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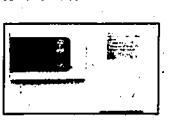


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Water shortage solution?

Irrigators, state leaders examine idling farmland for springs

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BUIH — What's the difference between idling dry farmland for a host of environmental benefits versus idling irrigated farmland for groundwater conservation?

Land value.

Expanding the federal Conservation Reserve Program in Idaho to include irrigated acreage is being considered as one way to voluntarily curtail groundwater consumption. Irrigators and state leaders will

Lawmakers to attend farm meeting

Compensating growers for taking irrigated farmland out of production to reduce groundwater consumption will be the subject of a town hall meeting held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Buhl at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo and Rep. Mike Simpson along with Idaho Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb and Idaho Department of Agriculture Director Pat Tokasugi are scheduled to attend. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency will be in town from Washington, D.C., to discuss program options.

and federal farm program directors. It's part of an effort to find so-

lutions to water shortages that will reduce demand on the regional aquifer, and generate more spring flows for water users in the Snake River Canyon.

Groundwater users propose that the program initially enroll up to 20,000 irrigated acres in Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka and Blaine counties and in targeted areas of Cassia, Twin Falls and Elmore counties. They propose that the program eventually be expanded to between 40,000 and 50,000 acres.

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Relic stays

Stagecoach can go to Twin Falls buyer.

Texas collector says

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The out-of-state buyer of Twin Falls' most famous stagecoach said Sunday that he'll relinquish the relic and leave it here.

It's disappointing, but we understand that the stage belongs there. It's just like the Alamo belongs here in San Antonio, and the stagecoach can stay here.

Wayne Tolley of Texas said in a telephone interview Sunday evening.

Text of letter

What's next?

Just over a week ago, Tolley bought the former L.J. Perrine stagecoach from Jeanette Meyers of Twin Falls, the widow of the man who restored the historic coach and reintroduced it to the community. Tolley — who had searched for close to 20 years for an authentic stagecoach with history attached — intended to ship his purchase last week to his Texas home, where a controlled-atmosphere display place was prepared.

That news sparked consternation among Twin Falls leaders — including several who say they thought their interest in buying the coach has been evident for a long time — and their efforts to reverse the deal stalled the 120-year-old coach's departure.

Now the stagecoach stays. Tolley on Sunday said it will give it up if he receives reimbursement.

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HOLDING THE LINE



Both Kelson, baker at Valley School in Hazelton, prepares cinnamon rolls while cooks Susan Hardy, left background, and Cheryl Shawver make doll rolls.

Many districts keep lunch prices steady

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

District	Elementary	Junior high/middle	High school	Changes
Blaine Co.	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25	Changed last year, might rise midyear
Bliss	\$1.15	\$1.25	\$1.25	No change
Camas Co.	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$1.75	No change
Cassia Co.	\$1.25	\$1.40	\$1.40	No change for fifth year
Castelford	\$1.10	\$1.35	\$1.35	No change
Dietzen	\$1.15	\$1.45	\$1.45	No change
Filer	\$1.35	\$1.45	\$1.55	No change
Hagerman	\$1.50	\$1.65	\$1.65	\$0.05
Hansen	\$1.30	\$1.60	\$1.60	\$0.05
Kimberly	\$1.30	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$0.05
Marting	\$1.25	\$1.40	\$1.40	No change
Richfield	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.10	No change
Twin Falls	\$1.40	\$1.55	\$1.75	No change
Valley	\$1.30	\$1.60	\$1.60	No change
Valley	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.50	No change

* The lowest price is for kindergarten to third grade, while grades four to 12 pay the higher price.

TWIN FALLS — Rising food prices pinch many school nutrition budgets, but many Magic Valley districts are resisting the urge to increase school lunch prices.

The price of gasoline increases delivery costs for food, and many districts report paying surcharges for drop-offs. The price of milk is also a major issue, said Mary Breckenridge, supervisor of child nutrition for the state Department of Education.

Breckenridge said the price of milk is affected by how much of the supply is used to make cheese and yogurt, so the popularity of the carb-cheating Atkins diet is driving up dairy prices.

"Milk for some reason is just out of control," Breckenridge said.

She has heard of some districts seeing 25-cent increases in the cost of single-cup cartons. Breckenridge said the state set up six purchasing co-ops to help districts get volume discounts and improve their bottom lines.

Around the country, many schools are feeling the pressure of rising food, labor and transportation costs, and are responding by

hiking the price of breakfast and lunch, in some cases for the first time in more than a decade and by as much as \$1.

The increases don't affect the nearly 17 million children who get free or reduced-price lunches and who account for more than half of the 29 million children served by the National School Lunch Program this year.

Fifty cents is the limit for a reduced-price meal. But prices for kids who don't meet the poverty rules are set by local school districts and have no price cap. It is those prices that some schools are raising — from a few cents to a dollar per meal.

School systems typically get no local money for their lunch programs. They get by on meal sales, vending machine sales and the use of government commodities.

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Program brings free breakfast to Magic Valley

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Even with rising food costs, students in Twin Falls and 12 other Magic Valley districts will have the chance to eat breakfast for free in the coming school year through a federal program.

Many Breckenridge, supervisor of child nutrition for the state Department of Education, said there are no specific requirements for districts to use the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Provision II Breakfast program. The department recommends that districts have about 55 percent of students receiving free or reduced-price breakfasts and that they spend less than 60 cents a meal for the program to pay for itself.

Districts are reimbursed based upon percentages of students receiving free, reduced

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Fighting casts shadow over Iraq conference

The Associated Press

NAAFI Iraq — U.S. tanks and troops rolled back into the center of Najaf and battled with Shiite Muslims over the weekend, casting a shadow over the violence in the holy city just as delegates in Baghdad opened a conference meant to be a landmark in the country's movement toward democracy.

The collapse of the negotiations cast a shadow over the National Conference in Baghdad, which gathered 1,000 religious, tribal and political leaders from across the country. In Najaf after the failure of negotiations cast a shadow over the National Conference in Baghdad, which gathered 1,000 religious, tribal and political leaders from across the country. In Najaf after the failure of negotiations cast a shadow over the National Conference in Baghdad, which gathered 1,000 religious, tribal and political leaders from across the country.

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Florida starts massive cleanup; storm leaves billions in damages

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Residents left homeless by Hurricane Charley's 145 mph winds dug through their ravaged homes on Sunday, sweeping up shattered glass and rescuing what they could as President Bush promised rapid delivery of disaster aid.

With temperatures in the 90s and humidity that made it feel hotter, people waited with cars in long lines to buy ice. Supermarkets were just water in five cities as just

under 1 million people remained without power and 2,300 stayed in emergency shelters.

"It's as close to hell as I can think of," said Khouth Khanapha, a resident of Easy Street in Port Charlotte, as he looked around his neighborhood of gutted homes. "It's just breathtaking."

As the storm weakened off the coast of New England, Bush surveyed the devastation in Florida, where the storm caused billions of dollars in damage and killed at least 16 people.

In and around Punta Gorda, trailer after trailer lay toppled. Others were blown apart entirely, exposing interior walls that had been pushed down flat, with doorways leading to nowhere. Other rooms stood, but without ceilings or roofs to shelter them from the open sky.

Shards of wood and metal lay scattered about the green yards and floated in blue swimming pools that were

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Vivian Melvin pauses while searching for personal items among the wreckage of her home Sunday on the outskirts of Punta Gorda, Fla.

AP Photo

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and strong thunderstorms... High: 60, Low: 40

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms... High: 60, Low: 40

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will be possible for today and tonight...



Weather by Sun Valley, 50 mph, 50% humidity, mostly cloudy, 60-40

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for August 16, 23, 30, and September 6.

MOONRISE and MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

SUNRISE and SUNSET

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for today and tomorrow.

POLLEN COUNT

Table showing pollen counts for various allergens like Ragweed, Grass, and Weeds.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing UV index levels for today and tomorrow.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, and Coeur d'Alene with their respective forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists major cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

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Free meals

Local school districts with free breakfast programs: Cassia County, Cassia County, Castielford, Dietrich, Glens Ferry, Gooding, Hagerman, Hansen, Minidoka County, Murtaugh, Shoshone, Twin Falls, Valley.

Bountiful gardens

How to keep your blooming. WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

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Stagecoach

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Collector's letter to T.F. community

Texas resident Wayne Talley, a collector of Western memorabilia, on Sunday asked The Times-News to publish this letter to the community of Twin Falls...

What's next for the stagecoach?

Wayne Talley of Texas still owns the historic I.B. Perrine stagecoach. But the coach never left Twin Falls as planned last week...

Storm

Continued from A1. filled to the brim by rainwater. Child Maxwell shivered up soggy ceiling tiles and shattered glass Sunday from the floor of the real estate office where he works in Punta Gorda, Dwyer town "looks like a bomb zone."

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Lunch

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But schools complain that the federal system isn't kept pace with the cost of food. Budgets in this area are routine.

While typical annual food inflation is about 3 percent, dairy prices in June were up 27 percent from a year ago, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Meat and cheese were up 11 percent, and poultry 9 percent. However, the outlook isn't all bad. Ephraim Leitzig, a food price economist at the USDA, said the price of milk — the only food federally mandated for every school meal — already shows signs of moderating.

The agency also has increased the credit it gives schools — up 1.5 cents to just over 17 cents per meal — for spending on government food commodities in 2005.

Schools aren't alone in feeling the pressure. The USDA, which runs the National School Lunch Program, spends about \$948 million a year to supply schools with roughly 18 percent of the food they serve.

Keeping steady

"Twin Falls' lunch prices will stay the same this year," said Susan Henderson, the district's food services director.

Henderson said the district is still seeing how its twice-yearly bids came out. She said the milk bid is actually down slightly from the end of last year. Overall those bids will determine how well the program is doing.

May Ann Blosky, the food services supervisor for Cassia County schools, said her district made the decision to not raise lunch prices because the local economy is in a slump. This will be the fifth year with prices at their current levels, and the district is also starting healthy

choice bars at the elementary schools so pupils can choose vegetables each day. Roskelly has also seen rising food costs and delivery surcharges.

Worland has had the same lunch prices for the last four years, said food service director Cynthia Lundstrom, but she plans to see how this year goes with rising prices.

"We hold it down as long as we can," Lundstrom said.

Valley School is also keeping lunch prices the same and has provided universal free breakfast since 2001.

"I think it's well worth it to get these kids fed," said Carmen Hart, Valley's school lunch supervisor.

Hart said the district hasn't raised lunch prices for at least three years and tries to keep lunch prices down.

In Camas County, Business Manager Wendy Strickler said the district hopes to improve its food service finances, which typically have to be subsidized from the general fund, Strickler said that even though the district is not increasing prices, by expanding the free breakfast program from two to five days a week, it should receive more money from the government.

Castford students will also not pay any more for their lunches this year.

"Prices are up a little, but it just takes good management," said Norma Chandler, the district's food services supervisor.

Small increases

Several Magic Valley districts are increasing prices, but only by a nickel.

In Kimberly, the lunch price will be up 5 cents this year. Food Services Supervisor Jill Thompson cited increased prices for

food and gasoline as the main reasons for the change, but the district is careful to keep prices from becoming a burden on families.

The Hagerman School District tries to keep increases small and steady, said Jesse Clifford, the district's food service director. She said she's not sure if a nickel will be a large enough increase this year.

Hansen also implemented a 5-cent increase this year and last year to cover increases in maintenance and salaries, but mainly in food costs, said Myra Miller, the district's clerk.

Blaine County schools raised lunch prices last year and might re-evaluate them mid-year, said Justin Lanting, the district's director of nutrition services. Lanting is technically a general manager for Sodexo, which is the district's outsourced food service provider.

Blaine County has possibly the highest lunch prices in the Magic Valley and offers five entries at elementary schools and 12 entries at the secondary schools each day.

Lanting said the district has a lot of reasons to think about price increases. Last year, each level's price went up 25 cents. Lanting said food prices are so unstable that even the volume discounts that Sodexo can obtain aren't enough to keep the district's costs from rising.

Dietrich increased its adult lunch price to \$2.50 last year, but it hasn't increased student prices in a long time, said Vivian Sorenson, the district's secretary.

The Associated Press contributed to this report. Times-News writer Karin Kovitski can be reached at 733-3231 or by e-mail at kkovitski@timesnews.com.

Iraq

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In the volatile Sunni city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, U.S. warplanes bombed three neighborhoods Sunday afternoon, killing five civilians and wounding six others, said Dr. Adil Khamsi, of Fallujah General Hospital.

The National Conference aims to give a broader spectrum of Iraqis a voice in the political process and increase the legitimacy of Alawi's interim government, which is deeply dependent on American troops and money even after the end of the U.S. occupation.

But Alawi's attempts to show he is in control — already

strained by the unending Sunni-led insurgency — have been undermined by the fighting in Najaf against the militants of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The country's Shiite majority has been angered at the sight of U.S. troops firing around some of their holiest sites — and many have blamed the Iraqi government.

After the government pulled out of negotiations the day before, U.S. armored troop carriers and tanks Sunday morning moved back into the center of Najaf, where al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia has been in control of the Old City. Dozens of explosions from

tank shells and mortars as well as constant small arms fire shook Najaf's vast cemetery, where Mahdi Army fighters have been battling U.S. troops amid the shrines since the violence first broke out here Aug. 5.

An explosion, believed to be from a tank round, landed near the outer wall of the compound housing the revered Imam Ali Shrine, the militants' informal headquarters and Iraq's holiest Shiite site, said al-Sadr aide Ahmed al-Shalabi. "The shrine was not hit," he said.

Any damage to the shrine itself would further enrage Iraq's Shiite majority, and swell anger at Alawi's government.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fire destroys home in Buhl

BUHL — Firefighters spent Sunday afternoon fighting a blaze at the home of Jack Hunt at 1224 E. 4100 N.

One firefighter had to be taken to the hospital due to heat exhaustion, said Assistant Fire Chief Earl Tyree. No one was injured in the fire. Tyree said, "Upon arrival, the house was fully involved and there were people in the house," Tyree said. He said a woman at the residence got her children out safely. Tyree did not know the names of the woman or the children.

"They lost everything," Tyree said. "I returned the house to the ground."

Tyree said the fire appeared to have started in the kitchen but did not know what caused the fire. He said the Buhl Fire Department will continue to investigate the cause of the fire.

Firefighters began fighting the blaze at 2:45 p.m. They returned to their station at 8 p.m. "It took a long time to mop it up," Tyree said.

Wrong-way driver causes accident on I-84

HAMMETT — A driver on the wrong side of the road caused an accident on Interstate 84 Sunday night, according to a news release from the Idaho State Police.

Anthony Morrow, 64, of Greesham, Ore., was westbound in the eastbound lane at about 8 p.m. near Hammett when his 1997 Ford Ranger pickup struck a northbound tractor-trailer rig driven by Piotr Motyma, 56, of Campobello, S.C. Morrow then struck a second tractor-trailer rig driven by Marilyn Brinkerhoff, 51, of Kayville, Utah. There was damage to all three vehicles but their drivers were not injured, according to the ISP.

Morrow then struck a 1994 Ford Taurus driven by Michael S. Winder, 29, of Nampa. Also in the car were passengers Annelia Winder, 32, Albert Winder, 14, Kevin Winder, 6, and Michael Winder, 4. All of Nampa and Morrow, 20, hometown unknown.

All the occupants of the Winder vehicle and Morrow were taken to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. A team of four medical helicopters were called to the scene and the eastbound lanes were blocked for about three hours, according to the ISP. They were all in stable condition Sunday, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

The crash remained under investigation Sunday by ISP Trooper Brian Olaso.

Airport board has member opening

TWIN FALLS — The Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board is looking to fill a city board member position that will open in September.

The position is for a three-year term. The representative must live in the city of Twin Falls. Applicants should send letters of interest explaining their backgrounds and desire to serve on the board to Magic Valley Regional Airport, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, 83303. The application deadline is Wednesday. Interviews will be held in late August.

The airport board holds luncheon meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the airport to discuss issues and share ideas with the airport manager concerning the operation and development of the airport.

For more information, call Bill Carberry at 733-5215, Ext. 4.

Chip-sealing project resumes today

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Highway District is working on a chip-sealing project for the next two to three weeks.

Road Work Ahead Construction Co. is conducting traffic control. Street clean-up sweeping will continue through Aug. 30.

Today's schedule:

- 3700 East from 3300 North to 3500 North.
- 3500 East from 2900 North to 3000 North.
- 2900 North from 3400 East to 3500 East.

— compiled from staff reports

THE THRILL OF THE CHASE



Dr. Wayne Wright, a retired cardiologist from Twin Falls and Magic Valley's newly appointed Idaho Fish and Game commissioner, stands next to a six-point bull in his home.

New F&G commissioner loves to hunt

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was the eve of the elk season opener on the East Fork of the Salmon River, and Dr. Wayne Wright talked with the White Cloud Mountains with his backpack and rifle.

"I spotted elk in the distance and decided to bed down for the night, ready for his opportunity the next day. For any big game hunter, when he saw a dawn could as well have been a dream. He rubbed the sleep out of his eyes and focused on a six-point bull elk about 100 feet away."

Wright returned to Twin Falls to get his horses to pack out the trophy bull.

It happened 10 years ago, and after a lifetime of hunting, it's one of his favorite stories.

The newly retired cardiologist in turn will be hearing much about the adventures of his fellow hunters, who traverse Idaho's ranges, hills and mountains. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed

Wright, 60, to a four-year term as Magic Valley's representative on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission that sets hunting and fishing policies for the Fish and Game Department.

A fifth-generation Idahoan, Wright says he grew up on a Castledale canal water. "I have a real passion for hunting and fishing," he said. "Part of it is because of the heritage that was provided to me growing up in southern Idaho and on a farm."

Family activities revolved around fishing and hunting. They are traditions he carried on in his own family and a heritage he wants to see thrive in Idaho for generations to come.

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife supported Wright for his commission appointment, said Rusty Teves, a member of the organization dedicated to serving as a political voice for hunters.

Wright is a fellow member and belongs to other hunting groups including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. "Visiting with him and lis-

tening to him talk, he's got a pretty good head on his shoulders," Teves said.

That's the word that appears to be spreading among hunters, who say they have heard good things about the Twin Falls doctor.

"We're looking forward to working with him," said Dan Deagle with the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the local chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

It's a different tone of hunting circles, considering many sportsmen have been angered by commission policies in recent years.

Much of the criticism leveled at the commission has been that politically motivated decisions outplay scientific recommendations by department staff.

"I think there is some validity to that statement," Wright said.

There are going to be political differences, he said, because there are differing views on how the state's fish and game resources should be managed.

"On the other hand, I think

science is critical, and I think we need to have science-based decisions," he said.

Getting out all-clearing information about the basis for its decisions is something the commission has been doing better, Wright said. And consensus building is what he said he likes to do.

"I think given all of the white water and turbulent water in the past it's important to maintain unanimity of purpose," he said.

Besides hunting issues, the doctor has been involved with medical missionary work since 1987. A few times a year he travels to Vietnam with the Rover Education and Assistance Program founded by Vietnam veteran Dave Roever, who was disgraced by a phosphorus grenade that exploded in his face during the war.

Also of the Vietnam era, Wright graduated from medical school in 1970 with his diploma in one hand and draft papers in the other. But he was not shipped to Vietnam. He served in army medical clinics.

Today the retired physician, who has practiced in

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Buhl prepares to build skate park

Facility will have feature never seen 'on the planet'

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The Buhl Centennial Skate Park will become a reality this fall.

Work on phase I of the park will start Sept. 15. Mayor Barbara Gletzen said.

The city currently has \$95,000 in pledges and cash for the construction of the park, which will be located in the northwest corner of McCluskey Park.

The cost of the entire project is estimated at \$125,000. An Idaho land and water grant would have funded the project, but the city was unsuccessful in its bid for those dollars.

So city officials say they'll build phase I of the project with the help of donations. The first phase should have a price tag of about \$100,000.

The West End Men's Association has spearheaded the effort to raise funds for the project. "Members of the West End Men's Association have gone out and procured materials at costs or reduced rates which is saving us lots of dollars," Gletzen said. "By doing it as a labor-only contract with Dreamland, we have already saved about \$7,000 on the cost of materials."

Dreamland will contract the labor for the project. The cost of the labor, payroll taxes and insurance is estimated at \$73,000. Skaters are excited about a place to play their sport.

"I can't wait," 10-year-old Buhl resident Mikey Esparza said. "It's going to be fun. There are a lot of skaters in Buhl."

Esparza, who has been practicing flat tricks on his driveway, can't wait to try the two skate bowls connected by a snake run that will be built in phase I.

A unique feature of the Buhl design is the 18-foot diameter cradle. "It's as if you took a tea cup and cut it on edge," said Jim Lunte, chairman of the West End Men's Association committee. "The snake run comes into

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CSI board will examine budget

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho newest budget will enable it to bring back several positions it had previously cut, said Mike Mason, the college's vice president of finance.

Tonight the board will examine its approximately \$27.9 million budget for this fiscal year and work on preparing for its 10-year accreditation. Last year's budget was \$25.9 million.

The college's budget includes a large increase in revenue — \$6.3 million compared with

about \$5.2 million last year — that resulted from higher tuition and more students, Mason said.

The board approved a tuition hike in February, bringing tuition and fees to \$900 a semester.

The college is having to depend on more money from local instead of state sources, Mason said. The college's academic programs received \$9.8 million from the state for this year and its technical programs received about \$5.3 million.

In spite of the health insurance costs rising 15.4 percent, the

college is able to add several positions. It has hired or is in the process of hiring five staff positions including the areas of grounds keeping and interpreting. The college will have two faculty members increased from part time to full time and it will have two new faculty members, Mason said.

The board also will receive an update on the progress of preparing for its accreditation next year.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in room 258 of the Taylor Building. It's open to the public.

Hospital water gets clean bill of health

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's water system received a clean bill of health Saturday.

"We got our test results back Saturday and there is no coliform in the water," said hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar on Sunday.

Tests for total coliform bacteria in the hospital's water supply came back positive Friday, and officials said the contamination likely came from a water softener system. The hospital took 31 water samples, and 25 showed the presence of coliform bacteria. City Water Superintendent Mike Schroeder said. The city took eight samples outside the hospital's system. All turned up negative for the bacteria.

Officials determined the bacteria were confined to the hospital's water supply and did not get into the city's supply. The hospital has a cross-connection device to keep water

that comes into the hospital from getting back into city water, officials said.

The hospital went to work on its water system, flushing its water supply by running its faucets to allow more water through the pipes and adding more chlorine to the water to disinfect the system. The city of Twin Falls took more samples Saturday which showed the water system was free of the bacteria.

To be on the safe side, the hospital gave bottled water to some patients. Although the presence of the bacteria shouldn't be of great concern to healthy people, it can cause vomiting, nausea and diarrhea in people with compromised immune systems.


Coliforms are naturally-occurring bacteria commonly found in topsoil, surface water, sewage and animal wastes, according to the Centers for Disease Control. They cause no observable odor, taste or color changes in water and testing is the only way to deter-

mine if they are present. Although coliform bacteria by themselves generally do not cause disease, their presence indicates an increased risk that disease-carrying organisms can enter the water supply, according to the CDC.

The many sources of bacterial pollution include runoff from woodlands, pastures and feedlots; septic tanks and sewage plants and animals and wild fowl, according to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the National Groundwater Association. Many coliform bacteria enter natural streams by direct deposition of waste in the water and the runoff from areas with high concentrations of animals or humans. Some coliform bacteria are found in water pipes and enter the water supply during construction or plumbing repairs.


Magic Valley Regional is implementing strategies to improve chlorine levels in the water, Barigar said. The hospital will continue to take more samples to determine how effective those strategies have been.

Serving their country



Michael Perkins

- Age: 33.
- Hometown: Twin Falls.
- Local family: Parents, Dale and Peggy Perkins; brother, Matt Perkins of Boise; wife, Capt. Lilian Perkins-Santrun of Fort Sam Houston.
- Service, date of enlistment: Army, Sept. 7, 1994, May 17, 1997.
- Rank, assignment: Captain, First Cavalry Division.
- Task: Company commander, provides medical and logistical support to the 115th Forward Support Battalion.
- Additional information: Stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Has been in Baghdad since March 2004. Perkins' address is P.O. Box 1515, Ft. Bliss, TX 79817.
- Service, date of enlistment: Marine Corps, 11 years; National Guard, Dec. 2003.



Dave B. Craig

- Age: 34.
- Hometown: Twin Falls.
- Local family: Mother, Gloria Jane; father, Gene Cammerson in Nevada; brothers, Rick and Mike; sister, Dorothy; children, Amanda, Steven, Lizzie and Shelby; and fiancée, Heidi Blodgett.
- Service, date of enlistment: Marine Corps, 11 years; National Guard, Dec. 2003.
- Rank, assignment: E5 sergeant.
- Task: Mortars.
- Employer: Freightliner of Utah.
- Additional information: Currently stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas, with best friend, Eric Kulanek, where they are part of the 2-116 Cavalry Mortars crew.

* To send a message to those serving in the military, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Military Messages." To submit information and photos about local and national servicemen and women involved in Iraq and Afghanistan, please call Times-News clerk Jami Whitte at 735-3278 or e-mail jwhitte@magicvalley.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

OBITUARIES

ON THE AGENDA

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Bruce Reid Bacon — Jackpot, Nev

Bruce Reid Bacon, 60, passed away Aug. 13, 2004, after battling injuries sustained in an accident on Aug. 10, 2004.

Bruce was born on March 6, 1944, in Wendell, Idaho, to Clyde and Helen Bacon. As a boy he enjoyed his time on the family's ranch, the Reservoir Ranch, more commonly known as the Bacon Ranch in Jerome, Idaho. After finishing prep school at Menlo Park in California, he started his studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara where he received his bachelor's in history and philosophy. He then continued his studies at Berkeley and earned his law degree from Hastings College of Law. While in his last semester of law school, he was drafted into the Army and served his country for two years, one of which was in Vietnam. He received his juris doctorate in December of 1972. He was admitted to the California



Bar in 1973 and later the Idaho Bar in 1981 where he lived until 2002. He spent the last few years in Jackpot, Nevada, riding his Harley and enjoying his two grandchildren. Bruce was a man with a big heart. He touched the lives of everyone he came into contact with. He was

actively involved in his community, whether it was doing pancake breakfast in Rotary or supporting his AA community. He was always the one who would help when it was needed and never had a negative feeling about it. You always knew when Bruce was coming, whether it was the rumble of his Harley or his diesel truck. He will be cherished and missed by all who knew him.

Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Bacon. He is survived by his son Jason (Socorro) Bacon; grandchildren Sergio and Ana Bella; brother Robert Bacon; and his mother Helen Bacon.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Following the services family and friends will gather at the Twin Falls City Park across from the mortuary.

Nicholas 'Nick' James Martin - Burley

Nicholas "Nick" James Martin, 63, who was born December 27, 1940, passed from this life on Aug. 15, 2004.

Nick grew up on a small farm in Eagle, Idaho, where he thoroughly enjoyed the mountains, horse riding, cattle herding and horse jumping. He carried many fond memories of these years into his adult life. He also used his brilliant mind and talented hands to build new mountain roads, study history, build custom saddles and hunt cutters. He was self-employed, and owned Nick's Saddletry in Burley, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Bonnie Martin. He is survived

by wife Carol Martin, daughter Nickell Melo, son-in-law Joe Melo, granddaughter Brittany Melo, and brother Ronald (Judy) Martin. He is survived by uncles Walter Stillwell and Glen Stillwell and his aunt Dorothy Pluharty. He is also survived by three nieces, Ronnda Caylene and Janene.

In celebration of Nick's life, a gathering is being hosted at the Martin home at 3408 Overland Ave. from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19. All friends and family are welcome to come and share special memories about Nicholas "Nick" James Martin, a Husband, Father, and Friend who will be greatly missed.



Peter 'Pete' M. Link - Hansen

Peter "Pete" M. Link, 65, died peacefully at his home in Hansen, Idaho, on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004. On a Monday, many of his dear friends were able to share time with him and say good-bye.

Pete was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on May 18, 1939, the only child of Peter and Charlotte Mohr Link, who were both from Germany. He was raised on a farm south of Hansen and lived his entire life enjoying the open farmlands and beautiful view of the South Hills.

Pete graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1957 and went on to college at the University of California. Davis and received a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry and agronomy.

He served in the Army National Guard as a crew chief in a tank battalion.

Pete was very involved and worked hard in the family run businesses, including farming, ranching and banking.

The family farm established in 1904 and Peter was well known in the Magic Valley. He was very generous, donating to his church and community.

Pete led a very adventurous and interesting life. He had many acquaintances and devoted friends from all walks of life.

The best way to describe Pete is that he was a free spirit. He was very enthusiastic and mastered anything that he put his mind to.

Along with being a farmer and rancher, he was also a successful businessman, accomplished pilot, and was elected to the Board of Trustees for Twin Falls Bank and Trust.

Pete enjoyed deep sea fishing, snowmobiling, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, scuba diving, and working with dogs, just to name a few.



of his many interests. He was a gun enthusiast, history buff, loved his Doberman's, a good stiff Gentlemen Jack and a fine cigar.

People will remember Pete for his quick wit and many one-liners.

Some of the favorites are "Don't forget where you put me," "I'm not through with you yet," and "I may have been born at night, but NOT last night!" Pete was sensitive, loving, and a giving individual and will be missed by many. One of his favorite sayings, "if someone gives you a gift, just say thank-you." Thank You, Pete for all your many gifts and memories.

Pete is survived by his son, Peter V. Link; a grandson; his dog, Raider; and a number of close friends. His parents, Peter and Charlotte Mohr Link, preceded him in death.

A celebration of Pete's life will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Fr. Perry Dadds officiating.

Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial-Park-with-military honors by area veterans auxiliary. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of service on Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.



WHEN I'M GONE
Mrs. Lynnai Hancock
 When I come to the end of my journey
 And I travel my last weary mile
 Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
 And remember only the smile
 Forget unkind words I have spoken
 Remember some good I have done
 Forget that I ever had regrets
 And remember I've had loads of fun
 Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
 And sometimes fell by the wayside
 Remember I have fought some hard battles
 And won, ere the close of the day
 Then forget to grieve for my going
 I would not have you sad for a day
 But in summer just gather some flowers
 And remember the place where I lay
 And come in the shade of evening
 When the sun paints the sky in the west
 Stand for a few moments beside me
 And remember only my best.

DEATH NOTICES

Louise Stevens
 BURLIPEY — Louise Stevens, a 93 year old Burley resident died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, at the Warren Home in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Ida Mae Topliff
 RUPERT — Ida Mae Topliff, 78, of Rupert died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Rogelio 'Roge' Daniel Rodriguez
 TWIN FALLS — Rogelio "Roge" Daniel Rodriguez, 28, of Twin Falls died of a sudden illness Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A Prayer Vigil with Rosary will

be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Juan Garatea reciting. A Funeral Mass will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church with the Rev. Juan Garatea as celebrant. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call on Wednesday from 3 p.m. until the time of the Rosary at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

To place a classified ad, call 733-0931

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m. courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.
 Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30,0.
 College of Southern Idaho board, 5:30 p.m., Room 250, Taylor Administration building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.
 Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.
 Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.
 Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
 Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 400 E. Ave. N.
 Mindklo County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 933 Fremont, Rupert.
 Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. S.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
 Mindklo County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.
 Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
 Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.

Friday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wednesday

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 N. St.
 Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
 Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday

Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 920 Main.
 Burley City Council, 7 p.m.,

SERVICES

George J. Roessler of Shoshone, service at 10:30 a.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.
 Rosa Garcia Gonzalez of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Living Waters Christian Community, 262 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).
 Adrian Dale Slane of Gooding, Mass of Christian burial at 1 p.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding.

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Hiker killed by lightning

BRUCE KEMER NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) — A European man has been killed by lightning while hiking in Bryce Canyon National Park.

The 58-year-old man, whose name has not yet been released, was killed while hiking Thursday with three companions on the Bratislecco Loop near the south end of the park, public information officer Colleen Baibe said.

The day was overcast but there hadn't been any lightning, but about 2 p.m., a bolt flashed and killed the man instantly, Baibe said.

"It was the first bolt that was after noon," she said. "It literally struck him and killed him instantly. On either side of him was a 40-foot tree, and it struck him and not the trees. It was unusual."
 The three others were not hurt, she said.

MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Idaho firefighters struggle with wildfire

SALMON (AP) — Three hot shot crews worked over the weekend to establish an anchor point and dig a fire line along the south side of the Bear Springs fire, burning in the Salmon-Challis National Forest about 11 miles northwest of North Fork.

The anchor point secures safety and prevents the fire from going out of control at the rear while crews are working along the sides of the fire. The fire has burned about 350 acres, and wasn't contained Sunday, said Salmon-Challis spokeswoman Gail Buer.

The cause of the fire is under

investigation, Buer said no lightning hit the area Friday, when the fire was first reported. By the time crews hit the scene Friday night, the fire had consumed 100 acres, she said.

A Type 2 team is the second most complex of four teams used to battle wildfires. There are no predetermined fire sizes dictating what level team is called in.

"If the fire keeps growing and threatens subdivisions or threatens the highway, it might be the time to transition to a type one response team," Buer said. "But that's the what-if."

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A Type 2 team is trying to contain the North Star Butte Fire of about 13 miles northwest of New Meadows in the Payette National Forest, which has grown to 600 acres, officials said.

Eleven crews were working on the fire Saturday, using air tankers dropping retardant and helicopters dropping buckets of water to contain the fire fueled with subalpine fir trees.

Several roads and trails have been closed for safety. Meanwhile, the Porter Wildland Fire Use Fire, burning

about 28 miles northeast of Stanley in central Idaho, grew to 3,617 acres Sunday afternoon, Buer said. The Forest Service is using the fire to promote forest health, which is allowed under the fire use plan for the Frank Church River of No Return Wildland Preserve.

Buer said officials didn't fight the lightning-sparked fire after realizing the July blaze could turn into a wildland fire use fire.

The Forest Service has closed six trails in the area. Another wildland use fire, the South Kitchen Fire, has burned 4 acres, 5 miles west of the mouth of the Middle Fork River.

Republicans hold annual picnic

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee will hold its annual Republican Picnic and Barbecue at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls City Park.

Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Cans, Rep. Mike Simpson, and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne have been invited, along with state legislators from Districts 23 and 24.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$200 per family. The picnic is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Magie Valley in brief

For more information about this workshop or the South Jerome Interchange Management Plan, call Bob Humphrey at 886-7800 or write to him at 216 S. Date, Shoshone, ID 83852; or call Mike Pepper at KMP Planning at 734-6208.

Research lab celebrate anniversaries Tuesday

KIMBERLY — The Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Kimberly is celebrating two anniversaries with an open house from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The USDA Agricultural Research Service is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2004. Also, the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory is celebrating its 40th anniversary at 3793 N. 3600 E. in Kimberly. Much of the research done at the facility during the last four decades has helped farmers irrigate and grow crops more efficiently and with less environmental impact.

Displays and demonstrations highlighting the center's research projects will be exhibited during the open house.

The open house program will include a complimentary meal at 6 p.m. The USDA Agricultural Research Service conducts agricultural research exclusively for the public good at more than 100 laboratories in the United States. Agricultural research is often long-term and costly, and unlikely to be undertaken by the private sector.

— compiled from staff reports

California fire forces 300 to flee mining town

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — An out-of-control wildfire roared through an old mining town in the Northern California mountains Sunday, destroying 20 homes and forcing nearly 300 residents to flee, officials said.

The day-old blaze quickly grew to 7,600 acres and was only about 10 percent contained.

Nearly 100 homes and 20 other buildings were threatened

in French Gulch, about 20 miles east of Redding.

"It didn't take long for this one to move through. The winds are very erratic and going in every direction," said Linda Galvan, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

About 1,550 people worked to contain the fire, and several buildings — including a church, post

office and elementary school — had been saved from flames.

The cause was still under investigation.

Firefighters were pulled from another wildfire that began Wednesday when a lawnmower started a fire in dry grass, setting off a blaze that cut through the pine and oak-covered hills of Shasta Lake, about 140 miles northwest of Sacramento.

By early Sunday, that fire had blackened nearly 11,000 acres and destroyed 80 homes, 30 outbuildings and 10 vehicles. It was 95 percent contained, and firefighters expected full containment by Monday evening.

Firefighters in California, a fire protection spokesman.

Most residents who were evacuated were allowed to return home.

State loophole could cost taxpayers big bucks

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — A district court decision could force Fremont County taxpayers to cover almost \$199,000 in property tax refunds because of a loophole in a 2002 law that some officials say turns into a discount for developers.

Madison and Teton counties, must also offer refunds, but in much smaller amounts, officials said.

A group of developers and landowners sued the three counties, claiming they misinterpreted a 2002 tax bill and instructions from the Idaho State Tax Commission.

District Court Judge Brent Moss ruled in favor of the landowners and developers in June.

House Bill 488 was intended to give farmers or ranchers a tax

break if they subdivide their property for a residential development, said Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Rexburg, the law's sponsor.

"It instructed counties to tax these lots with higher residential rates after they were sold."

Raybould said the law was inspired by a rancher west of Boise who was not making enough money on occasional lot sales to pay the increased taxes on the entire parcel.

"We were just trying to correct that kind of situation, not take away anything the county didn't have," he said.

The Tax Commission interpretation of the bill led to a tax break on subdivided land that had previously been used for agriculture.

Raybould tried unsuccessfully to close the loophole with an amendment to the bill in 2003. He said he won't try again until he secures Senate support.

Fremont County Commissioners met with taxing bodies representatives Thursday to discuss the impact of refunding \$199,000 in overpaid taxes.

Fremont County Clerk Abby Wallace said the county may have to increase property taxes or cut budgets.

"Right now, as everyone is trying to put their budgets together—that's not the kind of news they need," Mace said.

To reimburse overpaid tax money, the Fremont County School District would have to come up with \$100,500. While Teton County School District

will have to shoulder more than half of the \$13,000 the county itself set for Aug. 25, 2004.

Madison County Clerk Marilyn Tassmann the county would refund under \$10,000 in property taxes.

Boone County Commissioner Roger Christensen, who chaired the Idaho Association of Counties' legislative committee.

He said his county hasn't seen an effect from the loophole, but cautioned it could be a sleeping giant.

Booneville County Assessor Blake Mueller said he has read the law 15 times and still cannot understand it. He said the law must be clarified with specific rules to avoid misinterpretation.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

— Fall registration continues (semester begins Aug. 23).

— CSI business offices open for fall registration, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (through Friday).

— CSI faculty fall in-service meetings, all day, Taylor and Shields buildings.

— CSI board monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 25D.

Tuesday

— CSI faculty fall in-service meetings, all day, Taylor and Shields buildings.

— "Sky Quest," live hosted sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— Alcohol and Traffic Safety school, 5 p.m., Shields 10B.

— "Mingle in the Jungle," free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett rainforest.

— "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— Baptist Campus Ministries "Salt and Light" meeting, 7 p.m.,

Student Union 24B.

— "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

— CSI faculty fall in-service meetings, all day, Taylor and Shields buildings.

— Twin Falls Police Department sergeant's writing test, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shields 101.

— Free, public solar viewing, 1 to 3 p.m., Herrett Center-Centennial Observatory (weather permitting).

— "Sky Quest," live hosted sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— Sixx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Deseret 113.

— "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Thursday

— Occupational Safety and

Health Administration Construction Outreach Training Institute, all day, Shields 10B.

— CSI faculty fall in-service meetings, all day, Taylor and Shields buildings.

— "Sky Quest," live hosted sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— Dental assisting, "surgical technology, medical assisting, emergency medical technician student orientation, all day, Asplund building.

— "Sky Quest," live hosted sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Deseret 113.

— "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

— CSI business offices open for fall registration, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

— Twin Falls County 4-H program annual Style Revue, all day, Fine Arts Auditorium.

— United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Shields 25B.

— CSI Law Enforcement Program advisory board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Taylor 276.

— "Navigating with Lewis and Clark," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— "Sky Quest," live hosted sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

— "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

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

Matthew L. Lopez, 34, 1530 Maple Ave., Twin Falls, failure to appear — driving without proper license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 14, \$15,000 bond.

Michael George Bonales, 29, 243 Adams, Twin Falls, failure to appear — failure to purchase driver's license, providing false information and contact information; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21, \$15,000 bond.

William D. Wood, 24, 1220 Heyburn Ave., E. Twin Falls, domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Sept. 28, \$5,000 bond.

Desiree Lee Sander, 48, 306 306, Twin Falls, probation violation — driving without proper license; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Aug. 31, \$25,000 bond.

Michelle Ann Daniels, 19, 259 Sunnyside, N.W., Twin Falls, failure to appear — failure to purchase driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Sept. 21, \$15,000 bond.

Christopher Gillespie, 20, 613 Second Ave., Twin Falls, battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21, \$15,000 bond.

Andrew P. Knefel, 18, 942 Fair St., Buhl, live conduct with a minor under the age of 16; possession of a piece of pornography; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 30, \$15,000 bond.

pointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21, \$5,000 bond.

Manuel R. Rey, 17, 506 1/2 Robertson, N.W., Twin Falls, failure to appear — purchase driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21, \$15,000 bond.

Richard Summers, 41, 1265 S. Lincoln St., Buhl, probation violation — pretrial hearing; preliminary hearing set for Aug. 19, \$1,000 bond.

Ramon Gonzalez Zamarrin, 35, 246 W. 12th, Twin Falls, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia — public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Sept. 28, \$5,000 bond.

William D. Wood, 24, 1220 Heyburn Ave., E. Twin Falls, domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Sept. 28, \$5,000 bond.

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Christopher Gillespie, 20, 613 Second Ave., Twin Falls, battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21, \$15,000 bond.

denary hearing set for Sept. 2; \$25,000 bond.

Magnolia Alvarez Green, 30, 726 Shoshone, Twin Falls, failure to purchase a driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; posted bond.

Matthew D. Harst, 21, 3753 N. North St., No. 306, Boise, driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; released under own recognizance.

Venecia Fuentes Hernandez, 23, 20 20th, Twin Falls, failure to appear — preliminary hearing set for Sept. 21; \$5,000 bond.

Frank James Eversole, 51, no address listed, Twin Falls, two counts robbery; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Sept. 21, \$5,000 bond.

Richard D. Harrison, 40, 414 Seventh Ave., E. Twin Falls, domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; \$5,000 bond.

Michael Lynn Leontis, 33, 312 Seventh Ave., N.W., Twin Falls, driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; posted bond.

Richard D. Harrison, 40, 414 Seventh Ave., E. Twin Falls, domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; \$5,000 bond.

possession of paraphernalia and providing false information on affidavit; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; \$5,000 bond.

Dorothy Alane Green, 41, 222 Ninth Ave., E. Twin Falls, probation violation; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; \$5,000 bond.

Robert K. VandenBurg, 29, 629 Broadway Ave. S., 12, Buhl, driving under the influence; private counsel; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; \$1,000 bond.

Robert Craig Lasher, 49, 1915 Franklin Ave., Buhl, probation violation; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Aug. 28, \$25,000 bond.

Mary A. Gonzalez, 43, PO Box 1065, Wallace, failure to appear — driving without proper license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; \$5,000 bond.

Michael H. Henage, 24, 212 S. 700 E., Jerome, failure to appear — possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 21; \$2,500 bond.

Robert K. VandenBurg, 29, 629 Broadway Ave. S., 12, Buhl, probation violation — driving under the influence and driving without proper license; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Aug. 19, \$1,000 bond.

Daniela Chusey, 26, 754 16th Ave. S., Buhl, probation violation — driving under the influence or denied; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Oct. 12; released under own recognizance.

Irrigators

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Nearly 800,000 acres in Idaho that rely on precipitation rather than irrigation were enrolled in 2003 in the federal conservation program, said Wayne Hammon, director of the Farm Service Agency in Idaho.

"It's very popular in Idaho except for in irrigated areas, because our rental rates aren't high," Hammon said.

The federal government will award the dry farmland in 2003 for a total of \$30.5 million. The average rate per acre was about \$39. Most of the land is marginal farming. Farmers are paid to idle it for wildlife habitat or other conservation needs.

Rental rates are based on a number of factors including land value and conservation value.

For farmers, irrigated cropland is more valuable than dry acreage, said Lynn Tominga, director of Idaho Groundwater Appropriators.

"The biggest obstacle we have is getting the irrigation rate up to the point where it becomes attractive to groundwater users," he said.

It's still requiring increasing the federal rental rate and increasing contributing dollars from

the state budget and local entities, he said. Expanding the CRP in this way turns it into the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

Groundwater users are proposing a rental rate of about \$75 an acre. That would include a federal rate of \$25 to \$75, a state contribution of between \$15 to \$25 and third party payments of \$10 to \$15.

The federal program directs the state to authorize the rental rates. Tominga said. The Idaho Legislature must decide whether to tag state money for the program.

"The groundwater districts are willing to step up and be the local entity," he said.

Before Wednesday's meeting, irrigators will be showing CRP program administrators the Magie Valley water needs, said Charlie Barnes, the local agriculture representative for Congressman Simpson. Industries that use both groundwater and surface water and the effects of the two-year drought are on the tour itinerary.

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Skate

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finish the project," Lunte said. "This could be the largest one, at least by this fall, ever built on the planet Earth."

Phase I should be complete in six weeks.

Dreamland has agreed to stay on site if the city has enough cash to complete phase II, which will include a flat street skate surface complete with a mogul, the biggest more adventurous skaters.

"We still have a little breathing room — about a month — to try to raise enough money to

Lunte said there have been some generous donations. An example is the free-of-charge use of a large Twin Falls Camera Company back lot.

The idea for a skate park began several years ago when a group of students approached Mayor Gletzer.

Lunte said everybody's really excited about the park.

"It won't make Buhl a resort destination, but it's going to be absolutely amazing for a town our size."

Hunt

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On the Fish and Game Commission, Wright fills the seat vacated by retiring Dr. Fred Wood of Burley. Wright's appointment must officially be confirmed by the Idaho Senate when it convenes in January.

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To place a classified ad, call 733-0931

Godzilla never gets old, but you do

Fifty years ago, it was 1954. (Research is the heart of journalism.) Many important things happened in 1954. Dean Martin sang "That's Amore," and the French surrendered in Vietnam (these two events were probably unrelated). On TV, the new hit was "Lassie," a show about a really smart dog who belonged to a family with the IQ of mushrooms. ("What's Lassie trying to tell us?")



DAVE BARRY

But for lasting cultural significance, the most important event of 1954 was the release, in Japan, of the first Godzilla movie, which in the American version was called "Godzilla, King of the Monsters." Although many people — you, for example — think of "Godzilla" as a cheesy monster movie, it is, in fact, a somber metaphor for the Atomic Age, showing what happens when the human race, in its arrogance, tampers with nature and unwittingly unleashes the terrible power of a man in a rubber suit destroying tiny unrealistic props.

Don't get me wrong. I love Godzilla. In a manly heterosexual way. As a boy growing up in the 1950s I saw all the Japanese monster movies I could, including "Mothra," "Rodan," "The Mysterians" and "Ben-Hur." But Godzilla, truly, was the King. He was Elvis. This is why, in honor of his birthday, I recently decided to watch the original "Godzilla" movie again. And if you think that, after all these years, it has lost something, I have news for you: It's funnier than ever.

This is especially true of the American version, which had Raymond Burr edited into it. Burr plays a reporter named Steve Martin, whose primary function is to frolic with concern at various scenes that he can't actually be in because he wasn't around when they were filmed. You see Godzilla stomping around in his rubber suit, then you see Japanese people fleeing in panic; then you see Steve looking concerned, as if he's thinking "How come the sky is completely different in the scenes that show me?"

After he has spent a while watching Tokyo being obliterated by a 400-foot tall monster with radioactive breath, Steve's "nose for news" starts to conk, and he takes time out from frowning to write an actual story. This leads to the following telephone exchange between Steve and his editor:

EDITOR: Now let's have it, Steve. What about this monster story of yours?

STEVE: Well, it's big and terrible, more frightening than I ever thought possible.

EDITOR: You realize your story's front page all over the country. We want to know what's being done about this monster.

STEVE: Well, here's your headline: "Security Decides to Use Depth Bomb on Godzilla." Needless to say, the depth bomb fails to kill Godzilla. So does the army, which nevertheless, any luck against Godzilla, Godzilla is finally killed in Tokyo Harbor by a secret Please see GODZILLA, Page A8

Who gets Fido?

You've made legal provision for someone to look after your minor children if something happens to you, but what about your pet?

Increasingly, folks are writing pets into their wills or taking advantage of private-sector services to care for their dogs and their cats if they die.

The Times-News is preparing an article about provisions made for pets if their owners die, if you're a pet owner and have made such arrangements or are thinking about it, we'd like to talk to you.

Call Steve Crump at 735-3323, or write to him at scrcrump@magicvalley.com

T.F. women resolve to get their neighbors off the couch

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — There's a movement afoot to get the local population into the habit of walking. It's called Walk Twin Falls, and bills itself as "a community walking for better health."

On the second Saturday of each month through the summer and fall, anyone who chooses to join in can walk with the group on a designated trail. There will be a facilitator for every walk.

Walk the walk

The next community walk — about an hour in duration — is scheduled for next month.

- When: Sept. 11, 9 a.m.
- Where: Canyon Rim Trail; meet at the Buzz Langdon Visitors Center parking lot

No registration required. No charge. For more information, call 734-5806.

Janet Keegan, who once was an exercise instructor at the YMCA, has long believed that if she could get folks walking more, they'd feel better. Last winter she was given the go-ahead by the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation to do a couple of workshops.

"I had maybe eight people there and we walked around Harmon Park the first time," she said. "The next time we still met at Harmon Park, but we made it a little longer."

Keegan told her friend, registered nurse Jane Slickers, about the walks, and she expanded the idea. Slickers, an employee health nurse at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, offered to do a regular walk for hospital employees.

And, she suggested, why not organize one for the whole community?

"I said, 'Well, we have a trail and the College of Southern Idaho has a trail, so why don't we all get together and do a joint effort?'" Slickers recalled. "We can promote our trails and get people out walking."

Keegan and Slickers then approached Sharron Burigan, the hospital's public relations coordinator, who offered to advertise the walks. CSI, the Magic Valley Mall and the City of Twin Falls agreed to sponsor the walks by allowing Keegan and Slickers to use their trails.

"It's just a way of kind of showing people the trails, and showing them how easy it is to walk for exercise," Keegan said. "It's free, fun and short."

This is a loosely organized group, she added, not a walking club. It's an effort to promote fitness, show folks how to do some stretches, and ways to get more out of their walks if they already exercise by walking.

It's a motivational tool for people to use, Keegan says.

"They can't just walk once a month and expect to get healthy," she said. "It's a little bit of a boost to say, 'OK, let's go and here's a trail, and we'll show it to you, and we'll walk and continue on to a walking program.'"

They're looking for walkers of all fitness levels, Slickers says.

"If you have never done an exercise program, this would be a good way to get started and walk for as long as you want or quit when you want to. And you can even bring your dog along, if he's on a leash."

The hospital hosted a walk in July on its campus trail and down into Rock Creek Park. Twenty-five people showed up and they walked four miles together.



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Twin Falls resident Frances Skeen walks with her step-daughter Randalee Skeen, 17, and granddaughter, Nataliee Skeen, 15 months, during a 'Walk Twin Falls' event on College of Southern Idaho Fitness Trail on Saturday morning. The group meets on the second Saturday of each month through November and walks on different trails around the city.

The latest walk was Saturday, hosted by CSI on its fitness trail, Jamie Tighe, an instructor in the college's physical education department, facilitated the event and demonstrated different routes that participants could take and talked about the fitness trail's exercise stations, which she cautioned are not safe for everyone to use.

Tighe showed participants stretches to be done at the beginning and at the

end of the walk.

"And I demonstrated, among other things, the biomechanics of walking: how it's the heel-toe strike, how the pelvis is tilted — all the different things you need to look for when you are walking."

She talked about the benefits of walking, why you should walk, the convenience of walking where you should walk, what time of day — common-sense things that she says a lot of

people don't pay attention to.

The walks are scheduled through November. They'll take December off, then assess how it will go from there.

"We're scheduled the mall in November," Slickers said. "And we kind of figured Rock Creek Park might be a good winter place."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

Best backpacks carry your stuff, look good while doing it

Knight Ridder Newspapers

School days are here again and it's time to buy clothes, books and shoes. But the most important necessity and accessory is a backpack.

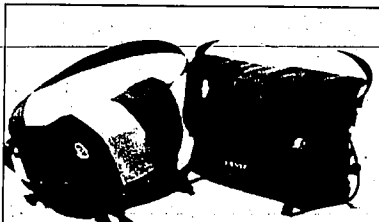
Students carry a pack with them every day for nine months; it protects and holds all their assignments.

The styles have evolved considerably from the simple nylon bag with two shoulder straps of the old days. Backpacks have become functional and fashionable.

"Bags are definitely a part of a teen's style, and the style of bag they select is super important," says Tina Wells, CEO of Buzz Marketing Group based in New Jersey.

And the styles are plenty. They come in every color from basic black to bright yellow. They have bags on wheels, sling bags, messenger bags and theme bags, too.

Jason Lee says students put a lot of effort into picking out



Messenger bags from Timbuk2, as sold by Palo Alto, Calif., online retailer Going in Style (<http://www.goinginstyle.com>). These bags are priced at \$85.

backpacks because they're part of their daily lives.

"When I shop for a bag, I make sure there are lots of zippers and places to hold my supplies," says Lee, a senior at Blue Valley Northwest High School in Overland Park, Kan. "As long as it can hold all of my stuff and doesn't fall apart, it will work for me."

But the messenger bag Lee wore last year had more appeal to him because it not only offered space, it had style, too.

"I think I liked it more because it was a little bit different than what most students use."

In many ways, backpacks are like shoes, says Robyn Busch, a sophomore at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

What's hot

• The **Flite Bag**, a one-strap backpack, has been a campus favorite for the last five years. It's stylish and easy to slip on. The Jansport Madison Pack goes for \$40, available at www.esstary.com.

• The **Messenger Bag** wins the prize for most popular. It doesn't look like an old-school backpack and people who aren't students sport them, too. The Old Navy messenger, \$15.50, has a cell-phone pocket and tons of accessory compartments. www.oldnavy.com.

• **Books on wheels** make trips across campus easier. The L.L. Bean Rolling Dulux Book Pack, \$70, has clear in-line skate wheels to make carrying heavy loads a smooth ride. Available at www.llbean.com.

• **High fashion bags** can cost hun-

creds of dollars. But Vorf Dutch, Coach and other high-style designers are popular thanks to "The Simple Life" bed girls Paris and Nicole. The Von Dutch bowling bag, \$149, is extra trendy. Check www.vondutch.com and www.godzooks.com.

• The **Mini Bag** offers lots of cute and little space—but that's what breaks in between classes are for. The Sweet Hello Kitty bags are \$11 each and bags like them can be found at www.sbnico.com, and Claire's Boutiques nationwide.

• **Classic backpacks** have sleeker shapes, ergonomic straps, more pockets and sportier looks. The Nike V1.1, \$40, is available at www.esstary.com. Fans of classic bags can find them everywhere, from sporting goods stores to your local Wal-Mart or Target.

Source: Kansas City Star

"You need them, so you look for function, but you also look at what is trendy," she says. And students are willing to spend \$50 to \$70 for a good bag. Just like many will spend

as much as \$100 on a nice pair of shoes.

"Bags are a necessity, and you use it so frequently you have to invest," Busch says. "It's

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IMAGE

Hospital holds childbirth class

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through Sept. 14, at the main floor conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and the newborn, including breastfeeding and bottle-feeding. Participants also will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

Breathers Club support

The Magic Breathers Club will meet from noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging Annex building, 938 Washington St. E., at the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

The club provides information and support for people who cope with asthma, emphysema and other chronic respiratory illnesses.

Lisa Weiland, respiratory therapist, and Mardo Eaton, registered nurse, will present a power display and discussion and will lead a round-table discussion.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Mom's Club."

To do for you

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

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

Alzheimer's support

Sunbridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is open to Twin Falls area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class 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, 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. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

About C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday 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 cesarean delivery, hospital procedures and recovery from surgery. 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.

Breast cancer support

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 in the reception area of St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The ongoing group is open to breast cancer survivors of patients (male or female) and their families and friends.

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 732-2122 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 24 at the main floor conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, and participants will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required, call 732-3148.

Learn CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscita-

tion class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Sage Room of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 539 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

Breast-feeding 101

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer a Breast-feeding 101 class from 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is for expectant parents and other support persons, first-time parents, mothers who haven't breast-fed before or feel their last breast-feeding experience wasn't successful and for parents as a refresher course.

Parents are encouraged to attend the class without two months of the baby's due date.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301, Ext. 3361.

"To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following *Monday's Health & Fitness*. Mail notices to: *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

ENGAGEMENT

ALEJANDRO-ROMERO

HEYBURN — Pete and Geri Alejandro of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Leannah Alejandro, to Cesar Antonio Romero, son of Antonio and Vicki Romero of Elko, Nev.

Alejandro is a graduate of Minico High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is currently employed by the Ada County Juvenile Detention Facility in Boise. Romero is a graduate of Elko High School and CSI. He is currently employed by B & C Masonry.

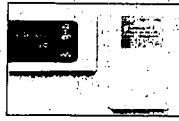
The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 21. A reception



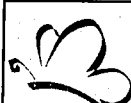
Leannah Alejandro and Cesar Romero

and dance to honor the couple will be held at 9 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Rupert Elks Lodge. The couple will reside in Boise.

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Will Sony's new Walkman topple iPod's popularity? Tuesday in Computer & Technology.



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LAST YEARS OF A CAT'S LIFE:

What to expect and how to make the best of it

While they say a cat has nine lives, the truth is, they only have one. And in most cases, the cat's human mom and dad outlive them. As pet parents, we have an obligation to keep them as happy and healthy as possible, from the first hello until the last goodbye. What can you do to keep them safe and comfortable right up until the end?

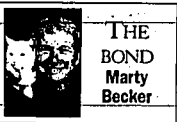
A lifetime of better care means cats today live longer, healthier lives than ever before. "Cats are living a lot longer because of advanced medicine and surgery, better nutrition, vaccinations (that prevent disease), parasite control, and routine early sterilization. Also, many cats stay indoors where they're safer from dogs, cars and other cats," says veterinarian Gary D. Norsworthy, a feline specialist at Alamo Feline Health Center in San Antonio. "Plus today's clients are more likely to opt for state of the art diagnostic tests and treatments that add years to a cat's life."

What is considered "old for a cat? According to a great resource, the "Complete Care For Your Aging Cat" by Amy D. Shoja (New American Library 2003), the question is complicated by the impact of genetics, environment and individual characteristics.

In the early 1980's, an 8-year-old cat was old. Now, that's considered middle aged by most veterinary gerontologists. "Most experts agree the last 25 percent of a cat's life constitutes old age," says Shoja. Since we can't predict what an individual cat's span will be, the beginning of old age is arbitrary.

"To simplify matters, most veterinarians consider cats that are 'senior citizens' starting at about 7 to 10 years old, and 'geriatric' at 14 to 15. It isn't uncommon for cats in my practice to reach their late teens or early 20s," says veterinarian Margie Scherk, diplomate ABVP (feline practice), editor of the *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery* and owner of Cats Only Veterinary Clinic in Vancouver, Canada.

An aging cat's health mirrors that of aging humans. The most common "old" feline problems,



include kidney disease, cancer, diabetes, hyperthyroidism, heart disease, arthritis, gastrointestinal problems, obesity and dental disease.

"Cats can have similar lesions in their brain that humans with Alzheimer's have," says veterinarian David Tweed, diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and professor at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

"Older animals get diseases more frequently, and some of these diseases are progressive," says Norsworthy. "But pets can live with these conditions and enjoy a happy, healthy life for months to many years after a diagnosis. Even cancer is not the death sentence it was once considered."

Rather than looking for a cure, quality of life issues become most important for the older animal.

Veterinarian Nicholas Dodman from Tufts University and author of "If Only They Could Speak" has observed that some cats age quite gracefully, while others become disoriented, show less interest in social interactions, and sleep more but with disrupted sleep patterns. They may engage in house-soiling.

"So you know your cat is old. How do you know it's nearing the last years of its life? "Weight loss that can't be explained should alert you this may be the weight of your cat's life," said Tweed. Research indicates cats suffer the greatest weight loss during the last three months of their life.

"Your experience shows a severe loss of appetite, increased thirst, or failure to keep themselves well-groomed can also be signs the cat is nearing their end. But of course, only a cat's own veterinary exam can determine if these are clinical

signs of an illness or condition that can be treated, or if your cat will succumb to intractable grief of loss, which we look for comfort rather than a quick twist an old commercial. "Only your veterinarian knows for sure."

To help make your cat's last year the best that can be, you can do the following:

- Foods — Veterinary diets for senior cats let their internal organs go on cruise control, yet are very tasty. Warming foods increase the tastes and scents to spark the cat's appetite. Older cats are often arthritic so don't put the food where the old cat can't easily reach it.
- Water — This diminishes in aged cats, but their need for fluid intake actually increases. It is important to keep old cats well hydrated. "Fountains stimulate cats to drink more water," says Tweed. Scherk suggests offering chicken or turkey broth and canned foods to increase water intake.

- Litterboxes — Provide more potty breaks for indoor/outdoor cats or extra litterboxes to reduce distance for better pit stops. Litterboxes with a lower rim allow arthritic cats better access.

- Helping hands — Adding a foot stool to shorten the distance to jump, making steps to the bed or couch, or fashioning an inclined plane is often appreciated by geriatric cats.
- Comfort — Something as low tech as extra padding for their beds or anti-arthritis drugs are available from your veterinarian for arthritis.

- Accommodation — Hearing impaired cats may meow more as they can't hear themselves, or you, and so they use their "alarm cry" to get attention. Cats that are losing their sight need our protection from

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Godzilla

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viper called the Oxygen Destroyer in a dramatic undervator scene that cinematically, may never be surpassed for sheer murkiness. Of course it turns out that even death was not permanent for Godzilla, who went on to star in many sequels. In my opinion, the best is *Godzilla vs. Mothra* (1994) which you must rent immediately. It features Mothra, which is yes a giant moth. The best of the best, moths is, no matter how big one gets, it never really creates a feeling of awe in the viewer, especially if it's portrayed by a flagrant puppet that looks like a bumblebee wearing a shag carpet. When Mothra fights Godzilla, you can tell Godzilla's thinking "I'm glad I'm wearing this rubber suit, because I've lost control of my bladder."

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OTHER VIEWS

Kerry statements cloud his stance on Iraq vote.

The New York Daily News

John Kerry made one point emphatically clear in accepting the Democratic presidential nomination: He'd lead the U.S. to war only if the country faced a real and imminent threat. While Kerry never said so directly, listeners were justified in concluding that he would not have invaded Iraq, a country that, it turned out, had no weapons of mass destruction and thus was not an imminent threat.

Their view: This guest editorial from the New York Daily News says presidential candidate John Kerry sends mixed messages about Iraq and withdrawal of U.S. troops.

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

build an international coalition. But why inflame such mental gymnastics on the public when all anyone wants is the answer to a question central to the election: Do you, Mr. Kerry, believe the U.S. was right to invade Iraq, WMD or no WMD?

Clarity from Kerry is crucial because the country needs to understand the circumstances under which he would fight and to gauge his commitment to the war at hand. There, too, he has given mixed signals — and dangerous ones. After the convention, Kerry said he would bring substantial numbers of troops home by the end of his term. On Monday, he predicted that, under the right circumstances, he could begin the process within six months, if elected.

Those kinds of statements must be music to the ears of radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and insurgents battling coalition forces, notwithstanding all the Kerry camp's subsequent caveats about first having to achieve stability, international support and elections. The al-Sadr of the world could well be thinking that they're beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

What if the single pivotal event of one's life — the moment that altered one's entire course, illuminating the path ahead, providing that critical psychological turning point — turned out to have been an invention of one's very own?



KATHLEEN PARKER

I realize that's a convoluted question, but it's hard to discuss today's political events any other way, exaggerated defines the story. Sen. John Kerry as told by voices from a haunted past Kerry doubtless now wishes he'd left behind.

Instead, he did a four-and-a-half-month tour of duty in Vietnam 35 years ago the centerpiece of his campaign against self-declared "war president" George W. Bush. Following the lead he said he "said" bouncing ball of Kerry's military career, one needs patience and a strong dose of Dramamine. One group of veterans applauds Kerry's bravery and leadership, citing his three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Silver Star.

Another group, Swift Boat Veterans For Truth, claims in a new book, "Unfit for Command," that Kerry fabricated his acts of heroism, fabricated some events and sought Purple Hearts for minor wounds, at least one of which was self-inflicted. Some have questioned the latter group's credibility given its financial backing by a prominent Texas Republican, while others have praised the authors' careful documentation.

Like many Americans, I'm reluctant to second-guess anyone's wartime performance. None of us knows how we'd perform under the unique stress of battle. Whether Kerry was indecisive or heroic so long ago doesn't much interest me. Stories get told about war; details get lost or distorted by

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In search of Kerry's grandiose bio



There's something near tragic about this latest political turn of events — brother warring against brother — but also revelatory on a level that even Kerry critics might not have anticipated. What is revealed isn't so much Kerry's lack of consistency in reporting personal history as his studious pursuit of power and an insatiable need for attention.

The pivotal moment in Kerry's life, according to his many testimonials on the subject, was Christmas of 1968, when, he has said, he was in Cambodia. This experience was central to his later becoming a war protester and to his lighting out on a political path destined to culminate in a rise to the U.S. presidency.

Speaking on the Senate floor in 1996 and in interviews through the years, Kerry reiterated how compelling his Cambodia experience was, how it illuminated his vision and guided his insight on foreign policy.

Remember what it was like to be shot at by Vietnamese and Khmer Rouge and Cambodians, and have the president

of the United States telling the American people that I was not there; the troops were not in Cambodia," he told his fellow senators. "I have that memory which is seared — seared — in me."

Well, as it turns out, Kerry wasn't in Cambodia (at least not then), and the president wasn't lying (at least not then). Depending on whom you believe, Kerry was in a boat either five miles away or 50. In Douglas Brinkley's biography, "Tour of Duty," based in part on Kerry's diary, Kerry was at Sa Dec, 58 miles from Cambodia.

A few days ago, Kerry campaign adviser Jeth Johnson tried to clarify for Fox News, "... I believe he (Kerry) has corrected the record to say it was some place near Cambodia. He is not certain whether it was in Cambodia, but he is certain there was some point subsequent to that that he was in Cambodia."

If Kerry didn't fabricate, he exaggerated. Or misspoke. Or got confused. Or something. But whatever the differences among versions, the story is part of a larger narrative that may matter more than the details.

It is a story of naked ambition and grandiosity, the narrative of a self-absorbed man who always needed to be the best and first, whether captain of the boat in Vietnam or winner of the debate in school. Who, when accidentally knocked off his snobward by an adult fumed, "I don't fall down."

It's the sort of man who thinks to take a movie camera to war to document himself for uses now known to be political; who willingly exploits his heroism in ways real heroes never do; who builds a career on disgust toward a war he later characterizes as the crowning achievement in a life that seems more risumi than real.

While it may be extreme to say that Kerry "lied," as some of his comrades claim, he has created a story and an image of himself that surely are too good to be true.

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of the Looms.

It's rather scary to think that Michael Moore and his band of Hollywood misfits could be running this country.

The next election is going to be very boring. How can Republicans compete with this group?

And please, Mr. Kerry, you have made several statements as to how you will better this country. You have even said you will end the war. But when asked how are you going to do all these things, what has been your response? Elect me and I will tell you. Not good enough for this house.

Quote of the week: "Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damage morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled or hanged" (President Abraham Lincoln).

Flash the Johns. MIKE SIMMONS Buhl

Indifference allows the powerful to prosper
This letter is in response to Les Nelson's letter. I do feel your outrage about partisan politics in America. However, it is people like you that have created the environment that allows these millionaires to do so well. I would not mind a box to check "none of the above," but that is not enough. If everyone as upset as you at the political system voted, then we would not have this problem. If 60 to 60 percent of the voting age population voted, then these politicians would not be able to get away with so much.

There are very few statesmen

and stateswomen in office. We trust these people to make decisions for us and pay them a good wage. The corporations pay them millions, and we expect them to be loyal to us. If you vote, they will cap.

Write your congressman or woman, write your president, write your legislators and write your mayor, and you will see change.

Most of the people who vote feel they have something to lose: don't you?
PAUL POPE Pocatello

Authorities shaden truth on inmate's medication

Once again, Twin Falls County authorities proved to those who know the truth in this situation just how dishonest they really are.

When incarcerated, Toby L. Hughes was absolutely refused his medication. For L. Hughes to say differently is an outright lie. For months, his whole family was concerned with his deteriorating health. He was pale, retaining water, gaining extreme weight and displaying signs of kidney failure — all symptoms of not having the thyroid medication that he's been taking since 2 weeks old.

L. Hughes, if Toby wasn't refused his medicine then tell me this: Why did his whole family have to fight so hard for Toby to finally get this medication? Why did his worried grandmother call the captain of the jail? Why did his mother call and speak to the jail nurse? Why did my mother, a registered nurse, leave messages for the jail administration? I even

mailed Toby a prescription for thyroid medicine from Midge Valley Regional Medical Center. The medication was still denied. When Toby's mother spoke with the jail nurse, he rudely stated, "Toby eats too much food in the kitchen." This is a professional's hang up on his end. After many failed attempts to get Toby his medication, and the ignorant comment made by the jail nurse, we were worried that Toby could possibly die in jail.

L. Hughes, if Toby was taken off inmate work so his health could be monitored, like you say, then why wasn't he put back on after his health improved? Mr. Amen's letter stated nothing but truth. Obviously, Twin Falls County authorities don't know the definition of truth. Toby is in jail not because of a jury of his peers. At only 18, prosecutors threatened Toby with life in prison if the case went to a jury trial. They frightened him into pleading guilty to a felony rape for having consensual sex with his long-time 17-year-old girlfriend.

The intent of Idaho's rape law is to protect minors from becoming victims of older, manipulative persons who take advantage of their sexuality. Twin Falls County prosecutors are abusing this law.

Toby is not keeping "rapists" off the streets with these convictions! It's about money and politics. From the thousands of dollars in fines and probation fees to the \$200 monthly sex offender treatment fees that are not revenue for the state! Is all this money worth destroying a young boy's life?
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Iraq and economy keep blocking Bush

LETTER

The factors that make President Bush a vulnerable incumbent have almost nothing to do with his opponent, John F. Kerry. They stem directly from two closely linked high-stakes policy gambles that Bush chose on his own. Neither has worked out as he hoped.



DAVID BRODER

The first gamble was the decision to attack Iraq; the second, to avoid paying for the war. The rationale for the first decision was to remove the threat of a hostile dictator armed with weapons of mass destruction.

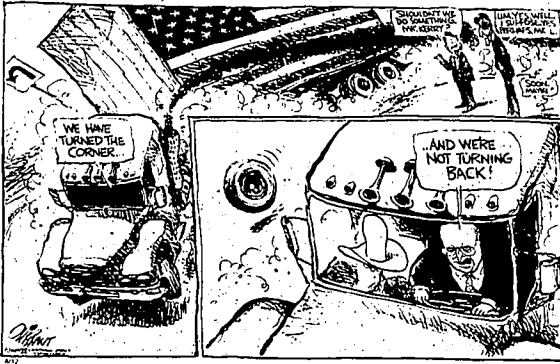
The weapons were never found. The rationale for the second decision — the determination to keep cutting taxes in the face of far higher spending for Iraq and the war on terrorism — was to stimulate the American economy and end the drought of jobs. The deficits have accumulated, but the jobs have still not come back.

If Bush can win re-election despite the failure of his two most consequential — and truly radical — decisions, he will truly be a political miracle man.

But as his own nominating convention approaches, the odds are against him.

Why call these decisions radical? From World War I right through the first Gulf War, the United States had never initiated hostilities or invaded a major country without the provocation of an attack from that country on its nation or its allies.

Bush changed that by announcing a new doctrine of "pre-emptive war" and applying it first to Iraq. Iraq was a military dictatorship with a horrible record of human rights abuse and a well-earned reputation as an international malefactor, which had attacked its neighbors.



But the urgency that Bush cited for moving against Saddam Hussein was the threat he posed by his possession of chemical and biological weapons and his pursuit of nuclear arms.

"Iraq's weapons of mass destruction are controlled by a murderous tyrant," Bush said in his major domestic speech justifying the war. "If we know that Saddam Hussein has dangerous weapons today — and we do — does it make any sense for the world to wait to confront him as he grows even stronger and develops even more dangerous weapons?"

Long after Saddam was defeated and captured, the American forces occupying Iraq have found no evidence of the supposed stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction. The rationale for a war that has taken nearly 4,000 American lives, caused several thousand American casualties and cost well over \$100 billion does not exist.

Linked to the decision to go to war was the decision not to do what every other wartime American president has done — raise taxes to pay for the costs of hostilities. Instead, in the face of growing annual deficits, Bush continued to

press a compliant Republican Congress for more and bigger tax cuts. In 2003, when he asked Congress for \$87 billion for Iraq, Bush said, "I heard somebody say, 'Well, what we need to do is have a tax increase to pay for this.' That's an absurd notion. You don't raise taxes when an economy is recovering. Matter of fact, lower taxes will help enhance economic recovery. We want our people going back to work."

Despite the triple dose of stimulus — tax cuts on top of historically low interest rates set by the Federal Reserve Board on top of a huge increase in federal defense and domestic spending — the recovery from a not-very-severe recession during the first year of Bush's term has been painfully weak.

Especially when it comes to his No. 1 goal of producing jobs.

As a result, Bush finds himself defying the loss of more than 1 million jobs during his tenure — the first president, as Democrats love to point out, since Herbert Hoover to suffer an actual job loss in office.

The 32,000 jobs added to the economy in July were the smallest number this year, raising fears that the recovery

proclaimed last spring may be losing steam.

Just before the new numbers came out, the president was bragging to campaign audiences. "When it comes to creating jobs for America's workers, we've turned the corner, and we're not turning back." Democrats are making that phrase as famous — or infamous — as the "Mission Accomplished" sign on the aircraft carrier Bush visited to celebrate prematurely the end of major fighting in Iraq.

The president has suffered other blows to his credibility — a survey of seniors last week showed major doubts about his touted Medicare prescription drug plan.

But they pale in importance compared to Iraq and the economy. In The Washington Post's polls every month since January, more voters have voiced disapproval of his performance on those two issues than approval.

Time is short for changing people's minds. Bush is dragging two huge weights — and he has no one to blame but himself.

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Vacating streets? How about Blue Lakes?

I thought it was about time for me to invest in the great business property located along Blue Lakes Boulevard North near North College Road. A couple of years ago, I purchased the large empty lot that was once Weston Plaza. Since then, I have purchased property on the west side of Blue Lakes Boulevard North, more commonly known as Middlekauff Ford, Snake River Tire, Tomato's.

My plan is to build a convention center for the community. But I want to place the building right in the middle of the current Blue Lakes Boulevard North. I will be submitting a request for the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning and the Twin Falls City Council to abandon the main traffic artery route, more com-

monly known as Blue Lakes Boulevard North, to accommodate my building. After all, it shouldn't be a problem rerouting traffic up Washington Street North or Locust Street North! It is all for progress and to serve the community better!

Oh, by the way, while I am asking, would you mind abandoning North College Road? I forgot that my future plans for expansion included that main artery and the road runs right through one of my large convention meeting rooms. I hope that the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning and the city of Twin Falls grants my request to abandon Blue Lakes Boulevard North and North College Road.

In any case, it makes as much sense as abandoning Martin Street for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center!
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Section B

MORNING LINE
SPORTSQUOTE

They play the game the way it's supposed to be played.

- USA basketball player Allen Iverson after Puerto Rico's upset win on Sunday.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Only two Jewish players are in the Hall of Fame. Sandy Koufax is one. Who is the other?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Ellis wins Blue Lakes CC title

TWIN FALLS - Justin Ellis defeated Chlek Cutler 2-up Sunday to win the Blue Lakes Country Club's men's club championship title. Ellis is a first-time club champion while Cutler has won several times over the years.

John Singh won the consolation title over Bob Roberts. Alan Denis won the gross competition in stroke play while net went to Dick Wetherell.

Jones rallies to win Lyon senior tourney

GOODING - Tom Jones of Gooding carded a second-day 73 to overtake first-day leader Ron Darcy, who carded 75, to finish first place in the championship flight at the Bob Lyon Senior golf tournament Sunday at the Gooding Golf Course.

Darcy, who ran an 80 Sunday-to-finish at 153, two strokes back of Jones' two-day total of 151.

Leaders follow:
Overall - Tom Jones 151, Ron Darcy 153, 3 Harold Stroud 154, Dave O'Dell, Randy Kozak, Kerry Dwyer 155.

Championship flight
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First Day
Overall - Tom Jones 73, 2 Ron Darcy 75, 3 Gary Johnson 76, 4 Charles Hines 77, 5 Tom Thompson 78, 6 Jerry Lewis 79, 7 Gary Smith 80.

Second Day
Overall - 1 Bill Lyons 112, 2 Tom Phillips 113, 3 Ben Lyon 114, 4 Harold Stroud 115, 5 Jerry Kozak 116, 6 Dave Hooper, Gary Sanner 117, 7 Leo Dwyer 118.

Jerome one-pitch league has openings

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District announced its fall one-pitch league schedule. Upper divisions teams will play on Mondays with games starting Aug. 23.

Lower division teams will play on Wednesday beginning Aug. 25.

Teams will play doubleheaders on their league nights.

Team spots are \$140 per team with registration fees and four contact names accepted until 5 p.m. today.

Call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 for more information.

Declo's Hurst cards first-ever hole-in-one

DECLO - Earl Hurst of Declo carded a hole in one on No. 1 at Burley's Ponderosa Golf Course recently.

The witnesses were Colby Hollist and Tenaia Hollist.

Hurst used a 7-iron from 121 yards out for his first-ever ace.

Minidoka forces Game 3 in NW league

BURLEY - Minidoka defeated Jerome 11-3 Sunday to force next week's decisive Game 3 in the Northwest League semi-pro baseball championship series.

Jerome won Game 1 last weekend 31-10.

Game 3 will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22 at Twin Falls' Harmon Park.

It is a best-of-three series.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Hank Greenberg.

Puerto Rico stuns U.S.

Americans shoot dismal 3-for-22 from 3-point range, absorb first loss with NBA players

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - In an upset as historic as it was inevitable, Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson and the rest of the U.S. basketball team lost 92-73 to Puerto Rico on Sunday, only the third Olympic loss ever for America and its first since adding pro status.

It was by far the most lopsided defeat for a U.S. men's team. "I'm humiliated, not for the loss - I can always deal with wins and losses - but I'm disappointed because I had a job to do as a coach, to get us to understand how we're supposed to play as a team and act as a team, and I don't think we did that," Larry Brown said.

Puerto Rico, which had lost to the Americans five times in the past 13 months, led for more than 33 minutes of the 40-minute game.

They were ahead by 22 at half-time and gamely held off a fourth-quarter comeback for one of the biggest sports achievements in the territory's history.

"We're a small island with a big heart," guard Elias Ayuso said. "The loss was a blow to the Americans' confidence, but it did little to hurt their gold medal chances. They need only to finish in the top four of their six-team group to reach the quarterfinals."

Still, the defeat will go a long way toward giving the competition hope that it's someone else's turn to move to the top of the sport that's been dominated by one country for nearly three-quarters of a century.

As Carlos Arroyo left the court with just over a minute left, he defiantly pulled at his jersey. He led his team with 24 points.

"That was him telling his island of 4 million people he was very proud to be north," Puerto Rico coach Julio Toro said.

Anyone in America who didn't see this coming hadn't been paying attention to the way international basketball has been changing. The U.S. team nearly lost in the semifinals at Sydney on a last-second miss by Lithuania, then dropped three games on its home turf at the 2002 World Championships in Indianapolis - the first losses ever by a U.S. team of NBA professionals.

This year's team, weakened by the defections and rejections of 12 top players, opened its pre-Olympic tour of Europe with a 19-point loss to Italy and a last-second victory over Germany - a pair of games in which their vulnerability to a tight zone defense was clearly exposed.

Puerto Rico used that defensive strategy, too, and the Americans could do next to nothing against it.

After Lamar Odom made a 3-pointer for the U.S. team's first



Puerto Rico's Sharif Fajardo, left, defends a shot attempt by the United States' Carlos Boozer during the Americans' stunning men's basketball preliminaries loss Sunday in Athens.

point, the Americans missed 16 straight from behind the arc. They tried to get the ball inside.



A dejected United States men's basketball team looks on during its 92-73 loss to Puerto Rico Sunday in Athens.

After Lamar Odom made a 3-pointer for the U.S. team's first

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Swim showdown highlights Monday's events

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - This is big. Think Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier on starting blocks. Magic Johnson-Larry Bird in an Olympic pool. Bill O'Reilly-Michael Moore in Speedos. OK, lose that last thought. But the much-anticipated Monday showdown between U.S. swimmer freestyle relay at his Phelps and Australian superstar Ian Thorpe promises to generate more heat than the unforgetting Athens sun at the roofless

swimming venue. Across 200 meters, in little more than 100 seconds, the pair will go head-to-head for the only time with an individual medal at stake in the Summer Games. It's Phelps' potential against Thorpe's performance in a one-shot chance at staking a claim to superiority.

For Phelps, it's another race in his quest to equal Mark Spitz's 1972 mark of seven gold medals in a single game. His hopes of collecting eight ended Sunday night when the U.S. 400-meter freestyle relay team, including the 19-year-old Baltimore resident, settled for a bronze.

For the Australian, known worldwide as the "Thorpedo," it's a chance to reassert his swimming supremacy against the new kid on the block. Thorpe captured three golds and two silvers in Sydney, and has no intention of surrendering his champion's mantle - he was faster than Phelps in the 200-meter preliminaries.

No less an authority than Phelps played down his medal chase, saying he would be happy to win just one gold - which he accomplished in world-record time in his first race.

Phelps' medal chase, too, saying it was "impossible" to win seven golds.

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Phelps won't surpass Spitz's gold total

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Mark Spitz can rest easy. The best Michael Phelps can do is win seven gold medals at these Olympics.

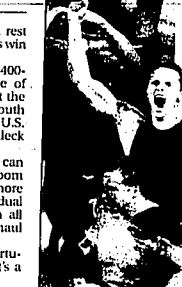
Phelps got a spot on the American 400-meter freestyle relay at the expense of a three-time Olympian Gary Hall Jr., but the team had to settle for bronze when South Africa set a world record that left the U.S. foursome standing glumly on the deck Sunday night.

With six events left in Athens, Phelps can only tie Spitz's record - and there's no room for error. The 19-year-old from Baltimore opened with a gold in the 400 individual medley Saturday, but needed to win all eight of his events to surpass Spitz's haul from the 1972 Munich Games.

"We are disappointed, but we're fortunate to win a medal," Phelps said. "It's a learning experience."

A learning experience that apparently left Hall seething. One of the greatest sprinters in American history didn't even show up at the pool after learning he would be left off the team that swam the evening final.

"It's disappointing he wasn't here," Phelps said.



South Africa's Roland Mark Schoeman celebrates a gold medal while the U.S.'s Michael Phelps, left, consoles his teammates after taking the bronze Sunday.

pleased that a guy who had won four medals at each of the last two Olympics was left off the team at the expense of

someone who had never swam on an Olympic relay team.

"Gary is one of the best Olympians of all time," said Arluk, who was at the pool to cheer on another of his clients, South African Roland Schoeman. "I can't believe they kept him off the relay for some 19-year-old guy who is going after something that he's not going to accomplish anyway."

The South Africans broke the Aussies' world record with a stunning time of 3 minutes, 13.17 seconds. The Netherlands took silver at 3:14.26, while Phelps and his American teammates could manage only bronze at 3:14.62.

It was the worst showing ever for the Americans, who have never lost an Olympic 400 free relay until they were upset by the Australians at the 2000 Sydney Games - both teams breaking the previous world record, but the Americans forced to take silver.

World record-holder Brendan Hansen, swimming on his 23rd birthday, was beaten in the 100 breaststroke by Japan's Kosuke Kitajima, settling for a silver medal. France's Hugues Duboscq took the bronze.

And Jenny Thompson was again denied an individual gold, finishing fifth in the 100 butterfly. Any medal would have been the

winning silver for the 11-year-old swimmer.

"We had to work hard, but I just didn't have enough left for Tony after that last caution," Fellows said.

"I just gave me everything I needed in a car, but I'm disappointed."

"Obviously, we were second best."

Finishing third in the \$4.6 million race was Mark Martin in a Ford, followed by Casey Mears in a Dodge, and the Chevy of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Completing the top 10 were Kevin Harvick, Jeremy Mayfield, Ricky Rudd, Matt Kenseth and Kurt Busch.

Singh rallies to PGA win

The Associated Press

HAVEN, Wis. - The only birdie Viji Singh made all day was "there's only one that matters here."

All but counted out of the PGA Championship with a putter that failed him, Singh took advantage of a late collapse by Justin Leonard to get into a three-way playoff Sunday at Whistling Straits, then made the only birdie over the three extra holes to win the final major of the year.

It was an amazing turnaround for the 41-year-old Indian, whose career is defined by second chances.

The birdie coming with a 4-over bogey - the highest winning score ever by a PGA champion - and taking 34 putts in regulation, Singh nearly drove the green on the first of three playoff holes and made a 6-foot putt.

Leonard and Chris DiMarco never had a good look at birdie in the playoff, and they stood helplessly on the 18th green as Singh tapped in from 2 feet for a par on the 18th for his third career major.

Leonard, playing in the final group at the PGA for the third time, took a two-shot lead with five holes to play with an 18-foot birdie putt, but he missed four putts inside 12 feet down the stretch, the last one dropping him into a playoff that never should have happened.

"Singh, who won for the fifth time this year, took advantage. "It was sad to see someone win in the way I did," Singh said.

The putter kind of fell asleep on me a little bit. I get nervous when he missed the putt on the last hole."

DiMarco had an 18-foot birdie putt on the 18th in regulation.

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Stewart wins at The Glen

The Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. - Tony Stewart overcame an upset stomach at the season and to win Sunday at Watkins Glen International.

It was the second win for Stewart in the Sirius at The Glen, one of the most competitive races each year on the NASCAR Nextel Cup circuit. He has three victories in that discipline.

The 2002 series and Watkins Glen champion also got his second win of the season and the 19th of his career. He complained of feeling ill early in the race but decided to stay in the car as road-course ace Boris Strakoska made a pit stop.

The winner went back to his hauler as soon as he exited the track and was not immediately available for comment. He was driven back to his motor coach in a golf cart to change his uniform and attempt to recover.

Stewart, who started fourth after qualifying was canceled and the field was set by computer points, led 46 of 80 laps on the 11-turn serpentine layout. His Chevrolet-Ron Fellers by 1.517 seconds.

"We had to work hard, but I just didn't have enough left for Tony after that last caution," Fellers said.

"I just gave me everything I needed in a car, but I'm disappointed."

"Obviously, we were second best."

Finishing third in the \$4.6 million race was Mark Martin in a Ford, followed by Casey Mears in a Dodge, and the Chevy of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Polester Jimmie Johnson blew an engine for the second week in a row but held the top spot by 43 points because teammate Jeff Gordon had a transmission problem late in the race.

Gordon finished 21st and Johnson 10th.

Completing the top 10 were Kevin Harvick, Jeremy Mayfield, Ricky Rudd, Matt Kenseth and Kurt Busch.

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SPORTS

Twins hold off Indians



Minnesota third baseman Corey Koskie makes a diving grab of a grounder hit by the Indians' Ronnie Belliard during the fifth inning Sunday in Cleveland. Koskie recovered and threw Belliard out at first base.

Minnesota keeps slim lead in AL Central over Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Corey Koskie hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning, and the Minnesota Twins overcame a two-run deficit to beat Cleveland 4-2 on Sunday and prevent the Indians from pulling within a percentage point of the AL Central lead.



Dave Roberts, who swung at a 65 mph changeup.

Orioles 11, Blue Jays 7
TORONTO — David Newhan tied a career high with four hits, including a go-ahead double in Baltimore's eight-run eighth inning, and the Orioles rallied past the Toronto Blue Jays.

Rangers 6, Devil Rays 2
ARLINGTON, Texas — Laynce Nix homered and drove in three runs, including a tiebreaking sacrifice fly, and the Rangers swept the three-game series.

White Sox 5, Red Sox 4
BOSTON — Mark Buehrle overcame a wild start, Carlos Lee had a home run and three RBIs and the Chicago White Sox got out of a ninth-inning jam to beat the Boston Red Sox.

National League
Phillies 3, Pirates 1
PHILADELPHIA — Brett Tomko allowed one run in six innings for his first win in nearly a month, and the San Francisco Giants moved closer to NL wild-card lead Sunday with a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies that completed a three-game sweep.

Astros 5, Expos 4
MONTREAL — Pitch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro singled home the go-ahead run off Luis Ayala (4-4) to cup a rally from a 4-2 deficit in the ninth, snapping Montreal's winning streak at a season-high seven. Houston had been 0-51 when trailing after eight innings.

Dodgers 8, Cubs 5
CHICAGO — Adrian Beltré and Shyne Green homered and Steve Finley hit a go-ahead RBI single as the Dodgers overcame a 5-3 deficit in the eighth. Milton Bradley drove in two runs in the eighth for his 35th save. Kyle Lohse pitched a 5-3 deficit in the eighth. Milton Bradley drove in two runs in the eighth for his 35th save. Kyle Lohse pitched a 5-3 deficit in the eighth.

Padres 7, Reds 2
CINCINNATI — Adam Eaton (8-10) allowed two runs in the first inning, but kept Cincinnati scoreless over the next five, and also drove in two runs.

Cardinals 10, Braves 4
ATLANTA — Scott Rolen hit a pair of two-run homers off John Thomson (8-8) to become the first NL player to reach 100 RBIs this season and Danny Haren (4-2) won for the first time since Aug. 11 last year, allowing three runs and seven hits in five innings. Haren started because Chris Carpenter had a stiff back.

Marlins 5, Brewers 3, 10 innings
MILWAUKEE — Luis Castillo tied the score with a ninth-inning single, and pinch-hitter Damion Lesley hit a two-run double in the 10th of Ben Lendrickson (0-5).

Diamondbacks 2, Mets 0
NEW YORK — Randy Johnson (12-10) tied his season high with 14 strikeouts, allowing five hits in 8 1/3 innings, and Arizona stopped a nine-game losing streak.

Pirates 3, Rockies 0
PITTSBURGH — Craig Wilson had three hits and two RBIs, and Josh Fogg (7-4) allowed four hits in six innings to win for the first time in eight starts since July 2.

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But Puerto Rico collapsed several defenders into the paint and took the U.S. team's best player, Duncan, out of the offensive equation.

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The U.S. Olympic team's record now stands at 189-3. The American shot only 35 percent, finished 3-for-24 from 3-point range and had nearly as many turnovers (22) as field goals (26). Puerto Rico was 3-for-18 from long range and 31-55 (56 percent) overall to help negate the Americans' 46-27 edge in rebounding.

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The consolation for DiMarco was a spot on the Ryder Cup team, moving to No. 8 in the standings.

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Bills' McGahee shines in NFL preseason debut

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — This is what everyone was waiting for from Willis McGahee.

The crowd cheered when he first took the field, lining up late in the first quarter. Fans were already on their feet, cheering in anticipation just before McGahee scored.

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AL Box Score

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball

Regional coverage, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

Braves at Padres, TBS, 8 p.m.

Football

NFL pre-season, Seahawks at Packers, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Olympics

Women's basketball, U.S. vs. Czech Republic, (live), women's water polo, U.S. vs. Hungary, (same-day tape), USA, 5 a.m.

Beach volleyball (live): weightlifting, women's 58 kg gold medal final and men's 62 kg women's field hockey, Japan vs. Argentina, shooting, women's trap gold medal final, men's handball, Croatia vs. Slovenia, (same-day tape), MSNBC, 8 a.m.

Diving, men's synchronized springboard gold medal final (live): swimming, men's beach volleyball, U.S. vs. Brazil, (same-day tape), NBC, 10:30 a.m.

Tennis, badminton, (same-day tape), Bravo, 3 p.m.

Boxing, (same-day tape), CNBC, 3 p.m.

Gymnastics, men's team gold medal final, swimming, semi.

Finals: men's 200m butterfly

women's 200m individual medley, swimming, gold medal final; men's 200m freestyle, men's 100m backstroke, women's 100m backstroke, women's 100m breaststroke; diving, women's synchronized platform gold medal final; women's volleyball, U.S. vs. Germany, (same-day tape), NBC, 6 p.m.

Sailing, judo, women's 57kg Gold Medal final, (same-day tape), Bravo, 10 p.m.

Women's beach volleyball, U.S. vs. team TBA; judo, men's 73kg gold medal final, (delayed tape), NBC, 10:35 p.m.

Women's soccer, U.S. vs. Australia, men's water polo, U.S. vs. Kazakhstan; softball, U.S. vs. China; men's soccer, Serbia/Montenegro vs. Tunisia; rowing, women's narrowboat, Ukraine vs. China; luge, men's field hockey, South Korea vs. Britain; table tennis, shooting, men's double trap gold medal final; baseball, Cuba vs. Japan, (delayed tape), MSNBC, midnight

FOOTBALL

National Football League

Week 10

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Greece garners first Olympic softball win

ATHENS, Greece - One night after setting an Olympic record for errors, Greece's softball team put something else in the books: its first victory.

Sarah Farnsworth picked a shutout as a Greek team made up primarily of American-born players stunned Canada 2-0 Sunday.

"We've waited a long time for this," said coach Linda Wells. "We're proud to present the country with its first win."

Farnsworth, a Californian, allowed three hits while working her second game in less than 24 hours. She pitched when the Greeks played sloppily and committed six errors in a 3-0 loss Saturday to China.

Greece's errors - 3 of 15 are of American descent - proved to bounce back.

Henman upset by Novak in first round of Games

ATHENS, Greece - Fourth-seeded Tim Henman of Britain was upset in the first round of the Olympic tennis tournament Sunday, losing 6-3, 6-2 to Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic on a windy night.

"I didn't play great," Henman said. "There's aspects that I felt I could have done better, but certainly at times I wasn't allowed to play as well as I would like."

It was another Summer Games disappointment for Henman, who also lost his opening singles match at the 2000 Sydney Games and was beaten in the second round at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Henman did win a doubles silver medal with Neil Broad at Atlanta.

America's women gymnasts falter

ATHENS, Greece - Carly Patterson beamed. Her teammates were hardly as cheerful.

The U.S. gymnastics team began its quest for an Olympic gold medal with an up-and-down qualifying round Sunday that included some nice moments - mostly from Patterson - but also left plenty of room for improvement.

"That's why we have a day between competitions," Courtney McCool said after the United States faltered and finished in second place behind defending Olympic champion Romania.

Patterson scored a 9.725 on beam on route to a 38.337, which left her in first place in qualifying for the all-around. Teammate Courtney Kupets was in fourth at 37.937 and also qualified.

Svetlana Khorkina of Russia, who edged Patterson for gold at last year's world championships, was stellar on uneven bars and lit up the floor as usual with her smiling, seductive dancing. A score of 13.7 on balance beam dampened her day, though, and she finished fifth.

Frenzied fans take to the field when Iraq wins

ATHENS, Greece - Iraq's Olympic soccer team proved its opening victory was no fluke.

Iraq defeated Costa Rica 2-0 Sunday night in a game where a boisterous crowd not only roared in the atmosphere but temporarily halted play as jubilant Iraqis ran onto the field.

Havva Mulla Mohammed slammed a bouncing ball into the net with 18 seconds out in the 57th minute to put Iraq ahead, sending the crowd into a frenzy. Mohammed jubilantly sprinted around the endline and up the sideline, where he was mobbed by his teammates.

Within moments, a couple of Iraqi fans jumped out of the crowd to join the celebration. About a dozen others followed suit, running around the field and the area surrounding it. Police and security personnel responded, but it took about three minutes to clear the pitch of fans and debris.

Shortly after the ensuing kickoff, Mohammed took the ball down the left side and crossed it to Mahdi Karim, who headed it in - prompting several fans to take to the field yet again.

Iraq stunned Portugal 4-2 in its Olympic opener and has a commanding lead in Group D.

Eagles RB Perry out for season with injury

PHILADELPHIA - Eagles running back Bruce Perry will miss his rookie season after

dislocating a shoulder in an exhibition game against the New England Patriots.

Cornerback Andy Reid said Sunday that Perry will most likely have surgery and "he'll be out for the season."

Perry, who was in the running to be a backup behind Brian Westbrook last season, was in Friday's loss to the Patriots.

Nicholls State fires coach over fraud

THIBODAUX, La. - Nicholls State football coach Darryl Daye was fired Sunday over accusations of academic fraud involving players and an assistant coach.

Daye was not implicated in the alleged fraud, but an investigation by the university failed to mount proper control of the assistant, the Southland Conference school said.

The assistant coach who coached the fraud and the university also personally selected the assistant coach - must be accountable in this situation, athletic director Jiri Bernard said.

The assistant also will be fired but his name was not immediately released because he had not been notified, university spokesman Michael Delaney said.

Daye had a 19-36 record in five seasons at Nicholls of Division I-AA. The Colonel finished 5-6 in 2003, third in its conference.

Report: Roenick paid firm for betting tips

PHILADELPHIA - Flyers star Jeremy Roenick paid more than \$100,000 to a Florida firm that made millions selling betting tips to gamblers, law enforcement officials told The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Roenick never the target of an investigation and was not involved in any illegal activity, said Lee County Sheriff's Capt. Mike Johnston, who worked with the FBI on an investigation of the firm.

Investigators said they found no evidence that Roenick had bet on hockey.

The newspaper for Sunday's editions, Roenick said he was a client of National Sports Consultants and had bet on sports for years. Roenick said he had paid the Florida firm much less for tips, with total bets between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Roenick said he stopped gambling in January after a warning from Flyers general manager Bob Clarke. Roenick said the Flyers did not know about his association with the tip service.

Plenty of good seats available at Olympics

ATHENS, Greece - In the Olympic tennis stadium, Venus Williams' guests echoed loudly of several thousand empty seats. There were so few people at the gymnastics preliminary that it looked like a high school event.

Across Athens on the opening weekend of the Olympics, the scene was the same: Wrestlers gobbled in front of only a few hundred fans; archers had the old Olympic stadium nearly to themselves and softball was played before a backdrop of empty stands.

So far, the Olympics are a box-office bust. "I watched it on TV and when you looked in the background, you were like, 'Wow, the Olympics and nobody's there,'" said Olympian gymnast Bart Conner said.

Athens organizers, in their rush to finish building some of the sparkling new venues, apparently didn't work as hard trying to fill them. And Greeks are proving to be selective about what they'll pay money to watch, despite ticket prices of as little as \$11 a seat for some preliminary competitions.

Park wins U.S. Women's Amateur in close match

ERE, Pa. - Jane Park won the U.S. Women's Amateur on Sunday, clinching her first U.S. Golf Association title when Arman Atey handed her the 35th and final hole.

The 17-year-old Park, a runner-up last year in this tournament and the U.S. Girls' Junior, got a big victory hug from her coach, veteran Lund Park, after securing the 2-up win over McCurdy, a 20-year-old junior at the University of Arkansas.

Compiled from wire reports



THE SUMMER GAMES OF THE XXVIII OLYMPIAD

American crews set new world records



The men's eight boat of the USA, front, blows by Italy on their way to a new world record of 5 minutes, 19.85 seconds on Sunday.

SCHEINIAS, Greece (AP) — America's Olympic rowers, arched in Greece saying they were ready for the rough conditions at their venue on a windswept, manmade lake outside Athens. Turns out they were right.

With a tall wind packing gusts of up to 20 mph, both the U.S. men's and women's eights broke world records and won both preliminary heats Sunday.

No records will fall Monday, however. Forecasts of even stronger winds prompted organizers to postpone those races. Only a few hours after Sunday's competition, the wind was strong enough to push up white-capped waves in the lake.

Similar waves in the 2003 junior world championships in Scheinias swamped several boats. After that, the U.S. team spent much of its remaining Olympics training in rough water. The Americans also were among many teams to arrive with redesigned boats that include balling pumps.

Organizers hoped to move Monday's races to Tuesday, when forecasters predict the wind will be the down enough for

rowing. Competitors and coaches said Sunday morning's tail wind likely made the boats faster.

One other world record fell to the Australian lightweight double scull of Sally Newnham and Amber Halliday. They finished in 6:49.50, breaking a mark that had stood for nine years.

But U.S. men's coach Mike

Teti said that the tight competition in the Americans' races also had something to do with their fast times.

"No one's trying to set a world record out there. We're all trying to beat the other boats," Teti said.

The women's eight was undefeated and expected to win. They led by nearly three sec-

onds after 1,000 meters, but the Romanians charged hard over the second half, pulling to three-tenths of a second, followed by Germany in third.

The Americans won in 5:56.55, eclipsing the previous world mark of 5:57.02 set by Romania in 1999.

They advance directly to next Sunday's final, while Romania

and Germany will have to enter a repechage, or second-chance race.

The American women, who have won both World Cup races they entered this year, have been strong the past three years. They won the world championship in 2002, but suffered an uncharacteristic mistake in last year's worlds when they caught

an oar and brought the boat to a halt. Germany finished first in that race. Romania second.

"That 2003 worlds definitely fueled a different energy for this year and it has factored into our training," Kate Johnson, of Portland, Ore., said.

"That's been a good motivator for sure all year."

The U.S. men's eight was third after the start. At half distance they were up to second place, about eight-tenths of a second behind Canada, then pulled ahead at the end to win by .6. The Americans finished in 5:19.85, easily beating the previous mark of 5:22.89, set by the Netherlands in 1998.

The U.S. men's eight was considered a contender to finish in the medals.

And Teti is looking to redeem himself after coming up empty in Sydney with a squad that had won three consecutive world titles.

Like the women, the men's team advanced directly to the final, where a win would mean the first gold for a U.S. men's eight since 1964.

Teti predicted a tough final.

USA softball routs rival Australians

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — When the Olympic softball schedule was released, Lisa Fernandez grabbed a marker and began counting down the days.

"This game is always on my calendar," she said. "I have a tremendous history with Australia."

And until Sunday, mostly a haunting one.

Fernandez allowed one disputed hit and the Americans dominated their old Olympic nemesis. Blowing out the Aussies 10-0 Sunday in a game called after five innings because the United States was too far ahead.

The win pushed the U.S. team's Olympic record to 17-1, but two-of-the-losses came against Australia. Both times, Fernandez was the losing pitcher

after giving up walk-off home runs in extra innings.

But after getting the final out in the fifth Sunday, Fernandez pumped her fist, picked up her resin bag and headed to the dugout with her head held high.

International rules state a game ends whenever a team trails by seven runs or more after five innings—the so-called slaughter rule. "They got us a good one today, mate," said Australian coach Simon Rossiter, who isn't about to concede a third straight, gold medal to the U.S. "But that will do nothing but wake us up. We're not throwing in the towel."

The Aussies (1-1) had no choice after the Americans scored eight runs in the fourth inning, capped by Stacey New-

man's three-run homer off Melanie Roche. The shot cut through a stiff wind to center field, sending the U.S. bench into a frenzy and putting a shiver through the rest of the eight-team field.

The United States (2-0), seeking its third straight gold medal, has won its first two games in Greece by a combined 17-0 score with both ending via the mercy rule. The Americans beat Italy on Saturday.

It was the 12th shutout in Olympic history for the U.S. team, which carried a 112-game winning streak into the 2000 Games before losing three in a row. The Americans recovered by winning five straight and another gold, learning a valuable lesson along the way. The U.S. will play Japan (1-1)

on Monday.

Fernandez, considered the world's finest all-around player, has had to endure the lowest points in her athletic career against the Aussies in Olympic round-robin play. They occurred on two pitches she has always wanted back.

In 1996, she took a perfect game into the 10th before losing 2-1 on a walk-off home run. Then, four years ago, Fernandez struck out a record 25 batters before she gave up a home run to Petra Edlebone in the 13th and lost 2-1.

Italy 7, China 5
Japan 6, Taiwan 0
Jennifer Spedacci pitched a shutout into the fifth inning, and Italy hung on to stun one of the medal favorites.

Turk wins third gold

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The world's strongest little man didn't let a lot of big talk get to him.

Half Muftu won his third consecutive Olympic weightlifting gold medal, ignoring his biggest rival's prediction the Little Pyramo was ready to lose with yet another overpowering performance Sunday on the sport's biggest stage.

Muftu, his career in doubt two years ago following two serious injuries, joined Turkish predecessor Naim Sulaymanoglu and Greece's Pyros Dimas and Khaki Kakiskias as three-time weightlifting gold medalists.

Both Greek lifters go for their fourth consecutive golds later in the Athens Olympics.

Muftu solidized the now-retired Sulaymanoglu, the Pocket Hercules, that he parterred his

walk after him.

When it comes to mimicking Muftu at 123 pounds (56 kg, no one can compare).

China's Wu Meijin thought the could.

The two-time defending world champion recently called Muftu "old and no longer formidable."

Guess again.

Muftu, only 4-foot-11 yet one of just four men to lift three times his body weight, remained unbeaten against all active weightlifters.

He hasn't lost since finishing second at the 1993 worlds.

He has won 16 of his last 17 world-level competitions.

When Muftu said he would move up to 133 pounds (63 kg) for 2008, some Chinese reporters asked if he feared facing Meijin again.

OLYMPICS IN BRIEF

Archery

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — American and Ukrainian archers won the first Olympic competitions to be held in Panathinaiko Stadium since the marble facility hosted the first modern games in 1896.

Jennifer Nichols of Cheyenne, Wyo. defeated Rita Devi Pripitsaris of Indonesia and Tetyana Berezhina beat Greece's Fotini Vavatsi in the opening matches of the women's tournament.

Bhutan's Tshering Chhoden, seeded 54th, upset No. 11 seed Lin Sang of China.

Another favorite fell when the Netherlands ousted Russia. With the fifth set tied at 16, Guido Gortzen served an ace and then Alexander Kosarev's kill attempt landed wide to give the Dutch the win.

Host Greece beat Tunisia in front of a loud crowd of 8,200 at the 14,000-seat Peace and Friendship Stadium in the biggest so far in the tournament.

Water Polo

Australia 14, Egypt 3
Russia 5, Kazakhstan 2
Hungary 6, Serbia-Montenegro 4

Spain 5, Italy 4
ATHENS, Greece — Hungary opened its Olympic water polo title defense with a win over Serbia-Montenegro, coming back with three unanswered goals in the last quarter.

Hungary is a seven-time Olympic champion and reigning world champion.

Spain, 1996 Olympic champion and world champion in '98 and 2001, held off Italy.

Earlier, Australia thrashed Egypt behind three goals by Craig Miller.

Dmitry Gorskoy scored twice for Russia.

Handball

Hungary 28, China 24
Brazil 29, Greece 21
ATHENS, Greece — Hungary, the 2000 silver medalist, beat China in the women's Olympic handball tournament behind Anita Kulcsar's eight goals.

Field Hockey

Australia 4, New Zealand 1
South Africa 2, Argentina 1
ATHENS, Greece — Jamie Dwyer scored three goals, leading Australia's men to a win in their opening match. Darren Smith scored for New Zealand.

Greg Nicol scored twice in the second half to help South Africa rally from an early deficit.

Shooting

ATHENS, Greece — Alexei Alipov of Russia won the gold medal in trap shooting with a perfect final round. Alipov shot all 25 targets in the final to finish

with an overall score of 149, tying the Olympic record. In qualifying, Alipov also matched an Olympic record, scoring 124 out of a possible 125.

American Lance Bade of Vancouver, Wash., who won a bronze medal in trap in Atlanta in 1996, finished fifth.

Olena Kosteych of Ukraine won the gold in women's 10-meter air pistol after a shoot-off.

Judo

ATHENS, Greece — Japan completed the second day of the Olympic judo competition with a total of three gold medals.

Matato Uchishiba took Japan's third gold medal with a victory in the men's 145 pounds (66 kg). Yuki Yokosawa failed to make it four-for-four with a loss to China's Xian Dongmei in the women's 114 pounds (52 kg).

Baseball

Cuba 4, Australia 1
Japan 12, Italy 0, 7 innings
Netherlands 11, Greece 0
Canada 7, Taiwan 0

ATHENS, Greece — Cuba, one of the favorites in the Olympic baseball tournament, defeated Australia. Adiel Palma pitched eight shutout innings to pick up the win, giving up just two hits.

Japan's rout of Italy was hindered after seven innings because of the mercy rule. Starting pitcher Koji Uehara threw six scoreless innings for the win, giving up four hits and one walk while striking out four.

Sailing

ATHENS, Greece — The notorious Meltemi wind came whipping out of the north, bringing mayhem to the Olympic sailing courses on the Saronic Gulf, capsizing at least 10 boats.

Americans Paul Foerster and Kevin Burnham moved up a spot to second overall in the 470 class with finishes of second and 15th. Both are former silver medalists.

Badminton

ATHENS, Greece — Britain's Tracey Hallam defeated former world champion and Sydney silver medalist Camilla Martin of Denmark 11-2, 5-11, 13-10 in the second round.

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Teen needs support from case worker

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and a ward of the court. I have a horrible social worker who never looks at any of the positive things I do. I have good grades and barely ever do anything wrong. Recently I have been doing things that they call "acting out." I am not acting out! At my last court appearance, her report stated that I'm a juvenile delinquent who is in need of serious help. I am consistently told by the people at the group home where I live that I am none of those things.

How do I tell my social worker that she needs to see the positive things I am doing and not just look at the negative? Please help me. I am going nuts. I need to know if it is me or her.

— **CONFUSED IN REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.**



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR CONFUSED: It's possible that the problem isn't all yours or all hers, but a combination of both. The casual social workers must manage these days is overwhelming which means that, much as they might wish otherwise, they are often unable to give each client a lot of personal attention.

"Acting out" is misbehaving and expressing angry feelings in inappropriate ways. When a child is separated from home, school, family and friends,

that's a good reason to be angry.

However, if you and the people at your group home feel that the social worker is mistaken, then the administrator should write a letter to the court explaining that fact. I'm sure the judge would take it into consideration. (I know I would.)

BS. If the social worker thinks you need "serious help" — which I assume to mean psychological counseling — go for it. Almost everyone can benefit from having a trained person listen to his or her concerns, pains and problems. It is considered to be a huge benefit, not a punishment.

DEAR ABBY: What is the rule of etiquette concerning guest lists that include both friends

and co-workers? Does one have to invite all co-workers to a private/personal function, or can a select handful of co-workers be invited?

— **NEEDS ADVICE, LATHAM, N.Y.**

DEAR NEEDS ADVICE: Much depends upon the size of your office, how many co-workers you plan to ask, and what percentage will be excluded. If you invite only a few co-workers, it's important that you not offend the rest. This can be accomplished by keeping the invitation private, separate from work, and confidential.

However, if you plan to invite the majority and exclude only a few, there are bound to be hurt feelings and you could create unnecessary tensions, so I advise against it.

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Ancient Greeks banned women from Olympics

In the ancient Olympics, women weren't allowed to compete. In fact, at one point women were banned as spectators as well, on penalty of death.

The name "cynic" comes from the Greek "kirkos," meaning "creek."

This day in history: On Aug. 16, 1841, members of the White Party rioted on the White House grounds after President John Tyler, also a White, vetoed a party-sponsored bill establishing a national bank.

The drunken mob tossed stones, fired guns and burned an effigy of the president before being dispersed.

Why does "meteorology" mean the study of weather instead of the study of meteors? Well, it used to mean both. When Aristotle coined the term, he thought meteors were just another kind of weather.

German artist Emanuel Leutze painted "Washington Crossing the Delaware," the Revolution's general and his men on Christmas Eve crossing over for a sneak attack on German mercenaries. Ironically, artist Emanuel Leutze was himself German; he painted it in his fatherland, using German motifs and the Rhine River.

Charles Goodyear discovered the process of vulcanizing rubber in 1839, but he never actually profited from his discovery and died penniless in 1850. No, he didn't start the Goodyear Co. — its founders in 1888 merely named it in Charles' honor.

To check for dangerous leaks in hydrogen-filled dirigibles, the normally odorless gas was odorized with garlic. Nowadays, gas companies do something similar with natural gas, which has no scent, so they add that rotten egg sulphur smell. That way, a leak will not only be noticeable but also so unpleasant that you'll be motivated to call somebody about it.

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Capricorn: Don't hide, confess your mistakes

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your ability to communicate with others and remain discreet can pay off, flattering your piggy bank. Use your calming influence on people with short fuses. Expect support from family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make powerful strides in the right direction now that restrictions have lifted. Put your best foot forward and seek commitment from others while the stars shine brightly for career and money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money makes the world go around, and you could be standing at exactly the right place to hitch a ride. Launch your most passionate dreams now. Public appearances will help you gain ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rather than covering up past mistakes, be straightforward. You can win brownie points from those who have influence. Drive and ambition overcome all obstacles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Set fresh goals, and emulate powerful friends. Do not allow minor issues to upset your equilibrium. You might be clinging to old habits when dynamic change is needed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Partners may be willing to spend pleasant hours talking with you, but you have major accomplishments to pursue. An important objective is now within reach.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your ability to jump enthusiastically into work may be directly proportional to the amount of caffeine in your system. Apply determination, as this is a great time to forge ahead in business.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Start a new relationship or get the signature on the dotted line. Strategic alliances put you on the fast track for long-term success. Significant others in your life could have a green thumb for growing dollars.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): It might be a good idea to get up early and jog to burn off excess energy. Keep your eye on the prize and relentlessly push to reach the finish line.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You could be the skilled negotiator at work or the captain of industry who leads others. The spirit of cooperation will prevail, but he prepared for changes to your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Act on your creative ideas and take advantage of opportunities. Concentrate on laying down strong foundations for the fu-

Nicky Hilton marries

LAS VEGAS — Hotel heiress Nicky Hilton married a New York money manager on Sunday in an impromptu ceremony, according to court filings obtained by The Associated Press.

Hilton, 20, married David Andrew Meister, 33, at the Las Vegas Wedding Chapel, according to a Clark County marriage license. A woman who answered the phone at the chapel declined comment.

"Access Hollywood," which first reported the wedding, said actress Bijou Phillips was present during the 2:30 a.m. ceremony.

The Hilton sisters were in town for a Stuff magazine party at the Palms Casino Resort, where they were joined by Meister and Nicole Ritchie for dinner late Saturday, resort owner George Maloof Jr. said.

Maloof, who confirmed the ceremony had taken place, said the couple gave no indication of their plans.

Nicky Hilton, younger sister of "The Simple Life" star Paris Hilton, has doubled in acting appearing in "Wisham" in 1993 and presenting at MTV award shows.

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Twin Falls County Fair Special Report

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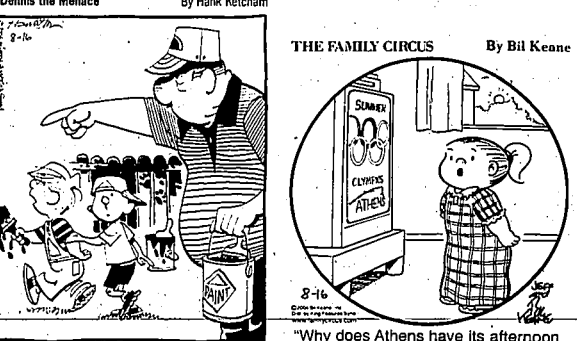
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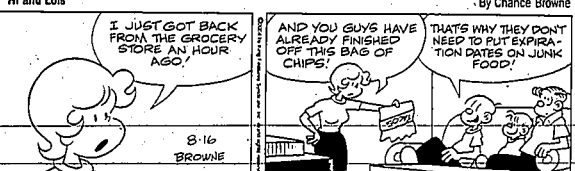
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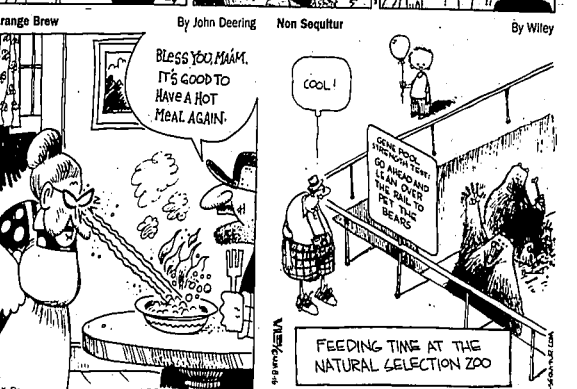
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Harman: Goss is 'wrong fight' for Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee warned fellow Democrats not to bet on Sunday against trying to block the nomination of Rep. Porter Goss as CIA director, saying that would be picking the wrong fight in this election year.

Democrats should ask tough questions of Goss, it-flaunt at Senate confirmation hearings next month, but "my view is this is the wrong fight," Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"To get stuck in a fight about Porter Goss after tough questions are asked of Porter Goss is just where we ought to be this fall," said Harman, who has no vote on the matter because the Senate confirms presidential



Rep. Jane Harman

nominees.

Goss resigned as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee last week after President Bush nominated him to replace the Tenet

at CIA.

Harman said Congress should move swiftly to push through recommendations from the Sept. 11 commission, including creating a new national intelligence director.

Bush "missed an opportunity" for intelligence reform by nominating Goss as permanent

CIA director, she said.

Many Democrats have criticized the selection of Goss, saying he is too partisan for a job that requires relying on objective advice to policy makers in the executive and legislative branches.

But Democrats also are mindful of the 2002 congressional elections in which the White House and Republicans put them in a political box regarding creation of the new Homeland Security Department.

Democrats opposed the Bush administration's demand that some federal workers lose long-held civil service protections. But the GOP convinced many voters that Democrats were blocking important legis-

lation to protect the country — even though the new department began as a Democratic plan.

Members of both parties returned from their August recess last week to attend hearings on the findings of the 9-11 Commission, which in late July released a scathing report on pre-Sept. 11 intelligence gathering, citing multiple failures.

Senate leaders want to enact changes the report suggested by the first week in October.

"It is an election year, but this issue transcends politics and terrorists do not wait," Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said on "Meet the Press."

Millions turn out for recall vote

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Summoned by bugle calls and the detonations of huge firecrackers, Venezuelans turned out in unprecedented numbers Sunday to vote on whether to force leftist President Hugo Chavez from office.

The first recall vote for a president in Venezuela's history is aimed at putting a lid on years of often violent political unrest and came after a lengthy and complicated process of mass signings of petitions.

Some lines at polling places extended for 1.25 miles, stunning even veteran election monitors. Election officials decided to keep polls open four hours longer than scheduled, to 8 p.m., but also assured voters that polls would not close

until everyone in line cast their ballots.

That would likely extend the voting period into Monday. Opposition leaders appealed to Venezuelans to bring food and water to those still waiting.

"This is the largest turnout I have ever seen," exclaimed former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who monitored the vote. "There are thousands of people in line, waiting patiently and without any disturbance."

Venezuelans tend to love or hate Chavez, a 50-year-old former paratrooper commander, with sentiments drawn along class lines.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 9, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said requests:

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Gaylord-Frierson on property consisting of forty (40.0) ± acres located in Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 14 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 4225 North 950 East, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off two (2.0) ± acres and an existing home site.

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Gary Heist and Geraldine Dickard on property consisting of forty (40.0) ± acres located in Section 7, Township 11 South, Range 16 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3373 North 3400 East, Kimberly, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off one (1.0) ± acre and an existing home site.

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Larry B. and Charlene McKay on property consisting of forty (40.0) ± acres located in Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 17 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3255 North 3200 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off five (5.0) ± acres and two existing homes.

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION after-the-fact by William J. and Margaret Sitar on property consisting of forty (40.0) ± acres located in Section 24, Township 11 South, Range 16 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3132 North 2600 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off five (5.0) ± acres and an existing home site.

A CONDITIONAL USE by Carol Sperry on property consisting of one point eight (1.8) ± acres located in Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 16 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 4079 North 2600 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to construct a three thousand seven hundred and twelve (3,712) square foot horse stable for personal use.

A CONDITIONAL USE by Warren W. and Vicki Heins on property consisting of thirteen point five (13.5) ± acres located in Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 14 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 4141 River Road, Bull, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to construct a two thousand five hundred and sixty (2,560) square foot metal building for RV storage.

A CONDITIONAL USE by Fossil Gulch Wind Park, LLC on property consisting of approximately four hundred and sixteen (416.0) ± acres located in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 13 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 500 East 6900 North, Twin Falls County, Idaho in the Agricultural Rural Preservation Zone. The intended use is to construct a 10.5 MW wind turbine generation facility.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 pm on the 9th day of September 2004 at the Marvin Homplman Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a work session will be held on September 7, 2004 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Marvin Homplman Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the applications that are to be heard at the September 9, 2004 Public Hearing.

A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, objections or agreements on the subjects being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted five (5) days in advance of the public hearing to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho (208) 734-8400 in writing prior to the Public Hearing. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed hearing should contact Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Office seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Dated this 11th day of August 2004.

Reagon Hatch, Chairman, Twin Falls County Planning & Zoning Commission

ATTEST:
Krislina Glascock, Clerk

PUBLISH: Monday, August 16, 2004

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 04-3593
NOTICE OF HEARING in Re: **KAYDEN DARION MATHEW-FAUGHT**
Date of Birth: 12/18/2002
A Petition by Kayden D M Faught born on December 18, 2002 in Twin Falls, State of Idaho, now residing at 1770 Heyburn Avenue #5, Twin Falls, proposing a change in name to Kayden Darion Matthew Peay has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being Brent Faught is not the biological father of this child. The petitioner's father is living.

Such petition will be heard at 2:00 o'clock PM on Sept 8th, 2004 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who cares, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 5th day of August, 2004.

1s/Kline, Clerk

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MICHAEL ALEXANDER FLECHSING, doh 08/23/1998
A Minor Child, TO JOSHUA H. FLECHSING

LEGAL NOTICE that a hearing on the Petitioners' Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption filed in this matter has been rescheduled to commence on the 8th day of September, 2004, at the hour of 9:20 a.m., in the Magistrate Courtroom of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 427 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, and oral argument may be heard concerning said Petition at said time and place.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court (Telephone 208-736-4025) or the attorney for Petitioners as follows: James C. Meservy of the law firm Frederickson, Williams, Meservy & Lattspalen, LLP, 117 Sun Adams Street, PO Box 168, Jerome, Idaho 83308. Telephone: (208) 324-2303.

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SUMMONS by TO: DELBERT L. PRINCE

You have been sued by Christina A. Prince, the plaintiff, in the District Court in and for TWIN FALLS County, Idaho, Cause No. CV-04-2377.

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A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Dated 7-22-2004

Twin Falls County District Court
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"It isn't that they can't see the solution. It is that they can't see the problem."

G. K. Chesterton

On today's deal, knowing that the best way to make a trick from a diamond king was to lead toward it, declarer did not forgetting in the process that the primary object in a major-suit game contract was to take 10 tricks.

Against four hearts, West led the club queen to South's bare lead. Declarer now crossed to dummy with a trump and led a diamond, led another heart. That left only one heart in dummy to take care of two losing diamonds.

Yes, it was unlucky that the diamond ace was offside and that the hearts broke 3-1, but none of this need have proved to be a problem if declarer had taken precautions at the first moment.

Paradoxically, had South held four small diamonds instead of four-four, he probably would not have gone wrong. On winning the club ace, he should have immediately played a small diamond from hand, followed by another diamond at the next opportunity.

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, East, and West cards.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East

1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

Opening lead: Club queen

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ Q 5 ♥ A J 9 7 5 4 ♦ A 2 ♣ A 2

South West North East

1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

All pass

ANSWER: Lead the heart ace. A simple way to establish tricks against this contract would be to give partner heart ruffs, and on this auction you have good prospects of finding partner with very short hearts.

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