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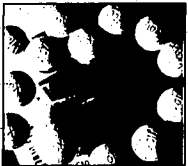
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And the throwing-away -

Land creaks, shifts



Neal Farmer, a groundwater geologist with the National Park Service, stands in front of the 2004 Nelson Slide, which is near the Bell Rapids Irrigation Project. The total size of the land is about 6 acres. Farmer said he has found some 25 landslides in the Hagerman Valley, although some of those slides are ancient and non-active.

Earth movement proves perilous

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - A little more than a week ago, an attendant at the Bell Rapids pump station was startled by a loud crack. The sound - audible over the noise of the pumps - was followed by a low-frequency thud. At first light, the attendant discovered a tension fracture along the Snake River's edge.

"We need to be vigilant," said Neal Farmer, a hydrogeologist with the National Park Service. "People need to be aware there are slope stability issues here before they start building structures."

The recent cracks and land shifts near the pump station underscore the risks of man's presence in parts of Hagerman Valley - the landslide capital of Idaho.

A major land movement could destroy the pump station's pipelines, but that wouldn't stop the pumps from continuing to run. During the peak growing season, that could spill 100,000 gallons per minute of water out on the slope and lubricate the slide - moving it faster and farther.

Worse, it could bury anyone staffing the station and send huge amounts of sediment into the Upper Salmon Falls

Reservoir. A landslide pushing out into the reservoir could create a huge wave threatening the dam and impacting Idaho Power's Upper Salmon Falls operation, sediment flows and water quality, Farmer said.

History of landslides

The crack near the pump station is an indication of a ground shift and a real possibility of a large landslide in the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

In 1917, a slope failure destroyed the \$1 million irrigation pumping facility and nearly killed two workers.

And a landslide probably was the primary cause of the disruptive five-month closure of the Bliss Bridge. In 1993, the Bliss landslide changed the Snake River's current - causing erosion underneath the pillars of the bridge - undermining and destabilizing the foundation.

Ten years later, in November 2003, the Idaho Department of Transportation declared the bridge unsafe. It was closed until repairs allowed it to reopen this past April.

"The access road to the bridge goes right across the Bliss landslide," Farmer said. "If that

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Landslide reveals, threatens mastodon fossil

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - A landslide is threatening a newly discovered mastodon fossil.

Pieces and parts of mastodons - similar to ice age mammoths - have previously been found at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, but never a complete skeleton.

"One of the most important parts of a fossil is the head because it can provide identification information and also the age," National Park Service hydrogeologist Neal Farmer said. "Since we have a tusk which connects directly to the head, I am hopeful there is a head in the landslide."

Investigation of the find is still in the preliminary stages. The fossil is located on Bureau of Land Management property and arrangements would have to be made with the BLM for any recovery work.

Farmer and Brock Dille, a University of Idaho graduate

student, were conducting field investigations on an existing landslide when the tusk was discovered. Vegetation roots at the site were entangled in the tusk.

Below the plant roots, however, Farmer hopes to find a skeleton intact.

"It's worth looking at, although from the photos it looks like typical things we find," monument paleontologist Phil Gensler said. "These are bigger chunks than we usually find, but when those animals died, their tusks often slid right out of the skull and moved around."

"We have hit 105 different fossil localities on the monument this year."

There are about 600 total fossil sites documented on Hagerman Fossil Bed National Monument boundaries. The famous horse quarry is one site. Between 3,000 to 5,000 fossils are collected each year. Sometimes it's just one leg bone - sometimes it's a complete skeleton, Gensler said.

100 YEARS AGO TODAY Race keeps promoters on schedule

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With buyers clamoring for town lots in the new city of Twin Falls, all the available lots were sold by late September of 1904.

The two plans filed earlier that year hadn't opened up enough blocks to fill the demand.

"Prospective buyers stormed the office of the selling agency, the Twin Falls Investment Company, seeking more town lots. The engineer passed his survey at top speed, promising that lots could be sold beginning October 3," Anna Hansen Hayes, wife of the man who led the survey work, wrote in an article for the 1962 publication "A Folk History of Twin Falls County."

The engineer's promise set the stage for a dramatic race to Albia a century ago today in their important day's swarming hour. Albia was the Cassia County seat, where plats and maps were filed.

When Oct. 3, 1904, arrived, a survey of the rest of the original Twin Falls town lots was complete, and a draftsman was scrambling to complete maps that had to be filed in the Cassia courthouse before legal sales could be made.

Apparently, Twin Falls promoters weren't eager to miss their self-imposed deadline.

We use Hayes' account of that night's long drive to Albia. At best, she said, the trip was usually 6 1/2 hours of hard driving.

"Ten miles an hour was too much for an ordinary team on a prolonged drive, but George Bassett, operator of a heavy six-wheeler, was willing to take a team that he was willing to hire out for the critical dash," Hayes

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U.S. forces regain control of Samarra

Los Angeles Times

SAMARRA, Iraq - U.S. military officials on Sunday said they regained control over this insurgent stronghold 60 miles north of Baghdad, recording a significant victory in their bid to recapture the city after it fell to Iraq forces in the January election.

As residents of Samarra ventured outside for the first time in three days, U.S. forces launched a new offensive in a nearby city, another called Samarra Triangle, that has become a "no go zone" for U.S. and Iraqi troops. The U.S. military said it killed several militants there and destroyed a large cache of ammunition.

U.S. and Iraqi officials said Samarra would be the first in a series of intensive military offensives aimed at quelling resistance in rebel hot spots so that national elections can be conducted safely and with maximum Iraqi participation.

It remains unknown whether Iraq's strategy for an main offensive in rebel hot spots so that national elections can be conducted safely and with maximum Iraqi participation.

Retired Army Col. Bob Kilbreth, a former operations planner and professor of military strategy at the U.S. Army War College, said that gaining military control of Samarra may be a first but significant step toward ensuring that free elections can be held across Iraq.

To have legitimate elections, the maximum number of Iraq people need to be free to vote, Kilbreth said. "So Samarra is important not so much because it's a city, but because a big number of Iraqi citizens live in that area and are insurgents profit from them from participating in the political life of Iraq."



Astronaut Mike Fincke works surrounded by all sorts of items jammed into the U.S. air lock on the International Space Station August 24. The air lock, not being used at present for staging space walks, doubles as a crowded closet.

Astronauts find little space in space station

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - There's no space in the space station.

So a few weeks ago, the two astronauts who live there tossed out some useless junk, like so many old tubtops for the trash heap.

Only this stuff floated away in space.

And the throwing-away -

done during a recent spacewalk - was done cautiously so that the discarded antenna covers and expired pump panel didn't become deadly boomerangs.

Such is life in space, post-Columbia.

With no garbage pickup by shuttles for nearly two years, the international space station

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CIA veteran says social bonds move extremists

Los Angeles Times

PARIS - Three years after the Sept. 11 attacks forced the West into a collective crash course about Islamic terrorism, the myths endure.

"The militants are impoverished and uneducated. Lifelong religious fervor drives them to embrace jihad. Al-Qaida aggressively recruits and brainwashes the men."

Those ideas are tempting but wrong, argues Marc Sageman, a CIA veteran turned forensic psychiatrist. In a book based on 172 case studies of jihadists, Sageman concludes that social bonds are a more vital force than religion in molding extremists.

Mohamed Atta and his fellow hijackers were a classic example of this "bunch of guys" theory: educated, upwardly mobile but alienated immigrants who formed a tight-knit clique in Hamburg, Germany. Powerful friendships drove their radicalization, Sageman says. In long talks about Islam, their love for each other mixed with hate for the West, propelling them finally into al-Qaida, he says.

"It's a group phenomenon,"



Osama bin Laden

Sageman says. "In search for individual characteristics in order to understand them is total misleading. It will lead you to a dead end."

Sageman came to Paris early last month to discuss his book. "Understanding Terror Networks," with scholars and law enforcement officials who are among the West's foremost experts on radical Islam. His work has struck a chord here because it searches for scientific answers to questions that haunt the world with each new act of bloodshed: Why? Who are the terrorists? What makes them kill?

Like many European investigators, Sageman emphasizes the fluid, spontaneous nature of the global jihad and Osama bin Laden's hands-off approach to leadership, based largely on providing money and inspiration.

The al-Qaida network has not engaged in active recruit-

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny, mild and dry. Highs in the middle 70s. Tonight: Mostly clear skies and calm winds. Lows in the middle 40s. Tomorrow: Sunny and seasonably warm. Highs in the middle to upper 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny, mild and dry. Highs in the middle 70s. Tonight: Clear skies and cool temperatures. Lows in the middle 40s. Tomorrow: Sunny and seasonably warm. Highs in the middle to upper 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Abruptly sunny and seasonably mild temperatures will continue over the next few days. Very little shower activity is expected.

Today High: 68 to 72. Tonight Low: 48 to 52. BOISE: Very nice October weather will continue over the next few days. Skies will be mostly sunny and temperatures will be comfortably warm. No rain in the forecast.

Today High: 68 to 72. Tonight Low: 48 to 52. NORTHERN UTAH: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and mild temperatures will continue. Afternoon showers will continue in the mountains.



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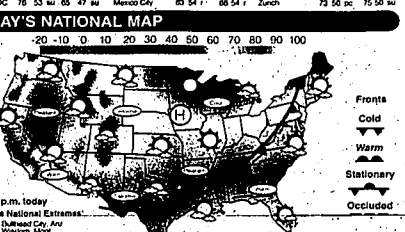
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Haiti's death toll from Jeanne rises to nearly 2,000

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) - The death toll from floods unleashed by Tropical Storm Jeanne rose sharply to nearly 2,000 people, with many still missing, as officials said they found hundreds more bodies in Haiti's devastated northwestern region.

Race

Continued from A2. A stop at Miller was necessary to gather two Twin Falls Township Co. leaders' signatures, affording the horses a few minutes' rest.

The trip began at 5:15 p.m. Skies were overcast but the road was dry and the evening was cool, almost cold. Released from the hitching post at the side of the engineer's tent office, the freighting horses plunged forward and the race with time began.

Space

Continued from A1. It's looking more and more like a cluttered attic. 'Toon limited.' Is how the affable astronaut Mike Fincke describes it.

Earth

Continued from A1. The spike in temperature was a cause or effect. The medium-size landslide continues to show signs of activity.

CIA

Continued from A1. 'Little can be returned to Earth' in the capsules besides the astronauts themselves, and the cargo ships are cut loose and incinerated in the atmosphere.

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Rice defends prewar nuke claims on Iraq

Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — National security adviser Condoleezza Rice on Sunday defended the emphatic statements she made in the run-up to the Iraq war that Saddam Hussein was rebuilding his nuclear weapons program, as a news report said prominent officials had voiced doubts much earlier about the evidence behind her claims.

Rice acknowledged that she knew in 2002 of a "dispute" among intelligence officials about a central piece of evidence she and other senior Bush administration officials were using to justify the war — that Saddam was trying to obtain high-strength aluminum tubes to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons.

But she said the administration did not want to underestimate the threat Saddam posed, so it took the evidence seriously. "A policymaker cannot afford to be wrong on the short side, underestimating the ability of a tyrant like Saddam Hussein to build a nuclear program," Rice said on ABC's "This Week."

Rice was responding to a report Sunday in The New York Times, based on anonymous sources, that the government's prominent nuclear experts at the Energy Department had said as early as 2001 that they did not believe the aluminum tubes were part of a nuclear program, but for small artillery rockets.

Vice President Dick Cheney said in a September 2002 speech that the United States had "irrefutable evidence" that the tubes were for Iraqi uranium centrifuges.



Condoleezza Rice

That same week, Rice told CNN in an interview that the tubes "are only really suited for artillery weapons programs, adding a novel flourish to the phrase: 'We don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud.'"

Rice said Sunday that she knew at the time "that there was a dispute" within the intelligence community about the tubes; but that she "actually didn't really know the nature of the dispute." She based her statements on the overall assessment by the intelligence community, backed by then-Director of Central Intelligence George J. Tenet, that "these were likely and certainly suitable for and likely for (Saddam's) nuclear-weapon program," Rice said.

"I stand by the decision to go to war against Saddam Hussein, and remove this threat to the Middle East, this thorn in the side of any effort to build a different kind of Middle East," Rice said.

Scientists eye lowering eruption alert

MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL MONUMENT, Wash. (AP) — Mount St. Helens stewed in volcanic gases and low-level earthquakes Sunday, with crowds of eager tourists hoping to glimpse an eruption that scientists said could happen immediately or take a few weeks.

A second long tremor early Sunday and an increase in volcanic gases strongly suggest magma is moving inside, researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey said. The mountain's alert was raised to Level 3, the highest possible, after a volcanic tremor was detected Saturday for the first time since before the mountain's 1980 eruption.

"I don't think anyone now thinks this will stop with steam explosions," geologist Willie Scott said Sunday at the Geological Survey's Cascade Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash., about 50 miles south.

But Scott said scientists discussed lowering their alert from a Level 3 "volcano advisory," which indicates eruption is imminent, to Level 2 "volcanic unrest," which indicates an eruption is possible. They needed more data before making any change, he said.

"What we haven't gotten back today yet is a lot of field measurements — there's a gas flight going

on, a flight to use thermal imaging to look at the (lava) dome. GPS data needs to be downloaded," Scott said Sunday. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done. That will occur overnight and tomorrow morning."

Scientists said they do not expect anything close to the devastation of the May 18, 1980, explosion, which killed 57 people and coated much of the Northwest with ash.

"Of course the volcano reserves the right to change its mind," said monument scientist Peter Frenzen with the U.S. Forest Service, which operates the park.

Some experts had said Saturday that an explosion would probably happen within 24 hours. But as the hours passed, others cautioned that the timing is difficult to predict.

"No one is predicting it as a sure thing," said Bill Steele at the University of Washington's school of geology in Seattle. "This could be going on for weeks."

Crowds gathered along a park road at what was said to be a safe distance — about 0.5 miles from the mountain — to see what happens next. Barbecues were fired up and entrepreneurs were selling hot dogs and coffee to people camped along the side of the road in lawn chairs and pickup beds.

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Afghan crop of opium booms

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Afghanistan's opium crop this year is set to break all previous records, surpassing past even the highest levels cultivated during the Taliban regime, top United States and international counter-narcotics officials said.

At the same time, U.S. and U.N. officials are increasingly worried by signs of a secret drug trade developing in Iraq, where smugglers are taking advantage of the continuing chaos and unguarded borders.

Instability in the wake of the U.S.-led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq has resulted in one booming market for the production of drugs, and a second potential market for narcotics sale and transit, officials said.

"All post-conflict situations, whether in Iraq or Afghanistan, are always characterized by a significant increase in addiction," said Antonio Maria Costa, the head of the United Nations' Office on Drug and Crimes. "The problem is definitely there."

In testimony last month, Robert B. Charles, the assistant secretary for the State Department's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, told Congress that CIA figures, expected to be released in a matter of weeks, show Afghanistan's opium poppy cultivation approaching 250,000 acres, an increase of more than 60 percent from 2003 levels.

In an interview late last week, Charles acknowledged that the cultivation levels apparently exceeded even the previous record of about 160,000 acres of opium poppy reached in 2000 during Taliban regime, which was aggressively promoting the crop at the time to finance military operations.

Afghanistan is already the world's leading supplier of opium, which can be turned into a variety of narcotics, including heroin. Most of Afghanistan's heroin is exported to Europe and surrounding countries, with less than 10 percent reaching the United States.

Charles said that although there was growing momentum behind efforts to halt production, the United States continued to lead the development of a heroin economy that could swamp Afghanistan's nascent democracy.

"There is a dark shadow that hangs over the country," Charles said. "If we do the right thing about tackling this potentially damaging heroin economy, we're certainly all going to regret it." The country's exploding drug production already has become an issue in the presidential campaign. In Thursday's debate in Florida, Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry cited the burgeoning opium crop as evidence of President Bush's "colossal mismanagement" in turning his attention from Afghanistan to wage war in Iraq.

Repeating a U.S. estimate, Kerry said heroin production now equals as much as 40 percent to 60 percent of Afghanistan's gross domestic product. The United Nations and the Economist magazine's Intelligence Unit have estimated that the value of last year's heroin and opium crop in Afghanistan ranged from \$1 billion to as much as \$2.3 billion, equivalent to the whole aid package pledged by the United States at a March donors conference in Berlin.



Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., speaks at a town hall meeting in Austintown, Ohio, Sunday.

Kerry courts Arab-Americans

Los Angeles Times

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ever since President Bush narrowly won Florida four years ago, Democrats have meticulously courted key voting blocs that strategists believe could help reverse the party's fortunes in 2004 — showing special attention to seniors, blacks, Jews, even Cuban-Americans and Muslims.

But Sunday night a surprising new ethnic thread wove itself into Florida's ever-complicated political fabric: the frustrated Arab-American. Furious over the Bush administration's post-9/11 policies that many feel unfairly target Muslims and Arab-Americans in the government's quest to root out terrorists, business owners, physicians, lawyers and others huddled in a hotel ballroom across the street from Walt Disney World to demonstrate how much they wanted a change in the White House.

The Orlando meeting, intended to be a bipartisan affair sponsored by the Washington-based Arab-American Institute, turned into a cheering session for Democratic nominee John Kerry — illustrating a dramatic shift in a traditionally Republi-

can group that is now mobilizing to back the Democrat.

"I thought Bush was another Ronald Reagan on a small scale for what he believed in," said Ashley Ausner, president of a clinical research company in Orlando who said he had voted for the GOP in every election since moving to the United States in 1973. "I found out he's not Reagan. Not even close."

Sunday night's fervor first surfaced in the spring, when more than 150 Arab-American voters packed onto chartered buses bound for the University of Central Florida, where local Democratic leaders were gathering to elect delegates to the party's upcoming national convention.

Some had voted for Bush in 2000. Others had never voted at all. But when they arrived at UCF that morning, together they made a dramatic statement by claiming three of the eight delegate slots from two Congressional districts.

Kerry's gains, though, could prove thorny in a state where Democratic Party politics has long been characterized by close ties to Florida's massive Jewish community and staunch support for Iraq.



President Bush

"We want to continue to perfect this system, so we say to those tyrants who believe they can blackmail America and the free world, you lie, we're going to show you lie, we're going to show you lie," he said in a stop at Ridley Park, Penn., on Aug. 17.

Military officials are less sanguine, stressing that the initial system will be modest and limited in capability, but will improve over time.

Critics of the system, like Philip Coyle, the Pentagon's former chief of testing, say Bush is that wrong.

"Of course we don't have any capability to do that," he said.

Missile defense system moves toward 'go'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military is in the final stages of readying its national ballistic missile defense system, with officials predicting it will be activated before the end of the year. But several questions remain unresolved, including how well the experimental missile interceptors work.

The Pentagon maintains that any defense against ICBMs is better than none, but critics challenge that the Bush administration is vastly overselling an expensive, unproven defense system.

There has been an expectation that the Bush administration will shortly declare to the world that the missile defense system is operational and on alert, but military officials said they lack any specific plans for such an announcement.

Such an announcement, however, would have both political and strategic value for the Bush administration.

"To those who believe it will work, activating the system would fulfill a pledge by President Bush to have an operational missile defense system by the end of 2004. Such an announcement would also have greater value if it came before the Nov. 2 elections.

Bush has touted the system while campaigning for re-elect-

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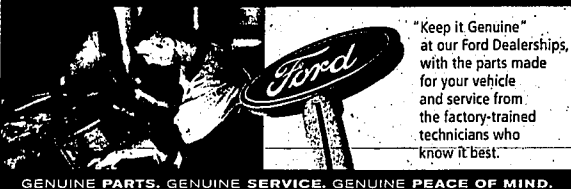


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Online Auction Boom Has Many Making \$150,000+

By D. Angela Crus
Independent Staff Writer

In the last few years the job market and the average worker have suffered significant economic blows, which is why more people than ever are becoming self-employed.

Nationwide 1.64 million jobs were lost after Sept. 11, leaving a record number of people signing up to sell on eBay. One of these people was Michael Syme. As a single parent, Syme found he had to make money fast and turned to online auctions. It was not long before he replaced his income and made as much as \$10,000 a month.

Syme is not the only one to see such phenomenal results. In 2003 many others left their 9-to-5 jobs to become their own boss, according to USA Today.

"People shouldn't wait until they find themselves out of a job before they find out they are not financially secure, they should start ensuring their own and their family's financial future immediately," said Syme, online auction expert and author of the book *Keys to Making Money with Online Auctions*.

Online auctions are becoming one of the easiest and most profitable ways to earn financial free-

dom and security. There were more than \$9 billion in sales in 2003 alone, and this number is expected to be much greater in 2004, demonstrating the high demand for products on eBay and other online auction sites as well as the significant opportunity for sellers to make money. This can also be seen in the more than 180,000 people making a full-time living selling on eBay.

In addition to income, eBay has more to offer. By selling just \$1,000 a month, people can qualify for health, dental, vision and pharmacy benefits. There are already 145,000 who already qualify, according to the Associated Press. Many power sellers are making \$150,000 a month. Syme and others have found they not only make money, but the only work commutes they worry about is driving to the bank. It is not unusual for them to deposit hundreds or thousands of dollars daily.

Many people are finding the growing demand consumers have for online auction products has allowed them to make an income equivalent to a traditional job, in half the time. Often, auctioned items are not expensive or hard for online sellers to buy and sell at a profit. Some sellers don't even

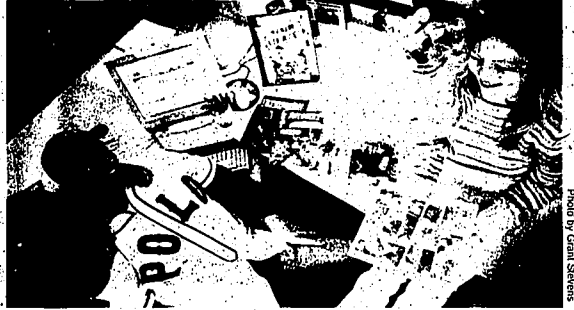
spend a single cent to make money. Items from a garage, closets or attics are money-makers willing to be discovered.

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," may be a cliché, but only because it has been proven true time and again. What online auction shoppers are looking for doesn't need to have substantial value. Everything from clothes and tools, to toys, electronics and collectibles are in demand.

One seller found out first-hand how easy it was to bring in extra cash. Larry Rueschhoff was surprised after finding an old camera for \$8 and watching it sell for \$1,120. That meant Rueschhoff made \$1,112 with a single sale on eBay.

Other sellers found specializing in specific items successful. An example of this is Jim Wilson, who decided watches and software were areas he wanted to focus on.

"I happened upon a nice little [software] program," Wilson said. "I bought 200 for only \$8 each including shipping from a buyer's club. They sold in less than 2 months for an average of \$70 plus shipping. This meant his \$1,600 investment turned into \$14,000, nearly a 1,000 percent return, in 60 days. This was a feat no stock investment could earn in today's



Center - Mr. Michael Syme and daughters. Single father has become an eBay expert and works from home making up to \$10,000 a month.

market. This is why many are turning to online auctions.

"Anybody can do it if they know the right technique," Syme said. "With the right techniques it's easy to make extra income." People quickly learn how to market items to attract a higher bid: from photo quality to product listing. Sellers eventually become the experts in online auctions.

Although online auctions are simple to use, experts such as Syme warn first-time sellers to be

careful of pitfalls. Simple yet costly mistakes occur when people don't take time to learn about selling online first.

"It's like driving a car," Syme said. "It's easy to do, but if no one shows you how to drive, you could end up in an accident that costs you time and money to fix."

This doesn't mean people should avoid online auctions; it actually means the opposite. It's easy to get started. With a computer, Internet access, and some

basic computer know-how, you too, can be on your way to doing business over the Internet.

"Why wait to win the lottery when selling on eBay is like winning the lotto every day," Syme said.

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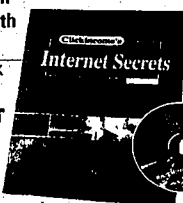
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OTHER VIEWS

Plenty of substance found in first debate

The Washington Post

The first encounter between President Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry Thursday night generated both heat and some illumination about the two candidates' positions on critical questions of foreign policy. The spiteful rules designed to curtail direct exchanges there were, under Jim Lehrer's skillful moderation, pointed and serious arguments about Iraq, the threats from Iran, and North Korea, U.S. alliances, and the meaning of the war on terrorism.

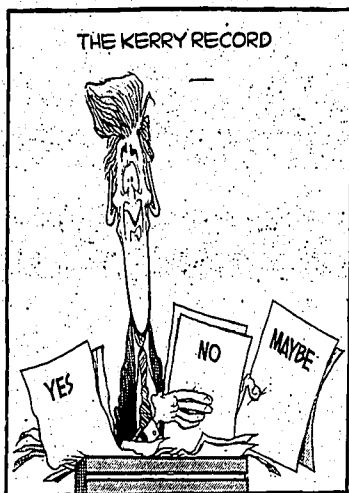
Their view: This guest editorial from the Washington Post says both presidential candidates performed strong enough to capture more public attention.

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tively lead U.S. forces or re- with candid about conditions message going to be? Please join us in Iraq for a grand diversion?" He demanded at one point. Kerry seemed not to have an answer to this challenge; his argument that "the real war on terrorism" (in Afghanistan against Osama bin Laden) seemed to us unconvincing. In a 1997 speech, he said he believed that Saddam Hussein represented a grave threat that the United States could not afford to ignore.

Yet Bush's clarity in defining goals was not matched with candor about conditions on the ground in Iraq. Kerry pointed to the president's failure to adequately deploy and supply troops, to plan for the postwar period, and to correct his mistakes. "It's one thing to be certain — but you can be certain and be wrong," he said of Bush. The Democrat was effective in pointing out how clearer threats from Iran and North Korea had increased while the administration pursued Saddam Hussein. Yet neither Kerry nor Bush appeared to offer a strategy for dealing with those two states that departed from the mostly failed diplomacy extending back to the Clinton administration.

In the end the candidates drew sharply distinct portraits of themselves and each other. Bush stressed his own resoluteness, which Kerry suggested included a dangerous tendency to be divorced from reality. Kerry stressed his commitment to alliances and patient leadership, which Bush suggested could mean weakness. Both performed credibly enough to keep voters tuned in for the next debate.



Scorecard mixed a decade after Republicans' 'Contract'

CARL P. LEUBSDORF

It's been a decade since more than 300 Republican House members and candidates stood on the Capitol steps, vowed to end the long Democratic control of Congress and signed their "Contract With America."

To the surprise of most pundits, they won the House for the first time in 40 years and, over the next several years, implemented many of the contract's procedural reforms and substantive proposals.

But as its architects hailed its successes this week, they admitted some of its promise has failed.

Former Speaker Newt Gingrich told an American Enterprise Institute forum the effort peaked with a 1997 balanced-budget pact between Congress and President Clinton. Former Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, conceded some "dissipation" in efforts to curb spending.

Asked if an arrogant GOP majority has replaced an arrogant Democratic one, he said, "I don't think you can make the case yet."

House Republicans did pass most bills they promised, cut majority has replaced an arrogant Democratic one, he said, "I don't think you can make the case yet."

But some measures died. The Senate killed a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. The House failed to produce the required two-thirds for an amendment to set congressional term limits. The courts threw out a bill allowing the president to veto individual appropriations items.

Here are ways in which GOP reality has differed from its promise:

- **Balanced budget.** The contract promised to restore "fiscal responsibility to an out-of-control Congress." But the 1997 agreement on the first balanced budget in 30 years lasted only four years.
- **And an economic downturn.** The 9-11 attacks, massive tax cuts and a slackening in fiscal discipline, deficits re-emerged in 2002, reaching a record level of more than \$400 billion this year. Efforts to curb future spending hikes or tax cuts have failed.
- **Both presidential candidates are proposing substantial new spending, and a balanced budget once again seems distant.**

Despite its control of both houses and the White House, the GOP has had trouble completing basic congressional business. Like last year, the new fiscal year will begin tomorrow without passage of most bills to fund the government.

- **Unfunded mandates.** One early bill sought to limit unfunded mandates, the practice of passing laws that require significant state and local spending but don't provide additional resources.

That effort failed. Congress still does not fully fund the 1974 special education program, and the Bush years have seen new laws that require major state spending, such as the No Child Left Behind education law.

Though Congress increased education spending, many state officials say they didn't get enough money to implement

the new law. Allocation of limited security funds has placed a burden on some states with large costs.

- **Term limits.** In 1995, Republicans vowed to limit the terms of top House officials, including the speaker and committee chairs.
- **They've repeated the limit on the speaker's tenure.** They kept a three-term limit for committee chairs, but let term-limited chairs head a second committee for another three terms.
- **The proposed constitutional amendment has not been received, and some members abandoned their own voluntary term limits.**
- **The House atmosphere.** The GOP complained that Democrats ran the House as if it were private fiefdoms, blocking votes on Republican amendments, and limiting the GOP's role in running the body.
- **Republicans vowed to change that and passed reforms including requirements for open committee meetings, the banning of proxies and limits on committee staffs.**

But recent years have seen the Republican majority curb the Democratic minority, limiting floor amendments, extending key votes by up to three hours while leaders pique, sired wavering members, and giving Democrats even less say than the GOP had under the Democrats.

Still, the revolution unleashed by the contract continues, threatening to make House Democrats the same long-term minority that Republicans once were.

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LETTERS

Local fire department makes bold rescue

Saturday evening (Sept. 25), a small crowd of local people witnessed our public servants in action. Four men from the West End Fire Department and county law officers tackled a potentially dangerous mission of rescuing a troubled young man by climbing the Paul water tower and lowering him, without incident or injury, down to safety.

They and the entire West End Fire Department and county law officers deserve our respect and gratitude for their services, not only for this but countless other times when we depend on them.

Thank you,
OLGA JAROLMIK
Paul

Fundamental religion is no way to lead a nation

The Pope said a few years ago that the No. 1 problem in the world today is religious fundamentalism. We are now fighting Muslim fundamentalists who are waging a "holy war" against the evil infidels (us). They are so secure in their beliefs that they are willing to commit suicide in order to kill us.

In the meantime, we have a fundamentalist Christian president who claims God told him to engage in wars against two Muslim countries where we have lost more than 3,000 soldiers, had 7,000 severely wounded, will undoubtedly have many thousands more traumatized, and incidentally killed many thousands of others that we don't even bother to count. And he is just getting started on his "axis of evil wars" — which countries are next: Iran, North Korea, Syria, others?

As a result of his wars, our national reputation has plummeted to its lowest in history, severely divided this nation and made ourselves less safe, not safer. We should have been uniting our friends and dividing our enemies. Instead, under Bush's brilliant leadership, we have divided our friends and united our enemies.

Also, may be shouldn't trust politicians who think they are in direct communication with God, promote policies that can lead to a theocracy, don't believe in nuclear, and don't even know when they have flip-flopped (I'm going to have a humble foreign policy, who think sensitivity is a weakness, and who think bankruptcy is a sin) really work matter.

The unemployment rate in this country are now \$74 trillion, while our total net worth is \$42 trillion. Some day soon, foreigners are going to quit propping us up — so it's time to vote for a president who has never uttered a single spending bill.

JAMES E. HOLDEN
Twin Falls

Who pays for illegal aliens' transport?

I'm not sure that the general public of Twin Falls is aware of the bus or buses that arrive at the Twin Falls airport every Thursday morning full of illegal aliens being flown back to where they came from.

My question is: Who pays for this light homer? Where did the Immigration Service round up all of these individuals?

PATTY MORROW
Twin Falls

Centennial stories are worth continuing

To the centennial editor, Virginia Hutchins:

We have and are enjoying reading the vast history of the Magic Valley. The people we remember, the crossing of the tall bridge, a building of the new bridge, etc.

We have to have it end. We look forward to the centennial page. I hope you might continue to relive the past in our paper. Even beyond the centennial year.

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LETTER

Preemptive action has saved the U.S. before

One of the greatest atomic scientists was within Hitler's grasp? Not only a brilliant atomic scientist had split the uranium atom with a release of energy a million times more powerful than the same quantity of high explosives in his Coppenhagen Laboratory. Before this, in the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin, the Germans had bombarded the uranium atom and split it. Nuclear physicist Dr. Edward Teller of the United States had discovered the same formula in his Chicago laboratory. Albert Einstein had informed President Roosevelt that the German dictator could produce an atomic bomb.

Intelligence is a vital element in any war effort. In World War II, the British Security Coordination was a well-developed intelligence organization even before the hostilities began. The greatest intelligence center was for control of the first atomic bomb. The Germans had the man whose theoretical work was the basis for the bomb. A thousand secret threads were drawn together to present the Germans from developing atomic weapons. For the workers they named down upon London.

What about preemptive strikes? Did Bush make a mistake? If it were not for Churchill and Roosevelt's determination to strike first in the research and development of the atomic bomb, the German dictator, with Neil Bohr's knowledge, could have forced the western allies into a surrender on their terms in 1942. Dr. Bohr was persuaded by the British to join the western world in development of the atomic bomb and was secretly removed to England by the British. It was the American and British preemptive strike in intelligence that ultimately defeated the dictators.

Collin Powell, as secretary of

state, told President Bush, "It was like the 'pottery barn.' If you break it, you buy it." So we have broken it and Iraq, with all its complexities, belongs to America. There will never be a Jeffersonian democracy in Iraq. Something the president can call a democracy will probably emerge.

Military secrets are imperative in the time of war. I do not have access to the intelligence our president has. Space will not permit listing of the misinformation that contributed much to the winning of World War II. Germany had to be overthrown if the Hitler hench had survived, the new era of push

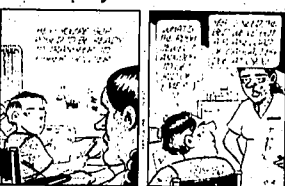
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H.E. (GENE) POLLARD
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OPINION

Bush, Kerry lack the KO punch

Neither candidate delivered a knockout punch in the Thursday night debate. Sen. John Kerry, though behind in the polls before the debate.

President Bush survived several verbal assaults by Kerry and refused to be offed when his challenger called him everything but a liar, a failure and an incompetent. Kerry asked voters to believe in his nonspecific plan for victory in Iraq, which includes marshaling allies (many of whom have already indicated they won't be marshaled by the United States) and, incredibly, talking to North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il to persuade him not to make more nuclear weapons.

Kerry made a lot of promises about fighting terrorism and improving homeland security, but details were lacking in credibility and possibilities. He wanted credit for agreeing with the president that Saddam Hussein was evil and had to go, but he wanted even more credit for preferring that he be dispatched in a different way.

Kerry also suggested that the way the president ousted him has caused us to be hated more than we already were throughout the Arab and Muslim world. Kerry suggested that the invasion of Iraq escalated this hatred. He should get out his calendar and recall that 9/11 happened before, not after, the Iraqi invasion, and that terrorist acts fail to maintain the level of hate that extend back more than 20 years.

Another weak moment came when Kerry promised to shut Iraq's borders and thereby reduce the number of insurgents. That would be a good thing since we can't even shut our



Cal Thomas

own borders to illegal immigrants. Why weren't there any questions about the infiltration by immigration currently taking place in this country?

Kerry talked about a plan for bringing the troops home and winning the war on terrorism, but he didn't say what victory would look like in Iraq. The president did: free elections, which he pledged would occur as scheduled. In January, the training of Iraqi troops and police, which is ongoing and word from the elected prime minister that Iraq can handle its own affairs.

President Bush has grown in office from a candidate in 2000 who had trouble naming world leaders to one who has developed personal relationships with many of them and can win off their names without mispronouncing them. He also strongly and effectively distanced himself from Kerry's globalist approach by reserving the right to act unilaterally "as a last resort" to protect America and its interests.

One of the president's better moments came when he forcefully asserted that "there's just no doubt in my mind... that the United States would 'see the day' if Saddam Hussein had been allowed to stay in power.

Both men repeatedly invoked themes and slogans from their campaign stump speeches, but the chief difference was that President Bush spoke from the

experience of actually being president during one of this country's most challenging periods, whereas Sen. Kerry could only say what he would have done in the past and would do in the future. But what he says, he would do is not much different from what President Bush is already doing. Kerry's high hurdle is to persuade voters to change horses mid-way, especially when his statements on that war, as the president repeatedly noted, have been in regular contradiction.

One of the president's better rejoinders came after Kerry ridiculed the number of allies and the small number of forces that must — not Great Britain — have committed in Iraq. After Kerry called for more allied help and pledged to attract them to the cause of stabilizing Iraq (but not saying how), Bush retorted, "You can't expect to build alliances when you denigrate the contributions of those who are serving side by side with American troops in Iraq." He wondered why any ally would join the United States for what Kerry has called a "grand diversion." The rebuttal went unanswered by Kerry.

The president was at his best when he mentioned time he spent with a particular war widow. Kerry was the most articulate and won on presentation and style. But on substance, experience, vision and conviction, it was President Bush's debates to lose. He didn't.

Now it's on to the town hall format, where Bush has shown he can shine. And let's hope for some better questions.

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

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Elk could have been saved from death

I don't know Oakley rancher Bud Bedke's justification for letting two mature bull elk die when the Fish and Game had arrived on his property to rescue them. Elk have so many other enemies to contend with — such as wolves, cougars, subdivisions, reservoirs and fire. It seems such a shame that they had to suffer a long, agonizing, preventable, senseless and unnecessary death.

STEVE GRUPE
Twin Falls

Know the full stakes in November election

Bankruptcies are up, corporate fraud is up, farm subsidies are going down, special interests are gaining ground and the fanatics are so happy with the assault weapon ban bill. Kids are not getting educated, funds are lacking for medical care for millions and jobs are going overseas.

This is not a Democratic problem. It is not a Republican problem. It is our nation's problem. Do we try to fix the problem? Nope.

We argue about time in service or lack of it. We argue about the Pledge of Allegiance sanctity. We cry foul over stupid statements or the wordage of idiots called idiot commentators or TV analysts.

Our image overseas is slashed and bashed because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We can't help the people in Sudan who are being slaughtered wholesale because our troops are stretched to the limit.

We had better focus on the important things like the \$44 trillion deficit and growing military families on food stamps, slash and burn attitude toward the environment, billions for defense and not enough bucks to educate the children, a Medicare that is affordable for all seniors and, above all, jobs that stay in this country and at a decent wage.

Also, media group covering the Magic Valley is more in line with central than information reporting. It only lets you know what it wants you to know. Every county newspaper, along with the Twin Falls Times-News, is owned by Lee Enterprises. That leaves little real reporting and definitely slanted to the far right.

Be informed, be alert and vote. Don't believe all of the adversive rhetoric. For the love of your country and community, please do a little research into the truth. If you do, you can really have an informed vote Nov. 2.

JIM HYDER
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(Editor's note: Jim Hyder is a co-owner of the West End News.)

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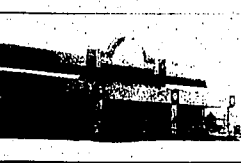
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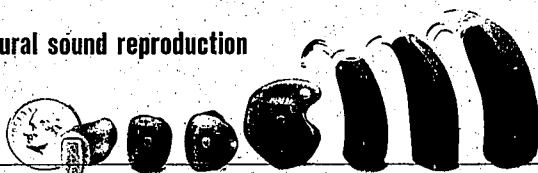


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Council discusses waste contract

TWIN FALLS — The City Council meets today at its regular time of 5 p.m. to consider an amendment to an agreement with the business with which the city contracts for waste treatment.

Council members will also consider the final part of North Pointe Ranch, No. 10, and the final part of Villa Vista Subdivision, No. 7.

Candidates will square off at forum

SHOSHONE — A candidates forum has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the senior center at 218 N. 3rd St. in Shoshone.

Several candidates for the Nov. 2 ballot have been invited to the informal debate, including state Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, and Democratic challenger Donna Pence, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson and his Democratic opponent, Lin Whitworth.

The three candidates running for Lincoln County sheriff also have been invited, including Republican K.C. McBride, independent write-in candidate Steve Pankey and incumbent Sheriff Steve Southwick. Southwick also is running as a write-in candidate after losing the Republican nomination by 10 votes to McBride in the May primary.

Several unopposed candidates for office have been invited to the forum as well.

Jerome County Dems meet Tuesday

JEROME — The Jerome County Democratic Central Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the meeting room at the Jerome City Library.

All Jerome County Democrats are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Motivational speaker visits CSI Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — Motivational speaker Derrick Ashong will speak Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho at an event sponsored by the CSI Honors Program, Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa students.

Ashong's theme is "Killing Cool: Igniting the Soul of Society," a discussion on the impact of popular culture on an individual's identity. He gets his audience to ask critical questions about who they are and how they are influenced by commerce, business, music and arts. How early must we identify? What about the overwhelming pressure to be cool? How do you get in touch with your true self?

Honors program adviser Julie Shetter said the message is important for all ages and expects it will resonate particularly with junior high through college students.

Ashong was born in West Africa, raised in New Jersey and was a student at Harvard University. He had a featured role in Steven Spielberg's movie, "Amistad," has narrated an IMAX movie and maintains a successful record in acting.

A pre-event social will be held at 6 p.m. in the CSI Student Union building. The hour-long presentation and a question and answer session will follow.

Cassia absentee ballots available

BURLEY — Absentee ballots can be picked up at the Cassia County Courthouse, Rm. 105, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The office will also be open from 2-4 p.m. on the weekends of Oct. 23-24 and 30-31.

Minidoka County residents can pick up ballots at the recorder's office located in the Minidoka County Courthouse weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Residents 18 or older can register to vote at the same locations. The deadline to register is Oct. 4.

Those eligible may also register on election day in both counties by providing a picture ID with a current address. If the address is not current, residents should bring a return utility bill with their current address.

Written requests for absentee ballots to be mailed will be accepted until Oct. 20. For more information about having a ballot mailed, please call 735-5240 in Cassia County or 436-9511 in Minidoka County.

Man sues associates over proposed hog farm denied by Cassia County

Former partners go to court

Man sues associates over proposed hog farm denied by Cassia County

By Chip Thompson
 Times-News writer

BURLEY — A proposed hog farm in Raft River was doomed even before Cassia County officials denied, issuing a conditional-use permit in 2001.

At least that's the allegation made by principles in the venture who are suing their former partners in a trial set to begin today in Cassia County's 5th District Court.

Ron and Amy Achs filed a complaint for declaratory judgment and monetary and equitable relief against Clair Bosen, David Robison and Jeff Driscoll in late 2001 accusing the partners of extortion, racketeering and conspiracy to defraud regarding the development of the 595,000 head hog farm that would have been operated by Big Sky Farming Group.

Bosen, Robison and Driscoll filed a counterclaim saying that they were involved with the development of the hog farm, but denying that they helped form Big Sky. They claimed they were supposed to participate after the company had been formed.

Ron Achs, of Ketchum, said in the complaint that the three partners had threatened to

withdraw support for the project, effectively killing it, unless he paid them \$3.1 million. Achs claims the demands came during a five-hour meeting at a Burley restaurant in November 2001.

At the time, Achs was attempting to refinance the project and he said he was told the meeting was to work out some details prior to signing the closing papers.

In their response, the partners said that they called the meeting because Achs had "failed to communicate, to return phone calls or to meet with them" for an extended period of time, so they "were forced to use the impending closing as leverage" to get Achs to attend a meeting.

They denied any threats were made at the meeting and said that during the meeting Achs told them Big Sky was planning an animal feeding operation in Utah and that their interests in the company would be "unilaterally diluted."

The partners also claim that Achs misrepresented Big Sky to them when he told them Bill Simplot Co. was, or had agreed to become, part of the company. Big Sky purchased 5,090 acres in Raft River for the hog

farm. They claim Achs knew Simplot was not a part of the company.

Achs claimed that the partners threatened to pull their support for obtaining permits, block the needed refinancing and actively work against the project if they were not paid the \$3.1 million.

The counterclaim asserts that the defendants were supportive of the project and never threatened to work against it.

Each of the defendants paid \$50,000 as initial capital contributions, according to the complaint, and signed promissory notes for remaining contributions. The defendants did not dispute this in their answer.

Achs and Bosen purchased the land for the hog farm and by Nov. 10, 2000, needed to refinance the property to avoid defaulting on the final payment, the complaint says.

Due to increased public opposition to the project, Achs advised in the complaint that a withdrawal of support by his partners would have been politically devastating to the project. He claimed that it was then that the partners began to execute a conspiracy to defraud him.

The partners denied ever

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Former partners in a failed 1999 attempt to establish a hog farm in Raft River filed a complaint in late 2001 seeking monetary compensation for alleged extortion and threats to sabotage the project by others involved in the venture.

■ **The latest:** The five-day jury trial is set to begin today in Cassia County's 5th District Court.

■ **What's next:** The defendants filed a counterclaim against the plaintiff, so, depending on the outcome of the trial, either side could be awarded a financial judgment.

withdrawing support or threatening to do so and demanded a jury trial in the counterclaim.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Altai-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 636, or by e-mail at cthompson@magicvalley.com.

Serving their country

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties depicted by Iraq or Afghanistan. Information supplied by their families.



Nathan Sparks

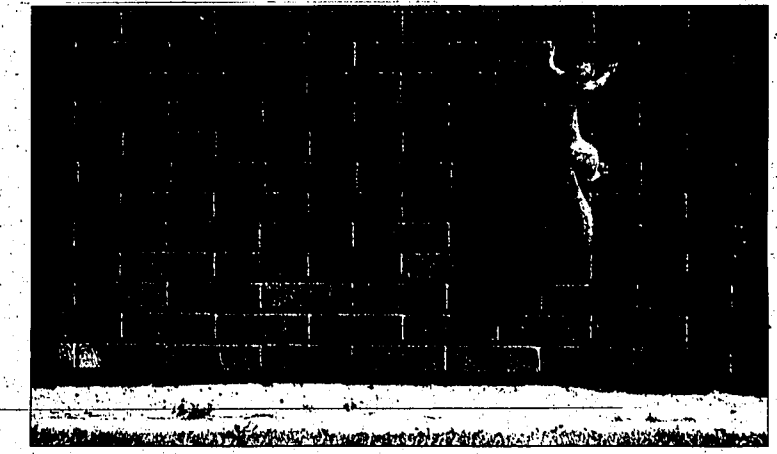
- Age: 19.
- Hometown: Rupert.
- Local family: Parents, James and Candice; Sisters of Rupert and Todd Sparks of Washington; siblings, Lee and Hayli; Sisters of Rupert and Shaylee; Cousins of Rupert; grandfathers, Mazel and Sheila Hammond of Rupert; Aunt and Don Lindsey of Rupert; and Ian Lindsey and Gayla Sparks of Washington.
- Service: date of enlistment: Marines, June 2, 2003.
- Rank: assignment: Lance Corporal, Marine Expeditionary Unit, Support Group 31.
- Task: Medical supply, ensuring America's freedom.



Adrienne Elise Annis

- Age: 21.
- Hometown: Filer.
- Local family: Parents, Bruce and Karlee Annis of Filer; sister, Danielle Annis; aunt and uncle, Kris and Stan Terbe of Twin Falls.
- Service: date of enlistment: U.S. Army, August 2001.
- Rank, assignment: Specialist, 412 Military Intelligence Battalion.
- Task: Military intelligence.
- Additional information: Currently serving at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq. Previously spent a year at CENTCOM in Tampa, Fla. Write to: SPC Annis, Adrienne; 111C 312 MI BN ACLE APO AE 09344.

CLIMBING THE WALLS



A squirrel uses its claws to scurry up the brick wall of the Evergreen Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus on a recent afternoon.

Man sues Jerome County over fall

The Times-News

JEROME — A man has filed a civil lawsuit against Jerome County, claiming a stairway leading up to the courthouse was in violation of the city's building code and caused him to fall.

Attorneys for Jack Maxwell, of Wendell, filed the suit in 5th District Court last month in connection with an injury Maxwell said he sustained while

walking into the Jerome County Courthouse on Oct. 14, 2003, according to the complaint.

"As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' negligence in installing and failing to properly mark the stairway at or near the dangerous condition, the Plaintiff was injured," the complaint reads.

According to the lawsuit, the conditions caused Maxwell to fall and break his left arm.

"The stairway is difficult to

see, is not served with a handrail and there was no railing at the location of the stairway," the suit alleges.

Maxwell says his injuries have cost more than \$20,000, and he has lost wages because of missing work due to his broken arm.

He also claims he has incurred other expenses relating to the incident, such as travel and prescription medicine.

The suit states that Maxwell is seeking compensation for pain,

suffering and lost enjoyment of life, the damages of which exceed \$10,000, the complaint says.

He is also seeking damages for past and future medical expenses, past and future economic losses, attorney fees, court costs and other relief the court deems reasonable.

Neither Jeffrey Hepworth, attorney for Maxwell, nor Martin Hendrickson, attorney representing Jerome County, could be reached for comment.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today**
- CSI Music Department annual piano sale, all day, Fine Arts Auditorium (through Thursday).
 - CSI 5th Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.
 - "Contested and Contemplative Landscapes" art show, Jean B. King gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science (through Nov. 13).
 - CSI English Department poetry workshop for high school students, 4 p.m., Student Union 248.
 - CSI Jazz Combo rehearsal/performance, 5 to 7 p.m., Student Union (free admission).
 - CSI Horticulture Club corn maze, 5 to 9 p.m., across from Eldon Evans Expo Center on North College Road (\$5 for families, \$2 for adults, \$1 for children).
 - CSI Equestrian Team board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 248.
 - CSI Boxing Club practice, 9 p.m., Physical Education 236.
- Tuesday**
- CSI and Idaho State University media breakfast, 8 a.m., Student Union 248.
 - CSI New Student Services hosts Magic Valley College Preview Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Taylor 277.
 - CSI 5th Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.
 - CSI Renaissance Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 110.
 - Fine Arts construction project monthly progress report, 2 p.m., Taylor 276.
 - Sixx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
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 - Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization executive board meeting, 11 a.m., Taylor 276.
 - CSI Hostess Club "Amore Italiano" buffet, 6 p.m., Desert Cafe.
 - Motivational speaker Derrick Ashong presentation, 7 p.m., Student Union; preceded by 6 p.m. social hour (free admission, public welcome).
 - CSI Theater Department presents "Spoon River Anthology," 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119 (\$6 adults, \$4 students).
- Friday**
- The Times-News and First Federal small business marketing seminar, 7:30 a.m., Shields 117.
 - Idaho agriculture teachers in-service meeting, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., CSI Breckenridge farm land.
 - Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Student Union 248.
 - Free group percussion lessons with Steve Cox, 4 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Boy brings razor blades to school

The Times-News

BURLEY — Students at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley were caught playing with razor blades Thursday and some had apparently cut themselves.

Principal Della Valdez told police that she discovered the blades after some students came to her office requesting adhesive bandages, according to a police report.

Valdez said Friday that she became aware of the problem during the lunch hour but that there were no serious cuts among the four students who requested bandages. The blades were the old-fashioned, double-edged type, she said.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Idaho agencies hope for lots of precipitation while El Nino looms

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho's official water year, which ended Thursday, will be remembered as another particularly droughty one...

parts of the Snake River Plain in the "exceptional drought" category...

modify existing water rights. Herbert said eastern Idaho has received about 20 fewer inches of rain this year...

ON THE AGENDA

- Today
Acquia City Council, 8 p.m.
Acquia/Automotive, 20602 F.Si.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.

- Highway 30.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 W. Main.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next day publication.

Robert C. Peterson — Kimberly

Robert C. Peterson, 76, passed away Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at SunBrite Care Center.



Leader, and together, Bob and Doris spent several years in the Name Extraction program.

Evelyn Maybelle Quesnell — Kimberly

In Loving Memory of Evelyn Quesnell, who peacefully passed away at home in Kimberly on Oct. 1, 2004.



She is survived by four sons — Eugene (Charlotte) of San Antonio, Texas, Samuel (Donna) of Kimberly, Richard (Helen) of Las Vegas, Nev., and David (Phyllis) of Granite Bay, Calif.

reited to Kimberly in 1990. Evelyn was a hard worker, a devoted waitress, caterer and homemaker.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be made to Magic Valley Medical Center Home Health and Hospice.

Appeals court temporarily halts timber sale in Gallatin Forest

HELENA (AP) — A federal appeals court has temporarily halted a timber sale in the Gallatin National Forest that environmentalists claim would damage wildlife habitat near Yellowstone National Park.

contend the Forest Service used improper data in an environmental assessment of the Darroch-Eagle timber sale.

Former GOP lawmaker warns of water grab

KOOSKA (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Albers warned an anti-government group that the federal government's thirst for water is insatiable.

Albertsons focuses on self-checkouts

BOISE (AP) — Albertsons Inc. is investing in technology to speed customers through its grocery stores, starting with self-checkout lanes.

SERVICES

Jose Antonio "Tony" Sedano of Jerome, funeral Mass. at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. S., Jerome.

berly, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation for family and friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Thomas Michael Cerepes of Idlet, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Howe-Hobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Robert C. Peterson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly Stake Center, 3052 N. 5700th St., Kimberly.

Phyllis I. Kurtz of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial View Cemetery in Burley (Payette Mortuary).

Rae Mignon "Nanny" Hutchison of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 224 W. Main St., Burley.

Lyle Dale Hampton of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

John C. Reeves of Coeur d'Alene and formerly of Castledale, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Yates Funeral Home, Hayden Chapel.

Merle Henry Caldwell of Greenleaf, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Greenleaf Cemetery, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Southern Methodist Church, 15700 West Road, Caldwell (Eldahl Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

Freeda Shropshire Ekran Eastop Mockett
JEROME — Freeda Shropshire Ekran Eastop Mockett, 96, of Jerome died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Edna Louise Cliff
TWIN FALLS — Edna Louise Cliff, 76, of Twin Falls died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Don Clark of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street in Buhl; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Targem Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl, and one hour before the service at the church.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at the Howe-Hobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with Rev. Lylettie Porter officiating. Burial will be from 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Howe-Hobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

John C. Reeves of Coeur d'Alene and formerly of Castledale, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Yates Funeral Home, Hayden Chapel.

Wayne E. Kiser of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Howe-Hobertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call from 10 to 8 p.m. today and before the service Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Mildred L. Coleman
JEROME — Mildred L. Coleman, 84, resident of Jerome died early Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

John C. Reeves of Coeur d'Alene and formerly of Castledale, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Yates Funeral Home, Hayden Chapel.

Evelyn M. Quesnell of Kim-

berly, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

John C. Reeves of Coeur d'Alene and formerly of Castledale, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Yates Funeral Home, Hayden Chapel.

Albertsons is catching up to a few others, including discount giant Wal-Mart, that already introduced quicker check-outs, retail analysts say.

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AUCTION CALENDAR
MONDAY, OCT. 4, 6:00PM
Antique & Collectible Night, Twin Falls
Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5:00PM
Tools & Antiques
Outrageous Oddsies — Jerome
Thursday, Oct. 7, 11:00AM
Antique & Collectible Night, Twin Falls

Events focus on breast cancer fight

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women and the second most common cause of death from cancer in the United States and Idaho.

In 2002, there were 174 deaths from breast cancer in Idaho, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. That same year, 116 new cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed in south-central Idaho. Breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women and the second most common cause of death from cancer in the United States and Idaho, the news release said.

The Food and Drug Administration recently reported that only 45.5 percent of eligible women in Idaho have had a mammogram and Idaho's mammography rate ranks 50th in the nation. Earlier diagnosis of breast cancer could save many more lives of women in the Magic Valley each year, the news release said.

This year, Magic Valley Bank is joining the hospital to promote October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The bank and other drive-in businesses will be distributing information on the importance of breast screening and early detection on Oct. 15.

Magic Valley Regional's Women's Health Services are helping to raise awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection and breast care. Here are some of the special events scheduled in October to help women prevent breast cancer.

• **Discount mammography:** Several programs are available locally to assist with payment for mammography services. Discount Mammogram Certificates will be available during the month of October and a limited number of mammograms will be offered for \$59. To reserve your certificate, call 737-2895 after Oct. 1.

• **Discount mammography:** Women's Health Check provides for discount or free mammography services for women ages 50 to 64 years who meet income eligibility guidelines. For more information, call South Central District Health at 734-5900.

You may not need a mammogram certificate if you have insurance that covers mammog-

raphy, have Medicare or Medicaid coverage or work for an employer who provides your mammogram as a health benefit. The Senator Mike Crapo Mammogram Fund provides free mammograms for women ages 40 to 64 years who are not eligible for other assistance programs, but still have financial needs. American Cancer Society mammogram grant funds are available for women ages 40 to 64 years who are not eligible for other programs. For more information on the programs, call Women's Health and Imaging Services at 732-3250.

• **Walk-in for Mammography Day:** Magic Valley Regional's Women's Health and Imaging Services will be open all day Friday, Oct. 15 for women who want to have a mammogram without making an appointment. Walk-in for Mammography Day is part of the hospital's recognition of National Mammography Day and Breast Cancer Awareness Month during October.

Mammograms will be provided from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a walk-in basis at Magic Valley Regional's Women's Health and Imaging Services office at 660 Shoshone St. E. Regular charges

will apply for this service, but screening for eligibility for discount and free mammography programs will be available for qualified women.

• **Plunk Tea:** To heighten awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection, a special "Pink Tea" will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Rudi's Rendezvous Event Center at 241 Main Ave. W. The 5th annual Pink Tea will feature the American Cancer Society's "Tell a Friend" program. Tell a Friend is designed to help increase breast cancer screening and early detection through regular mammograms. Trained volunteer callers contact five friends or acquaintances to encourage them to get a mammogram. This strategy is a proven intervention that involves one-on-one efforts by volunteers to encourage friends and family to get a mammogram.

The Pink Tea is a celebration of life, and honors breast cancer survivors and their families and friends. The event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so please make a reservation by Oct. 20 by calling 737-2895.

Grizzly bears delisting fuels heated discussion

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — U.S. Forest Service officials are making progress in addressing questions about plans to lift federal protection for grizzly bears in the greater Yellowstone area.

"I don't understand the whole push to delist the grizzly. It seems to be a protective shield for the bear," Jackson resident Pat Cannors told forest officials at a public meeting last week.

Cannors asked forest officials about their goal for the grizzly. "Are you saying 'OK, we've reached this point, let's cut it off here?' Or do you want to see if recovery of the grizzly bear" he asked.

Forest officials responded that they are simply following the Endangered Species Act. "The grizzly bear has met federally established recovery goals with more than 500 bears now roaming the greater Yellowstone ecosystem, compared to about 200 when the bear was listed as threatened in 1975. The only purpose of the ESA was to get species back off the list — get them protected sufficiently so they could be delisted," responded Terry Root, staff resource officer for the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Forest officials presented Thursday steps they're taking to prepare for delisting the grizzly bear, which the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service may propose as early as next year.

After hearing from the Forest Service, Cannors said he believed agency officials have the bear's best interests in mind.

"The meeting, to me, was just progress. That there are guidelines in place to protect the bear," he said. "If things do fall apart then authorities will step in."

The Forest Service is proposing amending the plans that govern six national forests, including the Bridger-Teton, to adopt habitat standards, a nuisance bear standard and monitoring requirements for grizzlies.

The agency is considering four alternatives in a draft environmental impact statement, which is available for public review and comment through Nov. 12.

The government's preferred alternative would adopt standards that apply only to an area that covers 5.3 million acres — an area larger than the state of New Jersey. It includes 3.4 million acres of national forest, part of Grand Teton National Park and all of Yellowstone National Park.

Conservationists contend the area is too small because it does not include a third of already-occupied grizzly habitat.

FEDERAL COURTS

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. District Court in Boise includes the following south-central Idaho case:

Wright, individually and as executor of the estate of Dr. Robert Wright, Stuart B. Wright, Elizabeth Wright, Millar, Wendy Polyzoides, individually and as executor of the estate of Dr. James Polyzoides, Andrew Polyzoides, Kent W. Polyzoides, and Janet Ford vs. United States of America, City of Twin Falls, Seeking a Judgment against defendants for compensatory general and special damages in an amount to be proven at trial, interest, attorney's fees and costs; other relief as

the court deems just. The plaintiff alleges that her husband and father were passengers on an aircraft flying over the Twin Falls area. Plaintiffs allege that the pilot said the plane was given erroneous and misleading instructions from the air traffic controller causing the plane to crash into a fuel truck resulting in the deaths of the passengers. Plaintiffs demand jury trial. Case No. 1:04-CV-0169.

Idaho Rivers United vs. Jeff Foss, director, Snake River Office and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an agency of the United States. Seeking that the

court order, declare, adjudicate that the Federal Service has violated the Endangered Species Act and acted in a manner that is arbitrary, capricious, and/or contrary to law by failing to issue a Mid-Snake Biological Opinion, reverse and set aside the opinion under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Endangered Species Act; issue an injunctive or other remedial relief as may be specifically requested by plaintiffs; attorney's fees and costs; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff is seeking judicial review and remanding of the Mid-Snake Biological Opinion issued by the United States Federal Wildlife Service on the impacts to five species of endangered snails from the C.J. Strike, Bliss, Lower Salmon Falls, Upper Salmon Falls, and Shoshone Falls hydro-power projects on the Mid-Snake River. Plaintiff alleges that said hydro-power projects owned by Idaho Power Co. adversely affect said snails. Plaintiff further alleges that defendants have failed to protect the listed snails by reaching a settlement agreement with Idaho Power to issue the Mid-Snake Biological Opinion which finds no jeopardy to the snails while the agency proceeds with further studies to assess the effects of the projects. Plaintiff also alleges that the agreement violates Environmental Protection Agency standards and must be reversed or remanded by the court. Case No. 1:04-CV-073.

ALMOST THERE

SpaceShipOne a flight away from claiming \$10 million X Prize

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — SpaceShipOne is one flight away from clinching the Ansari X Prize: a \$10 million award for the first privately developed manned rocket to reach space twice within 14 days.

SpaceShipOne was scheduled to be launched Monday in an attempt to reach an altitude of at least 328,000 feet, or just over 62 miles, for the second time since Sept. 29.

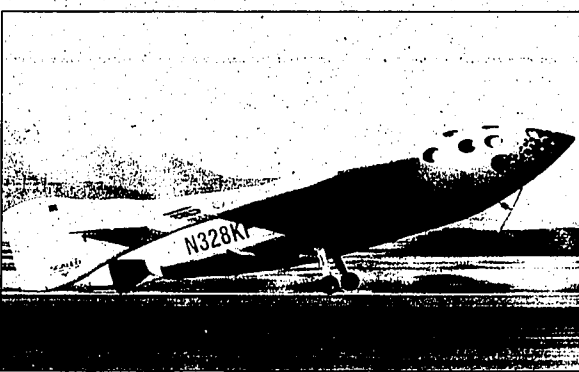
The choice of pilot for the flight remained a secret on the eve of launch, as it did last week. That flight and a test flight into space on June 21 were flown by Michael Melville, who has been awarded the nation's first commercial astronaut award by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Melville is one of four pilots who have undergone special training to fly SpaceShipOne. He had difficulty controlling the ship during the June flight but still reached 62 miles. Last week, he flew a perfect trajectory to an altitude of 327,600 feet, or nearly 64 miles, but the ship began rolling as it neared space.

After a safety analysis, SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan posted preliminary information about the rolls on his Web site this weekend to address what he called the "worst rocket" that have circulated.

The first roll occurred at a high speed, about Mach 2.7, but aerodynamic loads on the spacecraft were low and decreasing rapidly, so the ship never experienced any significant structural stresses," he said.

"The spacecraft rolled so often because the rolls started as it was nearing the edge of the at-



SpaceShipOne, a privately developed manned rocket created by aviation designer Burt Rutan and funded by billionaire Paul Allen, is shown in this undated promotional photo. The builders of the rocket announced June 2, the rocket will attempt to reach space on a sub-orbital flight over California's Mojave Desert. It would be the first non-governmental flight to leave Earth's atmosphere.

mosphere and Melville could not dampen the motions with the aerodynamic controls," according to Rutan. Since aerodynamic controls don't work in space, SpaceShipOne is equipped with a reaction control system that uses jets of a compressed gas to control movements.

Melville used the system to successfully stop the rolling before reaching the peak altitude, Rutan said.

"While we did not plan the rolls, we did get valuable engineering

data on how well our RCS system works in space," he said.

The "Ansari X Prize" was founded in 1996 to kickstart private-sector development of rocket ships.

Founder Peter Diamandis hoped the multimillion-dollar incentive would have the same effect on space travel as the Orteg Prize had on air travel. Charles Lindbergh claimed that \$25,000 prize in 1927 after making his solo trans-Atlantic flight.

Major funding came from the

Ansari family of Dallas. More than two dozen teams around the world are trying to win the X Prize, but only SpaceShipOne has reached space.

Funded by Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen, SpaceShipOne was developed in secret at Rutan's Mojave Air-nut-based Scaled Composites LLC until it was unveiled in April 2003. Allen has not said exactly how much he has put into the project, but has characterized it as more than \$20 million.

Utah schools to ask for \$230 million boost

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — State education officials say they need a significant boost in new funding, with much of it earmarked to just keep pace with rising costs.

The State Board of Education on Friday asked for more than \$200 million in its new budget to help prepare kids for the high school graduation test, pay for

new students and cover rising costs of doing business.

The request may well be sent to Gov. Olene Walker for consideration in her proposed budget.

"We assured, the (money) we've listed is more than what Salt Lake County has in new money, state associate superintendent Patrick Ogden said.

Grazing board plans meeting

The Times-News
HURLEY — The Burley District Grazing Board will hold its annual fall meeting Oct. 5 at the Wayside Cafe, located just off Interstate 84's

exit 211 north of Burley. A no-host dinner is set for 6 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call Eileen Jackson at 436-6952.

CSI

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CSI Horticulture Club corn maze, 5 to 9 p.m., access from Eldon Evans Expo Center on North College Road (\$2 for adults, \$1 for children).
CSI Golden Eagle volleyball vs. North Idaho College, 7 p.m., gym.
Fathers on Rights for Custody Equity monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Baylor 256.
Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
"The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Latinos Unidos college transition leadership summit, 7 p.m., Taylor 247 and 248.
Mark Newirth music scholarship benefit concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium, \$20 for adults, \$5 for students.
CSI Theater Department presents "Spoon River Anthology," 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119 (\$6 for adults, \$4 for students).

Idaho Standards Achievement testing, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shields 101.
Youth Orchestra rehearsal, 9 a.m., Fine Arts 133 and 121.
United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
Delta Kappa Gamma monthly meeting, 10 a.m., Taylor 276.
WNSKY Radio Station of the Stars, 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Golden Eagle volleyball vs. Salt Lake Community College, 3 p.m., gym.
"The Cowboy Astronomer," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Horticulture Club corn maze, 5 to 9 p.m., access from Eldon Evans Expo Center on North College Road (\$2 for adults, \$1 for children).
"The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Theater Department presents "Spoon River Anthology," 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119 (\$6 for adults, \$4 for students).

Saturday

Synoptic Aptitude Test, 7:30 a.m., Shields 101 and 220.
Latinos Unidos college transition leadership summit, all day, Taylor 247 and 248.
Dental assisting national board exams, 8 a.m., Aspen 100.
Interior Revenue Service, AARP and Small Business Development Center volunteer tax training, all day, Evergreen 933.

"Space Jammin'" 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday

Latinos Unidos college transition leadership summit, all day, Taylor 247 and 248.
Magic Valley Symphony concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Students were disciplined as well. Valdez said the discipline ranged from missing recesses to suspension and that two students were suspended. Other students were assigned in-school suspension, which involves spending the day at school working with a supervisor. Valdez commented that parents of all the children were very cooperative.

School Counselor Tricia Ellinger told police she had spoken with the boy and was willing to help him in any way she could.

But she said all the blades had been collected Thursday. In order to protect the identity of the boy, she did not want to say if he was one of the students suspended or what grade he is in, but he said all of the students involved were in the same grade.

Idaho doctor ditches insurance paperwork

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Dr. Richard Samuels imagines a system where patients walk into a doctor's office, are seen quickly and pay their bill before leaving.

The doctor has less paperwork and no delinquent accounts. The patient does not have to worry about insurance claims and finance bills, and may even see lower costs, said Samuels, a board-certified family physician who is opening such a practice in Hayden.

"I want to be part of the solution as much as I can," he said. "We are heading into so many problems in health care, insurance costs are going up, and I know employers who are worrying they can't afford insurance for their employees."

But he also does not want to turn away anyone who is already insured. Instead, he will tell them how to contact their own insurance companies to submit the bill, or put them in touch with Skills Connection, a local program that handles billing for \$3 a transaction.

Without insurance to deal with, Samuels said he can charge lower fees.

The Idaho Medical Association said Samuels' approach is new for the area, but not nationally. It also shows a growing trend among doctors frustrated with the health care system.

"So many doctors are getting so fed up," said Bob Seehusen, association CEO. "You can see how few people are thinking about trying something else."

He said most doctors went into the business of medicine to take care of people, not to battle insurance companies. But increasingly, doctor's offices are hiring higher numbers of office help just to handle insurance and regulations.

Samuels' staff will consist of a registered nurse and one other employee. He will try to prescribe generic medications and will not offer after-hours care.

"This way I can focus more on seeing patients at the office," Samuels said. "I'll also try to take same-day appointments or walk-ins."

He can see people who are on Medicare or Medicaid, but will make them sign a waiver that they cannot later bill the government for the service.

Blades

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"They were leaving them in their desks and when they went to pick them up they would cut their fingers," Valdez said.

Valdez questioned several students and learned that a student had brought an estimated 26 blades to school and given them to another student, who was presumed to have distributed them to the others, according to the report.

The boy who brought the blades to school told police that he had gotten them from his older brother who had brought them from friends, the report said. The officer explained to the boy the dangers of bringing the blades to school and then returned the report to the prosecutor's office for review.

The boy was sent home with his mother and some of the other

WORLD

New blasts kill 7, injure 43 in northeastern India

57 dead in two days

GAUHATI, India — Militants bombed utilities, a tea plantation and a crowded marketplace in northeastern India on Sunday, intensifying violence that has killed 57 people in two days and snarling efforts to bring cease-fires in a region where dozens of ethnic rebel groups are fighting for separate homelands.



Indian Army soldiers patrol at a railway station in Gauhati, Assam, India, Sunday. A string of bomb and gun attacks in northeastern India continued for a second day Sunday as blasts in a crowded market, a tea plantation and elsewhere killed three people and wounded another 18.

World in brief

At least 17 bombings and shootings were carried out over the weekend in Nagaland and Assam states. The attacks — particularly an explosion Saturday that ripped through a railway station full of commuters — angered even some separatist leaders.

Nearly 40 groups have been fighting in the mountainous region of multiple ethnicities wedged between Bangladesh, Bhaman and Myanmar. Rebels in Nagaland have been leading one of Asia's longest running separatist conflicts, dating to shortly before India gained independence from Britain in 1947.

Assam's top police official blamed the string of attacks on two militant groups, the United Liberation Front of Assam and the National Democratic Front of Boroland.

In new bloodshed Sunday, at least seven Palestinians were killed. The fighting, concentrated in Jabalya refugee camp, has caused heavy damage. Palestinians say Israeli forces have destroyed homes and left a kindergarten in rubble.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Sharon said he was determined to halt rocket fire on towns in Israel and shelling of Jewish settlements in Gaza.

Chavez: Has evidence of a pro-government militia

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez announced Sunday that he had evidence that a pro-government militia that could be heavily armed was operating in Venezuela, but he said the illegal fighters would be asked to give up any weapons they might have.

"We have evidence that they exist," Chavez said of the so-called Bolivarian Liberation Forces, a shadowy group named after 19th century South American independence hero Simon Bolivar.

"I don't need this support, so if you have weapons of war, hand them over because these

arms must be in the hands of the armed forces," added Chavez, speaking during a five-hour transmission of his weekly radio and television program "Hello President."

For months, opposition leaders had accused Chavez, a leftist former paratroop commander, of ignoring local media reports that a fledgling pro-government militia had formed and was involved in extortion and kidnapping in Venezuela. Chavez did not provide any details on the size or characteristics of the clandestine organization.

Lebanon criticizes U.N. report in first response

BEIRUT, Lebanon — In the first official response to a U.N. report critical of Syria and Lebanon, the Lebanese foreign minister on Sunday called the report "tough and exaggerated" and said it was soft on Israel.

In the report Friday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Syria had not withdrawn its troops from Lebanon and Lebanon hadn't disbanded and demobilized all militias — both actions demanded by the U.N. Security Council.

— compiled from wire reports

Pope moves two closer to sainthood

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II on Sunday honored two figures linked to controversy — including a German mystic whose violent visions of Christ's suffering helped inspire Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" — and an Austrian emperor whose troops used poison gas.

Beatification is the last formal step in the Catholic Church before the possible conferring of sainthood, and John Paul has now beatified a record — 133 — faithful in his quest to give believers new models of sanctity.

The pontiff also beatified an Italian nun who worked with sick children in Latin America, a French "contemplative" monk and a French priest who found-

ed an order of nuns. But it was the choices of mystic Sister Anna-Katharina Emmerick and of Karl, who led Austria through the last years of World War I, that have stirred controversy.

Emmerick, a "sickly" virtually illiterate nun whose powers of visualization were notable as a child, drew pilgrims to her bedside in a German convent where word spread of her gory visions of Jesus' last hours of suffering.

John Paul praised Karl, also known as Charles, as a friend of peace. In his eyes, the war was something "abominable." He also hailed the emperor, who died in 1922, as a model of "political responsibility."

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MORNING BREAK

Dan Rather survived an attack on this day in 1986

This day in history! On Oct. 4, 1986, a thug or two attacked Dan Rather on the streets of New York City while shouting, "What's the frequency, Kenneth?"

The man who invented the birth control pill—(Carl Djerassi)—also invented an insect repellent based on similar principles: bug-stormones that keep creepy-crawlers from developing into mature, reproductive adults.

President John Quincy Adams kept a pet alligator around the White House. He said he enjoyed "the spectacle of guests fleeing from the room in terror."

His nettes, please! Movie theater owners make the bulk of their money from selling snacks (more than \$650 million last year).

Shoelace Joe Jackson still hasn't made it into baseball's Hall of Fame. However, his shoes are

on display there.

If life hands you peanut plants, make peanut butter. You can make 30,000 peanut butter sandwiches from just one acre.

Forget beige: some researchers have claimed that green in office environments—reduces headaches, stomach distress and other stress symptoms.

Cows, sheep, dogs and goats are aplenty in the Protestant Bible, but cats are never even mentioned once.

Would it be fun to be a funambulist? Well, maybe. A funambulist is a tightrope walker. If you wake up and find a scorpion walking across you, don't panic. Of the 1,500 known species in the world, only about 25 can deliver a fatal sting to humans. And of the 80 species in the United States, only one can.

This just in: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled recently that the state's drunk-driving laws don't apply to people on horseback. Whether it applies to a drunk horse was not determined.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at erinbarrett@magicvalley.com



RANDOM KINDNESS: Jack Mingo, Erin Barrett

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Looking for Horoscopes and Dear Abby?
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Resident Evil 2 (R)

Odyssey 6
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Forgotten (13) 7:30-9:45
Wimbledon (13) 7:00-9:15
Saints & Soldiers (13) 7:15-9:30
Vanity Fair (13) 7:30
Spiderman 3 (13) 4:50-9:30
Bourne Supremacy (13) 7:00-9:15

Jerome 4
955 West Main Jerome
Resident Evil 2 (R) 7:00-9:30
First Daughter (PG) 7:15-9:15
Shark Tale (PG) 7:15-9:15
Ladder 49 (13) 7:30-9:30

Twin Cinema
164 Eastland Twin Falls
Without a Paddle (13) 7:30-9:45
Anacondas (13) 7:15-9:20
Shrek 2 (PG) 7:00-9:05
Princess Diaries 2 (G) 6:45-9:30
First Daughter (PG) 7:30-9:45
Paparazzi (PG) 7:15-9:20
Ladder 49 (13) 7:30-9:30
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MORNING BREAK

Grandmother suspects her son may be cheating on wife

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Will," is married with three beautiful children. One evening a few weeks ago, I baby-sat my grandchildren at their house. A strange car kept stopping in front of the house, and when I went to the window, it would drive off.



DEAR ABBY:
Jeanne
Phillips

Will and his wife, "Eve," both work. He returned before she did, and I left. However, I was suspicious, so I drove up the street and parked in a dark area. A few minutes later, the car pulled up again, and my son ran out of the house and got into the car. I drove slowly by the car and saw my son and a strange woman talking.

Should I tell Eve what I saw? A few people have told me to butt out. I strongly suspect that he is having an affair with this woman. What should I do?

DEAR WORRIED MOM: Talk to your son. Give him a chance to explain. Warn him about how much he has to lose if he is involved with another woman or doing something illegal. But do not carry tales to your daughter-in-law without first talking to your son — if then.

DEAR ABBY: About four years ago, a woman I know, "Cathy," gave me a beautiful matching

ring and bracelet. She told me at the time that she couldn't wear them because they were too small. Cathy said she knew I loved jewelry and wanted me to have the set because she didn't know anyone else who would enjoy it as much as I would. I accepted the items and wear them frequently. Love them.

Cathy has since had gastric bypass surgery and lost nearly 150 pounds. She recently came into the office where I work and told me that since she has lost so much weight, she wants the jewelry back as she can now wear it.

Should I return the ring and bracelet?

— UNDECIDED
DEAR UNDECIDED: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes. The question you must ask yourself is, which is worth more to you — the friendship or the jewelry? Only you can answer that.

DEAR ABBY: Referring to the woman who is receiving checks from her elderly Aunt Millie, I would suggest that she contact Millie's children, or someone who is involved in her day-to-day life before cashing them. Aunt Millie may not remember, that she has already sent a check, or she may be arbitrarily sending checks to numerous people and charities.

Someone closer may be able to tell the writer to relax, enable to get the money and just thank Aunt Millie, or appreciate being alerted to monitor her checkbook and keep an eye out for other problems that may need to be addressed.

Gift-giving is often a way of staying in touch or seeking more contact. The niece and her children might write, call or visit Aunt Millie more often and give her the gift of their time.

— SYBILLE SOLOMONY, GERONTOLOGY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT BEANSBORO
DEAR SYBILLE: Thank you for pointing out that what I considered to be generosity might instead be a sign of dementia in Aunt Millie. If you are correct, contacting someone close to her could avert a big mess.

Cancer: Use intuition for gain

IF OCTOBER 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, it will be easy to overcome setbacks that could have occurred in 2004 when opportunities to make permanent progress surround you in November and again next March, April and July. These are times when you can choose a road to a rosier future and are most likely to get the help and assistance you need. Adopt an optimistic viewpoint and have faith that the universe will serve up exactly what you need.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraline Saunders

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Coordinate, long-term plans and start matters that require peace and serenity — such as new jobs or creative projects. Although love affairs or money dealings began now could run into unexpected twists and turns, it is a good day to start most things.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Fire employees, or start new career directions now while an atmosphere of peace is in the air, and that feeling of tranquility will last. Keep your eye on ethical behavior to achieve the best success in any endeavor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Creative juices are flowing during the next few days, so pay attention to the inspirations that brighten your day and keep a pencil handy to jot down ideas. You can get your point across without offending others.

AMBITIONS are tweaked early in the day but the best way to win in terms of material gain is to take your intuition into account. Be attuned to the moods of others and sensitive to their needs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Persuade others to follow your lead by being a constant and steadfast force that never relents. Just like the ocean waves pounding on the shore you can shape the turn of events by being reliable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Using empathy in personal relationships can move important matters to a higher level. A glamorous facade of heightened understanding adds sparkle and delight to all intimate contacts, creating an opportunity for perfect harmony.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Follow your heart and listen to your inner voice during the next few days if you wish to be successful in business or pleasure. Matters that require your sympathy may give you a chance to be generous and helpful to others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gentle persuasion will get a point across better than harsh methods if you wish to succeed in the public eye or receive recognition for a job well done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have good instincts about what will be popular and can call important information from the news and your surroundings. Listen to your heart to make good choices. Erring on the side of generosity will win you respect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A deep yearning for recognition could seem thwarted if you fight merely to keep your head above water. But be assured that using kid gloves and a gentle demeanor with others will win you at least one handhold on the ladder of success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pay attention to the unfolding of events and follow the avenue of least resistance. Going with the flow will get you the most bangs for your buck. Seek to reconcile your differences with others now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You could be totally attuned to that special someone on both a mental and spiritual level. Important conversations could put troubles at rest permanently — as this is a time of greater understanding and sensitivity towards others.

Statue sees celebration on eve of 100th anniversary of sculptor's death

NEW YORK (AP) — Merit Beaupre, Frederic Bartholdi, for the 100th anniversary of his death.

The ceremony commemorating France's most famous gift to the United States also was a celebration of Franco-American friendship, which degenerated into name-calling and "freedom fries" after France declined to support the U.S. led war in Iraq. Richard Richm, the deputy mayor of Columbia, the city in France's Alsace region where Bartholdi was born, said the Statue of Liberty reminds people of the United States' contribution to liberty worldwide.

"In the shadow of Miss Liberty," Richm said, "we cannot forget what we owe to the American soldiers who gave us back our freedom on two occasions, 1917 and 1944, 60 years ago."

The ceremony took place on Liberty Island, where the statue was re-opened to visitors two months ago after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks forced it to close.

The mayor of Princeton, N.J., Colmar's sister city, noted that some of the founding fathers who exchanged liberty in the constitution owned slaves.

"When the people of France made their magnificent gift to the United States, it was, in part, a recognition that we had finally abolished slavery," Mayor Joseph O'Neill said. "But even as the Statue of Liberty was being erected, Jim Crow laws were being enacted to humiliate and disenfranchise the newly freed African slaves."

"Liberty then was at most a hope, at best a work in progress. This statue before us became an icon of what we would wish ourselves to have. And it shamed us when our deeds fell so far short of our words."

Bartholdi was born on April 2, 1834, and died of tuberculosis in Paris on Oct. 4, 1904. Other Bartholdi works erected in the United States include the Bartholdi fountain in Washington, D.C., the angelic trumpeters on the corners of the tower of the First Baptist Church in Boston, the Lafayette Statue and the Lafayette and Washington Monument in New York.

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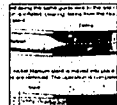
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Section C

We need to investigate role of sex

Over the years I have been harshly critical of the scientific community for wasting time researching things nobody cares about, such as the universe. I don't know about you, but I'm tired of reading newspaper stories like this:



DAVE BARRY

"Using a giant telescope, astronomers at the prestigious Crutfield Observatory have observed a teeny light smudge that they say is a humongous galaxy cluster 17 billion light years away which could make it the farthest-away thing that astronomers have discovered this week. However, astronomers at the rival Pennington Observatory charged that what the Crutfield scientists discovered is actually mayonaisse on the lens. Both groups of astronomers say they plan to use these new findings to obtain even larger telescopes."

With all due respect to astronomers: We don't need to find any more stuff in the universe. We already have more stuff than we could ever use, right here in our garages. We need the scientific community to focus on a topic that is of far greater importance: sex. It remains a baffling mystery to humanity, or at least guys.

Guys think about sex a lot. You know the painting of Washington crossing the Delaware, where the guys in the boat have facial expressions of grim resolve as they approach a battle that will determine their fate, and the "12" on the boat? Well, the guys are thinking, "Maybe there will be women in New Jersey."

But despite several million years of thinking virtually nonstop about sex, guys have made very little progress toward answering such basic questions about human sexuality as: How can you obtain more of it? How much talking is required? What is the level of lewdness?

That's why I am so pleased by a recent Reuters article concerning research being done at Stanford University into the sex life of fruit flies.

According to this article, when a male fruit fly wants to have sex with a female fruit fly, he goes through a series of specific steps, the first one being to pump down approximately eight mar-tin-dins.

No, wait, that's what a human guy would do if he were going to attempt to mate with a female who had six legs and 17,000 eye-balls, which trust me is not out of the question for some guys, and you know who you are. What the fruit flies do is engage in a courtship ritual, which according to the Reuters article includes "tapping the female, extending and vibrating a wing and singing."

The scientists found that these ritual mating actions are controlled by a sector of the fly's brain consisting of 60 cells — about twice the number of brain-cells required to cast a vote on "American Idol." According to the article, when scientists mess up these cells, the male flies rush through the mating steps — "essentially try to do everything at once" — which causes the females to develop "little fly headaches."

This, of course, is exactly the mistake that male humans make: We're always trying to rush through the mating steps. Stand next to any construction site, and when an attractive woman walks past, you'll hear guy construction workers suggesting that she go directly to, like, Step 74. This approach never works.

And yet guys keep trying. We're because we're dumbier than fruit flies. Fruit flies at least have some clue what their mating ritual is supposed to consist of, whereas human guys get much of their information from letters written by imaginary people to Penthouse magazine.

"Tonight, I will vibrate my wings."

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Arthritis sufferers scramble to find Vioxx substitute

The Washington Post

The abrupt withdrawal last week of the best-selling painkiller Vioxx is an event rich in ironies and lessons that may ultimately lead to a rethinking of the way drug safety is evaluated in the United States.

Drugs whose principal benefit is that they are supposed to be safer than their competitors — which was Vioxx's claim — will get closer scrutiny. The Food and Drug Administration may in the future force companies to run studies specifically to address safety issues, even after a drug is in widespread use.

Vioxx, taken by 1.3 million Americans, was removed from the market because it raised the risk of cardiovascular disease, the nation's leading cause of death, but proof of that did not come until five years after the drug was licensed and three years after the first hints of a problem.

"We will want more data on (the safety) long-term for both drugs in the pipeline that were already approved," Steven Galson, acting director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, said Thursday, two days after it learned that Merck & Co. planned to withdraw its blockbuster drug worldwide.

Vioxx's downfall may spur other changes as well, experts say.

It may lead doctors and patients to take a fresh look at the consequences of direct-to-consumer advertising, the root of much of Vioxx's enormous popularity in a field full of competing pain relievers. It is also a warning flag that in the brave new world of targeted, "smart" drugs — the goal of most pharmaceutical development today — the final products are not always better than their blunter, dumber ancestors. In fact, they are sometimes worse.

"I think there are important issues here that we would be foolish not to reflect upon," said Dean Wolfey, a physician at the University of California at San Francisco, and president of the American College of Rheumatology.

When Vioxx and similar drugs were in development, their main appeal to FDA reviewers was that they would be safer than existing painkillers. Vioxx, whose generic name is rofecoxib, is a selective COX-2 inhibitor.

It blocks the action of an enzyme — used throughout the body to make a large and diverse family of compounds called prostanooids. They are involved in myriad physiological actions, including inflammation, blood clotting and protecting the stomach lining from the destructive effects of

WHAT NOW?



Vioxx is arranged on a counting tray, laying out top of the bottle, at the Pennington Apothecary in Pennington, N.J., on Thursday. Drug giant Merck & Company is halting worldwide sales of the blockbuster arthritis drug because new data from a clinical trial found an increased risk of digestive acids.

The fact that Vioxx acts only on COX-2 distinguishes it from aspirin and the large family of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) that includes Motrin (ibuprofen) and Aleve (naproxen), which block not only COX-2 but also a related enzyme called COX-1. Blocking COX-1 is responsible for the stomach-irritating effects those drugs can cause.

Selective COX-2 inhibitors are meant to be the pharmacological equivalents of fine surgical dissection, doing their work on COX-2 and its painful inflammatory products, while leaving COX-1 alone. They do live up to their claim of producing fewer ulcers and other stomach irritation. People taking them have only one-quarter to one-half as many of those problems as people taking aspirin or NSAIDs.

The people deemed most likely to benefit were arthritis sufferers, 10 to 25 percent of whom have ulcers (often small and not painful) if they take NSAIDs regularly.

Arthritis physicians thought elderly people and other patients taking blood-thinners such as warfarin, in whom bleeding ulcers can be fatal, would especially be helped.

But when the first COX-2 inhibitors arrived in January 1999, they were marketed to a far broader group — basically anyone who did not have good pain relief with what they were using.

The drugs were appealing on many fronts.

They were new, which alone

Your alternatives ...

Celebrex

- **Manufacturer:** Pfizer.
- **Approximate cost per day:** \$3.
- **What is it?** Like Vioxx, Celebrex belongs to the class of medications known as COX-2 inhibitors, which block an enzyme called cyclooxygenase-2, which is involved in sensations of pain and inflammation. When COX-2 enzymes flare, pain is perceived. They were a dramatic improvement on aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — NSAIDs — which are COX-1 and 2 inhibitors. When the enzyme COX-1 is blocked, stomach irritation ensues and ulcers can occur.
- **Is it safe?** Pfizer says yes; Bextra is a slightly different compound that Vioxx.
- **2004 worldwide sales (estimate):** \$600 million.

Bextra

- **Manufacturer:** Pfizer.
- **Approximate cost per day:** \$3.
- **What is it?** Like Vioxx, Bextra belongs to the class of medications known as COX-2 inhibitors, which block an enzyme called cyclooxygenase-2, which is involved in sensations of pain and inflammation.

holds great sway with American medical consumers and physicians.

They were supposed to be safer. Perhaps most important, they had the cachet of being an expensive, prescription medi-

Naproxen

- **Manufacturer:** There are at least eight; Procter & Gamble Health Products' Aleve is by far the best selling brand.
- **Approximate cost per day:** 3 cents.
- **What is it?** Naproxen is in a class of drugs called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). It works by reducing hormones that cause inflammation and pain in the body. Aleve is used to reduce pain, inflammation, and stiffness caused by many conditions, such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, ankylosing spondylitis, injury, abdominal cramps associated with menstruation, tendinitis, and bursitis.
- **Is it safe?** Naproxen use can lead to stomach irritation and ulcers.
- **2004 worldwide sales:** Not available.
- Sources: *Newsday*, *Los Angeles, Washington Post*, *drugs.com*

Ibuprofen

- **Manufacturer:** There are dozens; the best selling brands are Motrin (McNeil-PPC), Advil (Wyeth) and Nuprin (Bristol-Myers).
- **Approximate cost per day:** 3 cents.
- **What is it?** Ibuprofen is in a class of drugs called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Ibuprofen works by reducing hormones that cause inflammation and pain in the body.
- **Is it safe?** Ibuprofen is used to reduce the fever, pain, inflammation, and stiffness caused by many conditions, such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and abdominal cramps associated with menstruation.

and they never really were," said Jerry Aver, a physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, who studies patterns of drug use.

It is likely that Vioxx and Bextra will be replaced by other drugs. Please see DRUG, Page C2

The pierce de resistance

The Washington Post

For fall, jewelry is supposed to be delicate, pretty and shapely. And with autumn closets containing pencil skirts, ribbon-trimmed suits and capes, it's no wonder. "I think it goes very well with the sort of dress-up femininity that we're seeing in fashion," says Commerce White, style director for eBay.

"We're seeing a lot of the drop earrings — still chandelier styles — with fewer stones, fewer appendages if you will."

The adornments combine beauty, classic design and whimsy. "A pearl stud is not just a pearl stud anymore, but now it's a dangle earring with a bunch of pearls," says designer Trish Becker.

With their stones, length and silhouette, earrings can either shout from the earlobes or quietly complete an outfit.



For fall, jewelry is delicate, pretty and shapely. From left: Alexis Bittar lucite pearl earrings, \$158; Trish Becker Appetite six-drop chandelier earrings, \$250; Alexis Bittar chrysoprase, pearl and tourmaline cluster; Trish Becker berry and tourmaline in 14-karat gold, \$195; Janna Conner new jade grapevine earrings (\$105) and acacia earrings in aventurine (98).

Brushing isn't as good as wearing sunscreen

DEAR PAULA: Someone told me they read a book that recommended daily toothbrushing, followed by a shower, then a rubdown with a coarse towel, and finally a rubdown with avocado oil with vitamins A, D, and E, and evening primrose oil accord. This regimen sounds complicated, but I'm willing to try it if you think it's worthwhile or can fix damage skin?

DEAR SCARLETT: If you want to take the time to scrub your body in the shower, there is no reason not to do it. Mechanically exfoliating skin has merit because it helps exfoliate skin, which allows moisturizers to penetrate better and leave skin feeling soft and invigorated. There is no risk of damaging actual cell production. Scrubbing effect only the top layers of dead skin and in the process of being shed anyway. Skin cell production takes place deep down in the skin, and scrubs have no chance of getting near those levels.



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

skin, the vitamins serve as typical antioxidants and evening primrose oil provides hydration and anti-inflammatory benefits. However, avocado oil doesn't begin to have the antioxidant properties of extra virgin olive oil, and your skin would be better off if you added that to the mix instead.

My only concern would be the potential for over-scrubbing and the kind of brush you use. Tearing at the skin can be a problem, and if the brush or loofah is too hard or stiff, that is exactly what can happen. Plus, if you don't keep the brush clean (frequent cleaning with bleach is best), it can easily build up nasty bacteria and be a

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IMAGE

A new way to stave off strokes: Stents

Los Angeles Times

When a blockage in the neck's carotid artery breaks off, it travels quickly — and often devastatingly — to the brain, causing a stroke.

To prevent this from happening, doctors have had to cut into the neck and artery, remove the blockages, then sew the vessel back together.

The procedure requires general anesthesia, however, and a hospital stay of up to four days. Doctors now have an alternative.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a stent and filter system that can accomplish the same goal, but with a far less-invasive procedure.

Physicians called the approval a significant development in the push toward less-invasive medicine, enabling patients to reduce hospital stays, recovery time and overall costs.

"The treatment and prevention of strokes is entering a new phase, and the phase of doing surgery on sick patients is coming to an end," said Dr. T. Anthony Don Michael, a cardiologist in Bakersfield, Calif.

The stent and filter system consists of a small metallic mesh tube with a balloon catheter that can be inserted through the neck, lodge the plaque, then traps it in a funnel-like filter to prevent it from moving to the brain and causing a stroke.

The stent, inserted through an incision in the groin and threaded through the artery to the neck, could eventually supplant the present "gold standard" for treating carotid blockages, known as carotid endarterectomy surgery, which is undergone by about 167,000 Americans annually. Insertion of the stent requires only local anesthesia and typically an overnight precautionary hospital stay.

Though the FDA approved the stent for use only in the relatively low patients with 80 percent artery blockage or those who are considered at high risk for surgery because of

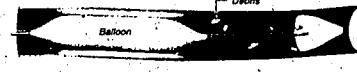
Unblocking the brain's main artery

The Food and Drug Administration has cleared the way for a new treatment that can significantly reduce strokes without major surgery.

● A guide wire is inserted into the blocked carotid artery. A barrier is guided into place between the blockage and the brain to catch debris.



● A balloon is moved along the same guide wire to the site of the blockage. The balloon is inflated, clearing debris from the blockage and making room for the stent.



● A self-expanding, nickel-titanium stent is moved into place and the guide wire and debris are removed. The operation is complete.



Source: Guidant

Drug Store/Pharm (Los Angeles Times)

other factors, approved devices are typically used by physicians for lower-risk groups as well.

The manufacturer, Guidant Corp., is also conducting clinical trials to establish that the stent is as safe as surgery in lower-risk patients, once completed, in 2007 or 2008, Guidant will seek approval for use in all patients.

The stent and filter system for the carotid artery adds to the growing list of procedures that can be done with minimally-invasive operations. Patients who might once have needed heart bypass surgery often can have a coronary stent inserted, and gallbladders now can be removed laparoscopically.

Stents have been approved for use in the last decade for coronary, kidney and leg embolisms, although this is the first approved in the United

States for the artery to the brain.

About 500,000 Americans suffer a first stroke each year and 200,000 have recurring strokes, according to the American Heart Association, causing about 200,000 deaths annually. An estimated two-thirds of those are due to blockages in the carotid artery.

Strokes can be devastating to survivors, affecting the brain as well as the body, leaving thousands severely disabled and adding \$53 billion annually to the U.S. healthcare bill for long-term hospital and nursing home care.

Still, the stents are not without risks.

"They were shown to have about equal the risk of the surgical procedure — the standard they were required to meet for FDA approval."

"Carotid endarterectomy re-

duces the risk of stroke by 50 percent at the end of one year," said Glenn Silegman, biomedical engineer for the FDA who also approved the Guidant stent.

"This device was shown to be the equivalent of that reduction in patients who don't have a reasonable availability of surgery in terms of their risk."

About 6 percent of the high-risk patients were shown to die or suffer another stroke within 30 days with the stent and 10 percent at the end of one year, about the same as those who had the more-invasive surgery. Guidant says initial results of its clinical trials in the U.S. — and results from its use in Europe since 2001 — indicate that in lower-risk groups, serious adverse consequences drop to about 3 percent.

Still, the stent is far from fool-proof.

Cardiologist Dr. Ray Matthews of Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, one of several surgeons using the device in Guidant's clinical trials, called it a "great alternative to surgery."

But he said the risk of stroke from the procedure was still the No. 1 concern — and not just from the artery being worked on.

Carotid arteries run on both sides of the neck to the brain. In about 25 percent of the patients who suffered adverse effects, the stroke came from the other side — meaning that debris was disrupted from lower in the body by the catheter being pushed through the artery and traveling to the side of the brain not supplied by the artery being worked on.

"This is not a freebie," Matthews said. "There will still be a risk to manipulating catheters."

Matthews also said other possible side effects were not assessed in the trial, including potential damage to the nerves surrounding the carotid that can cause facial paralysis.

"It happens maybe 1 percent or 2 percent of the time, but it's 100 percent if it's you."

Guidant expects to sell the

stent, which it has been developing for nine years, for about \$3,600.

The carotid stent is larger than coronary stents and much more flexible than the rigid coronary stent to allow for neck movement, such as leaning while talking on the phone.

Carotid stents already are in use in Europe.

Stents by companies such as Johnson & Johnson are expected to be approved in the near

future by the FDA.

Asked why the United States has taken much longer to allow the devices here, Stegman said the FDA had not been reluctant to approve, or disapprove the studies.

"It's up to the companies to come in with valid scientific evidence to show they are safe and effective. ... Guidant was able to show they were safe and effective in their study."

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Drug

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other similar drugs were better for some people. Individuals vary widely in their response to painkillers. The novelty of the COX-2s, however, may have produced something analogous to a placebo effect that enhanced its real effect. In clinical trials, patients who are unknowingly taking an inert placebo typically get about one-third the pain relief of those taking NSAIDs, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2001.

Drug companies boosted COX-2 inhibitors' popularity by promoting them heavily through direct-to-consumer marketing. That strategy accounted for \$3.2 billion out of \$25 billion spent on pharmaceutical promotion in 2003, and the figure has been rising steadily since 1998, according to the market-research company IMS Health.

The amount that Merck spent marketing Vioxx directly to patients is not readily available, but an IMS survey estimated that Merck spent

\$500 million in 2003 promoting the drug to physicians through advertisements in medical journals, free samples and salesmen's visits to doctors' offices.

The payoff was evident in a survey of 2,300 physicians that IMS conducted in late 2001. It found that 52 percent of doctors were willing to write prescriptions for COX-2 inhibitors if their patients requested them and needed painkillers.

"When a patient comes in and wants something, there is a desire to serve them," said Wolsky of the American College of Rheumatology. "There is a desire on the part of physicians, as there is on anyone else who provides service, to keep the customer happy."


The COX-2 drugs caught fire. Current annual sales in the United States total \$5.6 billion. In 2003, Vioxx alone represented 11 percent of the revenue for Merck, the fourth largest drug company by sales in the United States.

What is particularly ironic about this past week's events is

that they came as aspirin, the hoary ancestor of both the non-steroidal and the COX-2 drugs, continues to be reborn as something close to a miracle drug.

Synthesized in 1897 by the German chemist Felix Hoffmann as a pain-reliever for his arthritic father, aspirin since then has been found to lower the risk of heart attack in people with heart disease and to possibly lower the risk of colon, prostate and breast cancer, Hodgkin's disease and Alzheimer's. The breadth of those effects is in striking contrast with the latest advanced drugs that are designed to have highly specific actions on the body.

Although the reason why Vioxx caused heart problems is not certain, researchers believe that its selective effect on just a single enzyme may raise the risk of blood clots. If that theory is correct, it means that Vioxx's cleverness was also its Achilles' heel. And that could be a cautionary lesson amid the growing enthusiasm over other "targeted" drugs.



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Partners promote health benefits of walking

The City of Twin Falls is one of many communities in Idaho, including the College of Southern Idaho and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, promoting the health benefits of walking through "Walk Twin Falls: A community walk for better health." Walkers of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

The next community walk will also showcase the newest addition to area walking venues: the Centennial Trail, Dennis Bowyer, City Parks and Recreation director, will talk about the new trail and the potential for future trail development around the community.

The community walk will be held on Saturday 9 a.m. Walkers should meet at the Shoshone Falls parking lot nearest the observation deck. A walking clinic including tips for beneficial walking and warm-up will begin at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Janet Keegan at 734-5806.

Get a mammogram

Discount mammogram certificates will be available, beginning this month. A limited number of mammograms will be offered for \$59.

Certificates are provided as a service of Magic Valley Regional Center in Twin Falls, Southern Idaho Radiology PA, and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Endowments from Curtis T. and Wilma H. Esten Foundation O. and Joyce E. Glusmann, Esther V. Wise, and Virginia Wolter. To reserve your certificate, call 737-2605 after October 1.

Also, Women's Health Check provides for discount or free mammography services for women ages 50-64 years who meet income eligibility guidelines. For more information, contact South Central District Health in Twin Falls at 734-5800.

Depression screening

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will sponsor a free depression screen Thursday in Twin Falls.

The screening is confidential and will help participants learn more about depression and related mental health issues such as bipolar, generalized anxiety disorder and post-traumatic stress disorders. The screening will be held at Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services at 226 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Walkers can come or you may register in advance by calling 734-6760 or toll free 1-800-657-8000.

First aid, CPR classes

The South Central District of the American Red Cross will offer first aid and adult, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses in October in Twin Falls and Burley. Participants must register in advance.

Twin Falls classes will be held at the Red Cross office, 1139

To do for you

Ralls Ave. E., Suite B, and will include:

- First aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR review, 6 to 10 p.m. today and Oct. 14.
- First aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23.

The "Bible" class will be held at the Civil Air Patrol building, 1057 Airport Road, and will include:

- First aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 30.

For more information on the cost or to register for a class, call the American Red Cross office at 733-6494, Ext. 300 or (800) 853-2570, Ext. 300.

Diabetes education

Diabetes and sleep, a community education class, will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. today at the main floor conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is free. For more information or to register, call 737-2007.

Caregiver support

A Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. today at the Office on Aging Annex, 598 Washington St. N., located on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Laura Lee Smith and Dawn McCoy from Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center will present the program on adult day care.

The ongoing support group is for caregivers who are primarily responsible for caring for a sick, disabled or elderly family member or friend.

For more information, call Gale Thomson at 730-2122, Ext. 323.

Weight loss support

New Beginnings of Magic Valley, a weight loss surgery support group, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The meeting is for those interested in learning more information about weight loss surgery or for patients who have undergone the surgery.

For more information, call Gale Carlock at 733-4407.

Parenting class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome will offer Active New parenting classes from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, beginning today through Nov. 8, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome.

Class is for parents with children ages 5 through 12.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

'Baby and Me'

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

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

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7252.

Learn CPR

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The classes 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 per class. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

Childbirth classes

Two childbirth classes will be offered Tuesday at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The first class will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and will include information about coping with labor pain and a range of relaxation, breathing and coaching techniques.

The second class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and will include information on handling the discomforts and problems of pregnancy. Safe exercise will be discussed and a tour will be given of the birth center.

For more information, call the hospital's birth center at 677-6500.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 5 through Nov. 2, 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.

Labor rehearsal

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

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

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

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

About back injuries

Back School, an educational course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 598 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on the basic anatomy of the spine, common injuries and disease that lead to back pain, and instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Rehabilitation Services at 737-2126.

Weight loss class

An adult weight loss class will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through Dec. 15 (except for Nov. 24), in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will be taught by Heather Shaw, a registered and licensed dietician and certified adult weight loss consultant. Topics will include proper diet and exercise techniques.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning

Wednesday through Nov. 10, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

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

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

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1301.

Hearing tests

Free hearing tests will be provided to the public Oct. 12-15 through Magic Valley Hearing Aid and Audiology Clinic, 1025 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls.

To make an appointment or for more information, call Holly at 736-4550.

Diabetes education

The Healthy Diabetes Plate, a diabetes education program, will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 12 through Nov. 9, at the Twin Falls County office building, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Rhea Lanting and Gamme Kaye, family and consumer sciences extension educators, and Gretchen Manker, extension nutrition advisor, will teach individuals how to successfully manage their diabetes through healthy eating habits.

People with diabetes and their family members or those interested in learning about diabetes are encouraged to participate.

Cost is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple; charge will cover materials, food and supplies.

Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call 734-9500, Ext. 10.

Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 12 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 a tour will be given of the Women's and Infant Center.

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

Learn infant care

Infant care class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 12 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 infant care and beginning parenting. 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.

"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 & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W."

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ENGAGEMENT

DENAUGHEL-CHRISTENSEN

HEYBURN — Ken and Billie Rae DeNaughel of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Rae DeNaughel, to Gregory Lee Christensen, son of Edward and Marie Christensen of Perry, Utah.

DeNaughel is a 2002 graduate of Half River High School in Utah State University. She is currently employed at Utah State University Extension in Brigham City, Utah.

Christensen is a 2000 graduate of Box Elder High School in Brigham City. He served an LDS Church mission in Peru, Peru. He is attending Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, and is currently employed by Parker and Harrison in Ogden.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Oct. 8, in the Idaho Falls



Jennifer DeNaughel and Gregory Christensen

LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at the Heyburn 2nd Ward building, 530 Vills Drive. An open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at 2765 S. Highway 89 in Perry, Utah.

The couple will reside in Perry, Utah, while continuing their education.

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SIGNATURES

QUESTION: Can a person with a physical disability that prevents him from being able to sign his name have a validly executed will?

Yes. The law recognizes that not all are able to give a signature. A legal procedure has been devised that allows for valid execution of a will without the actual signature of the person making the will. (A male person making a will is called a testator.) The law provides that some other person may sign a will in the testator's name, if so directed by the testator. This must be done in the testator's presence.

The law further provides that all of the names occur in the presence of two other persons who must personally witness the execution (signing) and subsequently sign their own names to the will as witnesses. Interestingly, although the person making the will must be at least eighteen years of age the witnesses can be children so long as they are able to perceive, remember, and later testify to what they say.

With other formal documents a signature is accomplished by a person merely making a mark or impression on paper if someone else writes the disabled person's name near the mark. The other person must then write his own name on the document as a witness.

The law follows necessity. More so than over before, persons with disabilities are given the benefit of rights of most of us take for granted.

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The Gooding High School Red Thunder Pep Band will play at football and volleyball games.

Photo courtesy of COLLEEN LOCKWOOD

Gooding bands start musical year

GOODING - With one day of practice, the Gooding High School Red Thunder Pep Band, under the direction of Tony Randall, got off to a musical start at the home football game against Valley on Aug. 27. The band followed up the next month with a performance at the home tennis Perry game. The band will continue playing at home football and volleyball games this fall, including in the homecoming parade Oct. 1.

The high school and junior high bands combine for this marching band. The sixth-grade band also kicked off its musical experience Sept. 3 as the students played their instruments for the first time. Also under the direction of Randall, the students spent the first week of school learning to read music and about rhythms and basic musical expressions. They will continue to learn performance skills, which they will show off at their Christmas concert in December.



The sixth-grade band at practice.

Buhl homecoming combines fun and spirit

Homecoming at Buhl High School was once again a success. All of our tools and troubles, worked out to make us proud. We can look back with a smile. We are happy to see parent and teacher involvement with students. Thanks to all who supported us through the week. Richard Kelley for donating 200 apples for our homecoming night and Fry's for the drinks passed out during our Powder Puff volleyball match. Our cheerleaders were amazing, making several posters, and

enthusiasm through the week. Congratulations to the junior class for winning the Powder Puff volleyball tournament and \$100 for its class account, donated by Mike Priddy. Also, congratulations to newly crowned Mr. Magnificent, Brent Lewis. Other finalists include Mr. Talent, Perry Hamilton,

Model Material, Adam Flint and Mr. Baker, Johnnie. Homecoming royalty was: Sandra Hernandez - freshman princess, Jessica Larris - sophomore princess, Veronica Bettemann - junior princess, and Lauren - queen queen. Amanda Owen.

Class winners are: window sophomore class, rock seniors, mascot juniors, banner - freshmen, beat - senior and the overall homecoming winner - the senior class with two wins. Wendy's High School Heisman nominees for Buhl High School are Alyssa Welch and Perry Hamilton.

Castleford students earn money from fair

Roger Wells, Castleford TEA adviser, reports to Superintendent Kelly Murphy that students showing animals and exhibiting crops at the Iwin Falls County fair earned more than \$70,000 in premiums and many animal sales. The school board and teachers organization supports a school calendar that schedules around the county fair largely due to the amount of money our students realize from the county fair. The superintendent said, "Mr. Murphy also congratulated our students for their involvement in the county fair."

Students in the first grade level, 80 percent at or near grade level; second, 95 percent at or near grade level; and third, 100 percent at or near grade level. We would like to thank parents for helping their children prepare for this test with the material we sent home with their children. Today and Tuesday, we will send home with the students in grades six to 12, the second third-week grade reports. We encourage parents to review these progress reports, and parents and students to visit with teachers about the present level of performance.

The senior class will sell pizza by the slice at the home volleyball game Tuesday. This is a fund-raiser to help pay some expenses for the planned senior sneak this spring. Connie Kingdon, the Family, Career and Community Links of America adviser reminds parents that the FCLA initiation is Friday evening.

Alyssa Welch is Buhl High School student body president. Andy Wiseman is Castleford School principal.

Oakley holds homecoming

Oakley has had a busy first month of school. They welcomed Alvin Andrew (science department) and Ryan Searle (Spanish) and world history departments as new teachers. Gary Westover also transferred to the math department. The school also hosted a back-to-school open house where the State Character Education Program was introduced. Oakley celebrated homecoming the week of Sept. 7-11. They had spirit dress-up days as well as a "Burning of the Dummy." Before the game against North Elm, a tailgate

HORNET'S NEST
Gary Nilsen
Dutch oven dinner was cooked by Randy Kidd and Robert Bedke. The homecoming royalty was: Ivan McBride and Lexie Searle as king and queen, Elliot Thorn and Alysha Ellison as prince and princess and Bryce Adams and Valerie Bedke as duke and duchess. Gary Nilsen is Oakley High School student body reporter.

Community service keeps MVHS busy

During the last block, Maggie Valley High School students had the opportunity to listen to Michael Johnson, a motivational speaker, as part of our 9-11 memorial. Students then participated in a school-wide essay writing activity inspired by Johnson. Drama Club has had its first meetings, and goals have been set for the year. MVHS drama will host Iwin Falls High School drama at district competition in the pantomime division. The club is also selling hot chocolate and hoping plans to raise money for club T-shirts and a prospective trip to England in

MVHS MOMENT'S
Jennifer Miller
Any donations or fund-raising ideas from local businesses would be welcome by calling the school at 733-8823. The student body conducted a community service project on Sept. 29, helping raise the bubble on the City Pool. Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Maggie Valley High School.

Filer High School starts out the year with a bang

The school year at Filer High School started out with a bang. In August, the student council, led by Student Body President Diana Hallinger, started planning for homecoming and made it one to be remembered. The theme was "Wildcats Unleashed, Get Out of the Way." Between Sept. 20-24, students participated in a week of games, lunch time activities and dress-up days. Student soccer, volleyball and football players took on Decla. Several students participated in all of the dress up days, with Gray Day on Monday the most popular. Also on Monday the senior girls defeated the juniors in the Powder Puff game. On Tuesday, the halls were crowded with bikers. Biker Day was interpreted in many ways, from road kill and gas attendants to tough bikers and bicycle racers. The students let their imaginations run wild. On Wednesday, Pirates took anchor and Thursday was the day for super heroes. Friday is traditionally Red and White day, and the student council kept with the tradition. The Wildcats turned out in full force for the parade and pep assembly.

WILDCAT ROAR
Amy Huddleston
On homecoming night, fans filled up the bleachers. The air was filled with shouts of encouragement and cheers. At half time, homecoming royalty was announced: Freshman Princess Holly Haining, Freshman Prince Travis Hurley, Sophomore Princess Keenan Kovic and Sophomore Prince Jared Lassen, Junior Prince Trent Garner, Junior Princess Kayla Miller and Queen and King Amy Huddleston and Rey Juarez. The Wildcats lost their football game, but put up a strong fight. After the game, the Music Monster rocked out with the students. All in all, homecoming was a great success, not to mention fun. The student council thanks everyone who participated and helped. The community's support also means a lot. Thanks to everyone who encouraged and supported the Wildcats. Amy Huddleston is Filer High School student body secretary/treasurer.

SCHOOL NEWS

Minico choirs hold concert this week

ROPER - A choir concert will be held at 7:30 Wednesday in the auditorium at Minico High School, 292 W. 100 S. Minico choirs: Spartan Singers, Serenity Sounds, and Concert Choir will perform. Suggested admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and students. Following the concert will be an open house in the new choir room. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 436-1721.

Soll speech contest winners are announced

SIOSHONE - The Wood River Soil Conservation District announced speech contest winners in Lincoln County. The contest was open to ninth through 12th grades. The winners are: "The Living Soil" and "Include a Tree to Five-Minute Speech." Winners are: First place, Brock Astle, who received \$40;

second, Kyr Astle, \$30; and third, Teresa Russell, \$20. All winners received a T-shirt. For more information, call Barbara Astle at 899-2240.

DAR announces history essay contests

IWIN FALLS - Students are encouraged to participate in American history essay contests, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, a national organization promoting patriotism, education and historic preservation. For students in grades five through eight, this year's topic is "Along the Trail with Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery, May 1804 - September 1806." Essays should take on the role of Shwegawer, her husband, Batsant, Charbonnet, their son, Jean Baptiste "Pomp" Charbonnet, York (Clark's manservant), Seaman the dog, or a member of the Corps of Discovery other than Lewis and Clark. The essay should discuss three of the most memorable experiences along the

journey. Essays must be 300 to 600 words for students in grade five or 600-1000 words for students in grades sixth through eighth.

Students in grades nine through 12 can enter the Christopher Columbus essay contest with the topic "Historical Columbus: Imperfect Hero." The essay should explain why Columbus, though not perfect, should be considered a hero. Entrants should write a diary or journal entry that Columbus might have written, describing the things he observed and what he hoped to accomplish. Essays should be no more than 750 words.

The contest is open to all public, private school and home-schooled students in the Maggie Valley. Complete contest rules may be obtained by writing to Diane Greene at 2707 N. 3000 E., Iwin Falls, ID 83401 or e-mail her at greene@northrim.net. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 15. In four of the past five years, local winners named by the

Iwin Falls Chapter DAR have gone on to win state-level and/or Northwest Division awards.



Shaneen McDaniel



Lindsay Shaw

Shoshone school names student body officers

SIOSHONE - Shoshone Junior and Senior High School student body officers include: Shaneen McDaniel, Lindsay Shaw, and Melanie Perron. Perron is vice president; Perron, secretary.

Shoshone FFA invites membership

SIOSHONE - New officers of the Shoshone Future Farmers of America are: Anna Gelschlag, chapter president; Dan Billington, vice president; Rachel Pantone, secretary; Chelsea Gutierrez, treasurer; Karla Davis, reporter; and Carl Dyer, sentinel. Members of the officer team were selected last spring and say they plan to increase membership, participate in competitions. A soils and range district competition will be held Wednesday in Jerome.

Idaho educators receive forest education grants

SIOSHONE - Local educators received education grants from the Idaho Forest Products Commission. Diane Grismore of the Clover Trinity Lutheran School in Buhl teaches third and fourth grades. Her proposed project was developing a tree and forest discovery box and backpack for

student check-out to support classroom activities.

Lane Durschi teaches seventh through 12th grades in life science and biology at BHS School. Her proposed project is planting native trees and shrubs, labeled for use on a school nature walk.

Susan Hamby teaches fourth grade at Filer Elementary School. Her project is to encourage a fourth-grade forest field day.

The grants awarded were worth up to \$200 to help implement forest-related education projects.

Dietrich seniors sell potatoes, uniforms

DIETRICH - The Dietrich High School senior class is selling potatoes, \$8 for a 50-pound bag or \$14 for a 100-pound bag. Potatoes may be purchased from any senior or from the school office at 543-2158. Old cheerleader, volleyball, track, girls basketball and boys basketball uniforms will be for sale on Oct. 22 at the football game against Murtaugh. Prices start at \$5 or less.

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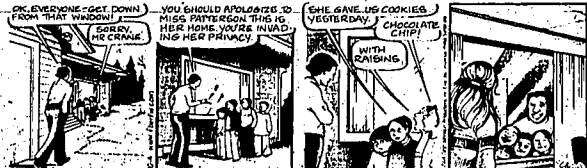
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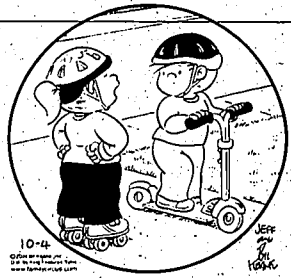
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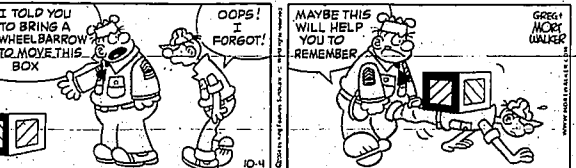
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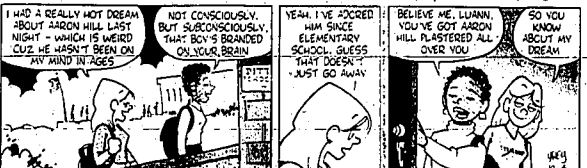
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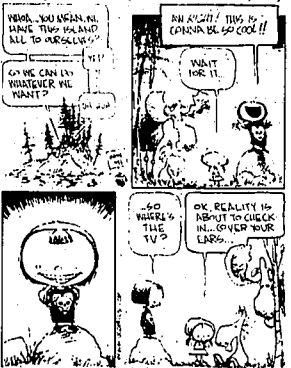
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Richfield, Rimrock travel to Shoshone for girls volleyball action.

SPORTS

Sports Editor: Joe Paisley; 735-4239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE:

The law of averages apparently does not apply to the Atlanta Braves.

Atlanta Braves pitcher Paul Byrd, on his team winning a 13th consecutive division title

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who were the teams to play in the first Monday Night Football game?

Answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys Soccer

Devon at Bulle's, 9 a.m.
Wendell at Alpine Valley Christian, 9 a.m.
The Community School at Pine, 9 a.m.

Girls Soccer

Wendell Varsity at Ivan Falls, 9 a.m.
Devon at Bulle's, 9 a.m.

Girls Volleyball

In high school, Rimrock at Shoshone, 5 p.m.
Bulle at Knobel's, 6 p.m.
Lile at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Michelob Best Ball concludes

IVAN FALLS - The 13th Annual Michelob Best Ball concluded Sunday at Ivan Falls Municipal Golf Course and Canyon Springs Golf Course in Ivan Falls.

Results follow:

13th Annual Michelob Best Ball

Team	Score
Wendell	10-1
Devon	9-1
Alpine Valley Christian	8-1
Community School	7-1
Pine	6-1
Ivan Falls	5-1
Bulle's	4-1
Glenns Ferry	3-1
Shoshone	2-1
Knobel's	1-1
Gooding	0-1

Earnhardt wins at Talladega

By Mike Harris
Associated Press writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) Dale Earnhardt Jr. charged from 11th place to a victory and the series points lead in the last five laps of Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway.

Although he was at or near the front virtually the entire EA Sports 500, leading a race-high 97 of the 199 laps, Earnhardt fell behind when crew chief Tony Frye decided to gamble on two fresh right-side tires on his final pit stop.

Other drivers got ahead of Earnhardt by staying on the track or taking only four or then final stops during the last of five caution periods in the race, but it made little difference once the green flag waved for lap 197.

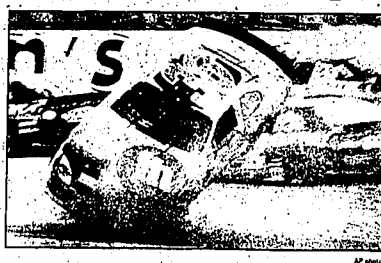
"These brand new rights just chucked around the corners so much better than those other

guys with old tires out there," Earnhardt said. "I wasn't worried. They make the calls in the pits and I just drive the car."

Earnhardt, who won four straight Talladega races before being beaten by teammate Michael Waltrip here last fall, came close again in April. He finished second to Jeff Gordon in a somewhat controversial finish, with NASCAR determining that Gordon was leading when a yellow flag waved and froze the field. The race finished that way under caution to the displeasure of the spectators.

"I'm just glad to get back on top at Talladega," Earnhardt said. He drove a rear from the pit box crowd when he added, "This is my place."

His 14th career victory and fifth of the season also moved Earnhardt from third in the standings to 15-point leader Kurt Busch, who finished fifth, Gordon, who



Elliott Sadler (38) flips on the last lap just before the checkered flag in the EA Sports 500 at the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala., Sunday. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the race.

Georgia Bulldogs silence critics

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

ATHENS, Ga. - They had the lofty ranking, the unbeaten record, the fearsome defense. Still, there were nagging questions about the Georgia Bulldogs, a team that seemed content doing just enough to win.

Not this time.

With a near-perfect performance against defending Southeastern Conference champion LSU, the third-ranked Bulldogs silenced their critics and showed they are truly capable of challenging for the national title.

"I thought we could win the game," coach Mark Richt said, snorting a 45-16 victory over the Tigers on Saturday. "But not in that fashion."

Georgia (4-0, 2-0 SEC) struggled on offense in its two previous games, managing just three touchdowns in ugly wins over South Carolina and Marshall.

The Bulldogs held off LSU's trademark blitzes, giving up only one sack and making the Tigers pay time and time again for single coverage. David Greene set a school record with five touchdown passes, including two apiece to Fred Gibson and Reggie Brown.

Even more astounding, Georgia's two freshman backs ran at will against the Tigers. Danny Ware found big holes or just ran over would-be tacklers on his way to 109 yards. Thomas Brown clipped in with 81 yards, including a huge fourth-down conversion after being hit initially in the backfield. They accounted for most of the Bulldogs' 221 yards on the ground.

"We ran the ball much better than I thought we could," Richt said, shaking his head.

It was a stunning turnaround from last year's SEC championship game, when LSU's defense manhandled the Bulldogs in a 34-12 victory. Greene was sacked five times and threw three interceptions.

To cope with LSU's pressure, Georgia focused on protecting the middle of the line and made the Tigers do most of their work on the outside. Greene also seemed more cognizant of the pass rush, rolling out occasionally to give his receivers more time to get open.

The receivers came through. Both of Reggie Brown's touchdown catches were things of beauty, the senior managing to catch the ball and get a toe down before tumbling out of bounds.

"We have the players," Brown said. "When everything comes together like it did (Saturday), that's the result."



David Greene

NFL WEEK 4

Broncos 'Buc' Tampa

Denver downs

Bucs 16-13 in Lynch's return to Florida

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. - John Lynch mangled and posed for pictures with old friends, then savored one more round of applause before heading for the visiting locker room, teary-eyed and deeply satisfied.

The Denver safety's emotion at return to Tampa Bay was a success Sunday, with the Broncos beating the winless Buccaneers to 1-0 despite a potentially game-losing touchdown misplay by the five-time Pro Bowl selection with a reputation for delivering bone-jarring hits.

"You caught me at a bad moment," Lynch said when told he appeared to have tears streaming from his eyes when he walked through the tunnel leading to the field.

"I think finally everything but me anticipated that might come at some point. I wanted to be honest, I didn't sleep a wink. I don't know if I was that nervous or the 'super Bowl.'"

Lake Phelan threw a 5-yard TD pass to Patrick Inge and Jason Khan kicked three field goals to keep Denver (3-1) atop the AFC West. Tampa Bay's only touchdown came on a play on which Lynch failed to knock down a receiver who was getting up off the ground.

Instead, Lynch merely touched Michael Clayton on the back, thinking the rookie was down. Clayton, whose helmet was knocked off when his head was brushed by Lynch's knee, stood up and took off for the end zone to complete a 51-yard pass play.

Lynch, who was fined for a hit on Kansas City's Dante Hall after the Broncos' season opener, said he didn't want to risk a penalty for hitting a player on the ground.

"It's a shame. Ultimately the responsibility lays on me. I've got to tackle him," Lynch said. "It's a new league emphasis. If they're laying down and you hit them, you're going to get 15 yards. I tried to do the right thing for the first time in my career and keep (the NFL) out of my pocket, and I get burned."

Plummer completed 13 of 31 passes for 130 yards for Denver, saving his best for the fourth quarter when he took advantage of a 37-yard pass interference penalty to set up Platten's 24-yard field goal that snuffed a 13-13 tie with 9:03 to go.



Denver Broncos cornerback Kenoy Kennedy drags down Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Michael Pittman from behind during the third quarter Sunday, in Tampa, Fla. The Broncos won 16-13.

The Denver quarterback also put together a long drive that burned all but three seconds of the final 7:26 of the clock. Tampa Bay inserted Chris Simms for the last play, and Lynch nearly intercepted his desperation pass near midfield.

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Texans two-step over Raiders

By Jamie Aron
Associated Press writer

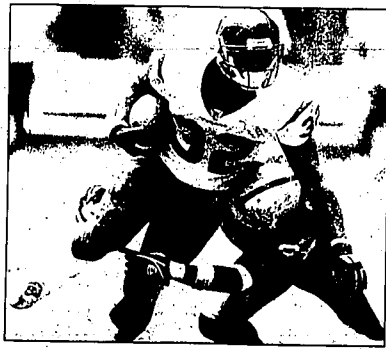
HOUSTON - After 16 games, the Houston Texans have their first winning streak in team history. That means it's finally time for a fan of Houston to brag.

Can you vividly last September that he wouldn't cut his hair again until the Texans won consecutive games. It's taken so long his wife has even come to enjoy his shaggy look. Still, he can happily head to the barber - perhaps just for a trim - following a 40-17 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

As he has defensive teammates will get a few snips, considering they made it possible by harassing Raiders' new starting quarterback Kerry Collins into five turnovers, including each of his last four drives.

The game was tied at the start of his mistake spree, but Houston (2-2) won the first three of 11 points - two field goals by Kris Brown, with a 15-yarder for Auburn on the final drive. Andre Johnson, in between, the Texans used the last one to run out the clock.

Oakland (2-2) came in on a two-game winning streak and



Oakland Raiders cornerback Ray Buchanan, right, wraps up Houston Texans' Jonathan Wells in the fourth quarter Sunday, in Houston. Wells rushed for 105 yards and a touchdown in the Texans' 30-17 win.

Els grabs victory

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

THOMASTOWN, Ireland - The pressure to win under Eamonn El's led like he was in a maelstrom. Given all he has been through this year, his victory in the American Express Championship sure felt like one.

Emotionally spent from a Grand Slam season of heartache, El's reassured himself as a major force Sunday by outlasting Thomas Bjorn in a brilliantly played duel in the cold rain at Mount Juliet. He closed with a 3-under 69 for a one-shot victory and his first World Golf Championship.

"Everybody knows what I've been through this summer," El's said. "I had a lot of pressure on me, and I think I showed that I didn't want to lose."

The Big Easy had every reason to feign misery for himself. He lost the Masters when Phil Mickelson birdied the last hole.

He played in the final group of the U.S. Open and shot 80. He lost the British Open in a four-hole playoff against unheralded Todd Hamilton. And a bogey on the final hole knocked him out of a playoff at the PGA Championship.

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Monday, Oct. 4, 2004

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

You don't have power if you surrender all your principles - you have office.

Ron Todd

On today's deal North obviously should not one club rather than one no-trump. His hand may have enough high cards for the no-trump opening...

NORTH H-4 A Q 5 3 9 7 4 3 AKQJ WEST J 10 9 8 7 4 3 A 5 2 9 3 EAST K 6 4 2 K 10 J 10 7 6 4 SOUTH A K 8 6 5 2 9 8 6 3 10 8 5

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: West

The bidding: South West North East Pass 1 Pass Pass Pass 1 Pass 3 Pass 1 Pass 3 NT

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: A 6 4 Q 10 7 5 4 6 3 J 10 9 2 South West North East Pass 3 Pass 3 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

ANSWER: Lead the club jack. According to the bidding, dummy has promised four hearts, so it would be very dangerous to lead a heart here...

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HONDA '76 Super Cub 50cc, 12.5 hp, 11.5 Kilo...

HONDA '97 Foreman, 400cc, excellent condition...

KAWASAKI '98 300cc, 300cc, 400cc, 500cc, 600cc...

SUZUKI '83 DR 125, 500 cc to 1000 cc, 1300 cc to 1500 cc...

ARCTIC CAT 400, 400 cc, 450 cc, 500 cc, 600 cc...

HARLEY DAVIDSON '73 FX Super Glide, 800cc, start, runs good...

YAMAHA '84 YZ250, 250 cc, 2 stroke, great, fast...

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