golf Course. Of the 23 participants, Jolene Hines and Judy Cutler tied for the first flight's top finish. Roberta Merrill took second in the first flight while Lori Williams won the nine-hole play competition. Pat Adams finished first in the second flight, while Ruth Baker and Marie Putnam took second and third, respectively.

Sports Medicine Symposium is offered

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Family Physical Therapy and Sports Injury Clinic, Center for Physical Rehabilitation, the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University will be sponsoring the 2004 Sports Medicine Symposium, August 6-7 at the CSI Evergreen Building. The cost for the symposium is \$55 through today. The fee includes all conference materials. Registration begins at 7 a.m. on Friday, August 6. Education sessions will be held from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on both days of symposium.

Coaches, trainers, educators, athletic directors and student athletes will be updated on the current concepts in sports medicine regarding sports injury treatment and prevention, and exercise for athletes, hands-on training for injury rehabilitation and taping, and first aid treatment for injured athletes.

Registration forms are available by calling Shawn Bariga at MVRMC at 737-2955. Participants may also register on-site on Friday, August 6 for an additional \$5 fee.

Continuing Education Units for certified athletic trainers will be awarded for 16 contact hours (1.6 credits) through the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification. College credits for CSI and ISU are also available for an additional fee.

Filer hosts junior rodeo at fairgrounds

FILER — A junior rodeo will be held at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds for youth 5-18 years old July 31 and Aug. 1.

Costs vary based on age and number of events completed in. Youth ages 5-8 pay \$10 per event while others pay \$15.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Four (Wes Parker, Don Drysdale, Deacon Jones and Joe Namath).

Blakeley claims sixth ISGA crown

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

BURLEY — It was winner, winner, chicken dinner for Glenn Blakeley Sunday afternoon.

Playing on the familiar fairways of the Burley Municipal Golf Course, the long-time Minidoc resident carded a two-under par 142 for the week-end to win his sixth Idaho Senior Golf Association Championship, beating out second-place Bob Lutz by two strokes.

"I played steady and didn't make major mistakes," Blakeley said. "It used to be my home course, I'm a member at the Rupert Country Club now, but I knew what needed to be done here."

Blakeley turned in a Day 2 round of 70 to get below par for the weekend and was able to find fairways where other competitors found trouble.

"It's the sixth time I've won this since I turned 50," Blakeley said. "That's 16 years ago." It was a close race between Blakeley, Lutz, and third-place Bob Bruce for the championship flight title. Blakeley walked away with the big trophy, but Bruce was able to take



Glenn Blakeley hits a tee shot as John Everett (left) and Ed Bartlett look on. Blakeley carded a two-day score of 142 to take first at the ISGA Championships Sunday in Burley.

home the trophy for lowest net score, as he played below his handicap for the weekend.

"There are a lot of good senior players out here," Blakeley said. "Most everybody is competitive. That's why they're here."

Twin Falls native Virginia Undhjem dominated the ladies championship flight, carding rounds of 75 and 74 for a weekend total of 149. Undhjem ran

past second-place Judy Cutler by 24 total strokes.

"That's as good as I've played two consecutive rounds all year," Undhjem said. "I'm really proud I could shoot one-under for the two days."

Her impressive score would have put her at the top of the men's first flight, and in contention in the men's championship flight. But low

scores are nothing new to the four-time state champion.

"Like Lee Trevino said, "Winning never gets old," she said. "I'm really pleased to play that well, because I keep wondering how long it's going to last."

Undhjem is a director for the ISGA in Twin Falls and has put many hours into the sport that has given her so much.

"I appreciate the fact that I can still be out here and play a sport where I can be competitive with kids," Undhjem said. "It keeps me fit and out with a lot of nice people. On a side of one to 10 in the world of sports, golfers are on the top as far as being the best people."

Results
Men's championship flight — Glenn Blakeley 70-142; 2 Bob Lutz 72-144; 3 Ed Bartlett 73-147; 4 John Everett 74-149; 5 Gary Anderson 75-152; 2 Mary Underhill 76-153; 3 Bill Johnson 81-162
Men's first flight — Bill Towner 80-178; 2 Lee Claxton 81-181; 3 Bob Bruce 82-184; 4 Gary Anderson 83-187; 5 Bob Parsh 84-190
Men's second flight — Wayne Fries 90-175; 2 Fern Walters 91-176; 3 Dave Farn 92-185
Ladies championship flight — Virginia Undhjem 75-149; 2 Judy Cutler 82-156; 3 Jan Carter 83-161
Ladies first flight — Harriet Walters 91-182; 2 Gay Gayle Lyon 93-186; 3 Bonnie Burton 104-201

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AMERICAN LEGION AA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Taking a back seat

T.F. Cowboys fall 7-6 to Pocatello, drop to second seed

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — To state and dreams of glory.

Only one team gets to win the state championship. The Pocatello Rebels and the Twin Falls Cowboys will both get the chance to be that team.

The Rebels beat the Cowboys 7-6 in Game 13 of the AA American Legion Area C district tournament Sunday at Walker Field to determine the seedling from Area C. The Rebels take the No. 1 seed in the state tournament, which will be held at McDermott Field in Idaho Falls July 30-Aug. 2. Pocatello will play the No. 2 seed out of Area A at 4 p.m. Friday.

"It's really exciting for us to be able to knock off Twin," Pocatello coach Ray Swanson said. "That's exactly what it was, an upset. That's kids came out excited and tried to play with enthusiasm, and they did."

Joe Manville entered Sunday's game in the second inning in relief of Rebel starter Javel Taylor. Manville pitched 7.2 innings to get the win. He struck out six Cowboys and walked three.

The Cowboys get the No. 2 seed from Area C and will play the No. 1 seed from Boise at 10



Twin Falls Cowboys' Matt Sherman pitches to Pocatello's Bobby Endo during the second inning of their American Legion AA Idaho Area C district tournament game Sunday at Walker Field in Twin Falls. Pocatello won 7-6.

a.m. Friday.

"I really wanted to go into the state tournament with a win," Twin Falls coach Tim Stadelmeir said. "But it didn't work out. As it is, we're going in against the No. 1 seed out of Boise. We have to beat the best to be the best."

The Cowboys took the lead in the fourth inning with a two-run single by Brandon Christiansen and an RBI-single from Alex Hill. Bracken Howerton tied the game at 3 for Pocatello in the fifth with an RBI single.

"The Rebels took the lead in the

sixth when Bobby Endo blasted a solo home run over the left field wall.

The Cowboys tied it again at 4-4 when Christiansen stole home in the sixth.

The Rebels scored two in the seventh and one in the ninth to go up 7-4 heading into the bottom of the ninth.

Tim Mealer and Nate Robertson hit back-to-back RBI singles in the ninth to make it 7-6. Robertson was later tagged out in a pickle while trying to steal second base to end the game.

"We took a chance (sending Robertson) and it didn't work out," Stadelmeir said. "But it shouldn't have been that close of a game. We had four errors. If you have four errors you don't deserve to win."

"We now have an opportunity to do something that no other Cowboy team has ever done, and that's win a state championship. We have four games. You win four games, you win it all."

Pocatello 7, Twin Falls 6
Pocatello 1st 011 202-711
Twin Falls 2nd 023 201-614
Game 13: Joe Manville (2-0) vs. Matt Sherman (1-1) at Walker Field
Date: Sun-7/26/04
Time: 10:00
Pitcher: Bobby Endo

Armstrong wins sixth Tour

By John Lickester
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Lance Armstrong rode into history Sunday, winning a record sixth Tour de France and cementing his place as one of the greatest athletes of all time.

Never in its 101-year history has the Tour had a winner like Armstrong — who just eight years ago was given less than a 50 percent chance of overcoming testicular cancer, that spread to his lungs and brain.

His streak of six straight crowns has helped reinvigorate the "greatest race in cycling," steering it into the 21st century. And the Tour, as much a part of French summers as langoude meals over chilled rose, molded Armstrong into a sporting superstar.

No. 6. The achievement was almost too good for even Armstrong to comprehend.

"It might take years. I don't know. It hasn't sunk in yet. But six, standing on the top step on the podium on the Champs-Elysees is really special," he said.

The ride into Paris and its famous tree-lined boulevard was a lap of honor Armstrong savored with a glass of champagne in the saddle. Even Jan Ulrich, his main adversary in previous years, gulped down a glass offered by Armstrong's team manager through his car window.



Lance Armstrong waves as he rides down the Champs-Elysees to celebrate his sixth straight Tour de France cycling race victory Sunday after the final stage between Montereau and Paris.

"The last laps here, I thought, 'Ah, I want to get this over with,'" Armstrong said. "But then I thought to myself, 'You know,

you might want to do a few more laps, because you may not ever do it again.' And you can't take it for granted."

President Bush crossed soon after his fellow Texan called the finish line. "You're awesome," Bush told him.

With the Arc de Triomphe in

Some fans will say all he does is ride a bike

PARIS — On the toughest stretch of road, during the toughest stage of what is arguably the toughest sporting event in the world, Lance Armstrong put the hammer down and roared toward the top of l'Alpe d'Huez. It was a move of such breathtaking power that most of his rivals would have had a trouble matching it while driving a car, let alone pedaling a bike.

It was also the stuff of legend.

It was Muhammad Ali floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee; Tiger Woods devouring Augusta National with his gravity-defying best; Jim Brown hauling a scrum of would-be tacklers into the end zone; Babe Ruth calling his shot.

Take your pick, since the easiest way to start an argument in any sports bar the world over is to do just that.

Top three athletes of all time, without a doubt, and maybe even higher," said Bud

Molitor, the Eck enter Hall of Fame

By John Keklik
Associated Press writer

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Dennis Eckersley can still come up with the save in a tough spot.

Flanked by 50 Hall of Famers, cheered by hundreds of fans, an attempt at his parents, Eckersley repeatedly fought back tears on Sunday and managed to complete his induction speech into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The cocky right-hander with the mustache and shaggy hair was humbled as never before.

"It was brutal. I've never been through something like this. I can't explain it," said Eckersley, who was elected on the ballot in January with former Milwaukee star Paul Molitor.

"I've been nervous before, but you just don't know how it's going to come off. I'd rather pitch. It's overwhelming."

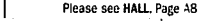
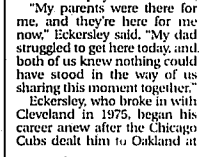
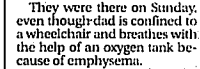
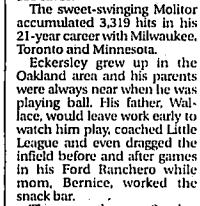
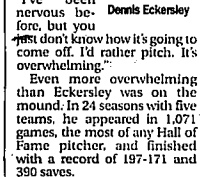
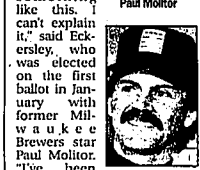
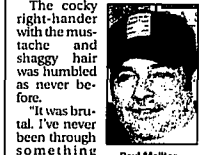
Even more overwhelming than Eckersley was on the mound. In 24 seasons with five teams, he appeared in 1,071 games, the most of any Hall of Famer. He pitched and finished with a record of 197-171 and 390 saves.

The sweet-swinging Molitor accumulated 3,319 hits in his 21-year career with Milwaukee, Toronto and Minnesota. Eckersley grew up in the Oakland Area and his parents were always near when he was playing ball. His father, Wallace, would leave work early to watch him play coached Little League and even dragged the infield before and after games in his Ford Ranchero while mom, Bernice, worked the snack bar.

They were there on Sunday, even though dad is confined to a wheelchair and breathes with the help of an oxygen tank because of emphysema.

"My parents were there for me, and they're here for me now," Eckersley said. "My dad struggled to get here today, and both of us knew nothing could have stood in the way of us sharing this moment together." Eckersley, who broke in with Cleveland in 1975, began his career anew after the Chicago Cubs dealt him to Oakland at

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Some fans will say all he does is ride a bike

Greenspan, the venerable documentary filmmaker of countless Olympics.

He keeps on winning, keeps on getting better, and what more can you ask from the man? The only drawback, it seems to me, is where his sport fits in the world of athletics.



On Sunday, at the end of bicycle racing's version of the Super Bowl, the 32-year-old Texan rolled into the French capital on what amounted to a ceremonial lap to claim an unprecedented sixth Tour de France title. The five-deep crowds pecking both sides of the Champs-Elysees roared, stomped and whistled their approval as Armstrong — easy to pick out in the leader's distinctive

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SPORTS

Phillies' Milton flirts with no-no

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eric Milton pitched a hitless eighth inning before Michael Barrett blooped a double just in front of center fielder Doug Glavinn...

Philadelphia led 2-0 when Barrett was jammed by an 0-1 fastball leading off the ninth. Milton's 99th pitch of the game...

at first broke back, then changed in and just missed an attempt for a diving catch.

Milton then struck out pinch-hitters Jose Maciel and Alex Gonzalez, giving him a season-high 12 strikeouts...

LaTroy Hawkins (2-3) walked Jim Thome leading off the bottom half and Glavinn sacrificed. Burrill drove the next pitch to deep center field.

Expos 6, Marlins 4

MONTREAL — Livan Hernandez threw six hitless innings and came within two outs of his second straight complete game.

Cardinals 6, Giants 0
ST. LOUIS — Matt Morris threw seven-hit innings for his second career shutout...

Braves 4, Mets 3
NEW YORK — Fighting error by Rockies David Wright and Kaz Matsui led to three unearned runs for Atlanta...

Pirates 6, Reds 5
PITTSBURGH — Pinch-hitter Rob Mackowiak drove in the go-



Westbrock's six-hitter to sweep the four-game series. Westbrock (8-5) allowed one unearned run...

Twins 8, Orioles 4

BALTIMORE — Justin Morneau had three hits, including a long three-run homer...

Tigers 9, White Sox 2

CHICAGO — Marcus Thames hit his first career grand slam and the Detroit Tigers overcame the ejections of starter Jeremy Bonderman...

Mariners 6, Angels 2

SEATTLE — Dave Hansen and Bryce Jacobson homered to lead the Mariners...

Gregg threw four wild pitches in the eighth inning, tying the post-1900 major league regular-season record...

Athletics 9, Rangers 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Eric Chavez and Mark Kotsay both homered for the second straight day...

Red Sox 9, Yankees 6

BOSTON — Kevin Millar homered and drove in four runs to lead the Red Sox over the New York Yankees...

Indians 5, Royals 1

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians moved above 500 for the first time since the start of the 2003 season...

Padres 3, Dodgers 0

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Busch wins in New Hampshire

By Mike Harris Associated Press writer

LOUDON, N.H. — Kurt Busch won the race while injured Dale Earnhardt Jr. stuck to his game plan...

11th-place finish on Sunday but increased his lead over Earnhardt from 105 to 165 points...

Earnhardt, hoping for an early yellow flag, had to wait 59 laps before Ricky Craven bounced off Elliott Sauter...

Busch was the only driver to stay with pole-vinister Ryan Newman through most of the Siemens 300...

"It ain't no fun getting out, I'll tell you that," said Earnhardt, sitting behind the pit box in the Dale Earnhardt Inc. team's pit stall...

"My car was just really good on long runs and, once we got to the front, we were able to run real strong in clean air," Busch said.

"My injuries really, really hurt bad," Earnhardt said, a smile belying his words.

A number of drivers had their eyes on the season standings Sunday with the top 10 drivers, along with any others within 400 points of the lead...

Newman led the first 170 laps before Busch got by him on the backstretch. Those two battled at the front for a while...

Busch's first win since Bristol in March solidified his chances of ying for the title as he jumped from ninth to sixth in the points with seven races remaining...

"I think we were strong the whole time," said Newman, who remained in third the rest of the race.

"I thought we had to apply pressure this week and get our 10 races going right now," Busch said.

Gordon, who has three victories here, tried hard to get past Busch, getting close several times on restarts...

Earnhardt, with second-degree burns on his legs, neck and chin from a crash a week earlier during a sports car event...

"He's been the guy to beat late in the race," Busch said of Gordon, who now has four top-four finishes in a row...

Truxex hit the wall on lap 141 after bumping off Ken Schaefer's car but the 24-year-old rookie hung in to finish 31st...

The race was slowed by 12 caution flags for 62 laps.

Derek Lowe (9-9) pitched one of his best games in a subpar season, helping the Red Sox take two of three in the series...

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High school national rodeo concludes in Wyoming

The Times-News

GILLETTE, Wyo. — The 56th Annual National High School Finals Rodeo concluded Sunday in Gillette, Wyo., with several area individuals wrapping up their seasons in fine fashion...

12th overall in bareback riding with 194 points while DeLoe Scott Shaw took 15th overall in saddle bronc with 120 points.

56th Annual National High School Finals Rodeo
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Cody Rodeo - 1st Overall
Casper Rodeo - 1st Overall
Cheyenne Rodeo - 1st Overall
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Armstrong

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the background, Armstrong put his yellow bicycle cap over his heart during the raising of the American flag and playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." It might be his last time on the podium, at least for a while. Armstrong has said he might skip the sport's showcase event next year.

Litke

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'tve yellow jersey - zoomed by in the middle of the technician's blur. The man is a dynasty. There's no arguing that, even if he doesn't return for a seventh bid. His wins have all come in a row, and at an age when all the other cycling legends were done dominating the Tour.

Hall

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the start of the 1997 season - when his baseball life seemed all but over because of drinking problem. Under the guidance of manager Tony La Russa and bullpen coach Dave Duncan, Eckersley was converted from a starter into an overpowering reliever and quickly became the game's dominant closer, expected to pitch only the ninth inning when the As had a lead.

Hurdler Edwin Moses

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unbeaten over 400 meters for 10 years, a streak of 107 races. Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano put away 49 straight opponents, retiring unbeaten. Baseball's Cal Ripken played in 2,632 games stretched over 17 seasons. There's no such thing as an inclusive list and whether Armstrong gets his due will depend ultimately on whom you ask.

Hall

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"It definitely hit me," Mollitor said. "It was emotionally taxing to tears. Part of it is knowing Dennis and knowing his heart is in it. Part of it is knowing that you got through on your own. I've gone through divorce in the past three years and I've had problems with drugs early in my career. I know that there are battles out there that can be won, but they take their toll." Mollitor also praised his parents, who are deceased. "Somehow, in the midst of raising eight kids, she managed to see me play a lot of games," Mollitor said of his mother, who died in 1988. "But my mom always thought she was a jinx. She'd come to the games and watch them from her car or she'd hide behind a tree." Also included were longtime As and Giants broadcaster Lon Simmons, who won the Ford C. Frick Award for major contribution to baseball broadcasting. The New York Times' Murray Chass gained entrance as the J.G. Taylor Spink Award recipient for meritorious contributions to baseball writing.

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OTHER VIEWS

Forget appeal, rewrite abortion notification

Idaho Statesman

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently rejected Idaho's parental-consent abortion law. The U.S. Supreme Court is the next level in the appeal process, but Idaho should not take that step.

An appeal to the nation's highest court with no guarantees that the justices will take the case or that the outcome will be favorable to the state. Public money and staff time may well come to an end.

A better course is for the Legislature to again try to devise legislation in the 2005 session that has a better chance of withstanding a constitutional challenge.

When lawmakers adopted the parental-consent abortion law in 2000, they made an admirable effort to ensure that parents are notified before daughters age 17 and under receive an abortion. Girls who can't involve their parents for fear of abuse or violence had the option of getting permission from a court.

Though not perfect, the law was better than the vague language that previously existed.

U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams upheld key provisions and modified it slightly in 2001. But the 9th Circuit judges agreed with opponents who said it did not adequately protect the health and lives of minors.

Despite the setback, a lot of ground has been plowed on this issue and we are confident that lawmakers can strike the right balance between parental rights and

abortion rights.

A dramatic decline in abortion numbers suggest the state has time to work on a reasonable bill.

No figures are available for the number of girls seeking judicial consent, but overall, abortion numbers are down.

In 1980, there were 2,553 abortions performed in Idaho. In 1990 the number had dropped to 1,390, and in 2002 it dropped further to 829, according to the Department of Health and Welfare.

In 2002, 58 abortions were performed for girls under 18 years old. That downward trend, coupled with ground, gives leaders and

Their view: This

guest editorial from the Idaho Statesman says rewriting the parental-consent abortion law is a better option than appealing its reversal.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

policy makers a solid foundation on which to build a consensus.

People on both sides of the abortion debate agree that parents should be involved if at all possible when their teenage daughters are about to have an abortion.

And nobody wants to see a teenager's life or physical safety placed in danger for trying to talk about a difficult situation with her parents.

We don't expect the Legislature to settle the abortion debate for all time. Opponents will have to compromise in the best interests of parents and teens.

Even so, any bill is likely to wind up in the courts. Such is the nature of this hot-button issue.

A clear and constitutional parental-consent law is important for parents and teenage girls in a family and health crisis.

But state officials should take the time necessary to craft a law that meets constitutional concerns.

Boston's latest presidential product

BOSTON — This is the first time the Democrats have come to Massachusetts for their convention, but not for their candidate. Twice before in modern times, in 1960 and in 1988, they have offered sons of Boston to the country — with startlingly different results. Now they are here to nominate John F. Kerry, yet another striver who cut his teeth in Bay State politics.



DAVID BRODER

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won an upset victory over Vice President Richard M. Nixon. In 1988, Michael S. Dukakis lost a race he was expected to win against Vice President George H.W. Bush. Kerry faces far different circumstances than they did, and those differences help define the challenge he now confronts.

Kerry is a moderate to conservative senator with formidable campaign skills but few legislative accomplishments when he set out to succeed the widely admired Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Both his youth — he was 43 at the time of the campaign — and his Roman Catholic religion were seen as barriers to his election. But he used the first televised presidential debates to demonstrate that he was at least Nixon's equal in maturity and aplomb. And he skillfully defused the religious issue by confronting it in a dramatic session with the Houston Ministerial Association, where he satisfied skeptics that he would not accept dictation from Rome, while avoiding offending his fellow Catholics.

Kerry, carefully side-stepped any direct criticism of the popular Eisenhower and benefited from Democratic antipathy to Nixon. By selecting his most plausible rival for the presidential nomination — Lyndon B. Johnson — as his running mate, he avoided a serious sectional split in the party



THE RUNNING MATE

and enabled the ticket to compete successfully for Texas and states in the South.

Kerry shares Kennedy's initials and his status as a decorated Navy combat veteran — but not much else. At 60, he is a seasoned political leader with a record that places him in the mainstream of his party. He is no match for Kennedy on the stump, but neither does he face the religious prejudice that confronted Kennedy. As far as a confidant judge, Kerry's Catholicism is irrelevant to most voters.

Bush has come close to Nixonian standards as a target for Democratic disdain, and the affection for his father is not at Eisenhower levels, so it hardly serves to cushion the opinion blow. Eisenhower and Nixon had ended a war in Korea and held the line against Soviet Communism. Bush has won military victories in Afghanistan and Iraq but has not been able to bring the troops home from either one.

Kerry, like Kennedy, went south for a running mate and picked his leading rival. But

John Edwards of North Carolina is not the political heavyweight Johnson was — and the South is a far tougher target for Democrats now than it was then. The dynamics of this race will be very different from 1960.

California, Nixon's home state, is now the Democratic base. Kerry has more in common with Dukakis for whom he served as lieutenant governor for two years before coming to the Senate. Dukakis was a classic reform-minded suburban politician, with a liberal profile that Kerry shares on social issues such as the death penalty.

His relations as governor with Boston's Irish pols were even more distant than Kerry's, but neither man has had a reputation for being easy company or a lot of laughs. Dukakis had to labor much longer than Kerry did to win the nomination; he finished third in the lead-off Iowa caucuses, where Kerry won his first and ultimately most important victory. And Dukakis was still struggling at his nominating convention to settle matters

with Jesse L. Jackson, while Kerry is certain to be embraced by all factions of the party.

The real advantage Kerry has is the lesson taught by Dukakis' defeat: Don't be passive in the face of Republican attacks. Dukakis let the first George Bush's campaign paint him as an elitist out of touch with basic American values, because the governor believed that his immigrant roots and spartan lifestyle would be enough to dispel the charge. He never recovered.

Kerry plainly has taken the message to heart. As in 1988, the president's men have repeatedly questioned the Democrat's values, but no attack on Kerry's record or his personal traits has gone unanswered for more than a few hours.

The vigorous counterpunching has kept him even with the incumbent in the polls, but has yet to solidify any sort of lead for Kerry. That task still awaits him as the convention begins.

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Blogs fall short in replacing journalism

ALEX S. JONES

The Democrats and the Republicans are inviting bloggers — those witty, candid, irreverent, passionate, shrewd and outrageous Internet chroniclers — to their 2004 conventions. It's a gesture of respect for the growing influence of the blogosphere, and if ever there were events ideally suited to bloggers, the heavily scripted and tense conventions top the list.

But make no mistake, this moment of blogging legitimization — and temporary press credentials — doesn't turn bloggers into journalists.

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Bloggers, with few exceptions, don't add reporting to the personal views they post online, and they see journalism as bound by norms and standards that they reject. That encourages these common attributes of the blogosphere: vituperative denunciations, scorching insults, bitter denunciations, one-sided arguments, unmeasured assertions and the array of qualities they might be expected from a blustering know-it-all in a bar.

Both parties will have spent millions on their conventions in order to make their best case to the American people, and they hope that the mainstream media will simply turn on the cameras and step back. One

could even make a good argument that at conventions the media should just shut up and get out of the way, so that the message could go out — for once — unfiltered and unexamined. Even in this year of high contentiousness, the mainstream media have already announced that there won't be anything like gavel-to-gavel news coverage, and they will probably be gentle in their reporting.

Presumably many American, especially young ones, will look for something with more spice and feistiness, which means they may well be looking at blogs and no doubt adding their own kibitzing via the medium's famed interactivity. This can be fun, and it can also be important. It was political bloggers and their fans who insulted and harassed and eventually embarrassed the major media into paying attention to the comments suggesting racism that Mississippi's Sen. Trent Lott made at South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party. Media coverage forced Lott's resignation as Republican leader in the Senate, but it was bloggers who badgered the media until they did their job.

Journalists increasingly read blogs to pick up tips. Blogs have become a network of capillaries that feed the nation's veins of information. For that reason, blogging's free-wheeling, unfettered style makes it a juicy target for manipulation.

In these early days, blogging still has the charm of guileless transparency, which in the blogosphere means that everyone — no matter how cranky or hysterical — is presumed to be speaking his or her mind with sincerity. It is this air of conviction that makes bloggers such potent advocates.

But if history is any indicator, such earnestness will attract those who would exploit it, and they include some canny, inventive people. There is already talk of bloggers who would consider publishing items for cash and commercial blogs that tout products.

Blogging is especially amenable to introducing negative information into the news

stream and for circulating rumors as fact. Blogging's fact-checking apparatus is just the built-in truth squad of those who read the blog and how loudly they wish to dispute some assertion. It is, in a sense, a place where everyone has his own truth.

With the status conferred by convention credentials, blogging has arrived as an engaging, important new player in the information carnival. But should blogging displace traditional reporting and journalism, as some in the blogosphere predict it will, then the steak will have been swapped for the sizzle. It's better to have both.

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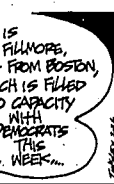
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Hey, 'girlie men': Lighten up

California men were treated to "Terminator Eye" for the "Queer Guy" Predictably, the PC Crowd got their undies in a bunch.

MYRIAM MARQUEZ

Oh, The Ahnhold. Maybe it's because we both were born somewhere else — sometimes, the ethnic humor gets lost in the translation. But I get it. Most people get it.

When California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called Sacramento Democrats "girlie men" at a Saturday rally to press them to end the impasse on his mean-and-lean state budget, hard-headed donkeys kicked up a fuss. State Sen. Sheila Kuehl called the governor's remarks "blatant homophobia." Mark Leno, the chairman of the Legislature's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus, said Arnold's glibly assertion about girlie men was "as misogynist as it is gay."

I don't mean to be pithy, but people, please, get a makeover. Consider the word of girlie men — or is it girlie men?

Whatever. Hans and Franz know a "girlie man" when they see one. Remember the skit on "Saturday Night Live"? It was a spoof of Arnold's bodybuilder days. Hans and Franz would use the term to refer to weaklings — yes, a sexist reference to women. It was hilarious precisely because it was coming from two pathetic fellas who measured success by the pounds they would try to lift.

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I mean, get a grip. He's a Hollywood muscle-head, not some Boston brainiac. That's OK. He's not the first politician to come from Hollywood or from Muscle, U.S.A. (Remember Minnesota's Jesse Ventura? He's teaching at Harvard now.)

Despite his limitations as a novice politician, Arnold has managed to keep a 60 percent approval rating by working hard to streamline California's bloated government. One of his campaign promises was to get the budget to the people on time — a perennial problem there. Well, the budget is three weeks late and there are rumblings that his latest remark probably will delay any resolution until August.

Apparently the "girlie men" are a bit vengeful. Silly, silly boys — oops, don't mean to be sexist — and girls, too.

The girlie men's hurt feelings also serve another purpose. The fuss deviates attention from the core of what really matters to a side show about nothing in particular. Because

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LETTERS

Anti-Indian groups undermine sovereignty

The *Times-News* op-ed piece, "The wealth of Indian Nations," omits U.S. history of Indian affairs, blames Indians for their current poverty level, brands them socialists lacking "a rule of law," and advises the panacea of relinquishing tribal sovereignty and liquidating federal protection.

American Indians' poverty is resultant of invidious U.S. Indian affairs from 1778 to 1933. Duplicious U.S. Indian treaties, excise, infamous alcohol trafficking, abolishment of native culture and religion as native children were remanded to off-reservation boarding schools marred this period. In the name of Manifest Destiny, Indian civil rights were revoked, creating poverty-stricken dependents filled with despair and entrapped in legal limbo.

To reverse the tide of poverty and genocide, the U.S. government enacted the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. The IRA emancipated Indian nations with tribal sovereignty on condition the tribes create a democratic tribal council, business council and judiciary system. Tribal affirmative action ordinances were enacted to help Indians regain self-reliance and opportunity. Indian economies were created through jump-start economic programs sponsored by Tribal Business Enterprises, Tribal Business Enterprises can be likened to the New Deal employed by the United States during the Great Depression.

In 1975, the Indian Self-Determination Act was signed into law to provide Indians with practical authority. The Indian Self-Determination Act

was founded on the ideal that self-sufficiency is contingent to self-determination and made Indian sovereignty the cornerstone of all future federal Indian policy.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan further expanded tribal autonomy by enacting the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, allowing Indian nations equal economic opportunity to share the rising tide of monetary gain from state-sponsored gaming enterprises. For tribes utilizing gaming enterprises, Indian country is building infrastructures with new Indian schools, recreation centers, hospitals, child development centers, etc. Economic opportunities in areas other than gaming are gradually evolving. Furthermore, gaming enterprises provide work standards that give Indians the opportunity for structure, renewing Indian work ethic and morale.

At present, the federal government policy of American Indian self-determination is being undermined by anti-Indian sentiment waged by American citizens, politicians and organizations that clothe themselves as moral protectors and recklessly defame Indians' out of ignorance, prejudice or for political gain. The deluge of Indian racial discrimination is the current depraved means of subjugating Indians and thwarting the recovery from reservation poverty. Given an equal opportunity Native Americans will realize the American dream of prosperity.

BRAD LYN RASMUSSEN
Twin Falls

Heyburn Days were a delight to attend
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thanks to all the people responsible for the fun-filled day my family and friends had at the Heyburn Days on Saturday, July 17.

I go past the chamber of commerce building often but had never noticed all the work that had been completed around that area. It was a delightful day with games and activities for everyone, including all the prizes that were donated for the event. Several of us in our group won a prize and my child was the winner of the DVD player, donated by Couch Equipment and she is in seventh heaven.

Everyone was friendly, none of us saw anything out of line, and we didn't have to put up with drunks or obnoxious people. The wagon rides were a lot of fun, even if we did get slightly wet on the ride, and the entertainment, singers and bands was especially enjoyable. The different choices of food available pleased the majority of folks and the kids particularly.

Again my thanks for a wonderful fun-filled day, and we're looking forward to next year's events — but I don't know how they will top this one.

KAT PARRIS
Burley

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Section B

One more time: In the chord of 'E'

When word got around the music community that the original Federal Duck was getting back together after three years, the reaction from ... house rock fans was unanimous: "Why?"

I should explain that the Federal Duck was the band I belonged to when I was a student at Haverford College back in the '60s. We were originally called The Stomp Jackson Quintet, and then The Guides (don't ask) but we came up with our new and final name one night when we were lying on the bank of the Haverford campus duck pond, and some ducks started waddling toward us in what looked like a purposeful manner, and as we watched them with increasing alarm — an on-coming duck squadron in the moonlight — the thought struck us that these ducks might be working for the government. And if you are wondering why that particular thought would have struck us, you did not experience the Sidies.



DAVE BARRY

We were one of many college bands formed in that era by young men with a sincere desire to attract women of the opposite sex.

We pretty much failed at that, but we did get hired a lot, because of a distinctive quality we had, which I would describe as a low price.

For as little as \$100, or sometimes even later, you could have the Federal Duck perform at your dance, dorm mixer, fraternity party, pagan tree-worship ceremony, live-stock neutering, whatever.

We would play anywhere, and we would play all night long, or until the police arrived, which happened sometimes, especially at the frat parties, where there tended to be a lot of spirited hijinks during that magical 45-minute interlude between the time the keg was tapped and the time the last frat brother passed out in a puddle of his own bodily fluids.

The Federal Duck could play through pretty much anything, because we had a bulletproof repertoire consisting of songs containing three or fewer chords, one of which was always "E." If something distracting happened during a song — say, a group of frat brothers suddenly appeared on the dance floor physically carrying a Volkswagen — and you lost your voice, you could always play an "E" chord, and the crowd would go nuts, and also what the rest of the band was playing.

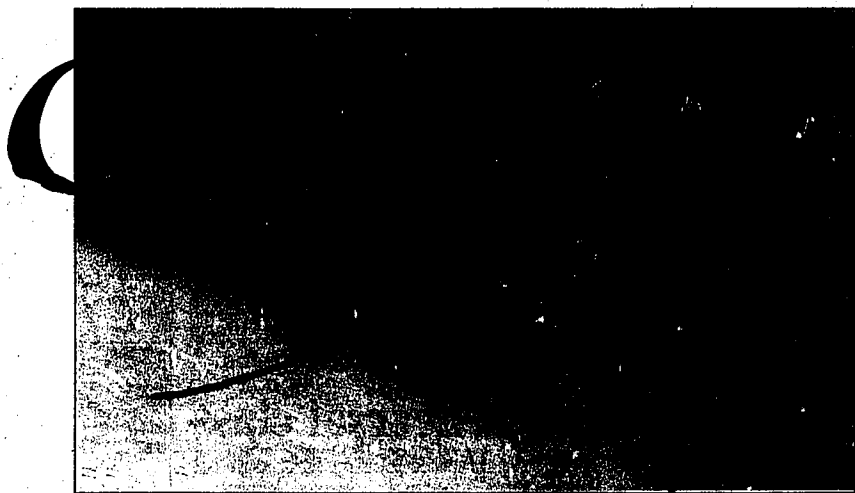
We did that for four years, and, although I am not proud of this fact, the Federal Duck was the single most successful part of my college experience. I was an English major, and I studied some of the greatest works of literature the human mind has ever produced, and today I can remember virtually nothing about any of them, but I still know all the words to "Louie Louie."

Anyway, this year was the 35th reunion of my Haverford class, and one of the events was a dance, and the Federal Duck was offered a chance to play a couple of songs. And so on a weekend in May, four of the old Ducks gathered — Tom Fleatman (drums), Bob Stern (bass), Ken Stover (organ) and me ("E" chords).

When our time came, we gimped up to the stage in Fourers Hall, and as we had so many times in the Sixties — we launched into the opening chord of "Gloria," which is of course "E."

I'm not saying we all launched into it at the exact same "time," but we all got there eventually, and for a few glorious minutes, Tom and Bob and Ken and I were 20 again, with our whole mind and heart not to mention a certain amount of permanent hearing loss. It was a great night, an exciting night, a night that seemed as if it would never end. We were in bed by about 11:30.

Dave Barry is the humor columnist of the Miami Herald.



Meet culex pipiens, better known as the house mosquito and shown here enjoying an evening snack. House mosquitoes can leave you covered with red, itchy welts — and they can spread the West Nile virus.

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Brown recluse spider

• **What it looks like:** Light brown or tannish color, about 1/4 to 1/2 inch long. Leg span can be up to silver-dollar size. Back of head has a darker violin-shaped marking. Has three pairs of eyes arranged in semicircle on front of head.

• **Where it lives:** Dark, out-of-the-way storage spots, including closets.

• **When it's most active:** Year-round indoors; spring and summer outdoors.

• **Behavior:** Doesn't make a cobweb. It hunts prey (dead and live insects) at night.

• **Best defense:** Before you put on shoes or clothing that haven't been worn in a long time, check them carefully.

Bumblebee

• **What it looks like:** About 1/4 to 1 inch long, roly-poly and hairy; color ranges from black to black-and-orange or black-and-yellow.

• **Where it lives:** Nests in the ground.

• **When it's most active:** Daytime during summer and fall.

• **Behavior:** A little less aggressive than the honeybee, but it will defend its nest.

• **Best defense:** Run, don't swat.

Yellowjacket

• **What it looks like:** 3/8 to 1/2 inch long, yellow- and black-striped.

• **Where it lives:** Nests in the ground. May use old rodent burrow, or nest inside rotted landscaping wood or other woodpile near houses. It preys on caterpillars and other insects.

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Did West Nile virus do in Alexander the Great?

The Washington Post

Medical investigators in Virginia and Maryland are engaged in an unusual public tussle over the death of a celebrity patient, whose presumed death-by-poisoning has come under growing scrutiny.

It's not often that doctors and medical researchers argue in public over a possible misdiagnosis. But when the patient has been dead for 2,327 years — and when that patient just happened to have conquered the entire known world by the time he was 25 — well, the usual courtesies of patient confidentiality can hardly be expected to apply.

So it is that ancient descriptions of Alexander the Great's final days are being scrutinized anew for clues to the Macedonian king's death. Amid a growing consensus that an infectious disease, not poison, was the likely killer, experts have narrowed their focus to typhoid or a brain inflammation caused by West Nile virus — two competing diagnoses proposed by medical sleuths in Baltimore and Richmond, respectively.

It's a duel of opinions unlikely to be fully resolved. Although historical documents indicate that Ptolemy, the Egyptian general, had Alexander's body preserved in honey and his sarcophagus displayed for many years, the corpse was eventually lost to history.

So scientists have no tissues to test for microbial DNA, or other clues.

But getting a final answer is not really the point, said John Marr, state epidemiologist for Virginia's Department of Health.

"It's intellectual candy," Marr said of his post-mortem.



Alexander the Great
Did he die from West Nile?

"And it's a reminder of how to look at signs and symptoms, which is something that's being lost as the art of medicine is being usurped by electronic messiahs" such as laboratory tests, echocardiograms, scans of various kinds and other modern tools of diagnosis.

The debate began in earnest six years ago when David Oldach and colleagues at the University of Maryland School of Medicine published a report concluding that Alexander had died of typhoid.

The university has a proud history of diagnosing illnesses of the long-dead.

A special program there devoted to the practice takes on a new celebrity each year — concluding in recent years that Beethoven died of cirrhosis and syphilis, and Edgar Allan Poe of rabies.

Oldach's team relied largely on remarkably detailed descriptions of Alexander's death, recorded by Plutarch a few centuries after the event. Alexander's medical chart, Oldach determined, would have read something like this: A

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Encenphalitis mosquito (culex tarsalis)

• **What it looks like:** About 1/8 to 3/8 inch long, dark with prominent white bands on its back and feet and inverted "V's" on the underside of the abdomen.

• **Where it lives:** Breeds in clear, standing water, such as rain pools, reservoirs, ditches and irrigation tail waters.

• **When it's most active:** Summer, peaking in August.

• **Behavior:** It's called the "encephalitis" mosquito because it's the most common carrier of encephalitis viruses — including West Nile — in the West. Females frequently snack on humans, attacking at twilight and after dark. Adults will enter dwellings seeking a blood meal, but they seek shelter during the daytime.

Although they feed on man and domestic animals, this species appears to prefer the blood of birds. Males don't bite, but they seek shelter during the daytime.

• **Best defense:** Use repellent with DEET; wearing drab-colored clothing may also help.

House mosquito (culex pipiens)

• **What it looks like:** Brownish, about the same size as the encephalitis mosquito, with narrow white bands on the body segments.

• **Where it lives:** Breeds in stagnant water — old tires, clogged rain gutters — and rests in dark, shady spots during day, such as bushes, shrubs, flower beds. Also under house eaves, allowing it to sneak in an open door.

• **When it's most active:** Twilight in mid- to late summer.

• **Behavior:** Obnoxious. And it's suspected of carrying West Nile virus and St. Louis encephalitis; peak season for disease transmission is July and August.

• **Best defense:** Use DEET; repellent; avoid wearing scents. Eliminate stagnant water on your property.

Honeybee

• **What it looks like:** 1/2 to 5/8 inch long, orange-brown to black.

• **Where it lives:** Nests are usually found in trees, 6 to 12 feet off the ground, but may also be built inside a house, sometimes inside walls.

• **When it's most active:** Daylight, from spring until late fall. Swarms occur in spring.

• **Behavior:** Not aggressive unless you get too close to the nest.

• **Best defense:** Run! Don't try to swat them. They emit an alarm pheromone that agitates other bees within 100 feet or more.

If you're in a wooded area, run through brush; branches swinging back and forth can confuse them. If chased by a swarm, get to a sheltered spot — a car or building — where you can close the door. Even if a few bees get in with you, it's

Finding the time Beads can enhance clothes, home

The Washington Post

Summer is a tough time to wear a watch. Free-spiritedness and the risk of unsightly tan lines outweigh the need to know if it's noon or 1.

But fall is a different story. "Watchies," says Amanda Gizzi, spokes woman for the Jewelry Information Center, an industry group based in New York, "highlight the individual's personal style, and add the finishing touch to any outfit."

Fat bands, big

faces and colorful graphics are popular now. Designer Paul Frank was inspired by the furniture designers of the '60s and '70s.

"What would go better with furniture of the '60s and '70s? Electronics of the same era! I love the look and shapes of turntables, amplifiers and transistor radios," says Frank.

The clean straight lines, stainless steel surface, knob-looking switches are all things that I adore. I'm also into old advertising clocks like you'd see at the pizza parlor. Designers just knew how to do things right back then."

If you like beading, you'll find many good books on the subject. But if you want to focus on beading as embellishment on garments and home decor, here's a new book to inspire you.

"Embellishing with Beads" by Nancy Nehring (Sterling, \$27.95) is colorful, clearly written and sophisticated.

Beads call attention to a piece by adding interest, sparkle, texture and movement, Nehring says. "They suggest elegance, because good quality beadwork is still handcrafted, and therefore, expensive."

Nehring is a nationally recognized teacher and designer in the needle arts. She's a regular magazine contributor and has done work for designers such as Donna Karan.

In her book, she gives advice on selecting the right types of beads, purchasing supplies, preparing fabrics and developing or transferring beading patterns. Then, using her sug-



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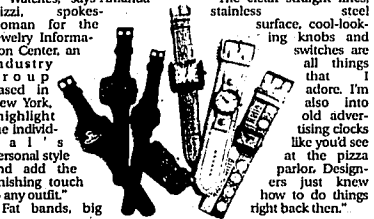
capris and skirts by tacking down strings of beads as borders. Attach long dangles to sleeve edges, or make fringe on a shawl or pillow.

Use geometric designs for all-over patterns, or do a continuous wandering line with lots of random curves.

Adapt some basic embroidery stitches such as chain or herringbone, and just follow the lines. Then add even more interest to a beaded design with buttons, rhinestones and sequins. Beaded tassels are another great focal point for purses, jacks and more.

Ask for "Embellishing with Beads" at bookstores or bead shops.

Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 828, Detroit, Mich. 48231, or send e-mail to compuserve@aol.com. Letters cannot be answered personally.



IMAGE

Less invasive procedures can treat varicose veins

The Hartford Courant

By the time Teri Moreno began to consider surgery for her varicose veins, her ankle had swelled to 12 inches in diameter.

She wouldn't have believed it either. But her husband measured it.

Pain from the swelling forced her to sit on a bench instead of playing with her children in the park. She hauled a barstool into the kitchen so she could sit while cooking dinner. She walked around in oversized sneakers, the laces untied.

But the prospect of conventional vein-stripping did not offer a realistic solution for the 38-year-old mother of three, who said she could not afford to spend a week or more recuperating.

"I just learned to deal with it because I was caring for the kids," said Moreno. "I was taking a ton of Advil and Tylenol just to get to sleep."

Hospital offers labor rehearsal class

Labor rehearsal class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class will be taught by a registered nurse. Topics will include a full labor rehearsal from first contraction to delivery using all skills and comfort measures learned in childbirth classes.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 4 through Sept. 8, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The second class of the series will be a refresher course for mothers who have previously taken the childbirth classes.

The sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a



"I can do more now," says Teri Moreno, 38, of East Windsor, Conn., after having had a closure procedure performed by an Avon surgeon on the varicose veins in her legs.

were limited for Moreno and the estimated 25 million others who suffer from bulging leg veins that are not dangerous but

can be painful. They could wear support stockings, elevate their legs at the end of the day or go to the

hospital for a 100-year-old vein-removal technique called stripping that works but causes pain and difficulty walking while the patient heals.

"How can you tell a young woman to elevate your legs at the end of the day when your toddler is pulling at the stove?" asked Dr. Lori L. Greenwald.

Greenwald, a vascular surgeon with offices in Avon and Manchester, Conn., recently repaired Moreno's veins with one of several new, less invasive procedures that could someday make support hose and stripping obsolete.

The techniques rely on radiofrequency- or laser-generated heat to collapse damaged veins and seal them shut.

Varicose veins should not be confused with spider veins, those thread-like red and blue or purple blood vessels that sometimes appear on the thigh or ankle. Those are usually harmless.

Instead, varicose veins bulge,

sometimes appearing like a knobby rope just beneath the surface at the skin. They are caused by defects in the walls of the superficial leg veins, tubeshaped vessels that carry blood from the legs back to the heart.

Blood must fight the force of gravity as it travels up the legs. In healthy veins, tissue-paper-thin valves close behind it, keeping the blood from slipping backward. Varicose veins occur when the valves fail, allowing blood to leak and pool, causing bulging, swelling and often pain.

Heretofore is the most common cause of varicose veins, although pregnancy, obesity, weight lifting and long hours of standing also can create or worsen vein problems.

In the past, surgeons removed malfunctioning veins by making incisions along the leg, disconnecting the veins from

the body and literally yanking them out. It worked well, but it hurt, and patients often needed to be off their feet for four to seven days and wear support stockings for weeks afterward.

Lasers and radiofrequency heating devices are rapidly replacing stripping. Research shows the less invasive techniques can work well, with less pain or swelling and faster recovery time.

Moreno went to Greenwald's office in February for the radiofrequency technique, known by its trade name, Closure.

With guidance from ultrasound, Greenwald used an indelible marker to map Moreno's damaged veins. After numbing the area with local anesthesia, she punctured a spot on the side of her patient's knee and threaded a catheter through the damaged vein up to the groin.

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Jerome. This week's topic will be "Infant Massage."

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

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday at the main floor conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth preparation and procedures and will include a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

Diabetes education

Pills and Potions diabetes education, a free community education class, will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 2 in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Deborah Burr will discuss di-

abetes medications. Participants should bring their medications or medicine list.

Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at the main floor conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

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

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

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Fitness center follows basketball star

MIAMI (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal's favorite fitness-center chain will join him in Miami.

California-based 24 Hour Fitness Worldwide plans to open at least five centers bearing O'Neal's name in South Florida, with the first expected to break ground by the end of the year.

"I spent the offseason last year with a certified personal trainer from 24 Hour Fitness and was thrilled with the results," O'Neal said in a recent statement. "I really believe in

what they stand for -- fitness made fun and easy for everyone."

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RUPERT — Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hansen have announced the engagement of their daughter, Micalena Rose Hansen, to Robert Jan Perkins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jan Perkins of Fresno, Calif.

Hansen is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School. She is attending Brigham Young University and will receive her bachelor's degree in nursing in April, and then plans to attend graduate school.

Perkins served two years in the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission for the LDS Church. He is attending BYU and will graduate in April with a bachelor's degree in history and sociology. He plans to attend law school in the fall of 2005.



Robert Perkins and Micalena Rose Hansen

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 30, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception and Italian buffet to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Hansen residence in Rupert.

The couple will reside in Provo, Utah.

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GRANATA-HEWARD

BURLEY — Gariante Granata and Lorn Tyler Heward announce their engagement.

Granata is the daughter of Wendy Granata of Burley and the late Judge George Granata. She is a graduate of Burley High School and Brigham Young University-Idaho, where she received her bachelor's degree in horticulture.

Heward is the son of Lorn and Danette Heward of Burley. He is a graduate of Burley High School and is currently attending the LDS Business College in Lake City, Utah. He served an LDS mission in the Dominican Republic.

The wedding is planned for Friday, July 30, in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the LDS Institute Building in Burley.

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Africans scramble for used clothes

Los Angeles Times

LAGOS, Nigeria — Tossed off a truck in a 1-ton bale of used pants and bras, worn socks, DKNY suits and Michael Jordan jerseys lands with a thud amid a jostling swarm of shoppers.

Each woman sills the plastic wrap on the refrigerator-size bundle he bought for \$95 and dives in. There's bound to be a gem in there — like the faded leather bomber jacket once worn by an American high-schooler named Tiffany. That piece now hangs on the premium rack in his 5-foot-by-5-foot stall with a price tag.

"These clothes make people's dreams come true," says Anoure, chairman of the vendors association at Yaba Market. "Everyone wears them, from insurance underwriters, poor people to parliamentarians. When they put them on, you can't tell rich from poor."

Much of Africa was once draped in fabrics of vibrant color and pattern, products of local industry and a reflection of cultural pride. But with half of its people surviving on less than a

dollar a day, the continent has become the world's recycling bin. People scramble for 10-cent T-shirts, 20-cent T-shirts and dollar blue jeans discarded by Westerners.

A young man in the Congolese jungle wears a T-shirt that pleads "Beam me up, Scotty." In Lagos nightclubs a Nigerian Ingenue models a used red negligee over a hot-pink halter top. A young Liberian fighter with an AK-47 assault rifle wears a tan bathrobe like a trench coat.

In Togo, the castoffs are called "dead white men's clothing." Few people in that West African country believe that a living person would throw away anything good. Consumers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania call the used clothing "mtumba," the Swahili word for bale.

Without mtumba, most Ugandans would be walking naked in the countryside, lamented an editorial in that country's leading newspaper, the Monitor.

There's a demand from village shops and sprawling urban markets has turned the West's castoffs into an industry that generates hundreds of millions

of dollars annually. Clothing is the most visible example. Polluting refrigerators and air conditioners, expired medicines and old mattresses also are shipped and resold here. Used vehicles imported from Japan dot African roads. Antiquated secondhand computers power many African governments.

The trade in hand-me-downs offers millions of Africans another means to endure their daily struggle with poverty. Shoppers get cheap clothes, and legions of vendors eke out a living one worn T-shirt at a time.

Mer survival has a long-term cost: The continent is losing the capacity to produce its own clothing. Although labor is cheap, Africans cannot make a shirt that costs as little as a used one. Every textile mill in Zambia has closed. Few of the 40 of Nigeria's 200 mills remain. The vast majority of textile factories in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi are shuttered as well. Thousands of workers have lost their jobs.

"We are digging our own graves," says Chris Kirubi, a Kenyan industrialist who blamed secondhand clothing

for the demise of his textile mill. "When you make your own clothes, you employ farmers to grow cotton, people to work in textile mills and more people to work in clothes factories. When you import secondhand clothes, you become a dumping ground."

The used clothes most often start out in the United States. Charities such as Goodwill and the Salvation Army sell donated clothes by the pound to wholesale merchants, who grade them. The top grade usually ends up in vintage shops in the United States, Europe or Latin America. The lesser grade merchandise, much of which is faded or stained, is labeled Africa A and Africa B.

Once in Africa, the bales of clothes bounce through a chain of wholesalers until they are thrown off a truck at a market.

Several countries, including Nigeria, have tried to ban imports of used clothing; others are trying to impose taxes on the trade, as even in Nigeria, which earns billions of dollars a year in oil exports, the demand for hand-me-downs is great and the traders creative.



Stacks of used clothing line the pathway along the railroad tracks at the busy Yaba Market, in Lagos, Nigeria. Africa accounted for about 25 percent of the \$225 million in used clothes exported from the U.S. last year, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Mystery

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32-year-old soldier, widely traveled, with many wives and one son and a history of alcohol consumption, experienced escalating fever, great thirst, profuse sweating and acute abdominal pain soon after returning to Babylon.

For two weeks the patient suffered from delirium, loss of voice and increased weakness, gradually progressing to paralysis and death.

In the December 1998 issue of Emerging Infectious Diseases, a journal of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oldach and his colleagues concluded that Alexander's symptoms pointed to typhoid, a life-threatening bacterial disease, transmitted by contaminated food and water, that causes sustained high fevers, can be accompanied by stomach pains and sometimes affects nerves—something accounting for Alexander's paralysis.

Then, in 2002, a group preparing a documentary about Alexander asked Marr to reconsider the evidence for typhoid.

Marr read Oldach's paper and at first inclined to agree with it. "But then I said, 'What the heck. Let's re-look at this thing from a larger scale,'" he recalled.

"That meant going beyond the descriptions of Alexander's symptoms to include questions of what was going on at the time around Babylon (near today's Baghdad), including the kinds of plants and animals there and what the landscape and climate were like."

While Marr was doing so, he got a call from a colleague studying West Nile encephalitis, an unusual complication of West Nile virus infection that can cause a polio-like syndrome called flaccid paralysis.

"That made a light flicker in my head," Marr said. "I remembered that Alexander was awake but had to be carried."

Then Marr and fellow epidemiologist Charles Calisher of Colorado State University found a passage in Plutarch's writing that other diagnosticians had not noted.

As a still-livest Alexander had approached the Western gates of Babylon, something strange happened: A flock of ravens flew erratically over-

head, and several fell dead at Alexander's feet.

Marr and Calisher knew that crows, a family that includes ravens and crows, are exquisitely susceptible to West Nile.

In fact, finding dead crows in the Bronx in 1999 first alerted scientists that the Old World disease had reached the United States.

They also knew that West Nile was first identified, and probably originated, near Egypt. And they learned that the Western approach to Babylon would have taken Alexander along a swamp—once probably inhabited by mosquitoes, which transmit West Nile from birds to humans.

No one knows whether the disease existed 2,000 years ago. But when Marr and Calisher loaded all of Alexander's symptoms—along with the word "ravens" into a computer program that diagnoses infectious diseases, the software backed up their intuition: West Nile encephalitis.

Case closed? Hardly.

This month's issue of Emerging Infectious Diseases includes several letters to the editor responding to Marr and Calisher, whose report appeared in the December 2003 issue. Oldach and his colleagues were among the letter writers.

Because Plutarch wrote about events already past, the Marylanders wrote, he had ample opportunity to inject "predictive" signs, including some linked to the then-popular practice of avian augurs—predicting events from bird-related clues.

In Plutarch's other writings, they noted, "wild birds perched on the forum" before Caesar's assassination; a flock of crows "pecked the ends of the ropes" as Cleo died in a ship after Marc Antony's death sentence; and Remus "saw six vultures" shortly before his death.

"Marr and Calisher, perhaps unaware of the magnitude of Plutarch's obsession with avian auguries, have been led down the feathered path," they quipped.

Bugs

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through September, peaking in early summer.

• **Behavior:** They get onto shoes and clothing, then hop on skin and attach themselves, especially around areas of tight clothing (waistband, sock line, etc.). The bite produces a red, itchy spot, often with swelling.

• **Best defense:** If you spot them quickly and wash them off with soap and hot water, you may lessen the reaction. You can also apply permethrin repellent to your clothing.

Black widow spider

• **What it looks like:** 1/2 inch long with large, round black abdomen with a red hourglass-shaped mark on its underside. (The mark may also just be a red dot or two, but beware of any spider with a red mark on its belly.) There's also a brown widow spider.

• **Where it lives:** Any protected site—under a house's eaves or a picnic table, behind a bush, in a shed, etc.

• **When it's most active:** Day or night, summer and fall.

• **Behavior:** Not aggressive— it'll try to stay out of your way. Bite symptoms: fever, increase in blood pressure, sweating and nausea, with the worst level within one to three hours after the bite. Rarely fatal, but small children or older people are at added risk.

• **Best defense:** Watch for a tangle cobweb (often in corners), not one of those nice neat circular cobwebs you see in the garden. A black widow usually hangs upside down in its web, making it easier to spot the red marking on its belly.

Flea

• **What it looks like:** About 1/8 inch, brownish-reddish.

• **Where it lives:** Breeds in pet resting areas indoors or outdoors, in the carpet or underneath furniture.

• **When it's most active:** Daytime during spring to fall outdoors, year-round indoors.

• **Behavior:** Feeds on blood of cats, dogs and wildlife; doesn't live on human blood, but it will bite people.

Chigger

• **What it looks like:** Less than 1 millimeter long (barely visible to naked eye), reddish.

• **Where it lives:** Where forests meet grassy areas, as in pastures or fields, or on roadsides; less frequently in lawns.

• **When it's most active:** May

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Medical providers are improving their communications with patients and discussing a wider array of choices in getting informed consent from patients. However, there is still - all too frequently - the circumstance where the patients with chronic conditions, terminal illness, and diminished capacity fall or are unable to assert their rightful role and responsibility in making end-of-life choices.

Palliative care is a relatively new approach to medical care for persons in end-of-life circumstances. It approaches dying persons with the goal of decreasing pain and distress and increasing quality of life.

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Tick

• **What it looks like:** Varies from pinhead size up to almost a half-inch if fully engorged with blood. Brownish, reddish or grayish.

• **Where it lives:** Same habitat as chigger, but will often dwell in back yard if it has an animal host there.

• **When it's most active:** Daytime in summer and fall.

• **Behavior:** It will "quest" — clutch a blade of grass with rear legs and extend its front legs out and up — for days on end. When a human or animal passes, it grabs and cements itself to the body.

• **Best defense:** In tick-infested areas, tuck your pants legs inside your socks; you can also apply permethrin to your clothes. Also, check yourself or have someone check you for ticks at least once a day.

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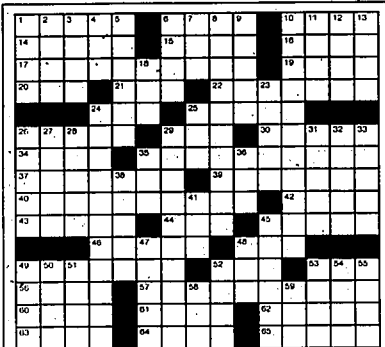
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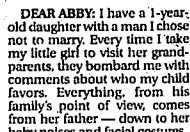
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Mom must stand firm with grandparents



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a 1-year-old daughter with a man I chose not to marry. Every time I take my little girl to visit her grandparents, they bombard me with comments about who my child favors. Everything, from his facial features, down to her baby noises and facial gestures, is simply not true. I have tried to politely slip some baby pictures of myself to them in the hope they'd take the hint and stop. My daughter does resemble her daddy, but she also has my hair, eyes, skin and some facial features. Nothing has frustrated so far, and I am beyond frustrated.

What makes this so hurtful is it's simply not true. I have tried to politely slip some baby pictures of myself to them in the hope they'd take the hint and stop. My daughter does resemble her daddy, but she also has my hair, eyes, skin and some facial features. Nothing has frustrated so far, and I am beyond frustrated.

PLEASE PRINT THIS BECAUSE, child as it may seem, being made to feel like a test tube who contributed nothing, really hurts.

—INVISIBLE IN ALABAMA

DEAR INVISIBLE: Stop hinting and tell your daughter's grandparents exactly what you have told me and the rest of my readers. But please say it gently, because what they are doing isn't unkind.

When a child is born, it's natural for families to look for and recognize their own genetic traits. They may be tactless, but I'm sure they don't mean to be cruel. You are far more than a "test tube." You're a caring and conscientious mother for making sure that your child has a relationship with her grandparents.

DEAR ABBY: I just got a phone call from my father. He hadn't called in more than three months, so I was a little surprised to hear from him. The first words out of his mouth were, "Can I borrow \$250 to get my car fixed? You don't even have to get me a Father's Day Present."

Abby, my dad is not poor. Now he is mad at me for saying no. He says I'm ungrateful, and that I owe it to him for all the years he paid child support to my mom.

My dad has the money to spare. I just spent a lot to have my own car fixed, and I'm saving for a new one. Was I wrong not to give him the loan? Should I have done it to keep

the peace?
 —SECOND THOUGHTS IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: It depends on your relationship with your father. Obviously, you are not particularly close or there wouldn't have been a three-month gap between conversations. And since "the first words out of his mouth" were to ask for money, your dad's diplomatic skills could use some sharpening.

I don't think you were wrong to refuse. The worst reason in the world to make a loan is to "keep the peace."

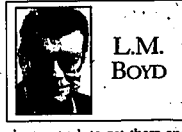
ES. Your father paid child support because he was required by law to do it. You do not owe him money in return.

DEAR ABBY: What is the proper way to communicate to your work colleagues the reinstatement of your maiden name after a divorce?
 —SINGLE AGAIN IN SAN RAMON, CALIF.

DEAR SINGLE AGAIN: Tell your co-workers about your name change and have new business cards printed. For those with whom you do business but do not see on a daily basis, a short note informing them of the name change would be suitable. If you are asked the reason for it, a two-word explanation, "I'm divorced," should suffice.

Influenza killed more people than the plague

Q. What was the greatest epidemic in human history?
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Scorpio must focus on more than ambitions

IF JULY 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you should expect to be pampered and showered with affection. Surprises are in store as others may have unique ideas about how to brighten your day. These workings you have been looking forward to achieve are about to come to fruition. Small pebbles in the path are unlikely to become stumbling blocks.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Whether at work or at play you are determined to win the game. Take a companion along today and make business a pleasure. Some precious is willing to follow wherever you lead.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Worries have evaporated and you feel more ennobled about life. Minor flirtations may turn into something more important. Carry a little extra money around and treat new contacts royally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Chance conversations may lead to important friendships. A welcomed change in the atmosphere can open doors. Adopting an altered perspective can create fertile ground for future success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are in the mood for love, and a vacation will be more fun than work. There is a sparkle in social interchanges; new possibilities may appear. It is a good time to notify others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have a few good days ahead in which to implement changes and put innovative ideas to work. Relationships take on a positive glow. Success is yours if you strengthen important romantic ties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The celestial winds have shifted, and more positive ideas are blowing your way. Pay attention to the unexpected insights, as they may contain a message

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 Jeraldine Saunders

you can use.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Warmth and enthusiasm will greet your efforts on the social scene. Overcome bashfulness and be direct, because a fresh face may be just the one you have been looking for. New goals can be developed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Understand that others close by prefer to have companionship. You may be able to focus on ambitions to the exclusion of all else, but remember to come up for air. Someone finds you fascinating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Success is in the air for those who open minds and hearts to advanced techniques. Surprising messages may alter your opinion. Walk on the wild side and do not be afraid to challenge authority.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be able to reach into your box of tricks and create magic that dazzles a significant other. Romantic signs are appearing on the horizon, so be prepared to shift gears and take a short vacation from business duties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Financial affairs should fall in place, and the lights are green where purchases are concerned. Love begins to blossom all around you. Someone new may enter the picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Concentrate on work and service. The small details that you deal with may add up to large achievement. Partners may inspire you with ingenious methods that make your life easier. Try to do routine jobs in a new way.

Coverage of Democratic Convention will begin today

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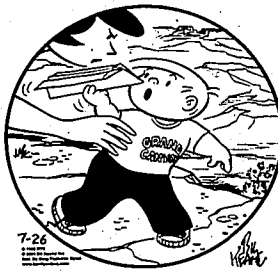
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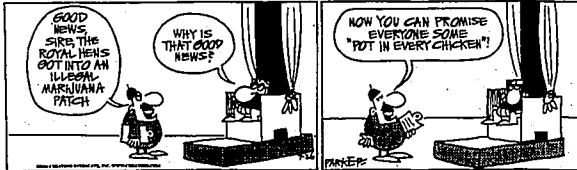
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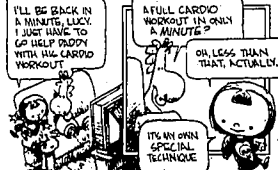
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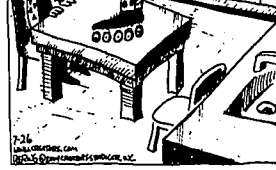


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NATION/WORLD

Iraqi conference hits snags

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Hundreds of Iraqis gathered at an elegant Baghdad country club Sunday to choose delegates for a national conference, considered a key first step in transforming this former dictatorship into a democracy.

The conference, however, is beset with difficulties even before it begins. Leaders in some provinces are so divided they may not be able to agree on any delegates at all. Some key factions have said they will boycott the event. And organizers are so concerned about terror attacks they won't even say when or where the conference will be held.

"It isn't the easiest thing, trying to get this done, but it will all work out. The security, the organization, everything is moving," said Abdul Halim al-Ruhaimi, a conference organizer. "We're trying to move on to democracy after all this time."

The conference was stipulated by a law enacted by the departing U.S. civil administration last month. Made up of delegates from Iraq's 18 provinces as well as tribal, religious and political leaders, the gathering will choose 80 of its delegates to join a 100-member national assembly. The remaining members will come from the now-dissolved Iraqi Governing Council.

The assembly will have the power to approve the national budget, veto executive orders and appoint replacements to the Cabinet in the event a minister dies or resigns.

Conference organizers have spent weeks traveling the country to help the provinces choose their delegates, but some local officials have been unable to agree on who to send.

In Kirkuk, squabbling has erupted over the ratio of Kurds, Arab and Turkmen in that northern city's delegation. Council members and community leaders have been meeting for days to resolve the problem. Internal bickering has also marred selections in southern cities of Kut and in Basra, where Shiite diplomats have stepped in to help resolve the crisis.

Several key constituencies also have announced boycotts of the gathering.

Members of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's movement, which has strong grassroots support among the nation's majority Shiite community, have called the conference undemocratic and accused it of being a ploy to divide the country.

"We originally supported the idea, and agreed to take part because we know in the rest of the world, such an assembly would be considered the nation's parliament," said a spokesman for al-Sadr's spokesman and managing editor of al-Hawza newspaper.

"But this assembly will have no legislative authority. ... This will have no power. We see this as a trick on the Iraqi people. It's a sad joke," he said.

The Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential Sunni



AP photo

Iraqi men representing one of Baghdad's outskirts districts, write down their suggestions for delegates to the Iraqi National Conference, at a Baghdad country club, in the Iraqi capital city Sunday. All around the country similar elections are taking place, as local councillors, politicians, religious leaders and community personalities nominate their representatives to the conference, expected to take place sometime this week. The eventual 1,000 selected will choose from among them 100 to form the country's National Assembly, which is the first step towards national elections expected next year.

group with links to insurgents, also may stay home, citing the interim government's reliance on the U.S.-led coalition.

"We decided not to take part in any political organization as long as the occupation exists in Iraq," said Sheikh Farid al-Dhari, secretary-general of the group.

The rolling violence plaguing the country has also been a major concern guiding much of the planning for the conference, an almost irresistible target for terror groups; organizers will only announce the location and date of the three-day conference 24 hours before it begins.

"It's top secret because of the security situation," al-Ruhaimi said. "We expect things like cars rigged with explosives, some sort of attack, anything to stop this from going ahead."

Organizers also will have to deal with a more sensitive security threat — from the delegates

themselves.

"I can imagine some Shiite getting angry with a Kurd, or a Sunni fighting with a Shiite, or whatever, we just have to make sure they're all cleared of weapons before they go in," al-Ruhaimi said.

During the meeting Sunday at the Alwathayh Country Club, Iraqi police blocked the nearby roads, emptying one of the main arteries in the center of Baghdad. Authorities, assisted by coalition troops and interior ministry forces, are expected to use even light security measures at the conference, al-Ruhaimi said.

Inside the club, many Iraqis were just beginning to discover what a fickle creature democracy can be.

The 540 representatives from Baghdad's outlying districts — assigned to choose 26 delegates to the conference — came with concrete ideas of

how the process should be conducted.

Some voiced disdain, others outrage at the little time they had to prepare. While some districts knew about the elections, more than a month ago, some only found out last week.

"We've had over a year to prepare for this," said Naser Muthi, furiously wiping the sweat from his brow, and growing more and more agitated. "More than a year, and yet we only get a day's notice to pick a group to send here."

Debate is heated. Notes are coaxed. There's talk of something more than just a little persuasion.

The power cut out while organizers counted pink, white and yellow ballot papers. But groups of voters stayed on to watch this first step on the path toward democracy, for which they have such high hopes after decades of dictatorship.

U.S. Marines try old tactic for a new war

Los Angeles Times

RAMADI, Iraq — Hunkered down in the turquoise-domed Islamic Law Center, a dozen Marines wait for the enemy to make its inevitable move. Insurgents equipped with Soviet-made sniper rifles keep the building in their cross-hairs. Assaults with AK-47s and grenade launchers regularly peer from nearby alleys and roofs. Attacks can come from anywhere in a 360-degree radius.

The wall is unbreachable, but it's better than being in the streets of this turbulent western city. On Wednesdays, a Marine convoy was attacked here with a roadside bomb and as many as 100 Iraqi insurgents unleashed a barrage of small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades in rolling fire-fights that lasted for much of the day. Thirteen Marines and one soldier were injured, and the U.S. military reported killing 25 fighters.

"When you walk on the street, you can't hide in any nook and cranny and you can never find them until they start shooting," said Marine Cpl. Glenn Hamby, 26, who heads Squad 3 of Golf Company. "Here, they have to come right to us."

This is what the war has come down to in Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, where providing tenuous security harkens back to America's 19th century Indian Wars — a time when the cavalry set up outposts and forts in decidedly hostile territory.

A half-dozen or so Marine observation posts dot Ramadi's main drag, linking heavily fortified bases and helping to keep the inhospitable city from turning into a Fallujah-like sanctuary for insurgents.

U.S. troops have walked away from Fallujah, 30 miles to the east. But here in the capital of strategic Al Anbar province, the fight goes on day after day.

The aggressive patrols that marked the Marines' arrival this spring were met with frenzied and bloody insurgent attacks, leading to some of the heaviest U.S. losses of the Iraq conflict. Since the patrols have given way to the more muted "post-visit" strategy, however, U.S. deaths have dropped dramatically.

Marines say the scaled-back blueprint has worked in other ways: Unlike Fallujah, the city still has a U.S. military presence designed to keep open the city's main artery, back up Iraqi police who protect the heavily

fortified Iraqi government center, and prevent the city from falling into complete chaos or insurgent control.

The reduced U.S. visibility here also coincides with the return of sovereignty to Iraq and a nationwide push to keep American troops in the background as much as possible. Still, no one doubts that Iraqi security forces would be outmatched here if not for the U.S. military presence.

"We've had some success Highway 10 is open, and we're seeing the Iraqis take more and more charge of their own security," said Capt. Christopher Bronzi, who heads Golf Company from a ten-attacked Marine base known as the Combat Outpost, a former Iraqi army ready for us to be less a part of their country."

Even beyond the evolving strategy, the story of Ramadi is in sharp contrast to that of Fallujah. Although it has acquired great symbolic potency as a symbol of armed resistance, Fallujah is basically a backwater with no strategic significance. Ramadi, on the other hand, with 450,000 residents, is the economic and political hub of the Sunni Muslim heartland.

Since arriving in March, the 2nd Battalion of the 4th Marines based in Ramadi has lost 31 troops and suffered almost 200 injuries, most during a series of fierce but largely unheralded urban firefights in early April.

The fierce house-to-house combat of April taught the Marines a hard lesson: The kind of "hearts and minds" campaign that many had envisioned while preparing at Camp Pendleton was simply not going to fly in the core of the Sunni Triangle, where resentment against the U.S. presence is pervasive and unlikely to improve, many Marines now acknowledge.

The insurgents know exactly where the Marines are and regard the posts as prime targets: Four Marines were killed last month in Ramadi when their post was overrun in the early morning darkness; stunning images of the sniper team's dead and bloodied bodies sprawled on a rooftop were captured on videotape and broadcast worldwide. Marine commanders decline to provide details on how the post could have been taken.

Iraq newspaper closed down by U.S. opens again for business

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — About four months ago, U.S. combat troops seized the offices of the al-Hawza newspaper, evicted the staff and padlocked the front gate, armed with an order from Iraq's U.S. administrator saying the paper had incited violence against U.S. forces and their Iraqi supporters.

Last week, al-Hawza reopened for business in the same dingy, tangerine-colored office covered with posters of turbaned Shiite clerics. Though officially welcomed back by the Iraqi prime minister, the paper's officials defiantly vowed to return to the same brand of provocative criticism and religious agitation that got it shut down in March.

"We know that the American occupation is not really over, and we intend to remain as critical as before," said Abbas Rubaie, the chief editor, 38, after returning to his office Saturday to a round of congratulatory kisses from his staff. "Closing the paper was a disaster" for U.S. officials, he added. "The Iraqi government should think hard before doing the same thing."

Al-Hawza is the editorial arm of a radical Shiite Muslim movement headed by Muqtada al-Sadr, a firebrand cleric who became an impassioned

opponent of the U.S. presence in Iraq and formed a militia of young followers known as the Mahdi Army, named after the legendary lost imam of Shiite.

Founded in May 2003, shortly after the U.S.-led forces toppled the government of Saddam Hussein, the weekly paper, with a circulation of about 13,000, featured red-letter headlines excoriating U.S. troops and the U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer as enemies of Islam and Iraq. One of its most notorious articles was titled, "Bremer Follows the Steps of Saddam."

Finally, Bremer lost patience and shut down the paper on March 28, accusing it of reporting lies, fomenting instability and seeking to "incite violence against coalition forces" and their Iraqi collaborators. The action drew considerable criticism in Iraq and abroad; the Columbia Journalism Review called it "questionable" and counterproductive.

The crackdown sparked a series of street protests and led to several months of violent clashes between U.S.-led troops and rebel militias. Forces that left hundreds dead. But by May, the violence had subsided and public attention had turned to the U.S. military prison scandal and the impending transfer of sovereignty from

U.S. to Iraqi hands, which took place on June 28.

On Sunday, Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi issued an order allowing the paper to reopen, saying he wanted to stress his "absolute belief in freedom of the press." But al-Sadr's aides responded with defiance, saying they did not need Allawi's approval and suggesting he was making a clumsy effort to buy them off.

"We were surprised by Allawi's statement," Rubaie said. "We are an independent newspaper, and it is not up to the government to authorize us or not." He said he had personally cut off the padlock and chains on the newspaper office the week before Allawi's order and had already intended to resume publishing.

But despite the statements, al-Hawza appears unlikely to return to its relentless, inflammatory attacks of last winter. For one thing, Bremer is gone, and the new Iraqi authorities include senior Shiite officials who defended the paper against the U.S. actions.

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Train hits minibus, kills 15

Israelis protest plan for pullout

German experts visit site of last week's derailment

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A passenger train slammed into a minibus rushing to cross its tracks Sunday in western Turkey, killing 15 people and injuring four, just days after the deadly derailment of a Turkish express train.

The minibus — carrying 19 passengers returning from a wedding party — was trying to cross the lines before the barriers came down, a railroad official told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No injuries were reported among some 200 train passengers.

The crash further highlighted concerns about the safety of the country's aging railway after the derailment Thursday of a new, high-speed train about halfway through its trip from Istanbul to Ankara. The crash killed 37 people.

Officials also reported other rail accidents this weekend: A 15-year-old boy was killed Sunday when he fell from a train traveling with its doors open in an Istanbul suburb, and four cars in a 25-car freight train derailed in southern Adana province Saturday. No one was hurt.

German railroad experts were examining the wreckage from Thursday's derailment at the request of Turkish officials anxious to quell criticism that the gov-



On Sunday, German transport experts and Turkish officials examine the railway and the wreckage of an express train that derailed in Sakarya on Thursday, killing 37 people.

ernment backed a dangerous high-speed rail project despite known risks.

Experts from other countries had been invited to help investigate, the railroad official told AP but it was not known when those teams would arrive.

Turkish officials would be available to answer questions but would not interfere with the German team's investigations, rail authority deputy chief Erol Inal said, according to the An-

atolia news agency.

The crew chief of the high-speed passenger train, Koksak Koskun, and two engineers, Filiz Kambulat and Recep Sonmez, were arrested late Friday and reportedly would face charges of negligence.

The chief prosecutor for the area, Mihai Kutunoglu, said railroad authorities could be detained as part of the widening investigation.

"The investigation may not be

limited to the engineers," the *Radikal* newspaper quoted Kutunoglu as saying. "It could reach authorities."

The derailment near the rural village of Mekece was among the worst train crashes in Turkish history, and an embarrassment for the government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who personally inaugurated the train last month despite safety concerns raised by experts.

JERUSALEM — Israelis formed a human chain stretching 55 miles from Gaza to Jerusalem to protest Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Gaza Strip withdrawal plan, as violence left six Palestinian militants dead and five Israeli children wounded.

The children, housed at a community center, were injured when Palestinians fired mortars at the largest Gaza settlement, Neve Dekalim, according to rescue services and the military. The settlement is a frequent target of Palestinian rifle and mortar fire. The attack occurred as demonstrators were heading home.

Israeli helicopters targeted a house in Gaza City in two separate missile strikes Sunday, witnesses said. One bystander was slightly injured in the missile blasts, the witnesses said. The Israeli military had no comment.

Also, Israeli forces killed six Palestinians in the West Bank town of Tulkarim. Israeli Army Radio said they were members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, loosely linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

It was the bloodiest clash in the West Bank in a month. On June 26, Israeli forces ambushed Palestinian militants holed up in a tunnel in Nabulis, killing seven.

Chesson policeman dies in car bomb attack

VLADIVOKAZ, Russia — A senior Cheshon police officer in an organized crime task force was killed in a car-bomb attack Sunday, a year after his son was shot dead in front of fellow students, officials said.

Arzag Nikayev, an investigator with a police unit that battles organized crime in Chechnya and surrounding regions, died when his car exploded after he tried to start it, the Interfax news agency reported. An official in Chechnya's Moscow-based government, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed Nikayev's death.

Nikayev's wife, who had come out of their home to see him off, was also injured in the powerful early morning blast in the Chechen capital, Grozny.

World in brief

Russian oil company edges closer to abyss

MOSCOW — While Russia's largest oil company Yukos fights government moves to take it apart, the pumps that produce 2 percent of the world's oil still work. But the company has warned that exports could be interrupted as it gets pushed deeper into a corner over a gargantuan back taxes bill.

Oil traders were speculating about a possible 1 million barrel drop in daily output after the company, OAO NK Yukos, warned Thursday it could run out of cash to fund production within a few weeks. Analysts say the gap would likely be filled quickly by other Russian oil companies — but world oil prices leaped on fears of a shortage.

Despite President Vladimir Putin's portrayal of the case as a clampdown on corruption, the relentless legal campaign against Yukos and its jailed founder Mikhail Khodorkovsky has given foreign investors serious worries about the Kremlin's commitment to a free market.

Financier: Diana took Charles to the cleaners?

LONDON — Princess Diana "took every penny" that Prince Charles had in their divorce settlement, the prince's former financial adviser was quoted as telling a Sunday newspaper.

Geoffrey Bignell told The Sunday Telegraph that Charles handed over his entire personal fortune when the divorce was settled in 1996, a year before Diana died in a Paris car crash.

He did not reveal the amount, but at the time it was widely reported to be between \$25 million and \$30 million.

Princess Diana took every penny he had, Bignell was quoted as saying. "I was told to liquidate everything, all his personal wealth left, so that he could give her the cash."

"He was very unhappy about that. That's when I stopped being his personal financial adviser because he had no personal wealth left. She took him to the cleaners."

— compiled from wire reports

Flood waters threaten capital of Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Workers and volunteers frantically stacked sandbags Sunday to protect Bangladesh's capital from rising water and a crowded boat ferrying villagers across flood waters kipping in northeastern India, killed at least 10 people.

Five other people were missing after the boat, with more than 50 people on board, overturned and sank in the Moriganj district of Assam, district police chief Rana Bhuyansaid.

Villagers and local police rescued three dozen people from the swift-moving flood-

waters, and 10 bodies had been pulled out, said Moly Thakur, an official at the nearby state-run Hindustan Paper Corp.

The combined danger in both countries is more than 760 fatalities, with some 200 deaths in Bangladesh.

Rivers around the capital, Dhaka, burst their banks, leaving 40 percent of the city of 10 million people under water.

Nearly two-thirds of Bangladesh — a delta nation of 140 million people — has been flooded since the start of the monsoon in late June. The floods, the worst since 1998,

have affected about 20 million people, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Center said.

Most deaths have been due to drowning, lightning, water-borne diseases and electrocution from snapped power lines.

Hundreds of people from flooded parts of the capital took shelter in schools or offices. Some families pitched makeshift plastic and bamboo tents on sidewalks along busy streets.

Relief workers and volunteers stacked sandbags in a bid to stop water gushing through cracks in two main flood pro-

tection embankments to the west and southeast of Dhaka.

Transportation was disrupted, with two major highways and railroads linking the capital to the rest of the country, partially submerged. Many factories producing textiles — Bangladesh's main export — were closed as water swept into the plants.

Floods are common in Bangladesh, a low-lying deltaic plain crisscrossed by hundreds of rivers that flow from the Himalayas into the Bay of Bengal. In 1998, about 70 percent of the country was inundated for nearly three months.

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August 31 at 4 p.m.</p> <p>A copy of the grant proposal will be available for inspection at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, 1224 8th Street, Rupert after August 16th. Only sections of the application which are considered essential for adequate public disclosure by the Division of Public Transportation will be provided by mail unless the entire application is specifically requested.</p> <p>For documentation purposes, all requests and comments from the public must be in writing and should be sent by certified mail to Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Grant Office, 1224 8th Street, Rupert ID 83450. Informal ques-</p>	<p>tions may be directed to Patricia Hansen at (208) 436-0481 ext. 255</p> <p>PUBLISH: July 26, 2004</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and study these notices. 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If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 735-3324.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Notice is hereby given by City of Hansen Planning & Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at City Hall, 388 Main St., on Monday, August 9, 2004 at 6:00 pm to hear a request by Valeria Worden for a variance</p> <p>continued on next page</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005</p> <p>City of Hansen, Idaho</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hansen, Idaho will hold a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005. This hearing will be held at City Hall at 388 Main Street, Hansen, Idaho at 6:30 p.m. on Monday August 9, 2004. Any interested person may appear and show cause, if any, why said budget should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed budget in detail are available at City Hall during regular office hours (9:00 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 5:00) Monday through Friday.</p> <p>The following is an estimate set forth of the proposed revenues and expenditures of the City of Hansen for the fiscal year October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 and is shown as FY04-05.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>REVENUES</th> <th>Actual 02-03</th> <th>Actual 03-04</th> <th>Proposed 04-05</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>GENERAL REVENUE</td> <td>\$217,551.00</td> <td>\$ 215,032.00</td> <td>\$ 215,077.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>STREET</td> <td>129,460.00</td> <td>130,180.00</td> <td>210,400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>REV. 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Monday, July 26, 2004

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Youth is a blunder; Manhood a struggle; Old Age a regret.

— Benjamin Disraeli

On today's deal from a team event in Australia, the North-South pair were juniors, which perhaps explains South's optimism in the auction.

When South found that his partner had opening values and diamond support, he issued a grand-slam invitation with five no-trump, and accepted his own invitation when he found the diamond king opposite.

West led a heart, taken by dummy's ace while a spade was discarded. From hand, Now South, a mathematician at the Australian National University, proceeded to show that academic process was not his only talent.

He cashed the ace and king of trumps, breathing a sigh of relief when all following, then played a spade to his ace and ruffed a spade. If spades had been 3-2, he would have been able to claim 13 tricks immediately. However, when East showed out but was unable to overtake, the play was still alive (unless East was playing a deep game).

He returned to hand with the club ace and ruffed another spade, setting up the suit. A heart ruff drew the last trump with the queen. He then placed the spade king on the table, felling West's queen and leaving his hand high.

This was a big swing, as the pair at the other table stopped in the spade game. It would have been an even bigger swing in most matches, because the majority of pairs had bid to six spades, failing by one trick when that suit failed to behave.

Bridge score table with columns for North, South, East, West and various card suits.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding:

Bidding sequence table showing South, West, North, East actions.

Opening lead: Heart two

LEAD WITH THE ACES

Lead with the Aces table showing South holds and card suits.

ANSWER: Lead the heart king. It could be right to attack either minor, but the best way to decide which suit to play on is to try to hold the lead with the heart king at trick one and then to work out from the sight of dummy where to go for honey.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at http://www.bridgetricks.com

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