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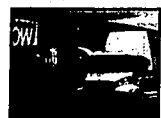
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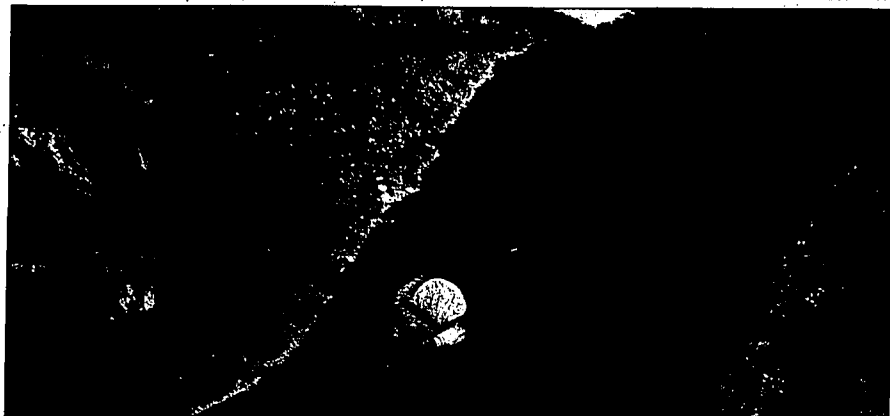
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'3, 2, 1 ... SEE YA'



Movie Boutwell counts down then flashes a peace sign as he plunges off the 486-foot Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls. Boutwell left family and friends behind in Ohio to move to Twin Falls specifically to be close to the bridge, the only one in the United States that BASE jumpers can use legally year-round.

The big drop

Move to T.F. fulfills dream for BASE jumper

By Candace Balts-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN-FALLS — Maybe it was a quarter-life crisis that led Jamie Boutwell, 30, to leave his career, girlfriend and hometown in northeast Ohio. But he says it was a bridge. His girlfriend, his career and his roots could not compete with the draw of jumping from the Perrine Bridge every day.

"I came to the realization and asked myself, 'Am you doing what you want to do?' and if not, then you're wasting your time," Boutwell said. "I came here on vacation, went home, and thought, 'What am I doing?'"

He moved to Twin Falls the following month. That was three years ago, and, depending on the weather, he's jumped nearly every day from the bridge that brought him here — usually at least twice a day, once before going to work as a case manager at a juvenile detention center and once after work. The weekends are another story — he jumps all day. Each jump takes more than an hour to complete, so it's definitely a way of life.

"There are blue skies, sunny weather, nice canyon, it's scenic," he said. "And of course a nice bridge, which is the icing on the cake."

"Boutwell's love for free-falling began a decade ago when he earned his sky diving license. Then, about four years ago he discovered BASE jumping. BASE stands for Building Antenna Span Earth-band to qualify as a genuine BASE jumper, he had to make one of each of those jumps. Each jumper is then awarded a number. There are only about 1,000 official BASE jumpers in the world, and Boutwell is No. 808.



Boutwell, left, and fellow BASE jumpers Bill Koswack of Pennsylvania and Ray Pickett of Twin Falls joke with each other at Boutwell's apartment while watching videotape of their previous jumps.

Part of what keeps the numbers low is that BASE jumping is illegal most days of the year in most parts of the U.S. Only a handful of bridges are open to jumping, but even then it's only for a couple of days a year. The Perrine Bridge is the only location in the United States where it is legal year-round.

Ray Pickett, a friend of Boutwell's who used to commute from California to Twin Falls for the BASE jumping, says it's no wonder BASE jumpers move to Twin Falls.

"It's definitely a different way of thinking and living. You can't go through a city without gawking at every building and thinking, 'I'd like to be up there right now,'" Pickett said. Boutwell says it is almost a religious feeling.

"It's quite a spiritual thing, the most

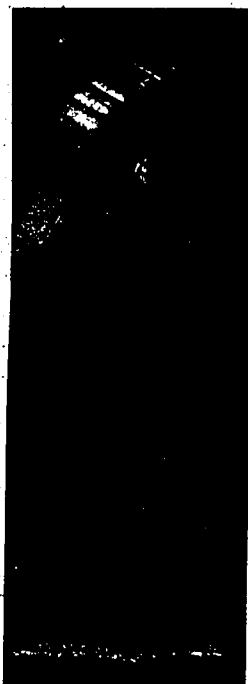
Leaps of faith

Jamie Boutwell has jumped off numerous buildings, cranes, antennas, cliffs and sundry other high places. Here are three of the notable bridges he has conquered:

- Royal Gorge Bridge, Canon City, Colo. (1,053 feet; highest U.S. bridge)
- New River Gorge Bridge, Fayetteville, W. Va. (876 feet; second-highest U.S. bridge)
- Perrine Bridge, (486 feet)

generally rewarding thing I've ever done," Boutwell said. "I like the personal responsibility of it: choosing the site, packing. It's a control issue. It's

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Boutwell floats to a narrow landing zone on the south side of the bank between the river and a cluster of trees.

Sempre's battles begin

Firm will need to convince public of plant benefits

By Michelle Duplop
Times-News writer

JEROME — On the surface, it seems like a simple request to build a small weather station in Jerome County.

Yet, the request will certainly trigger what is certain to be a lengthy debate over a proposed coal-fired power plant.

tion submitted its permit application to the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission for constructing a 150-foot meteorological station. The request marks the first step in lining up the permits required to construct a \$1 billion, 600-megawatt coal-fired electric generating facility on land nine miles northeast of the city of Jerome and three miles east of

Highway 93.

"I think we're a long ways from the end product," said state Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome. "They're taking things very slowly."

The prospect of locating Idaho's first coal-fired power plant in the Magic Valley has residents and politicians alike

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Bride-to-be got cold feet

Woman returns home after faked abduction

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It was supposed to be Jennifer Wilbanks' wedding day — an elaborate affair in suburban Georgia with 600 invited guests, 14 bridesmaids and 14 groomsmen.

Instead, the bride-to-be was sobbing into a pay phone out-



Jennifer Wilbanks

to leave home without her keys

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Breathe easier?

A controversial new report may mean changes for asthmatics.



Monday

Celebration

100 years of sociability.

Tuesday

Mom's feast

It's Mother's Day, but not her turn to cook.

Wednesday



Spring fishing

Our preview to spring recreation and the upcoming fishing season.

Thursday

The Darth side

The sixth and final 'Star Wars' moving is coming.

Friday

Unchurched

Half of Idahoans believe in God yet don't go to church. Why?

Saturday

Gas pains

Will high prices slow your vacation?

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 60s.
Tonight: Cloudy to partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly to partly cloudy with afternoon showers. Highs in the 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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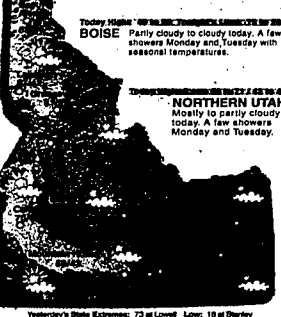
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Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI Lo Prsp. Lists weather for various cities.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Partly cloudy to cloudy with cool showers possible Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



BOISE Partly cloudy to cloudy today. A few showers Monday and Tuesday with seasonal temperatures.

NORTHERN UTAH Mostly to partly cloudy today. A few showers Monday and Tuesday.

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MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for May 1, 8, 15, 22.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

Pollen Count

Table showing pollen counts for various allergens.

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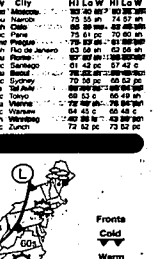
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Sempra

Continued from A1 weighing the pros and cons, the economic benefit and the environmental risks.

Economic benefits

Sempra Generation president Michael R. Niggli says his company would be investing \$1 billion in the county.

Sempra would continue to pay \$15 million each year in state and local taxes once operational.

Jerome County won't be alone in benefiting from Sempra, said Ray Prescott.

Shoshone School District could see a boost from the plant since a portion of the proposed site falls in the school district.

State Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, is concerned that the decision about locating the power plant

in Jerome County rests almost solely with county commissioner-er due to Idaho's lack of siting legislation.

It's an "enormous boon for the tax base of Jerome County," Stennett said.

Environmental concerns

Sempra proposed meteorological station will monitor, among other things, wind patterns.

Coal-fired power plants can emit sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, which cause acid rain and mercury.

The EPA regulates particles as small as 1/28th the diameter of a hair.

But the mom says she plans to switch him from the next time she visits Twin Falls.

Jumper

Continued from A1 black-and-white in a very gray world. You learn more about yourself when you push your limits.

Boutwell has had a few close calls, about eight total, in which something went wrong.

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public health," VanZandt said. In general, VanZandt said, the Magic Valley currently has good air quality.

Niggli believes that Sempra will employ technology that will allow the area to maintain its good air quality.

Permit

In order to apply for an air quality permit with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Sempra needs to gather information about the site's topography, meteorological conditions and geography.

On May 23, the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission will consider Sempra's permit for its meteorological station.

There will be a lot of people who are concerned," she said.

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Bride

Continued from A1 Wilbanks cut her hair so no one would recognize her, but she gave no indication that she had searched news reports of the search or realized the magnitude of the situation.

After police reported the hoax, she searched news reports of the search or realized the magnitude of the situation.

She was "scared and concerned about her impending marriage and decided she needed some time alone."

Police said there would be no criminal charges, although more than 100 officers led a search that involved several hundred volunteers.

Wilbanks returned later Saturday by plane to Atlanta, where she was picked up in a squad car on the runway.

Police said Wilbanks was "dread," thirsty and "very, very distressed" and otherwise good physical condition.

Just hours before Wilbanks called her fiancé, police in Durango, Colo., said she was in the case and began dismantling a search center.

After finding herself broke in Albuquerque, Elwell left her car and decided to call her fiancé and police with the story about the kidnapping.

In her 911 call Wilbanks sounds frantic and confused, telling an operator she was kidnapped from Atlanta by a man and was wearing a blue van.

Based on the information we received it was a very tense moment situation," Elwell told The Associated Press.

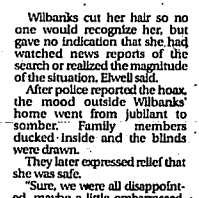
Elwell said she was not aware of Wilbanks' search for information and was planning a prayer vigil.

Today's National Map



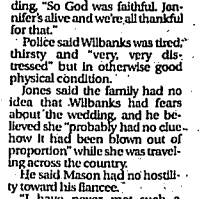
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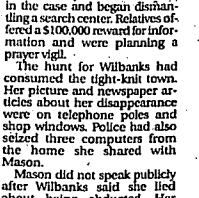
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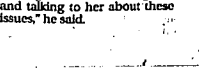
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30 YEARS LATER

U.S. vets return to Vietnam to discover personal peace

HAI QUE, Vietnam (AP) — The returning Americans had fought and killed in the children's country, their forces scolding the land with explosives that still take lives. But now a thousand young Vietnamese faced the group of U.S. veterans, smiled and chorused, "Thank you."

With little drums beating, flags waving and posters held aloft, the children marched out of a school yard and through the rice fields, the Americans walking with them, to spread awareness about a deadly legacy of the Vietnam War — unexploded weaponry.

The "thank you's" were for the help given by some of the 10 U.S. veterans who had come back three decades after the conflict to end the killing and crippling of their own personal peace with a receding but still vivid past.

"I carry the war with me every day," said Christos Cotsakos, wounded while fighting not far from this central Vietnam village in some of the war's bloodiest battles. For the past 37 years, he's had a now yellowing newspaper story tucked in his wallet which reports the deaths of three close buddies in his squad.

It was Cotsakos, a multimillionaire pioneer of online financial services, who donated funds to start the effort to rid Quang Tri province, the most heavily bombed and shelled area of Vietnam, of what he calls "a heinous, barbarous assault on innocent kids."

Nearly 7,000 people, a third of them children, have died or been injured by unexploded ordnance in the province since the war ended on April 30, 1975. But in the four years of Project DEMON's existence, the number of victims has fallen dramatically to just 57 last year.

The project by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund which focuses on both mine awareness and clearance of explosives, is hardly the only one by former warriors to aid their one-time enemies.

Taking an exceptional step in the aftermath of war, a number of the 5.7 million who served in the conflict have built schools, hospitals, libraries and computer centers in the still impoverished country. They're caring for orphans and helping in the search for Vietnam's own missing in action.

"We came here to help the Vietnamese people, so let's come back and finish what we started," says Suel Jones, a twice-wounded Marine veteran from Houston who runs the Vietnam Friendship Village Project.

The project near Hanoi cares for 120 children believed deforced by the defoliant Agent Orange, used by U.S. military to expose communist forces. In partnership with the Hanoi government's Veterans Association of Vietnam, the project also helps old and destitute Vietnamese war veterans.

"Who the ones who led reconciliation. It was the veterans who came back and extended their arms to the people they fought. That's what a soldier does," said Patrick Wiggins of Tallahassee, Fla., one of the 10 returnees.

"I think we've gained respect here. We have no political agenda, just a deep personal connection that lasts for life. We fought here, came back to help and now we're looking to the future," Cotsakos said.

Some veterans declined to join his group because its eight-day visit coincided Saturday with the 30th anniversary of the



Vietnam War and combat Veterans Jan Scruggs, center, of Annapolis, Maryland and Christos Cotsakos, right, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., receive flowers and welcomes from students and teachers at a rural school in Hai Que, Vietnam, on Wednesday. Both veterans are part of a support group that funds landmine awareness in Vietnam.

Reporter remembers the fall of Saigon.

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communist victory; they said they didn't want to be connected with a celebration of America's defeat.

The group rejected the notion. "It's long behind us. We need to let it go as I believe the Vietnamese truly have," said William Murty, a West Point graduate and retired major from Houston, Texas.

Several of the returning veterans also said ridding oneself of any abiding guilt, hatred or anger was good for both Vietnam and the individual veteran.

"Every veteran who has time should come back and help, even if it's just a small contribution to a charity. It very much helps purge the soul and sponge away the ghosts of the past," said Jan C. Scruggs, president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the driving force behind construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

Having reached their 50s and 60s, many more veterans are in fact returning to Vietnam than in earlier years, whether because in their maturity they can now better confront past traumas or simply because they're retired and have more time and money to visit.

Some return to finally honor pledges of long ago. "It was a promise I made my comrades who didn't come home and those who have died since, that I'd come back to remember them," said Alton A. Bergstrom, of Newport, R.I., a platoon leader who served in Quang Tri 34 years ago.

Along with the old newspaper clipping, there's also some Vietnamese soil in Cotsakos' wallet. This he will sprinkle over the graves of his three buddies in the United States as he has already spread some American soil over the "Etern" battlefields of Quang Tri.

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Witness testifies about demotion in detainee case

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A key prosecution witness in the case of a Marine accused of murdering two Iraqi detainees acknowledged Saturday that the defendant had stripped him of a unit leadership role days before the shootings.

Sgt. Daniel Coburn testified that 2nd Lt. Ilario Pantano forced him to take on a radio operator's job after finding part of Coburn's squad relaxing near abandoned buildings that hadn't been properly secured.

Pantano then elevated a lower-ranking Marine to take Coburn's job as squad leader. Coburn testified earlier this week that he was present when Pantano opened fire on the two men in April 2004 after ordering a search of a car they had driven away from the suspected hide-out in Iraq.

Communist Vietnam celebrates anniversary

HOC CHINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) — Communist Vietnam marked the 30th anniversary of the war's end with a colorful parade of floats — some emblazoned with American business logos — down the same boulevard where North Vietnamese tanks rolled to victory against a U.S.-backed government.

Hundreds of aging veterans, their chests decked with medals, watched from the sidelines as uniformed soldiers and costumed dancers waving red national flags marched toward the Reunification Palace. The legendary Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, military architect of the war, was

among them, standing alongside Vietnam's President Tran Duc Luong.

Minh, Vietnam's late revolutionary leader, overlooked the parade route and adjoining streets.

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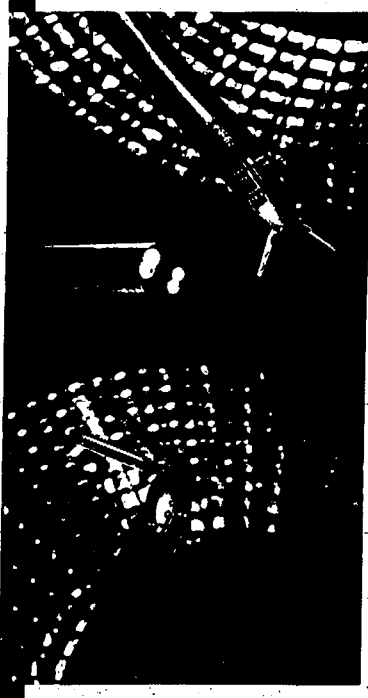
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NATION

Treasury duck hatches ducklings

WASHINGTON (AP)— Break out the cigars. The Treasury ducklings are hatching.

The brown mallard duck, which became Washington's newest tourist attraction a block away from the White House, began hatching her ducklings Saturday afternoon.

For the curious tourists gathered around her enclosure, there wasn't a lot of activity to see because the hatching was occurring underneath her.

"The hen is sitting on the baby ducklings to incubate them because they are born wet and cold," Treasury Department spokesman Taylor Griffin explained. The Secret Service uniformed division, which normally guards the president and other dignitaries, has been protecting the duck and her nest since she laid her eggs in early April, keeping the mother duck safe from throngs of tourists who stopped to snap pictures.

They installed metal guardrails around the nest, which just happened to be in a mulch pile around a tree at the main entrance to the Treasury Department, which is next door to the White House. They extended the protected area as the watching crowds grew in size.

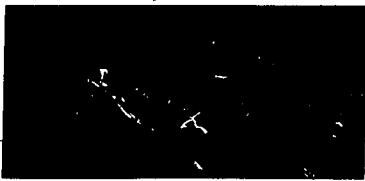
The duck's image appeared in newspapers around the world and she was also featured on a number of national television news programs. Through it all, she stuck to her job of sitting on the eggs, seemingly oblivious to all the activity around her.

The duck, who was given various nicknames by Treasury employees from "Quacks Reform" to "F-Bill" and "Duck Cheney," even became involved in financial events when anti-globalization protesters here for the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank staged a demonstration across the street from her nest.

Speakers called on the financial institutions to forgive the debt of the world's poorest

countries. One of their signs read, "Save the children, not just the duck."

Treasury officials said that after the duck and ducklings get a good night's rest, they will all be transported to one of the many urban parks in the Washington area and set free today.



A brown mallard duck is perched in her nest on top of her eggs, which hatched Saturday outside the U.S. Treasury Building.



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Man pleads guilty in travel expense case

WASHINGTON (AP)— A former deputy undersecretary for safe and drug free schools at the Education Department pleaded guilty to charging the government for personal travel, including trips to Texas where he continued working as a visiting judge while employed in Washington.

Eric Andell's fraudulent expenses on 14 trips from late 2002 to September 2003 were motivated in part by his desire to accrue service time toward receipt of a pension from the state of Texas, the Justice Department said Friday.

He faces up to one year in prison and has agreed to reimburse the federal government \$3,639.85. He will be sentenced July 29.

Andell, a former justice for the First Court of Appeals in Texas, made several trips to Houston where he acted as a visiting state judge, according to documents filed in the case.

Andell came to Washington as a senior adviser to then-Education Secretary Rod Paige, who appointed him to run the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

For several of the trips, Andell received his federal government salary as sick leave when in fact he was working and being paid as a visiting judge in the state of Texas," according to the court papers.

His federal expenses when he traveled to Austin, Texas, on Aug. 13, 2003 in order to seek appointment from the governor of Texas," according to the court documents, which provide no elaboration. The office of Republican Gov. Rick Perry said it could not confirm a meeting with Andell because the appointments office was already closed for the day.

Andell also went twice to New York where he took in Broadway shows, attended a Peter, Paul and Mary concert in Columbus, Ohio, attended football games in Houston and Detroit and was present for a gala at the University of Houston. These trips also involved filing of fraudulent expenses, according to the Justice Department.

All the trips involved at least some travel for personal purposes, the court documents stated.

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The day Saigon fell

Writer recalls end of Vietnam War

By George Esper
Associated Press writer

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — A modern sculpture of a mother holding her child lies in a small park in Ho Chi Minh City's Central Square today, symbolic of unity, not war.

At the former National Assembly building, workers were hurrying to prepare a stage to host celebrations for the big day — April 30, the 30th anniversary of the fall of the U.S.-backed Saigon government.

The red and yellow flag of Vietnam and red bunting heralding the communist regime's victory dot the boulevards and buildings once heavy with sandbags and barbed wire.

The Continental Hotel is busy as tourists feeding its market economy pour into its restaurant for breakfast before heading out into the lush countryside, safe from the deadly land mines and ambushes along the high ways.

Thirty years ago a rear guard of 11 U.S. Marines, their escape covered by tear gas and smoke grenades, jumped aboard a U.S. helicopter, the last remaining American troops to leave Vietnam. It ended a painful and divisive American era of involvement in Vietnam.

The last two Americans killed on Vietnamese territory, Marine Cpls. Charles McMahon Jr., 21, of Woburn, Mass., and Darwin Judge, 19, of Marshalltown, Iowa, died in a three-hour rocket and artillery attack on Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

The incoming teletype in the Associated Press bureau elicited of an urgent message from Wes Gallagher, then the president of the wire service, advising that a final helicopter might be returning.

"Any of you want to leave if it works out?" he asked of me and my colleagues, Peter Arnett and Matt Franjola.

"Thanks for your offer," I messaged back. "We want to stay, but have some nervous Vietnamese (who) want to get out, please.

FYI, the U.S. Embassy promised me they would take care of them, but in the chaos they were unable to get into the embassy to board helicopters."

No longer propped up by the U.S. military and unwilling to fight on, the Saigon government announced its surrender. South Vietnamese troops marched from their outposts on the outskirts of Saigon to stack their weapons.

I rushed down four flights of stairs from the AP bureau in the Eden Building to the central square to interview weary South Vietnamese soldiers and police officers. As I approached one officer, I could see his eyes were crazed with fear. He waved his arms wildly, yelling, "Fini Fini! The war is over, he said in French. We have lost."

As I took notes, his hand nervously flung his holstered pistol. I feared that he was going to shoot me, and, that after 10 years of covering the war for the AP I would die on this last day out of revenge. The South Vietnamese were angry the Americans had abandoned them to face the wrath of the victors.

The police officer did an about-face and saluted a war memorial statue of South Vietnamese marines in the park, pulling his pistol from his holster, raked it to his head and fired.

Within hours, North Vietnamese troops destroyed the memorial with sledgehammers, part of a campaign to remove the legacy of the Americans and their South Vietnamese allies. Today, on the same site, stands the sculpture of the mother holding her child. Saigon would be renamed Ho Chi Minh City, after the legendary communist hero.

A South Vietnamese mob stole dozens of embassy cars and looted the apartments of the Americans. Others yelled at the Americans, "We want to go, too," as they fired their rifles into the air.

"They were nothing more than hoods ... running around



An elderly Vietnamese woman takes a morning walk in a park near a portrait of former communist leader Ho Chi Minh in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, Wednesday, Vietnam celebrated the anniversary of the end of the war on Saturday.

with weapons, not even defending their own country," one of the 11 final Marines, Sgt. Maj. Terry Bennington, would say later.

Hundreds of South Vietnamese — stampeded the embassy and tried to scale its 14-foot wall to reach evacuation helicopters. U.S. Marines and civilians beat them back with their buns and rifle butts. Thousands of South Vietnamese deserted, fleeing with their families.

I had written about the nameless, faceless communist soldiers for 10 years, without ever seeing them except in death or as prisoners of war. On that day 30 years ago, two North Vietnamese soldiers walked into the AP office, showing us photos of their families and telling us how much they missed them and wanted to get home.

I thought to myself, American, South Vietnamese, North Vietnamese. We're all the same, feeling the same loneliness and not wanting to die. Yet the war had taken its toll: Nearly 60,000 American dead; nearly 22,000 South Vietnamese killed; 1.1 million communist fighters killed; and nearly 2 million civilians killed.

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NATION/WORLD

Army clears soldiers in death of Italian agent

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. Army has cleared American soldiers in the death of an Italian intelligence agent in Iraq and recommended no disciplinary action following an investigation, according to a report released Saturday.

The investigation concluded the killing may well have been prevented by better coordination between the Italian government and U.S. forces in Iraq.

Nicola Calipari was mistakenly shot on March 4 soon after he had secured the release of Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena from Iraqi militants who had held her hostage for a month. U.S. soldiers fired on the Italians' vehicle as it approached a U.S. checkpoint near Baghdad's airport. Sgrena and her Italian agent were wounded.

The U.S. investigation concluded the vehicle had failed to slow down as it approached the checkpoint and the soldiers who fired at it had acted in accordance with the rules of engagement.

"This was a tragic accident," investigating officer Brig. Gen. Peter Vangelj said in a statement expressing "deepest sympathies" to the agent's family.

The killing outraged Italians, who consider Calipari a national hero, and caused friction in U.S.-Italian relations. Italy and the United States said Friday they had failed to agree on the circumstances of the shooting and each side would release its own version of events.

The U.S. report found Italy had not informed U.S. forces of the rescue mission, adding "prior coordination might have prevented this tragedy."

Lt. Gen. John Vines, one of the top two commanders of U.S. forces in Iraq, has approved Vangelj's recommendation that no disciplinary action be taken against any soldier in the inci-

dent, the statement said.

Large sections of the report were blacked out in the version released to the media Saturday.

U.S. and Italian experts had worked for more than a month on a joint investigation into the killing.

But from the start, testimony from the two survivors clashed with the U.S. military's account.

The U.S. report maintained the soldiers fired warning shots in the air, then shot at the engine compartment because the car was speeding. The survivors insist they saw the beam of warning light virtually at the same time gunfire struck out.

The Italian experts were still writing up their report, which is expected to take a few days, a Foreign Ministry official said in Rome.

The ministry had no comment on the American report. But on Friday, Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini said Italy did not agree with the U.S. version of events.

The Italian government could not sign off a reconstruction of events that, in our opinion, does not capture 100 percent what happened," he said.



Giuliana Sgrena

Insurgents unleash day of bombings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents unleashed a second day of deadly bombings in Iraq's capital and beyond Saturday, staging a series of carefully coordinated and increasingly sophisticated assaults — that killed at least 65 over two days and appeared timed to deflate hopes in Washington and Baghdad that the installation of the nation's first democratically elected government would curb spiking violence.

At least 17 Iraqis and one U.S. soldier were killed in the blood-letting Saturday. The military also announced that six other U.S. soldiers had been killed and six wounded in Iraq since Thursday.

The U.S. Army, meanwhile, released a report clearing American soldiers in the death of an Italian intelligence agent in Iraq and recommending no disciplinary action. The agent was

escorting a released Italian hostage when American soldiers fired on their car.

The Italian Foreign Ministry had no comment on the American report. But on Friday, Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini said Italy did not agree with the U.S. version of events.

"The Italian government could not sign off a reconstruction of events that, in our opinion, does not capture 100 percent what happened," he said.

Italy was expected to release its own report on the shooting within days.

At least five car bombs rocked Baghdad on Saturday, the heart of the Iraqi government and American occupation. U.S. military spokesman Greg Kaufman said. Six more exploded in the northern city of Mosul, which also has seen frequent attacks.

U.S. and Iraqi officials had hoped to curb support for the

militants by including members of the Sunni Arab minority in a new Shiite-dominated Cabinet that will be sworn in Tuesday.

Sunnis, who held monopoly power during the rule of Saddam Hussein, are believed to be the backbone of Iraq's insurgency. Most stayed away from landmark Jan. 30 parliamentary elections — either in protest or out of fear of attack.

However, the lineup named by incoming Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari after months of political wrangling excluded Sunnis from meaningful positions and left the key defense and oil ministries — among other unfilled posts — in temporary hands.

Approval of the Cabinet Thursday was met with onslaught of bombings — including a number of highly coordinated suicide attacks — in the capital and elsewhere.

Saturday's attacks included a suicide bombing that targeted a joint U.S. military and Iraqi police patrol in western Baghdad, killing one Iraqi and wounding seven, including four policemen, police Maj. Mousa Abdul Karim said.

Minutes later, a second suicide bomber ploved into a civilian convey near the offices of the National Dialogue Council, a coalition of 10 Sunni Arab factions that was negotiating for a stake in the new government. The blast killed at least one council guard and injured 18 other Iraqis, said police Capt. Kadhim Abbas at al-Yarmouk Hospital.

A third suicide car bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol exploded near the Mohammed Rasoul Allah Mosque in eastern Baghdad, killing two Iraqi women and a girl, and seriously wounding four soldiers, police Lt. Col. Ahmed Aboud Elfiit said.

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Contracting firm faces allegations

Department of Defense cop and FBI agent alleged bilking of government

The Associated Press

His career in Baghdad was brief. And it ended badly. On a blistering July afternoon, three M16 submachine guns were pointed at Robert Isakson. The men carrying the weapons wanted his money and his security pass.

As Isakson tells it, they also wanted his guns, leaving him unarmed in a mess of a country and banned from its safest havens. "We were defenseless," says the former cop and FBI agent. He had come to Iraq to help rebuild the devastated country, accompanied by his 14-year-old son, Bobby. Now, after less than a month, they were being expelled at gunpoint.

By Americans. The gunmen and Isakson-all worked for Custer Battles LLC, a Rhode Island-based contracting firm now mired in lawsuits and a criminal investigation by the Pentagon. Isakson claims company employees ordered him out because he refused to help defund the U.S. government. It is one allegation on a long list.

Custer Battles security guards have also been accused of firing at unarmed civilians. They have been accused of crushing a car filled with Iraqi children and adults. They have been accused of unloading a haul of bullets in a Baghdad hotel, only to discover, when the dust literally settled, that they had been shooting at each other.

The company is under investigation by the Department of Defense for allegedly overcharging the government millions by making up invoices for work never done, equipment never received, and guards who didn't exist.

In September 2004, the company was banned from receiving government contracts



In this photo provided by Frank Willis, Willis, left, a senior Coalition Provisional Authority aviation and communications adviser from July through December 2003, and Darrell Trent stand in front of a pile of money at an undisclosed location in Baghdad in this 2003 file photo.

after Air Force investigators determined it "conspired to defraud the CPA" the Coalition Provisional Authority. Isakson and William "Pete" Baldwin, the former Iraq country manager for Custer Battles, filed a federal whistle-blower suit last year, accusing the company of war profiteering and defrauding the government of at least \$50 million.

The company rejects those claims. "Custer Battles strongly denies that any of its corporate management or officers knowingly engaged in any improper conduct," the firm said, responding to a list of detailed questions e-mailed by The Associated Press. The suit, it says, is the work of disgruntled employees.

Scott Custer and Michael Battles got their first government contract by sheer bravado. Sure, they could provide armed guards and security screeners at Baghdad International Airport. Absolutely, they could transport equipment and vehicles there. Sure, they could do it all in three weeks.

No matter that they had no experience. No matter, that

other established Pentagon contractors said the deadline was impossible. No matter that this was Iraq, just after the devastated country had fallen to invading coalition forces.

But the CPA, mandated to run Iraq on an interim basis, wanted the airport open pronto.

Calling themselves Custer Battles, the ex-Army Rangers formed a limited liability corporation before the invasion and let it be known in Washington, D.C., that they were looking to snap up rebuilding contracts.

Battles, who ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2002 as a Rhode Island Republican, was a former CIA case worker who claimed White House connections. Mutual friends introduced the entrepreneurs to Isakson, an Alabama businessman specializing in wartime and disaster-relief contracts. But less than a month after securing the \$16.8 million airport contract, Isakson says he was forced to leave.

Custer Battles is one of at least 60 private firms, collectively employing more than 20,000, living in a war zone. They have their own arms, their own vehicles, their own body armor. Some even have their own helicopters. Their security ranks include an assortment of aging warriors who believe they can still laugh at death.

At its apex, Custer Battles employed more than 700 people in Iraq working on projects worth at least \$100 million. But Custer Battles gained a certain reputation in Iraq. "Probably as gunslingers," a retired lieutenant colonel working for the firm told Chicago public radio last year. For security reasons, he gave his name only as Hank.

He described a Baghdad hotel gunfight that erupted not long after Custer Battles security agents landed. It was started by a rocket-propelled grenade attack. When the smoke cleared, the guards - who'd leaned out windows and fired more than 3,000 rounds in the middle of a residential neighborhood - realized they had been shooting at each other.

Experts conduct investigations on Kurdish mass grave site

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Investigators have uncovered a large grave in Iraq that may contain the bodies of 1,500 Kurds killed in the 1980s. It could produce evidence needed to prosecute ousted leader Saddam Hussein and his top lieutenants for mass killings during his regime.

International forensic experts this week examined the mass grave site in Samawa, on the Euphrates River, about 230 miles southeast of Baghdad. Many of those buried in the 18 trenches were believed to be Kurds killed in 1987 and 1988 during a scorched-earth campaign, said Gregg Nivala, from the U.S. government's Regime

Crimes Liaison Office. "These were not combatants," he said. "They were women and children." During the campaign known as Anfal, which means "spoils of war" in Arabic, hundreds of thousands of Kurds were killed or expelled from northern Iraq. The campaign included the gruesome 1988 chemical weapons attack on the Kurdish town of Halabja. The Saddam regime was carrying out a program of removing Kurds from the northern homeland and replacing them with Arabs. Many of the Kurdish victims were buried in Iraq's central and southern desert.

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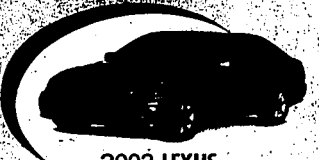


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Mistakes catch up to medical examiner

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — In the decades that Dr. Charles Harlan has performed autopsies and testified in court as an expert on death, the complaints have piled up, tempering with evidence, incompetence, bizarre personal behavior.

Asked for an official confirmation that someone had filed a case against a bank gruesome details about decomposition. A tenant renting a house from him found a jar of body parts in the laundry room and tissue samples stored in a chocolate box.

James Suttle spent five months behind bars because Harlan said he fatally stabbed his cousin.

"I'm sure there are some people sitting in that penitentiary because of him, because of his mess-ups," said Suttle, who won acquittal after spending thousands on his defense.

This past month, after two years of hearings, the state found Harlan guilty of 20 counts of misconduct and permanently revoked his medical license — the first time in his 40-year career that has happened to a medical examiner.

"I've been doing it 26 years, and I haven't had a member year and their license revoked," said Denise McNally, director of the Atlanta-based National Association of Medical Examiners.



Dr. Charles Harlan, former Tennessee medical examiner, testifies in a hearing before the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners in Nashville in this July 15 file photo.

One county medical examiner in New Jersey, Dr. Elliot Gross, didn't lose his medical license even though his

work in a 2001 investigation led to a police officer being wrongly charged with killing his wife. Gross, a former medical examiner in New York and Connecticut, was censured by the state, but he continues working in the field.

Harlan, 57, can continue to perform autopsies through his company, Forensic Pathology Associates Inc. in Nashville, as long as he doesn't sign reports as a doctor.

And he can continue testifying in court. The day after his license was revoked, Harlan testified about a fatal gunshot in a murder trial.

Harlan turned down requests for an interview, but his attorney, Dan Warlick, said the complaints stem from a feud started by Dr. Bruce Levy, Harlan's successor as state medical examiner.

Levy was the state's chief witness against Harlan but said he had nothing to do with the charges or the board's decision.

Among the complaints against Harlan was one from 1999, when a family needed to have a confirmation of death notice sent to a bank. Harlan responded by faxing a piece of paper with a short message: "M.L. is dead."

After a request for more information, he faxed another note: "M.L. is dead."

She is green and has maggots crawling on her.

Investigators also said a woman renting a house owned by Harlan found body parts in a jar and tissue samples in a chocolate box. Levy said the woman also found case files and crime scene photographs in the house.

In 1994, Harlan resigned as medical examiner for metro Nashville after three female employees sued him for sexual harassment. He pleaded no contest in 2002 after being charged with putting a tracking device on the car of a former female employee.

Harlan's lawyer, Warlick, said forensic pathologists as a group are different because they work odd hours with poor funding and deal with human tragedy on a daily basis. "They are all eccentric," Warlick said. "These are not the kind of physicians who become family practitioners or millionaire specialists."

But the charges against Harlan were about more than mere eccentricity. The state proved that he botched several autopsies that were part of criminal investigations.

Suttle blames sloppy work for the murder charges against him. While visiting friends and relatives

in Pulaski in 1999, Suttle spent a night with cousin Steve Hobbs. During the night, Hobbs staggered through the house and fell backward onto a glass-top coffee table.

Suttle's lawyer, Paul Bruno, said Harlan looked at the victim's back, then he called the investigators and said you have a homicide, you have a stab wound to the back. And that call was made prior to him conducting an autopsy.

The defense eventually showed that a rib Hobbs broke in a fight about a week before his death had punctured a lung, causing internal bleeding that triggered a seizure.

Suttle sued Harlan for damages, but a judge dismissed the case, saying Harlan acted in good faith.

Now the question is whether lifting Harlan's medical license will open the state up to appeals by people who were convicted on his testimony.

His attorney, Warlick, said there were people out there sitting in prison waiting to see if Dr. Harlan is incompetent. The state better be careful what it wishes for. Dr. Harlan isn't incompetent.

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Beach town lifts 30-year Speedo ban

CAPE MAY, N.J. (AP) — Come on in, Speedo man. The town lifted its ban on swimwear.

For more than 30 years, this quaint little Victorian-themed resort at the southern tip of New Jersey said no to "skintight, formfitting or bikini type" bathing attire on males over the age of 12.

For an ocean resort that once required men and women to swim at different times of day, wearing heavy woolen cover-ups and swimwear, it made sense to modernize.

It's a beach town, for God's sake," said Police Chief Diane Sorrentino. The town also agreed to lift a rule that stopped bare-chested men from strolling along the beachfront promenade.

Not that everyone's cheering. It's often the older guys — the ones with beer guts, or wrinkly skin, or unsightly tufts of hair — who wear the tiny swimsuits.

"The people you want to see in the Speedos, you don't," said Jimmie Creegler, a shop owner who works in a downtown lingerie store.

Locals who share the beaches with tourists said that despite the ban, the itty bitsy suits have been a common sight in summer, even though most surf shops and beachwear retailers here don't sell them.

"A lot of people do come in and say 'Do you carry Speedos?'" said Becky Fitzgerald, sales clerk at Bellini's General Store. "It's the 40- to 50-year-old group who ask. And it's funny, their bodies aren't the shape for Speedos."

The swimsuit ban was enacted in the 1960s in response to complaints about gay men who wore the suits on the beach, according to former mayor Robb Ewell, who writes a Cape May history column for a local newspaper.

But the ban was rarely if ever enforced, according to the city, which voted to amend its beach regulations last week.

City Administrator Luciano Corea Jr. said the skimpy swimsuit ban was largely unknown. There was no push to eliminate it, but doing so made sense, he said.

"We had no complaints, and we've never issued a summons for it, to my knowledge," said Corea. "Bathing suits were left in the books, it was never enforced anyway."

Vince Grimm, executive director of GABIES, Cape May County, a gay advocacy organization, said the ban was outdated and holds no particular significance for gays.

"We're not different than anyone else if they (the suits) are in style, we wear them," said Grimm.

Charlette Behler, owner of Sports 'n Stuff, which sells Speedos for \$25.95, said they're not among her top sellers.

She doesn't expect any big boom in sales this summer — or an explosion of skin on the beaches. Neither does Speedo, which says the men's brief-style suits make up only 1 percent of the Los Angeles-based company's sales.

"I could see that people may buy more, but I don't think it will be a huge dramatic change," said Speedo marketing manager Lesly Benko.

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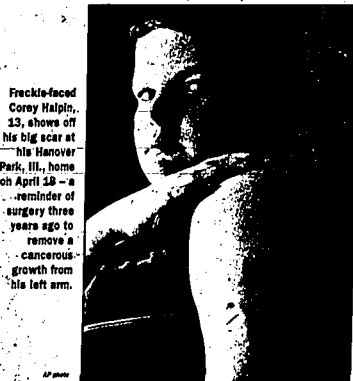


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Freckle-faced Corey Halpin, 15, shows off his big mole at his Hanover Park, Ill., home on April 18 — a reminder of surgery three years ago to remove a cancerous growth from his left arm.

Study: Obesity carries ever-rising risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the fat gets even fatter, their risk of death jumps, too, especially if they have an apple-shaped waistline. So concludes a study of 90,000 women in the United States, the first to look closely at the "alarming trend" of extreme obesity, being at least 90 pounds overweight. "People think of obesity as a single thing, but your risk can be modified within that," said lead researcher Dr. Kathleen McTigue of the University of Pittsburgh. She presented the study Saturday at a meeting of the American Heart Association. The good news is that losing even 20 pounds or so will help, she said. For the fattest women, "it would definitely improve your health prognosis if you can move yourself just one weight category over," McTigue said. About 60 percent of American adults are either overweight

or obese. The excess pounds increase the risk of diabetes, heart disease and other ailments. The government equates obesity with a body mass index, or BMI, of at least 30. Someone who is 5-foot-4 would have to weigh 175 pounds to reach that threshold. The index is calculated by dividing a person's weight in pounds by his height in inches, squared, and multiplying that total by 703. Doctors typically warn that obesity increases the risk of death twofold, mostly from heart disease. Recent studies suggest about 4 million Americans are extremely obese, with a BMI of at least 40. That translates into 233 pounds for that 5-foot-4 person. Does losing a little weight help once the obesity threshold is crossed or does it make radical slimming down a difference? McTigue culled data on 90,000

women enrolled in the Women's Health Initiative Observational Study, a major project that is examining a variety of health issues. She compared normal-weight women, who have a BMI below 25, with three categories of obesity: Class 1, a BMI of 30 to 34.9; Class 2, a BMI of 35 to 39.9; and Class 3, a BMI of 40 or higher. Of the women studied, 3.6 percent were extremely obese, including 3.1 percent of white women and 9.6 percent of black women. McTigue tracked the women's health over five years. White women with Class 1 obesity had a 19 percent greater risk of death in that period than did normal-weight women. The extremely obese had double the risk of death. For black women, "regular obesity" increased the risk of death by 36 percent, compared with a 60 percent increased risk for the extremely obese.

Much of that risk was due to diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Aggressive treatment of those conditions is particularly important for the very obese, McTigue said. Also, apple-shaped women had higher health risks than pear-shaped women, even at the same weight, she found. Abdominal fat long has been associated with heart disease. Genetics are most responsible for where the body stores fat, but McTigue's findings suggest that apple-shaped women "need to be more careful about your body weight than other people," she said. The study provides the most detailed look yet at the health risks of extreme obesity, offering crucial information as more people move into that once-rare category, said Catherine Loria, a nutritional epidemiologist at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Melanoma also occurs in kids, although rare

CHICAGO (AP) — At age 10, freckle-faced Corey Halpin had bigger things to think about like basketball and Boy Scouts than his little black mole he noticed on his arm while camping. At first, he thought it might be a tick. "I pushed it, but it didn't move, but it bled," he recalled. It wasn't until a few months later, during a spring 2002 visit to his pediatrician, that Corey casually asked his dad if he should mention the odd mole. That led to a referral to a specialist and alarming test results that caught even his doctors by surprise.

Melanoma, the most serious and potentially deadly form of skin cancer, was until recently almost unheard of in children, and it was a diagnosis that his family wasn't prepared for.

"My husband and I were scared to death" and so was Corey, said his mother, Marge Halpin.

Pediatric melanoma is still uncommon in children, affecting only 7 per million, or about 500, according to 2002 statistics from the National Cancer Institute. But that number has risen from 3 per million in 1982.

Dr. Charles Balch of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, who has specialized in melanoma for 30 years, saw his first pediatric case five years ago. Since then, Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he works, has treated about 20 youngsters, the youngest just 8 years old.

Dr. Anthony Mancini, dermatology chief at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, diagnosed Corey Halpin's melanoma and said he and his colleagues have treated eight cases in the past nine years, about double the number seen in the previous two decades.

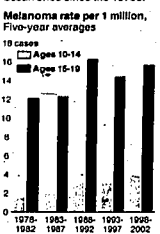
Recent studies also report increases in England, Sweden and Australia.

"There's an appropriate level of alarm here," Mancini said. "Clearly it's happening and it's deadly, and it's missed."

Some pediatricians who see unusual moles in children "would ordinarily dismiss this as nothing because melanoma

Cancer on the rise

While instances of melanoma in children are comparatively rare, studies show an increase in their occurrence since the 1970s.



SOURCE: National Cancer Institute, AP

is not supposed to happen in this age group," Balch said. "We all should be watching that; this can occur and biopsy suspicious or changing moles in children."

Balch said reasons for the increase are uncertain. Some doctors think it might be from depletion of the ozone layer, which protects the Earth from some of the sun's damaging ultraviolet radiation. Others attribute it to excessive sun exposure and blistering sunburns in early childhood, though some experts had thought it took much longer for skin damage from repeated sun exposure to develop into cancer.

"Melanoma prevalence has risen in adults, too — more than doubling in the past 30 years, according to the cancer institute. The American Cancer Society estimates that this year about 60,000 U.S. adults will be diagnosed with melanoma and that 7,700 will die from it."

Melanoma develops in skin cells called melanocytes, which produce the pigment that colors the skin's surface and protects deeper layers from sun damage. It is much more invasive and likely to spread to other parts of the body than other skin cancers.

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Navy probes allegations of religious discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy is investigating a chaplain's allegations he was punished for theological disagreements with superior officers, including his objections to requiring sailors to participate in services at a church that accepts homosexuality.

Lt. Gordon Klingenschmitt says he was transferred ashore and given a negative job recommendation because of the religious disagreements.

Other actions cited in Klingenschmitt's personnel records include disagreements with a Jewish sailor who wanted kosher meals and his preaching of sermons that some sailors viewed as proselytizing and intolerant.

"I'm shocked that senior chaplains would force their faith on sailors and on me," said Klingenschmitt, who was chaplain on the cruiser USS Anzio.

The Navy began an inspector general investigation Wednesday into Klingenschmitt's allegations, said Lt. Cmdr. Charles Owens, a spokesman for Naval Surface Forces Atlantic.

"Anything he's alleged will be investigated," Owens said Thursday. "If there's any substance to it, the legal process will take its course."

Klingenschmitt became a priest in the Evangelical Episcopal Church after spending 11 years as an Air Force officer. He said he transferred to the Navy and took a demotion from major to lieutenant to become a military chaplain.

Security concerns prompt redesign of U.S. passports

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—The State Department plans to improve technology that will be embedded in new U.S. passports after tests this month revealed that they could be vulnerable to identify theft.

Frank Moss, the State Department's deputy assistant secretary for passport services, said the agency will include new high-tech security features that will minimize the risk of identity theft, even if the change delays plans to start issuing the passports to new applicants later this year.

"We're going to take every step possible to make this passport as secure as we can," Moss said. "It might take more time and do it right than stick to an arbitrary deadline."

The agency's decision was a small victory for civil libertarians and privacy groups who for years had warned the State Department that its plans to embed passports with radio frequency identification (RFID) technology were flawed. Travel groups and European countries including Germany also warned of the technology's security vulnerabilities, and the State Department received more than 2,400 comments from the public—many of them critical.

Radio-frequency ID devices, known within the tech industry as "contactless smart cards," are

identifying Americans overseas and stealing their private information. Moss said earlier this month that there was only a slim chance that data on passport chips could be read from more than four inches away. Recent tests conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology concluded that he was wrong, he said. "We admit the chip, with a more powerful reader, can be read at a distance of 24 inches," Moss said.

The agency now plans to include metal inside U.S. passport jackets that will help shield the chip from being read by anyone except U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents. The data on the chip also will be encrypted, meaning that it must be scanned through a reader at an airport or a border to be read; it cannot simply be waved across an electronic reader. The additional security measures are not expected to result in any additional cost. The new system will be funded by fees paid by passport applicants.

Many critics such as the American Civil Liberties Union would prefer that the government not use RFID technology at all. The State Department said it wants to use it because it will be a standard around the world. Moss said earlier this month that the technology also will help to process visitors more quickly at borders and airports.

“We’re going to take every step possible to make this passport as secure as we can.”

— Frank Moss, deputy assistant secretary for passport services for the State Department

Pentagon: N. Korea may be able to arm missile with nukes

WASHINGTON (AP)—North Korea theoretically can mount a nuclear weapon on a long-range missile, a Pentagon spokesman said late Friday, providing more details than congressional testimony delivered a day earlier by a top intelligence official.

Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman said the military has no evidence that the communist nation has actually put such a warhead atop a missile that could travel many thousands of miles.

If it can, it would mark a significant advance in Pyongyang's ability to threaten the United States at a time when the two countries are at a standstill over U.S. efforts to curtail North Korea's nuclear program.

On Thursday, Defense Intelligence Agency chief Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby told a Senate committee that North Korea can arm a missile with a nuclear device. He had left unclear, however, whether he was referring to a long-range missile, nor did he specify whether he believed North Korea had already done so.

The Pentagon statement, issued Friday evening, marked its latest attempt to explain and in part soften Jacoby's testimony. It pointedly used the term "theoretical capability" to describe North Korea's capacity to produce a nuclear-armed missile. On Thursday, Jacoby had said he believed they have the capability to do that.



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DANGEROUS DUTY

Cases of officers killed by their own guns likely will not change policies

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The headlines have been grim for law enforcement.

Over a recent six-week period, a handful of officers from Rhode Island to Illinois had their guns taken from them after they allegedly were overpowered by suspects or inmates. In each case, the ending was deadly.

The incidents have shaken departments and raised questions about safety procedures. But some law enforcement experts say not much will change — and shouldn't. Despite the latest tragedies, they say there's no evidence that basic procedure is failing officers.

"You do not write policies to deal with the extreme," said Michael Brady, an expert in police procedures in the Administration of Justice department at Salve Regina University in Newport. "The one thing the incidents do have in common is that they are a reminder of how dangerous police work is."

On March 11, Brian Nichols, a defendant on trial for rape in Atlanta allegedly overpowered a courthouse deputy, took her gun and killed four people, including two law enforcement officers. A little over a month later, a Providence detective was killed with his own weapon while interviewing a suspect at police headquarters.

Folger in Augusta, Ga., killed an inmate who led on April 21 after overpowering a state corrections officer and taking his



Murder suspect Brian Nichols is led to a waiting vehicle by an unidentified police officer at the FBI office in Atlanta in this March 12 file photo. He is accused of going on a courthouse rampage after taking a deputy's gun.

gun, authorities said. Two days later, a man under arrest in Spring Valley, Ill., wrestled away an officer's gun and beat him with it. The suspect then fatally shot himself, police said.

"It's one too many when it happens," Brady said. "But if you look nationwide, the frequency of a police officer's gun being taken by a suspect is extremely rare."

There are no national statistics on how many times officers' guns are taken away. But the FBI says that of the 616 law enforcement officers killed on duty by criminals from 1994 through 2003, 52 were killed with their own weapon, amounting to 8 percent.

"What's remarkable is that it doesn't happen more often," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the national Fraternal Order of Police, the nation's largest union for law enforcement officers.

aged woman going into the hospital who stopped him as he was leaving it.

"The woman stepped right into my face and said, 'Me too. Lung cancer.' Instinctively, immediately, we gave each other a hug — a real hug — and went on our respective ways knowing that we had been strengthened by the connection."

Jennings, the longest-running anchor of the three network evening newscasts, announced the news of his illness in a husky-voiced taped message to viewers that aired April 5.

He said he had quit smoking about 20 years ago, but picked up the habit again after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Jennings begins battle with lung cancer

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — ABC News anchor Peter Jennings thanked well-wishers Friday in a moving letter that opened a window into his battle with lung cancer.

"Yesterday I decided to go to the office," he wrote. "I got as far as the bedroom door. Chemo strikes."

Jennings, 66, suggested the rigors of chemotherapy have been rougher than he expected. He mentioned that Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, "wrote me a note to say that the only way to get through chemo is to 'work your way through it.'"

"He's a tougher man than I am," Jennings wrote ruefully. He added, "I assume there are a few others out there who, like me, are going with the flow until the day gets better."

Jennings had planned to continue anchoring during his treatment, but last delivered the news April 1.

In the letter, posted on ABC's Web site and portions of which were read on the air at the end of "World News Tonight," Jennings thanked supporters and said he's been "spilled rotten" by friends and strangers alike.

"Your anecdotes, mementos, home recipes and general all-purpose guidance and concern have all been so deeply appreciated. I hope you know," he singled out the middle-

aged woman going into the hospital who stopped him as he was leaving it.

"The woman stepped right into my face and said, 'Me too. Lung cancer.' Instinctively, immediately, we gave each other a hug — a real hug — and went on our respective ways knowing that we had been strengthened by the connection."

Jennings, the longest-running anchor of the three network evening newscasts, announced the news of his illness in a husky-voiced taped message to viewers that aired April 5.

He said he had quit smoking about 20 years ago, but picked up the habit again after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Bush continues Social Security campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's 60-day nationwide road show launched to raise support for his drive to create private Social Security investment accounts is over, but he has no plans to stop traveling the country or pitching his ideas.

For one thing to talk up, Bush has his new proposal to fix most of Social Security's long-term fiscal problems by cutting benefits now promised to "future retirees" in all but the lowest income brackets.

He also still has significant work to do on his personal accounts proposal, which he says would encourage individual ownership and offer the prospect of better returns for retirees.

Despite making that argu-

ment for months, recent polls have found public support declining, with a majority now opposing that approach. Democrats in Congress remain nearly unanimous against it. And with even some Republicans wary, there has been little progress legislatively.

Still, the president claimed progress Saturday.

"We have entered a new phase in this discussion," he said in his weekly radio address. On Tuesday, Bush plans a stop at a Nissan plant in Canton, Miss., to continue the Social Security conversation. It will mark the 24th state in which he has held Social Security events since he put the issue atop his domestic agenda in his Feb. 2 State of

the Union address. Official Social Security estimates predict that the costs of paying out benefits will begin to exceed income from payroll taxes in 2017, and that the program's trust fund will be entirely depleted in 2041. At that point, the government would be obliged to cut benefits for all recipients in order to continue to disburse Social Security checks unless some action is taken earlier to address the shortfall.

Bush unveiled his idea for bridging Social Security's coming fiscal gap at a news conference Thursday, saying he supports an approach that would tilt the system conference more toward lower-income retirees.

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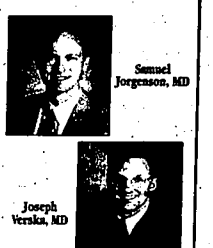
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WORLD

Airstrike in Afghanistan kills militants and civilians

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Warplanes attacked a rebel camp in a Taliban-ruled province of central Afghanistan, killing three civilians including a child as well as four suspected militants, the U.S. military said Saturday.

In another sign of instability, protesters in the western city of Herat shouted anti-American slogans and demanded the return of an ousted regional strongman, a day after a woman and her daughter were shot dead in unrest.

The airstrike by U.S.-led coalition forces Friday came during a recent spate of anti-American protests in Urzgan province, the U.S. military said.

Four militants, an Afghan woman, an Afghan man and a child were killed, the statement said. Two more children were wounded and taken to a U.S. base for treatment, it said.

Afghan officials and human rights groups have complained repeatedly about civilian casualties in American-led military operations, saying heavy-handed tactics could stoke sympathy for militants who have maintained a stubborn insurgency since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

American commanders insist they try to avoid hurting civilians and accuse militants of using villagers and passers-by for protection.

Among recent incidents involving civilian casualties was a March 22 freight train in Farkhta province which left seven people dead, including two children and a woman. A suspected militant and two other insurgents were also killed.

Women shoot at tour bus

Bomber wounds seven as violence revives in Egypt



Egyptian soldiers surround the site where two women opened fire at a tour bus and at least one of them was shot dead by area guards, in Cairo, Saturday, two hours after a primitive bomb blast near the Egyptian museum in Cairo.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Two veiled women shot at a tour bus, and a man — the brother of one shooter and the fiancé of the second — threw himself up as he leapt off a bridge during a police chase Saturday. All three attackers died and seven people, four of them foreigners, were wounded in an apparent revival of violence against Egypt's vital tourism industry.

The attacks occurred within two hours and at locations just 2.5 miles distant.

Those wounded by the explosion in the center of Cairo included an Israeli couple, a Swedish man and an Italian woman, along with three Egyptians.

Two Egyptians were wounded in the shooting, which targeted a bus-bound ward one of Cairo's most prominent historic Islamic sites.

Egyptian authorities deny militant groups have returned to violence and said Saturday's attacks were a result of its crackdown on a small militant cell it says carried out an April 7 suicide bombing in a Cairo tourist bazaar that killed two French tourists and an American.

But the attacks deepened fears that militants are launching a new round of violence in Egypt, which saw a bloody outbreak by Islamic extremists in the 1990s. After that campaign was suppressed, the country saw a lull in violence until October when near simultaneous bomb blasts in two Sinai resorts killed 34 people. Then, on April 7, a suicide bomber targeted foreigners

near the crowded Khan el-Khalili tourist bazaar in Cairo, killing two French citizens and an American. Eighteen people were wounded.

Tourism is Egypt's biggest foreign currency earner, and the industry had made a strong recovery after the 1990s violence.

The Interior Ministry said Saturday's bombing was a result of the police roundup of those behind the Khan el-Khalili attack. It said police earlier in the day captured two suspects — Ashraf Saeed Youssef and Gamal Ahmed Abdel Aal — in connection with that attack and were chasing a third, Ehab Youssef Yassin, on a highway overpass when he jumped off, setting off the rail-filled bomb.

The two women who carried out the shooting attack were identified as Negat Yassin, the bomber's sister, and Inan Ibrahim Khanis, his fiancée, both in their 20s. They carried out the shooting on the tourist bus in revenge for Yassin's

death, then shot themselves, the ministry said. Women are not known to have carried out past attacks in Egypt.

Two militant groups posted Web statements claiming responsibility for the twin attacks — the Mujahedeen of Egypt and the Abdullah Azzam Brigades.

Neither claim's authenticity could be verified. The Abdullah Azzam Brigades said Saturday's violence was in revenge for the arrests of thousands of people in Sinai after the October bombings there. The group claimed responsibility for those attacks as well. Egyptian authorities have said the October attack was connected to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, not domestic politics.

Saturday's blast went off in a crowded square between an exclusive hotel on the banks of the Nile and the Egyptian Museum, near a bus station that was relatively empty because of a holiday weekend.

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Rice delivers pro-democracy speech in wary Latin America

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Conflicting priorities, perceptions of neglect by Washington and unease about U.S. policies in Iraq and elsewhere have caused the United States and Latin America to drift apart.



Condoleezza Rice

The strains help explain the effort by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, during stops in four countries in the region last week, to revitalize the relationship. She pledged that the Bush administration would work as partners with Latin American countries to make their governments more honest, effective and accountable.

"The United States is committed to the success of democracy in Latin America," Rice said in a visit to Brazil's capital.

"Do not lose your hope. Do not lose your courage. And most of all, do not turn your back now," Rice said, directing her words at the tens of millions of Latin Americans who have yet to benefit from two decades of democracy in the region.

After her trip to Brazil, Colombia and El Salvador, it is not clear whether

Latin Americans have a different perception of the United States.

The U.S.-Latin American relationship reached a low point during President Bush's first term. The U.S.-led invasion of Iraq revived memories of the "gunboat diplomacy" era of U.S.-Latin American relations of a century ago. In addition, there was deep concern in Latin America by the failure to find doomsday weapons in Iraq, undercutting the U.S. rationale for invading.

Disclosures of prisoner abuse by U.S. soldiers in Iraq and elsewhere added to the strains. Three Central American countries and the Dominican Republic did provide troops for nation-building efforts in Iraq. Except for a contingent from El Salvador, all those troops have returned home. No similar offers came from South America.

With U.S. foreign policy focused on terrorism and nuclear proliferation, little attention is paid to Latin America's priorities.

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EDITORIAL

Vending machines a bad mix with school cafeterias

Mum, school lunch. The memories come flooding back don't they? Pigs in a blanket were never as appealing as they were after a grueling morning of long division and memorizing "Here We Have Idaho."

Your kids' school cafeteria hasn't changed too much over the years. The brown-bagging crowd still swags food items. The lunch ladies are still the kindest people you'll ever meet in halls. And for the most part, a school lunch is packed with good nutrition.

Our view: Local school districts squander their nutritional progress by selling vending machine snacks to students.

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

enforce its rules prohibiting the sale of pop, candy and snacks in school cafeterias during meals. That warning has for the most part been ignored.

At the junior high and high school levels, students are spending more of their daily lunch money on the sweet, empty calories rather than a nutritional lunch. Many schools rely on these vending machines for an additional revenue to fund other programs.

Turning away from that money is especially hard for public schools that struggle to pay for programs with tight budgets. But when schools sell both in the same lunch hour, they send a conflicting message. The contradiction is most salient among high school students who are developing lifetime eating habits.

Eating junk food is only part of the problem. Physical education is now less of a priority in the higher grades of public education. Elementary and junior high kids still have recess and PE classes to fun off the carbs. But at the high school level, where students are on the verge of adulthood, PE is being dropped like a bad prom date. In the age of "No Child Left Behind" and rigorous testing, the pendulum has swung toward math, English and science skills, and away from physical health. But at what cost?

Teaching a generation of kids to score well on the ACT and compete on a global scale is an admirable pursuit. But if students don't also adhere to healthy habits of nutritious diet and exercise, they may not live long enough to enjoy their success.

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LETTER

Churches have their right to deliver a message

For one thing, shame on *The Times-News* for turning a story about a poor soul found dead at the foot of a cross into an advertisement for them, listing their rates and paid utilities and cable. And secondly, this is for Mrs. Bravender. It sounds like you are a little defensive. Just last week, I found a card on my door left by a missionary wanting me to call a number for a free copy of a videotape. Is that any different than what we are

doing? I wasn't offended. I just called the number and said that, but not to them. You can make your own decisions, but at least you were given the opportunity to hear what we had to say. Just like we are given an opportunity to hear what missionaries have to say. And if one person is led to the Lord from those videotapes, then the cost of making those videos was well worth it. Now that's uplifting a community! BOBBY HAINLINE Jerome

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Do us a favor, dump filibusters

Democrats are making a mistake by opposing filibuster reform. By opposing the proposal of Sen. Bill Frist, the political pundit and majority leader to prohibit filibusters against judicial nominees, Democrats will miss a massive opportunity to reform one of the most outdated and anti-majoritarian practices in American politics. And, as liberal Democrats who attacked the Electoral College after the 2000 election reminded us, majoritarian democracy can be a good thing.

If Democrats are searching for a reason to support filibuster reform, they can look at their own history. In the 1960s and early 1970s, liberal Democrats and Republicans attacked the filibuster as anti-democratic, inefficient and a symbol of legislative intransigence. Liberals in the earlier post-World War II period were even holder in their aspiration.

Their goal was to transform the Senate into a strictly majoritarian institution where a simple majority of senators could end a filibuster and pass a piece of legislation.

Late in the 1950s, liberal giants in both parties, such as Hubert H. Humphrey, Jacob K. Javits and H. Douglas, Joseph S. Clark and Walter F. Mondale made filibuster reform a top priority. It became so important that the NAACP and other organizations in the 1950s placed committee and filibuster reform at the top of their agenda.

This struggle culminated in 1975, when Republican President Nelson Rockefeller intervened in Senate deliberations and allowed the reform to pass. That year, the NAACP did not obtain a strictly majoritarian system, senators made it easier to end a filibuster by requiring that three-fifths, rather than two-thirds, of the Senate be needed to obtain cloture (the process by which a fil-



JULIAN ZELIZER

Writing for *The New Republic*, Sen. Douglas explained that the filibuster reform may seem to be "a barren and arid matter of parliamentary procedure. It involves, however, the whole question as to whether Congress will be able to pass civil-rights legislation."

The filibuster, according to its critics in the 1950s and 1960s, was a major reason that the executive branch gained power over the legislative branch.

They argued that the inefficiency of the filibuster facilitated the "imperial" power of the presidency. Given that a supermajority - that is, 60 votes - is needed to pass legislation, Senate deliberations are an agonizing process. Minnesota's Walter Mondale lamented to colleagues that filibusters "impair the ability of the institution to function."

Liberals of the postwar period also liked to remind colleagues that the filibuster symbolized what many Americans disliked about their legislative branch. A moderate

Republican, Robert Packwood of Oregon, pointed out that the filibuster was the favorite media example of how Congress did not work.

He was right. In 1964, CBS correspondent Roger Mudd reported outside the Senate every night with a clock superimposed next to his face to symbolize how long it was taking the Senate to reach a decision.

Filibuster reform has a rich liberal tradition. Although liberal Democrats might lose some key judicial battles as a result of filibuster reform, the change proposed by Republicans would make the Senate more responsible to the majority of Americans. In the long run, it would bring the Senate more in line with 21st-century understandings of democracy.

Julian E. Zelizer, a professor of history at Boston University and the author of "On Capitol Hill: The Struggle to Reform Congress and Its Consequences, 1945-2000" (2004), is a writer for *The History News Service*.

Band instructor's influence hits high note

My name is Jett Hall, and I am writing to you from Boy Scouts. What I'm writing about is seventh-grade band school, and it is very fun. I play a baritone, and I have learned to play it well. Mr. Borz is the reason I learned so well. A great band teacher who will help you in any way he can. I have an honor to participate in. This is the reason why I wrote on band. I hope all those who are reading this will support O'Leary Junior High seventh-grade band and others. JETT HALL Twin Falls

Cat neuter-and-release plan works great

Regarding your editorial on the Trap-Neuter-Release method in Jackpot, Nev., I applauded all the volunteers, veterinarians, students and all who helped do it. They deserve a medal!

TNR has research and data from the last 18 years to support its success. It has been a proven method of feline control in many cities across the United States and foreign countries alike. If every community in the Magic Valley did TNR, there wouldn't be a cat problem and cats would be euthanized in animal shelters.

We do need some cats living outdoors for mice, etc. It's also a good idea to have a reason for decreasing blind and wildlife. Man encroaching into their habitat to build subdivisions and shopping malls are the No. 1 culprit. Rarely do abandoned cats or feral cats stalk and attack humans. Most scratches and bites are from cats or kittens being handled improperly, and most of them are domestic house cats. As for the feeding of TNR cats, I know many kind-hearted people who were feeding feral cats before they were neutered, and they continue to feed them after they're returned from a TNR program. Please do not stop. Thank you and appreciation enough for all those who helped with the Jackpot TNR. It would suggest all of you who are opposed to TNR to get

the facts by reading the data and viewing video tapes on TNR. I would be happy to lend them to anyone! Call or write me.

People who sit on their duffs and do nothing but criticize people who are trying to do something are certainly no purr-fect solution either. People just aren't getting it. About spaying and neutering cats. Perhaps it's time for city and county governments to step in and implement mandatory spaying and neutering ordinances.

KAREN KRAMER

Female
(Editor's note: Karen Kramer has owned Kramer Kanne, a pet-grooming facility, for the past 16 years and has been a Jerome Animal Shelter volunteer for the past six years. She is a Jerome Pet Pals Board member and served on the former Jerome Mayor's Animal Advisory Group.)

Remember contribution of Vietnam veterans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are designing a Vietnam War Memorial in Vietnam and in southeast Asia during the war. During the Vietnam War, 10,000 women served in Vietnam. Close to 90 percent were nurses in the Army Navy and Air Force - all of our brave volunteers. The service of our armed forces reflected the true dedication they held to America, to freedom and to human rights. Vietnam veterans will tell you they fought for one reason: freedom.

Vietnam veterans often bore the brunt of a nation angry and divided by the war. Despite being treated with disrespect and derision upon returning home, they were treated by a nation that appreciated their more than honorable service. Vietnam veterans proudly knew they fought the good fight, and their cause was just.

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type sometimes depicted by Hollywood and in the media, the majority of those who served in Vietnam returned home and put the war behind them. Some became doctors or lawyers. Some became teachers or social workers. Some chose to run for political office. All in all, they made a decision to make a difference, to do what they could to make the world better.

The contributions Vietnam veterans have made to American society are endless. They deserve nothing but respect and admiration for their dedication to service and country.

As a Vietnam veteran, I say "well-done" to my brothers and sisters in uniform both locally and overseas. For those wishing to continue serving, please contact me about membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 733-8642 or e-mail thecheff@cablone.net. I look forward to making your acquaintance.

BOB JACKSON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Bob Jackson is the past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Henry D. Lytle Post 2135.)

Funeral procession policy should continue

It is my understanding that the Twin Falls City Police Department is considering to serve as escorts for funeral processions as of May 1. This bothers me greatly.

Firstly, I feel that this is one of the great services still offered in our ever-growing town. Larger cities do not do this because of the sheer lack of respect by citizens of the community. I don't see that we have that problem here. Secondly, I think it is the duty of the police department to ensure traffic safety. Without flashing lights and someone with authority to direct traffic, a procession could become quite hazardous.

Thirdly, I am always impressed when a passing hearse or limousine is saluted by an officer. I think the respect value that the police department shows by hearse processions is a wonderful way to show their concern for the community and those that live in it. I understand that officers are

busy and I think families would be not understanding if they were not always available. I am not sure if a funeral escort service is an option, but I also know that they charge a significant amount of money to perform the task. I don't think it right that a family who has just lost a loved one should have to pay money to ensure a service that is a mystery by funeral attendees.

I think a big mistake is being made by this decision and that the community is losing a great service by its police department.

DONNA COX
Twin Falls

Local station filed with local advertising dollars

After reading the letter submitted by Mr. Phil Auld of Berger, I was somewhat miffed. I am confused by the local NBC affiliate in Twin Falls. I think it right that a family who has just lost a loved one should have to pay money to ensure a service that is a mystery by funeral attendees.

I think a big mistake is being made by this decision and that the community is losing a great service by its police department. DONNA COX Twin Falls

I would prefer to keep our hospital locally owned; however, I don't see how because of the already dollar value of their claim is the "American way." Are you aware of how many people go to Boise or out of state for medical care? The money spent out of this area for medical care does not come back to local. If the hospital were to sell, it would open the door for more and possibly better medical care options. Mountain States Turner Institute already operates out of the hospital. It is located in Boise. Hinnmm. Do you spend your money in Idaho? Do you want your money support local Berger economy? LISA CUELLAR Twin Falls

Democrats aim for governor seats

New Jersey and Virginia are the only states electing governors this year, but for very different reasons, those contests have unusual national importance. The New Jersey election could help create a Democratic power bloc of big-state governors rivaling the influence of the Republican grip on key Sunbelt states. And Virginia not only tests the GOP's hold on the South, but directly influences the prospects of a pair of potential presidential candidates.

Virginia still clings to a one-term limit on its governors, and Democrat Mark Warner is leaving after a successful four-year run, which has seen the state climb out of a financial hole, add thousands of jobs and notably improve its education system.

The contest to succeed Warner pits Democratic Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine against former Republican Attorney General Jerry Kilgore. Kilgore has minor op-



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position in the GOP primary but a potentially more serious problem with state Sen. H. Russell Forns Jr., a maverick Republican, running as an independent in November.

Virginia was part of President Bush's sweep of Dixie last November when the South also elected five new Republican senators to formerly Democratic seats. The Kaine-Kilgore race will signal whether the momentum of those victories continues. Should Warner be able to help Kaine keep the governorship in Democratic hands, it would enhance Warner's growing reputation as a potential for the 2008 national ticket. Warner has won plaudits as the

current chairman of the National Governors Association, one of the steppingstones in Bill Clinton's rise to the presidency. But he needs to demonstrate, through a successful effort for Kaine, that he was more than a brief deviation in Virginia's Republicanism.

On the other side, Kilgore has the backing of the state's former Republican governor, Sen. George Allen, a personable conservative campaigner who built his national reputation as last year's successful chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. A Kilgore victory would be another feather in Allen's 2008 cap.

In New Jersey, which is normally a Democratic state, odd circumstances have created an opening for the first truly imposing Democrat in decades to win the governorship. He is Jon Corzine, now a U.S. senator and previously the chairman and chief executive of Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street invest-

ment bank.

In 2000, Corzine as a novice candidate spent \$60 million of his own fortune to win an upset victory in the Senate primary and general election. Now 58 and with high approval ratings, he would normally be preparing for a relatively easy re-election campaign in 2006.

But Democratic Gov. James McGreevey was forced to step down last year after revealing a homosexual affair with a man he had appointed to state office, and Acting Gov. Richard Codey, a veteran legislator, was viewed as vulnerable to Republican challenge.

So Corzine stepped in and instantly became a favorite over anyone who emerges from the multi-candidate Republican field. Corzine's name surfaced recently on tapes made of George Norcross III, an influential Democratic power broker, whose political action committee had benefited from Corzine's largesse and who claimed in the

landslide recording to be influential with the senators.

But Republicans have a way to go to dent Corzine's reputation for independence, and he has put forward a "reform" package that he says would substantially reduce the possibility of any New Jersey governor handing out jobs and contracts to political friends.

In an interview, Corzine said that as a business executive, he is excited by the prospect of running a major state, showcasing "what a progressive politician with a commitment to fiscal responsibility can do."

With New York's Democratic Attorney General Eliot Spitzer leading the 2006 gubernatorial polls in that state (and growing doubts whether incumbent Republican Gov. George Pataki will even run for re-election), Democrats can foresee the possibility of a pair of highly aggressive, politically sophisticated and business-savvy governors leading those

two states in the 2008 campaign.

Toss in Pennsylvania's Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell, a former Democratic National Committee chairman and an early favorite for re-election in 2006, and the Democrats would have a bloc of Northeastern political powerhouses whose combined weight would come close to matching that of the Republican governors of California, Florida and Texas — the anchors of the GOP Sunbelt strategy.

Democratic incumbents will also be running next year in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, all of which were won by John Kerry last year, so the party could have a second regional base from which to rally in 2008. But for now the spotlight will be on Virginia and New Jersey, and Democrats like their chances in both states.

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Congressional hypocrisy is well-traveled

"I'm a traveler, I've made a lot of stops, all over the world..." — Ricky Nelson

It is no excuse to say "everybody does it" if what everybody is doing is unlawful, but in the case of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who has been singled out by Democrats for criticism because of trips he has taken that were, in some cases, apparently paid at least in part by lobbyists, the party that's pointing a finger at DeLay ought to look at all of those fingers pointing back at Democrats.

A study by PoliticalMoneyLine (www.politicalmoneyline.com) has found that during the last Congress, the \$16 million in congressional travel paid for by private funds, more than half (almost \$8.8 million) came from tax-exempt organizations which receive funds from others. One of the raps on DeLay is that some of his trips, including one to Russia in 1997, were reportedly underwritten by lobbyists, but through a non-profit organization. DeLay has said he had no knowledge of lobbyists funding such trips, which might have violated House ethics rules.

According to the study by PoliticalMoneyLine, many of the organizations paying for congressional travel are tax-exempt entities and are not required to disclose to the public in the IRS form 990 reports they must file. The study found that during the five-year period surveyed, House and Senate Democrats took more trips (5,410) than Republicans (2,375). Altogether, 605 members of both houses took trips with Rep. James Sensenbrenner, Wisconsin Republican and Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; the number on average taking 19 trips each at \$168,000. By contrast, DeLay was 28th on the list with 14 trips valued at \$94,568.

Rep. James Ford Ford can claim the prize for most trips (63), but Ford's less expensive domestic travel totaled just



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\$61,000. The top two organizations that paid for congressional travel, according to PoliticalMoneyLine, were the Aspen Institute (\$2,897,602) and the Ripon Society (\$694,042), both ideologically liberal organizations.

After Sensenbrenner, the next four members spending the most on travel were Democrats Gene Green of Texas, John Breaux of Louisiana, Robert Wexler of Florida and Maurice Hinchey of New York. No Democrats has raised questions about any of these because their target is DeLay, probably the most effective Majority Leader since the days when Democrats used to rule.

DeLay resists and often thwarts the Democrats' agenda. Since he continues to win re-election, Democrats are trying to take him down using their scandal machine.

There's plenty more in the report that bears investigation if Democrats are serious about "exposing" ethically questionable travel. Over 127 travel reports filed by members listed no destinations. Twenty reports listed no trip sponsor. One hundred and six reports listed no cost figures. Fifty-one reports showed no purpose for the travel. Four reports failed to show any travel dates. No wonder some members, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, have rushed to file amended reports. An aide acknowledged that Pelosi had not reported a 2004 trip to South Korea, but only after a Washington Post reporter inquired about it. The aide, said the Post, filed a full disclosure form "a few hours after the newspaper inquiry" and sent a note

to the ethics committee which said, "I did not know I was supposed to file these forms and I apologize for its inaction."

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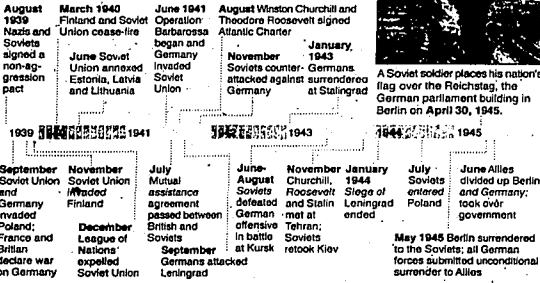
Russia celebrates its 1945 war victory

One year later, EU newcomers split on whether lives improved

Some question strategies but not the goals

'The Great Patriotic War'

Moscow will host celebrations May 9 marking the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. Much of "The Great Patriotic War," as it is called in Russia, claimed millions of lives and was fought on Russian soil, then the Soviet Union.



SOURCE: Atlas of World History

MOSCOW (AP) — After last adjustments to the bride's white gown and veil, the couple climbed a few steps and laid flowers at the foot of the soaring obelisk commemorating the victims and veterans of World War II.

"We came here because we are grateful to them for everything, that exists today — for the fact that we exist today," said Yevgeny Isakov, 22, walking hand-in-hand with Olga, 22, his bride.

In a country where 80 percent or more of the populace are descended from war veterans, a visit to monuments such as this is still a rite of passage for Russian newlyweds 60 years after the war ended.

As Moscow prepares a May 9 celebration to be attended by President Bush and dozens of other foreign leaders, "The Great Patriotic War" handed down through three generations, is still very much alive in Russian memories.

With the Soviet Union gone, Russian scholars are free to make more frank assessments of the war, dictator Josef Stalin's conduct of it, and the extent to which his 1939 nonaggression pact with Germany cleared the way for Hitler to go to war.

But to Sergei Kramarenko, 82, a war veteran awarded with the medal of the Hero of the Soviet Union, the history is simple: "It was a fight between God and devil, a fight between light and darkness."

"Hitler wanted to establish dominance over the entire world, to conquer all the countries of Europe. But the Soviet Union got in his way," Kramarenko said in an interview.

With much of the country left in ruins, and 26.6 million people killed, according to official statistics, many Russians felt that whatever faults may have existed, they are secondary to the sheer magnitude of the Soviet sacrifice.

Because of the pact with

August 1939: Molotov-Ribbentrop pact
September 1939: Invasion of Poland
June 1941: German invasion of the Soviet Union
December 1941: Battle of Moscow
May 1945: Surrender of Germany

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May 1945: Berlin surrendered to the Soviets; all German forces submitted unconditional surrender to Allies



A Soviet soldier places his nation's flag over the Reichstag, the German parliament building in Berlin on April 30, 1945.



Newlyweds Yevgeny Isakov, 22, right, and Olga, 22, walk toward a World War II memorial to lay flowers to an obelisk commemorating victims and veterans of the war in Moscow, on April 9.

Hitler, the Soviet Union didn't come into the war until 1941, nearly two years after it began with the German invasion of Poland. But once in it, the Soviet Union suffered the most casualties and the Red Army

fought most of the epic battles that turned its tide — Stalingrad, Kursk, and the battle of Berlin that sealed Hitler's doom.

Liya Smekina, a 22-year-old Moscow journalist, said that to

her the war above all means the Leningrad siege, an ordeal experienced by her grandmother. The city since restored to its pre-Soviet name, St. Petersburg, was besieged for 900 days and more than a half million of its people died, most of hunger.

"All her life, my grandmother made me eat my meals to the last spoonful, to the last crumb. To her dying days she couldn't forget hunger," Smekina said. The grandmother lost her sister and 17 other relatives.

"We must be grateful to those people for everything that we have today; they made our sky a peaceful sky," Smekina said.

Soviet-era textbooks traditionally praised Stalin as the driving force behind Germany's defeat. But some of today's historians point to grave strategic errors.

While some historians have justified — Stalin — pact — with Hitler as his way of buying time to arm his country, others say he then failed to use that time and ignored repeated warnings that Germany would

Invasion soon.

The Red Army off guard, killing hundreds of thousands of soldiers in the first days and leaving the rest unprepared for fighting. Stalin is also blamed for purging tens of thousands of his best officers before the war.

"Historians cannot find a decree no. 227, since we did not a step back," which obliged soldiers to shoot anyone caught retreating. Stalin had also declared that all captured Soviet soldiers were traitors for not killing themselves rather than surrendering. Once freed, hundreds of thousands of those POWs were sent to Soviet labor camps.

The victory was achieved despite Stalin's leadership, not thanks to it, says Alexander Yakovlev, a war veteran who was a key architect of Mikhail Gorbachev's liberal reforms.

"No me. Victory Day is not a holiday, because holidays are not celebrated on the bones of the dead," Yakovlev, who now heads the presidential commission for rehabilitation of the victims of repression, told the Associated Press.

Nadezhda Repova, 84, another Hero of the Soviet Union, defends Stalin's tactics.

"Decree 227 was severe, but it was needed at the time," she said. "We won because we fought for our motherland, for Stalin!"

Another bitter legacy was the Cold War, which left many eastern European and Soviet countries feeling they had merely switched from one dictator to another — Stalin.

So sensitive is that legacy that even now, 15 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, leaders of two of its former republics, Estonia and Lithuania, have refused invitations to the May 9 celebration.

In the long run, says Kramarenko, the veteran, it was the ordinary soldiers of the Red Army who ultimately made Europe the peaceful continent it is now.

"We fought for the truth, for freedom and independence," he said. "And we won: Europe is free now, free from labor camps, free from gas chambers, free to elect the governments they want to elect."

ZAHORSKA VES, Slovakia (AP) — Day in and out, Enn-tusek Danulic steers his ferry back and forth over the slow-moving Morava River, linking what were two separate worlds only a year ago — the European Union and its aspiring members.

On a formal level, the barriers dissolved on May 1, 2004, when Slovakia and nine other mostly former communist nations joined what they had long viewed as an exclusive Western club. Yet opinions are mixed on how much they have gained from membership and what's in store for the future.

Danulic says he still feels like an outsider even though Austria is only 50 yards away on the other side of the brown waters of the Morava. The barbed wire and grim-faced border guards separating the two countries are history, but less tangible barriers stand in his way.

But others in new EU countries are eagerly taking advantage of new opportunities.

"Estonia is now part of an open market," said Estonian software entrepreneur Villem Alango. "We certainly have better business opportunities as there is less direct bureaucracy."

While still below top salaries in Austria, Germany and other more established EU member nations, wages in the former communist EU members are moving upward. A manager working for a Western company can earn about \$4,500 a month.

And economies are booming in the new EU countries. A United Nations report published this year said the "EU-8" — the eastern European countries that joined last May — will continue to outperform the 15 Western nations that made up the old EU.

While GDP growth in western Europe overall will likely drop to 2 percent annually, the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe said the economies of the EU-8 — the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia — are predicted to grow 4.6 percent. In addition to those nations, Cyprus and Malta also joined the EU last year.

Blair's electoral fortunes get a boost by unpopular opposition

LONDON (AP) — He's loathed by sections of his own party, has been heckled by voters and accused of lying over the Iraq war, yet Prime Minister Tony Blair heads into the final days of Britain's election campaign leading the polls.

Blair thanks in part to alienated Labour Party stalwarts who will hold their own and vote for him anyway.

The war opponents nonetheless value the Labour government's increased spending on education and health; some disappointed by the party's shift to the center may see no attractive alternative in the vote on May 5.

Blair's fortunes have also been bolstered by the unpopularity of the main opposition Conservatives, who dominated British politics for most of the 20th century. Under Margaret Thatcher, the party's 1979-1990 individual initiative and the free market, the party commanded was unassailable.

But throughout the 1990s its popularity slipped because of unpopular new local tax, internal



Tony Blair

feuding over European integration, an economic recession and repeated sleaze scandals.

"I don't like him, but there is no one better to take his place," said David Server.

Blair's credibility has been badly dented by the war and accusations that his government exaggerated the threat posed by Saddam Hussein. In recent days he has been buffeted by renewed questions about the legality of the Iraq war.

Blair has transformed the socialist Labour Party, broadening its appeal to middle classes and big business. Since Labour won the first of two landslides in 1997, the Conservatives have struggled to find a message and a leader to

recover lost ground.

Michael Howard, the third Conservative leader since 1997, took the helm 18 months ago and has enforced discipline in a party which had indulged in public feuding.

Labour's "forward not back" slogan is intended to remind voters that Howard was a prominent member of the government they decisively rejected in 1997. "The approach appears to have damaged Howard."

"I just don't think as a leader he is imposing enough," said Toby Bowers, 28, who says he's disillusioned with Labour but cannot bring himself to vote Conservative.

"This is the griffed teeth election," said professor Steve Reichert at St. Andrews University. "People are thinking what choice do I have? They think, 'I don't like what Blair has done, but I don't like Howard.'"

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Killer cuisine? Your mother should know

Good Lord. You'd think May 8 is something special. Ever thought I don't know a Colisnair from a shopping cart. I have been bombarded, by these many weeks, with recipes for more or less intended folks insisting that *culi-ninies* such as myself are obliged prepare a sumptuous Mother's Day feast for you, my dear.

I've gotten danged annoying, truth to tell. My mother, rest her soul, knew better than to turn me loose in her kitchen on Mother's Day — or on any other day.

And the only other mother in my life at the moment — my fiancée, who has two children her own — learned astoundingly early in our relationship the folly of giving a chef's hat to a guy who's gotten to herself that really, "I'm with Sparty."

She found that out after I left a pot boiling on the top of the 270 cooktop and melted her nearby plastic toaster into the shape of something that could have earned Salvador Dali a lot of money.

Holding my face between her hands, she demanded, "Stewart! Look at me. Don't help!"



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Just so. On behalf of my gender, I wish to heartily endorse Victoria's campaign to stop the misuse of men cooking.

Under her new house rules, I am allowed in the kitchen only: 1. To cook toast.

2. To eat cornflakes. Toast and cornflakes are perfect guy food because — Victoria's toaster excepted — they're unlikely to provoke a major structure fire.

And as a recipe, toast is darn near bulletproof. It takes world-class talent to screw it up.

In other words, it takes the English.

See, the Brits are the worst cooks in the long and sordid history of human dyspepsia. Think not?

Their national dish is Beans on Toast. Let that sink in for a moment.

Beans on Toast. Is it actually possible to be that inept and that dull at the same time? Evidently.

BEANS ON TOAST

- 1 can baked beans
- Toast
- Olive oil
- 1 red pepper
- 1 white onion
- Fresh garlic

Some canned stewed tomatoes, strained (in British recipes, the word "strained" is shorthand for "we have no idea.")

Crushed red hot pepper flakes.

1 jalapeno pepper, if desired (and take my word, for it, you don't.)

Saute the red pepper onion, garlic and jalapeno in a pot. After a few minutes, add the stewed tomatoes and the beans, along with the hot red pepper. Put the toast in a toaster-oven with a little olive oil drizzled on top.

When the toast is crisp and just before it bursts into flames, pop the beans and vegetables from the pan on top of the toast (best if it is piled high and spilling over onto the plate, onto the table underneath the plate and, if possible, onto the floor underneath the table.)

You may scoff, but you're looking at Victoria's Mother's Day dinner.

Unless, of course, my beloved one, B.

I can tell you that it involves zucchini and cornflakes. I can tell you that because like me, you've probably lived in Idaho long enough to appreciate the clear and present danger posed by runaway predatory zucchini.

Victoria, being from California, simply has no idea.

ZUCCHINI AND CORNFLAKES CASSEROLE

- 6 cups diced zucchini
- 1 cup cornflakes
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped

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Students explore race, ethnicity

By Jennifer Liebrum
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Who are you? That was the question posed by an energetic young man Saturday morning at the Sun Valley Lodge as participants filed into his workshop.

"Find the word that best describes you and sit down," he urged, "I'm with Sparty."

Many among the 50 or more high school students ambling in at 8 a.m., reviewed the poster board signs with the choices: Mexican, American, Chicano, Latino or Hispanic. They looked to see where their friends were going. They looked for similar faces.

Glen G. Galindo, Lewis-Clark State College's associate director of the college assistance migrant program, maintained that this state of confusion is an

everyday occurrence in classrooms and boardrooms across the globe. That's why he hosted the workshop titled "Are you Mexican, Hispanic, Latino, American, Chicano or What?" at the 17th annual Hispanic Youth Symposium, a three-day event attended by 300 high schoolers.

The event aims to keep Latino students on track for higher education and career building. It closes today with the much-anticipated distribution of more than \$500,000 in scholarships.

Just as important as shaping future goals is the chance for the interaction of peers who may share physical attributes identifying them as being of a particular ethnic persuasion, but are actually quite diverse, said Galindo.

His lesson was designed to show the students how labels

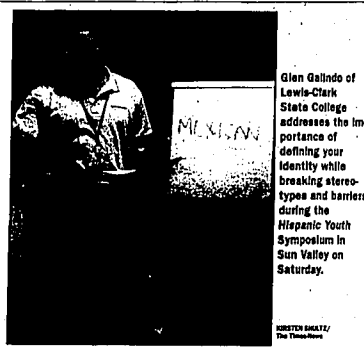
outside this venue isolated them from each other when in reality they all had common traits that should supersede any differences. For this reason, he physically divided the group before beginning his explanation.

"No undecided, no in-between," he said as the students mulled over which sign they would align with. Some bolted decisively, others changed their minds once or twice before choosing.

"Have you ever had to tell someone you were not 100 percent sure?" Again, the knowing response.

This was exactly Galindo's point. He went around the room and asked the teens under each poster why they identified with that label.

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Glen Galindo of Lewis-Clark State College addresses the importance of defining your identity while breaking stereotypes and barriers during the Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley on Saturday.

Trout for a Scout, if he can catch 'em

Boys participate in Scout-O-Rama

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Catching a trout with a fishing pole and a net is a sport. Catching one with your bare hands is ... organized chaos.

Make that organized chaos tens of thousands of organized chaos times 100, and you have the scene at the very end of the Snake River Council of Boy Scouts of America's Scout-O-Rama on Saturday.

The two-day scouting event, held on the College of Southern Idaho campus, celebrated the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouts and the 55th anniversary of Boy Scouts, said Jim O'Donnell, Scout-O-Rama chairman. The event brought together scouting troops from around Magic and Wood River valleys for camping, Dutch oven cooking and a parade.

But the highlight of Saturday afternoon featured three big tubs of water holding more than 200 live trout donated by local fish producer Rod Griffith. About 100 kids were told they could catch one — or two, if they were lucky. So the kids doffed their Scout shirts and their shoes and socks and went after the fish.

Some stretched out over the tubs' edges and emerged, soaking wet and hugging a foot-long trout to their chests. Others climbed over the sides and stood in the tubs in order to stalk the trout from above.

Eight-year-old Jordan Meyer and his 6-year-old brother, Eric, both of Burauan, were lucky enough to take home one piece in plastic shopping bags. The boys' grandmother, Debbie Clinefelter, held onto the back of the waistband of Eric's jeans to keep him from toppling over the side of the tub. After a few minutes of Eric's unsuccessful fishing, accomplished fisherman and fellow Scout Stefan Muir caught a fish for him.

"So what's the best way to nab a slippery trout without a pole or a net?"

"I pulled him to the side and pulled him up and I caught him," Stefan said.



Stefan Muir, left, hands out a recently caught fish to Eric Meyer during the Snake River Council of Boy Scouts of America's Scout-O-Rama in the Eldon Evans Expo Center on Saturday. Catching fish by hand was one of many events that scouts and their families enjoyed.

The boys were proud of their catches, but their grandmother wished she had brought something along in which to store the fish. It could be a long drive home

to Murtaugh with a couple of trout in flimsy plastic sacks. "I don't mind cleaning them — I fish all the time," Clinefelter said. "But I usually have a cooler

with me when I go."

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Friends say goodbye to Clair 'Irish' Daniels

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The patio of The Shuffie Inn trembled as the rolling thunders of grief rained from saying goodbyes to one of their own.

More than a hundred numbing Hallelujah Davidsons escorted Clair "Irish" Daniels to his permanent place of rest. The man who will be remembered for his huge heart and his love for the wet in his hair died of cancer April 23. One thing was evident Friday at his wake.

Victoria was loved by many. "I'll miss him," said Montana Nelson, who first met Daniels 11 years ago. "He's one of those souls who always gave and helped everyone. You never heard anyone say anything bad about him."



In 2003, The Times-News shot this photograph of Clair 'Irish' Daniels as part of a feature about his life. He died April 23 and his friends honored his memory Friday at The Shuffie Inn.

annual toy runs for East End Providers. "He always brought some really cool toy like a kid's motorcycle," said friend Nancy Callen. Bonnie Good was Daniels'

partner for 11 years. She remembers being "scared to death" the first time she climbed on the back of his motorcycle, but she was "soon hooked on riding."

"He was just a special part-

ner," Good said. "He was the biggest part of my life."

The people who gathered Friday at The Shuffie Inn to share memories about Daniels were more than just friends. They were family. "When Daniels got older and didn't feel as confident on his two-wheeled Harley, they made him a three-wheeler. At Friday's wake at The Shuffie Inn, they reminisced about Daniels' famous "Irish" bike rides, the "whiskey Thursday rides" and long conversations over coffee.

"Crash" Bob Salmon met Daniels more than 20 years ago when he stopped here on his way to California and decided to stay.

"He always had time for me," Salmon said. "One of the good ones has left us."

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Times-News employees get Press Club honors

BOISE — Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop was awarded one of the Idaho Press Club's top honors at this year's awards banquet Saturday in Boise.

Dunlop received first place in the "rookie of the year" category, which honors reporters for their work in their first year on the job. Dunlop also received a second place award in the series category.

Times-News sister publication The Wood River Journal received first place in the general excellence category.

A number of Times-News writers and photographers took awards at the ceremony as well. The winners include: Opinion editor David Cooper, chief photographer Cory Myers, photographer Ashley Smith, reporter Sandy Miller, and photo editor "S. Hutchins."

Reporter Megan Hinds, reporter Julie Pence and former reporter Rebecca Meany.

The paper's Ag Weekly publication also won in several weekly newspaper categories, including a first place in the special sections category. Ag Weekly editor Carol Ryan Dumas won several individual awards.

In addition, Wood River Journal staffers Karen Bossick, Pedro Salomon, Dev Mohr Khalas, Susan Balley and Kathleen Turner won several individual awards for their work.

Single-car accident sends two to hospital

PAUL — An single-vehicle accident in rural Lincoln County on Saturday night sent two to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with injuries.

Five people were in the vehicle when it rolled near 1500 North 1650 West in Lincoln County near Paul, said Deputy Kevin Ellis, on duty with Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

The driver of the vehicle did not have a drivers' license, he said.

"They were going too fast for conditions, they slid on the gravel and rolled," Ellis said.

Two passengers were airlifted to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Ellis did not release the names of the passengers Saturday night because the accident remained under investigation, he said.

Letter advisory group seeks new member

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls is taking application for a position on the Animal Shelter Advisory Commission. For more information or an application, call City Hall at 735-7228, or view the requirements at ftd.org and select the Citizen Participation link. The deadline for the application is Friday, May 13. — compiled from staff reports

MAGIC VALLEY

SCHOOL LUNCHES

BUHL SCHOOL
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Hot rice
 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Thursday: French toast
 Friday: Hot oatmeal
 Lunch Menu
 Salad, bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Beef and vegetable stew
 Tuesday: Taco burger
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich
 Friday: Beef and cheese nachos

BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
 Wednesday: Bagel and cream cheese
 Thursday: Waffles
 Friday: Breakfast pastry
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Tacos or corn dogs
 Tuesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
 Wednesday: No lunch
 Thursday: Flips in a blanket or schuburger
 Friday: Houlogie or hot combo

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Turkey pot pie
 Wednesday: Grilled ham and cheese
 Thursday: Sweet and sour meatballs
 Friday: Turkey gravy

FILER SCHOOL
 Monday: Super nachos
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Sloppy joes
 Thursday: Popcorn chicken
 Friday: Italian ducks

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Choice of milk every day.
 Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
 Tuesday: Nachos
 Wednesday: Baked potato bar
 Thursday: Hamburger gravy
 Friday: Pepperoni pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Pizza
 Thursday: Roast turkey
 Friday: Hamburgers

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Pizza
 Thursday: Chicken wrap
 Friday: Cheeseburger

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Monday: Stroganoff
 Tuesday: Barbecue beef sandwich
 Wednesday: Lasagna
 Thursday: Hot dogs
 Friday: No lunch

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
 Choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich
 Wednesday: Pot pie crispito
 Thursday: Beef tacos
 Friday: Barbecue chicken sandwich

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken nugget
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
 Thursday: Tacos
 Friday: French bread pizza

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: French toast sticks
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Pepperoni hot pocket
 Tuesday: Corn dogs
 Wednesday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla
 Thursday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
 Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Monday: Spaghetti
 Tuesday: Corn dogs
 Wednesday: Ham and cheese buns
 Thursday: Bean and cheese burritos
 Friday: Sack lunch party

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Hot oatmeal
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
 Wednesday: Deli turkey sandwich
 Thursday: French bread pizza
 Friday: Tater tot casserole

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast is served daily. Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
 Monday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger
 Thursday: Pepperoni hot pocket
 Friday: Papa John's pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Breakfast is served daily.
 Monday: Nachos
 Tuesday: Chicken noodles
 Wednesday: Barbecue beef
 Thursday: Cheese pizza
 Friday: Cheesy bread stick

BLISS SCHOOL
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Beef gravy and mashed potatoes
 Thursday: Chili and cinnamon roll
 Friday: Chicken nuggets

CASSIA SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: String cheese
 Wednesday: Maple bar
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Bacon, egg and cheese pocket
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Baked potato special
 Tuesday: Cheese squares
 Wednesday: Maple bar
 Thursday: Hamburger
 Friday: School choice

GLENN'S FERRY
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Submarine sandwich
 Friday: Chef salad

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese roll-up
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Burrito
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Tacos
 Friday: Chili

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
 Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Cereal
 Wednesday: French toast
 Thursday: Cinnamon toast
 Friday: Scrambled eggs
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Burritos
 Tuesday: Grilled turkey and cheese
 Wednesday: Corn dogs
 Thursday: Idaho nachos
 Friday: Fish nuggets

JEROME SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Pizza pocket
 Tuesday: Beef burrito
 Wednesday: Chicken and bacon roll-up
 Thursday: Hamburger
 Friday: Turkey sandwich

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
 Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch
 Monday: Hoagie sandwich
 Tuesday: Sloppy joes
 Wednesday: Hamburgers
 Thursday: French dip sandwich
 Friday: Pizza

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

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DEATH NOTICES

Paula 'Jean' Brannon
 TWIN FALLS - Paula "Jean" Brannon, 65, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 29, 2005. Burial will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2005, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, and one hour before the service Wednesday at White Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

Ruth Ryan
 WENDLELL - Ruth Ryan, 87, of Wendell, died Friday, April 29, 2005, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Doug Vieltuth
 BELLEVUE - Doug Vieltuth, 55, of Bellevue, died Friday, April 29, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. A graveside service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005, at the Bellevue Cemetery. At the family's request, there will be no viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Bonnie K. Hanks of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 S. 200 W., Burley. Burial will be in Dep Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Robert "Tex" Owens of Twin Falls, graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Filer Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).
Parley James "Jim" Mecham of Carey, gathering of family and friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the home of Lois and Boyd Stocking, 20533 N. Main, Carey.

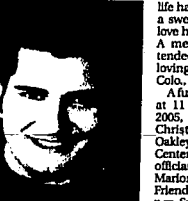
OBITUARY

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

Kody Brant Cranney
 PLEASANTON, Calif. - It is with great sadness and grief that we announce the passing of Kody Brant Cranney, on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the age of 22, in Boulder, Colo. Kody was born on Dec. 25, 1982, in Burley, the son of Mark D. and Karen Marie Cranney. He graduated from Woodville High School in Woodville, Wash., in 2001, and was in his fourth year of attending the University of Colorado in Boulder. Kody was a member of the Sigma Pi Fraternity and enjoyed being with his fraternity brothers and friends, hiking, camping, snowboarding, movies, music, football, lacrosse, and skate. Kody is survived by his loving father and mother, Mark D. and Karen Cranney, and two younger brothers, Pace and Trey, all of Pleasanton, Calif., who will miss him dearly; his grandparents, Daren and Jo-

lene Critchfield, and Bill and Nancy Cranney, all of Oakley, share the sorrow of the moment as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and good friends. Kody was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Robyn Cranney. All those that Kody touched in his

life have lost a true friend and a sweet and loving spirit. We love him now and for eternity. A memorial service was attended at the home of the loving friends in Boulder, Colo., on April 28. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2005, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center, 301 N. Center, with Rev. 200 of Oakley officiating. Burial will be in the Orion Cemetery near Oakley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Monday at the church. Memorial contributions can be made to the Kody Cranney Memorial Scholarship Fund via: Sigma Pi Fraternity at the University of Colorado, Attention: President, 1111 College Ave., Boulder, CO 80302.



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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

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

Driving under the influence sentencings

Dru Mitchell Van Hoken, 65, 1655 Grandview Drive N., No. 3, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$75 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; fee: shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Arustin Javier Deluna, 33, 373 S. 100 E., Rupert; driving under the influence, excessive; amended to driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 180 days in jail with 175 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with recommendations of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Benjamin George Pastore, 19, 136 Clinton Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with recommendations of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

William Cody Saly, 22, 878 S. Eden Road, Eden; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Caleb Eugene Lammers, 19, P.O. Box 559, Eden; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.00 court costs;



90 days in jail with 80 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Tanya Victoria Bailey, 26, 928 E. Main St., Sun Valley; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$100 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; one count operate vehicle without liability insurance; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine; 18 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

James Edward Bowman, 20, 259 Buena Vista, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; one count failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; restitution to victim; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; prosecutor, Nicholas A. Mulberry, 17, 4041 N. 3400 E., Knapley; open container; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine; \$63.50 court costs; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Jacob Kane Sisson, 26, 1625 W. Maple, No. 25, Bluff; battery; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; \$100 public defender fee; \$297 restitution; 180 days in jail with 118 suspended; credit for 62 days served; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete anger management counseling; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Bobby Del Heissen, 40, 1547 E. 4500 N., Bluff; domestic battery; amended to battery; pleaded guilty;

\$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete anger management counseling; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Annela Michelle Florin, 26, 381 Rimview Lane E., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$100 public defender fee; \$200 restitution; 60 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for four days served; 12 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete intensive outpatient alcohol/substance abuse treatment program; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Scott Spencer Ivey, 21, 6070 Golden Cord Trail, No. 102, Henderson, Nev.; reckless driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; five days in jail with five suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Christopher James Silene, 40, 509 12th Ave. N., Bluff; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, uncollectible; 180 days in jail with 127

suspended; credit for 53 days served; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; obtain substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommendations; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Daryl James Zahurones, 28, 250 Monroe St., Twin Falls; arson in the first degree; felony; amended to malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; \$2,000 fine with \$1,000 public defender fee; \$2,300 restitution, already paid; 360 days in jail with 360 suspended; 12 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Matthew William McMahon, 20, 621 Sarah, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance and one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

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Touch a Little Heart Toy Drive

Help bring a smile to a little ER patient! Donations of stuffed animals or other small, new toys are being accepted at the Community Open House.



Arthritis Education Day

Local experts speak about arthritis and related conditions. Sponsored by South Central District Health, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls Physical Therapy & Wellness Clinic, and Cassia Regional Medical Center. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Call 737-5946 to register. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, May 14, 9 am - 1:30 pm
South Central District Health (located on the CSI campus)

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Heather Shaw, registered and licensed dietician and certified ADA consultant will present this 10-week course designed to help you manage your weight. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 732-3012. Cost: \$50. Meets weekly from 7-8:30 pm beginning Thursday, May 5 MVRMC Downtown Campus 660 Shoshone Street East Lower Level Conference Room



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Many support groups are available at MVRMC and in our community. For information, call Community Connection at 737-2065.

All classes are free unless otherwise noted. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2166 or TDD 737-2980. Servicio de Interpretación disponible, por favor comunicarse con Malena Rodriguez Coordinadora al Teléfono 737-2166.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Former Boeing engineer discusses a city in space

By Jill Michaels
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Bits of space-age Thinker Toy construction enthralled more than 130 children Friday night.

The youngsters soaked up an hour-long presentation by Marth "Marty" Christensen, the featured guest speaker at the annual children's science camp-in at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Christensen is a retired engineer from Boeing, the Seattle-based company that is NASA's prime contractor for the space shuttle and space station. In a 23-year career with the company, he worked in Houston at space station software development from October 1993 to October 1998.

"We made sure every system could talk with itself and with all the other systems," he said.

Christensen presented "Building Cities in Space: The International Space Station and Beyond," demonstrated how the space station is not just a flying house, but more of a flying city in space.

On the ground, a city would normally be responsible to plan for the make urban services to its residents. But in space, Christensen said, services such

Viewing the space station from Twin Falls

Even though the International Space Station follows a constant orbit around Earth, the Earth's rotation allows Magic Valley residents to see the outpost every few days. The next two good viewings will occur at 10:31 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 and at 9:49 p.m. Thursday, May 5.

Details for locating the station in the sky are posted on NASA's Human Space Flight Web site at www.spaceflight.nasa.gov/realtime/signings/index.cfm, scrolling down through the city listings and clicking on the link for Twin Falls.

as electrical wiring and sewer lines must be built into the self-sufficient space station.

The visiting engineer broke down the space station's design into five categories: utilities, services, "special stuff for the crew" and "special stuff for researchers."

The children took turns guessing what services and

equipment the space station and its crew needed. Less-obvious suggestions included tools, plants, a hospital, blankets, communications cards, and protection from meteoroids.

Christensen categorized each recommendation into his five classifications. He added other services to the list, such as an ambulance or lifeboat, and trash collector. He then explained how each need was accommodated in the space station's actual development.

Christensen's wife, Rosalind, later said both she and her husband wanted to share their feeling with the children that "astronauts are heroes in space."

During his presentation, Marty said jokingly, "I waved at the crew at 10 minutes to 5 this morning" at the space station passed in view of Twin Falls.

He closed his comments inviting everyone to view the space station. "Get out and see it," he said.

Darcy Thornborrow, the Herrett Center's education facilitator, said the event fills a need by exposing children to visiting science speakers.

She said she wanted to start offering scholarships for the seven-year program so more students may attend the overnight camp — in the future.

CSI hosts back to school workshop

Magic Valley in brief

Valley Arts Council will sponsor the Second Century Photo Project, a photography competition to mark the beginning of the city's second century.

Photo categories include Twin Falls and Magic Valley; the natural world; buildings and manmade objects; people; culture and the arts; pictorial, and digitally enhanced. There will be competition for both adults and youngsters, and for adult professional photographers.

There's a \$10 entry fee and a May 17 deadline. Photos must be a minimum 8-by-8 inches

and a maximum 11-by-14-inch print. Any type of camera may be used, and prints can be color, black-and-white or toned.

Judging will be conducted by a jury of local residents, business people and photographers, and winning photos will be displayed during Western Days June 3-5. Prizes will be awarded and will be determined by the number of entries.

Entries, which must be accompanied by an official entry form, may be mailed to the Magic Valley Arts Council, P.O. Box 1158, Twin Falls 83303, or dropped off at the arts council office, 132 Main Ave. S. For further information, call Tori Gilbertson at 734-4383. — compiled from staff reports

Arts council sponsors photography project

TWIN FALLS — The Magic

Ethnicity

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The Mexican said they were born in Mexico and moved to the United States. The Latinos said they came from Ecuador, Colombia and other Latin American countries. Chicanos said they were American-born children of Mexican parents. Hispanics were a mix of Mexicans and Chicanos. Even the white students under the American banner didn't like they didn't fit when Galindo inquired of their origins.

"To call Americans white ignores their entire identity," Galindo said.

He said that he wanted the crowd to leave with two things. One, a curiosity about others' culture and ethnicity so that walls could come down between them and two, definitions of the labels that help them decide better who they really are.

Such personal definition is an important rite of passage and a sign of maturity, he explained. A person without identity is often confused and makes bad choices.

Latino has no real root other than "It's the cool hip label right now," Galindo said. Chicano was coined in the 1960s civil

rights movement to identify children born here of Mexican parents. Hispanic was a made-up term the government created to have a category on the census to count the brown immigrant population. Mexican were indeed those born in Mexico, but they could also now be considered American as they have dual nationality.

"Wars have been fought because people had different definitions of the same thing and they just didn't sit down and talk about it," Galindo said. "This is a big issue whether it is at the United Nations or the high school."

Having a foothold on one's identity is crucial for success, he said.

As the fastest growing population in the United States, "You can't imagine how excited the adults in the work world are that you are coming."

Rather than use the terms to isolate, Galindo encouraged the students to explore their identity and inquire about others. Race is the only thing about oneself that can't change, while nationality, culture and ethnicity can be said.

One can adopt a new nationality, and individuals can grow

into their culture. One's culture of music, mores, traditions and customs can be alluring to someone of another race, and Galindo wants to encourage the exchange.

"You never have to give-up your own culture as you embrace others along the way," he said. "That's how you grow."

Nancy Mendoza and Jasmin Resendiz, Juniors from Skyline High School, said the workshop influenced them profoundly.

Mendoza, who struggles with English, said she will look at her classmates differently when she returns to school and look forward to "bringing everyone together more."

Resendiz said, "He made me think a lot. It changed my point of view as to what makes a person."

At the end he asked the students, now armed with a different way of thinking, where they would sit given another chance. They shuffled around again.

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Border watch volunteers wrap up stakeout

NACO, Ariz. (AP) — Volunteers recruited over the Internet to monitor illegal immigrant activity along a stretch of Arizona's border ended their monthlong stakeout this week as they began peering through binoculars along a dusty border road.

Members of the Minuteman Project hailed the program a success, and organizers said they plan to expand the mission to the other states bordering Mexico, and parts of the Canadian border.

"This could not have been done without all of you. You did this together — you the people," co-organizer Chris Simpson told some 150 Minuteman and supporters gathered Saturday outside a church at Palomina.

Organizers said nearly 300 volunteers — some of them armed — had spent at least one eight-hour shift in the field during the week-long stakeout. Stationary patrols along a 23-mile stretch of border in Cochise County. The final eight-hour shift was scheduled to end at 6 a.m. Sunday.

Organizers said volunteers' calls to the Border Patrol resulted in the arrests of 335 illegal immigrants. Prosecutors had ordered volunteers not to detain any illegal border

crossers they encountered, and no major incidents were reported.

An Army reservist was arrested on charges of holding seven Mexican citizens at a rest stop in southern Arizona earlier this month, though he was not affiliated with the Minuteman Project.

Critics of the program, including Border Patrol officials, have said the group was little more than a nuisance that attracted negative attention from the media and civil rights groups watching volunteers for possible rights violations.

President Bush expressed his opposition to "vigilantes," and many people on the Mexican side of the border referred to the Minutemen as "migrant hunters."

But Jim Gilchrist, founder of the program, said the group's efforts brought nationwide attention to the problem of illegal immigration. He warned, however, that unless the work continues, "It's going to be a wasteful just a month-long dog and pony show."

Mike Minatreia, a harm radio operator who was stationed near the border with his wife, Kristi, said the Minuteman Project. "Has told the rest of

America what they can do to get something done" by protesting in a calm, orderly and productive fashion.

Ed Whitbread, a Minuteman supervisor, said the project shows that the American people have the will and desire to secure the border even if the government does not.

"I'm afraid we're on a slippery slope if we don't solve this (illegal immigration) problem," he said.

Mountain Home Air Base personnel will head overseas

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) — Sixty members of a U.S. Air Force fighter wing from Idaho are heading overseas for military officials declined to say where they are going.

The service men and women, normally stationed at the Mountain Home Air Base with the 366th Fighter Wing, are being deployed to bases throughout the Middle East and Africa.

These are the first of what will likely be 700 members — out of about 4,500 people stationed at the southern Idaho

base — who will be deployed over the next few weeks.

"It'll be 100 here, 200 there, and so on," said Lt. Mike Chulstrom, who declined to give specifics on where the service members will be deployed.

Air Force officials say these deployments are normal and have been planned for some time.

Once overseas, they'll work in a variety of jobs to assist a country at war. Missions will include transportation, computer services and medical support, Chulstrom said.

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Tourism helps drive resurgence of Silver Valley

KELLOGG (AP) — Idaho's Silver Valley once produced much of the world's silver and lead. After the Bunker Hill mine and smelter complex closed in August 1981, however, miners' families abandoned the region in droves, leaving behind a moribund economy.

In a sign of the valley's rising fortunes, real estate agents are preparing to sell lots in the first new subdivision platted in the historic mining district in nearly 30 years.

Eight people are lined up to build \$300,000 to \$500,000 homes in Silver Meadows at Frost Point, near the city of Plummer. The homes, Northwest lodges and Craftsman revival-inspired homes

will spring up on 177 half-acre lots overlooking the Pinehurst Golf Course.

Wealthy newcomers are being drawn by golf, a nearby bike trail located on former railroad tracks and by the Silver Mountain Resort's own real-estate project near its gondola in Kellogg.

"We expect a lot of people from out of the area to buy these homes," said Gary Schenkenberger, a Century 21 Beutler & Associates sales agent who is listing the Silver Meadows property. "It's mainly on the heels of Silver Mountain's expansion."

Last year, Silver Mountain started construction on 66 condo units, the first phase of expansion at the Kellogg ski hill that will

eventually include an 18-hole golf course and 1,000 residential units. Resort owner Jeld-Wen, the Klamath Falls, Ore.-based window and door maker, expects to announce a second phase of condos this summer.

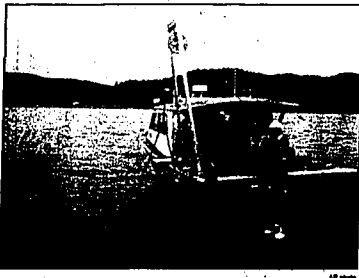
The trend mirrors North Idaho's booming real estate market. Rising prices reflect low inventories, overall population growth and demand for resort properties and second homes, officials said.

In addition to hiking, the valley is also becoming a destination for bicyclists, who come to ride miles of former railroad beds converted into bike trails. The Silver Meadows subdivision and Silver Mountain's

project are only part of a recent spurt of activity at Shoshone County's western edge, said Kenny Hicks, county building administrator.

Wal-Mart is looking at land near the Selterville exit on Interstate 90. Other property owners are scrambling to get their parcels divided and on the market. The area is located about 25 minutes to downtown Coeur d'Alene in good weather.

"This flurry of speculation started the day that Silver Mountain stuck the shovel in the ground for the Morning Star Lodge condo units," Hicks said. "I think we're on our way to a year-round resort and all that implies."



This photo released by the Environmental Protection Agency shows their Upper Columbia River unit retrieving sediment samples for testing April 16 on Lake Roosevelt near Kettle Falls, Wash.

Not waiting for diplomats, EPA launches own study

NORTHPORT, Wash. (AP) — As the fine black sand sparkles alongside the blue waters of Lake Roosevelt, it's hard to believe it is the source of an international dispute.

But the granular material is not sand. It's slag — waste from the giant lead and zinc smelter located a few miles north in the Canadian town of Trail, British Columbia.

The slag is extremely fine and looks like it contains glass chips. It is so light it floats. Much of it ended up on the shoreline, turning white beaches black.

A diplomatic impasse with a Canadian company over cleaning the pollution, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in April issued a \$20 million study to determine if the beaches, fish and plants along Lake Roosevelt are safe for humans.

The study comes six years after it was first requested by the Colville Confederated Tribes, whose reservation borders the lake.

"Finally we are out here in the field doing bread-and-butter work," said David Croxton, manager of the EPA's Upper Columbia River unit.

This is not the way the EPA wanted the study to proceed. The agency demanded in late 2003 that Teck Cominco Ltd., owner of the smelter, pay for the study. But the company, based in Vancouver, British Columbia, refused, saying it is not subject to U.S. law.

The dispute is now in the hands of diplomats for the two

nations. Last summer, Paul Cellucci, the U.S. ambassador to Canada, told the EPA that he opposed a Superfund cleanup for Lake Roosevelt due to concerns about the precedent it could set.

Some U.S. mining and electric companies fear Canada would have grounds to complain about air and water pollution from their operations.

Last November, officials for the State Department held a closed-door meeting in Spokane on the issue, following meetings in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa over the transboundary dispute.

In a Sept. 14 letter to the government of Canada, Terry Breece, director of the Office of Canadian Affairs, said the Bush administration may be willing to settle for a bilateral, mediated solution.

But no deal has been reached, so EPA decided to begin the study now and seek money from Teck Cominco in the future.

The EPA contends that as much as 20 million tons of heavy-metal pollutants flowed for decades from the smelter, down the river and into Washington state waters. Smelter operators used to dump the slag into the Columbia River. The dumping stopped in the mid-1990s.

The Colvilles sued the company last July for failing to comply with the cleanup order, and the state of Washington joined the lawsuit in September.

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Parenthood helps couple leave street gang lifestyle

POTCATELLO (AP) — Accidentally shooting another gang member in the back of the head didn't change Mike Rodriguez's life, but becoming a father did. He was 15 at the time of the shooting.

Rodriguez and three gang members "tagged" or painted graffiti on the Center Street underpass.

"I was on my way to do community service," he remembers. "The boys fled the scene, Rodriguez sat in the back of the car. He picked up his revolver and it discharged, hitting the driver in the head."

There was a lot of commotion while we tried to figure out what happened and where the bullet went," he said. "Then Edly (the victim) started bobbing his head and blood started streaming out."

His friend survived, and Rodriguez was charged with grand theft and illegally discharging a firearm. The handgun had been stolen. It was his second arrest in two years.

When he was 13, Rodriguez fell in with the street gang because he was looking for male attention in his life. "I was close to my dad, but he was in California," he said. "I moved here and was being raised by my mom."

Rodriguez was a skateboard kid, and said he was exposed to street gangs through his friends shortly after moving to Potocatllo. "I had fun at first," he said. "Being from California, I didn't think gangs here were real."

But, he said, by the end of the summer most of his friends involved in the gang and he saw just how organized and real they were.

Rodriguez was "jumped in" to the gang shortly after. Older members circle and beat them. Rodriguez was 13 and said he fought to defend himself. Rodriguez said the gang was like a family, looking out for each other and looking up to the original gangsters, or OGs. The OGs are older members who direct and organize gang activity.

"They were the ones who were making things happen," he said. Rodriguez said he drove-by shooting a car once.

"When we were doing what we were doing, we were the real deal," he said. "Living life in the fast lane at age 13."

Life in the fast lane included drug use, mostly marijuana and methamphetamine, habits gang members paid for by stealing weapons. Rodriguez was arrested for the first time at age 13 for stealing guns.

"We thought it was fun to have guns, whether you paid for them or not," he said.

The charges against him were dropped, and in exchange Rodriguez performed community service to compensate the victims. He admits he used meth, but doesn't believe he was an addict. "I saw where it was taking other people, and where it was not going to take me," Rodriguez said.

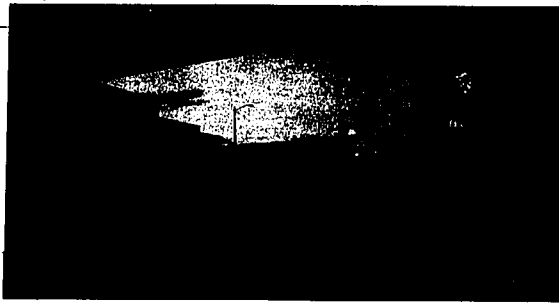
A partner of 10 years, Chanda Jenkins, didn't believe street gangs existed in southeast Idaho. "I laughed at them," she said. "I thought gangs in Potocatllo? Yeah, right."

But, after Jenkins saw the guns, the drugs and the degree of organized, criminal activity she was convinced, and as a rebellious teenager, intrigued.

"It was scary. I knew I shouldn't be hanging out here," she said. "But I thought this might be fun."

Jenkins had a solid family, was active in gymnastics. Her involvement with gang members centered on motorcycle riding. "This drug is bad," Jenkins said. "Three days after you do it you're still feeling the effect."

His association with the drug and the gang was brief, but it changed her life. "I got myself into a lot of trouble first," she said.



Former gang member Mike Rodriguez leans on a Benton Street overpass column on South Second Street in Potocatllo on April 8. When he was 13, Rodriguez fell in with the street gang because he was looking for male influence in his life.

At 17, Jenkins stole and forged checks from her parents. They pressed charges and she spent five days in juvenile detention. Jenkins believes her parents did the right thing and she contends she would do exactly the same thing if it were her own daughter. "It was a matter of getting me away from those people," she said. "Giving me time to sober up."

Jenkins said she has not used drugs since that wild summer almost 10 years ago.

Although she met Rodriguez through the gang, the relationship continued after she severed ties with the group.

When Rodriguez learned he was about to become a father at 17, it changed him and his perspective about life.

"It was like you're going to have a child," he said. "The life you're living isn't going to lead you down the road to success. I wanted to be there and to care

for her." Other members must jump out of the gang in the same way that they jumped in, or gangsters are asked to commit a crime that will guarantee their silence, but Rodriguez didn't do either.

"Things were changing. The gang was disintegrating with the introduction of meth, there was less structure, less organization and members were going to jail," he said. "I told them I'm getting ready to have my child, I can't do what we've been doing anymore."

Rodriguez returned to high school that year and graduated. "When my daughter was born it was all about taking steps forward," he said.

Jenkins said she never gave her mate an ultimatum. "He knew our relationship wouldn't last and he wouldn't be around his daughter," she said.

"At 17, he went back to high school to graduate and was

working to support a family. It was apparent that he wanted to change his life."

After his daughter, Chua Ann was born, Rodriguez took up skateboarding again.

He's managed to combine his passion for the sport with his career and now manages Zurnize, a lifestyles retailer selling skateboarding and sports equipment.

The couple is expecting their second child, a boy who will be named Anthony. Chua Ann, now 6, is excited about having a brother and anxious to help care for him. Rodriguez and Jenkins intend to be open and honest with their children about their own experiences.

"We won't shelter them, we'll educate them," Jenkins said. Rodriguez wants his children to know the reality of gang life and drug use.

"It's not going to get you anywhere," he said. "There is always the potential to get killed."

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The \$60,000 comes from a partnership between the Forest Service and the nonprofit group American Forests. It will help reforest 8,000 acres damaged in 2003 by the Mile 59 wildfire.

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Bird deaths might prompt lighting changes

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — The park might alter how some developed areas are illuminated following the deaths of more than 120 birds last week.

Tens of thousands of birds were blown into the park by a snowstorm Wednesday.

Many were apparently disoriented and flew toward the artificial lights at Canyon Village, where they became stranded or collided with structures.

"There were 100 times more birds than I have ever seen here," park ornithologist Terry McEneaney said. "It was unbelievable."

At least 100 of the birds that died were cared grebes, which are noisy, slender-necked water birds that eat bugs and are partial to rocky lakes and ponds. McEneaney theorizes that the birds were able to see roads and parking areas at Canyon Village and mistook them for ponds.

The grebes landed and, be-

cause they can only take off from water, were unable to leave. And that's when predators — including coyotes, pine martens and hawks — moved in.

It was fascinating," McEneaney said.

Other dead birds included eight American coot, three green-winged teal, three lesser scaup, three northern shovellers, two cinnamon teal, a western grebe, a ruddy duck and an American wigeon. Park officials gathered the dead birds and left

them in the backcountry so that bears would not be attracted to the developed area.

Many other birds ended up in Hayden Valley along the Yellowstone River in all. McEneaney estimated that up to 6,000 grebes, 1,000 avocets and 40,000 ducks converged on the park.

"I'd never seen anything like it," he said.

Yet it's not totally unexpected, given the bird migrations and weather extremes of spring.

Elizabeth Smart makes '50 Most Beautiful People' list

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Elizabeth Smart is getting recognition for something other than her highly-publicized abduction nearly three years ago.

The Utah teenager has been named one of People magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" in its annual issue.

"It's a nice thing to have happened to her at this time," said Ed Smart, Elizabeth's father. "She was, of course, surprised. It was great for her self-image."

The issue, which hit newsstands Friday, is usually filled with entertainment stars, but this year the 17-year-old blonde whose abduction and return 9-months later made national headlines is found in the pages with Julia Roberts, Halle Berry, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Mudslide relief waits on weather

CEDAR HILLS, Utah (AP) — Rain on Saturday briefly threatened a group of townhouses that were already teetering on being overcome by a mudslide.

Four families were evacuated and a fire volunteer became stranded after heavy rains started the mud sliding down a steep slope on the western edge of the Wasatch Mountains on Thursday. The mud was pushing outside the top unit, but slowed Friday after the rain had let up.

Rain returned Saturday morning, but stopped again after a short time and the slide hadn't moved any closer to the homes, Cedar Hills Fire Chief Craig Carlisle said Saturday afternoon.

Carlisle said the biggest task Saturday was keeping people from climbing up the unstable ground to get a better look.

It wasn't clear whether the families would be able to return to their homes if the mud would destroy the buildings.

"We're just going to sit on it and see what the weather's going to do tonight," Carlisle said. "It's just kind of a waiting game."

The townhomes are at the top of a development built on a hillside about 35 miles south of Salt Lake City.

It was one of many areas in the state affected by the heavy spring rains. Parts of Cache and Box Elder counties experienced some flooding on Thursday and southern Utah residents are still feeling from January floods that caused about \$200 million in damage.

A snowpack way above average in the mountains has yet to melt and could cause further flooding this spring.

Ex-quarterback speaks to UVSC Class of 2005

OREM, Utah (AP) — Steve Young closed Utah Valley State College's Class of 2005 that there is much more to come after graduation.

Young, the former Brigham Young quarterback who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame later this year, received an honorary doctorate Friday when he was the featured speaker at the UVSC graduation.

"Take a moment to appreciate the growth that you've made at this university, then move on," Young advised the class of 3,721.

Young also said people need to take responsibility rather than assess blame.

"Don't become the 'I'm sorry brigade.' Take the next step and say, 'Now I'm going to fix it,'" he said.

Young starred at BYU, just a few miles from the UVSC campus, in the early 1980s and went on to the United States Football League and later the NFL. He led the San Francisco 49ers to the 1995 Super Bowl title and was the league MVP in 1992 and '94.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

The first day of practice he said, 'You should be paying us for teaching you how to play the game.'

— Paul Westphal, about coach Red Auerbach. Westphal signed with the Boston Celtics for \$60,000 a year, plus a \$5,000 bonus — huge by 1972 standards. Auerbach was not pleased that the team had spent so much on a rookie.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who of the following is not a knuckleball pitcher: Tom Candiotti, Mitch Williams, Charlie Hough, Tim Wakefield?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Semi-pro baseball
Mindoka Eagles vs. Oakley Orioles, noon, Neptune Field
Twins Giants vs. Jerome Broncos, noon, Cowboy Field
Burley Steel vs. Jerome Tigers, noon, Old School Field
Aberdeen Tigers vs. Huley Zatecats, noon, Aberdeen Field

IN BRIEF

Basketball league needs players

ONTARIO, Ore. — Treasure Valley Community College men's basketball coach Derrick Boles is looking for current college players or high school graduates who are potential college players. Boles hopes of establishing a ProAm summer basketball league in the Magic Valley.
For more information, call Boles at 739-2494.

Hagerman boosters honor athletes

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman High Athletic Booster Club will sponsor an awards night on Monday at 7 p.m. at the new high school gym. There will be a dessert bar at no charge. Due to space availability, only students, athletes, parents, grandparents, booster members, staff and administration can attend.
Call Craig Mills at 308-4997 with any questions.

Idaho Stampede moving to Boise

NAMPA — The Idaho Stampede basketball team is moving from Nampa to Boise.
The CIA franchise is leaving the Idaho Center in Nampa because team officials wanted more weekend dates for the 24-game home schedule, managing owner Bill Jett said Thursday.
The team has signed a three-year deal with the 5,000-seat bank of America Centre in downtown Boise, where the Idaho Steelheads hockey team plays.
Nampa Mayor Tom Dale, who frequently attends Stampede games, said the Idaho Center has worked hard to accommodate the Stampede. The team wanted some dates that conflicted with other scheduled events, such as the state basketball tournament for boys and girls high school teams, Dale said.

Declo soccer auctions off SUV for uniforms

DECLU — Members of the Declo High School boys soccer team are selling tickets to a red 1992 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer edition donated by their coach, Dan Henricksen, at \$54 each.
The money raised will be used to purchase new uniforms for the soccer team. The tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any team member or a secretary at any of the three Declo schools. For more information, call Henricksen at 654-2611 or 678-1331 (work), or 321-4270.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Mitch Williams.

MLB commish wants tough penalty for first steroid offense

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig asked players to agree to a 50-game suspension for first-time steroid offenders and a lifetime ban for a third violation under what he called a "three strikes and you are out approach" to doping.

In a letter sent this week to union head Donald Fehr, Selig proposed a 100-game ban for a second offense. He also asked the union to ban amphetamines, to have more frequent random tests and to appoint an independent person to administer the major league drug-testing program.

"Third offenders should be banned permanently. I recognize the need for progressive discipline, but a third-time offender has no place in the game," Selig wrote to Fehr.

"Steroid users cheat the game. After three offenses, they have no place in it."
Under the rules that began this season, a first offense gets a



10-day suspension, with the penalty increasing to 30 days for a second positive test, 60 days for a third and one year for a fourth. For a fifth positive, the penalty is at the commissioner's discretion.

Baseball currently has no penalties for amphetamine use by players on 40-man major league rosters. Amphetamines are banned for players under minor-league contracts.
Last winter, we reopened

our agreement to deal with steroids," Selig wrote in the April 25 letter, a copy of which was obtained Saturday by The Associated Press. "I am asking you now to demonstrate once again to America that our relationship has improved to the point that we can act quickly and effectively deal with matters affecting the integrity of our great sport."

Reached Saturday, Fehr said the union was not yet prepared to discuss Selig's proposal. "We'll respond in due course," Fehr said, adding he anticipated replying early next week.
Some players began thinking about Selig's proposal Saturday.

"That would get it out of the game — in a heartbeat," Kansas City Royals pitcher Brian Anderson said.

New York Yankees player representative Mike Mussina said he wanted to study the proposal before replying.

"I don't know if Bud's trying to get out in front and make the good guys or the bad guys," said New York Mets pitcher Tom Glavine, a senior union leader.

"I happen to be able to believe that our program is a good one and I've kept it alone. It's going to do what we want it to do," Glavine told the AP in Washington. "But if everybody has their mind set on making it, please see SELIG, Page C2

Golden Eagles sweep Eastern Utah

CSI heads to Region 18 tournament

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's fitting that Arin Formanek helped to close out the College of Southern Idaho baseball team's regular season. He's been a sign of relief out of the bullpen for the Golden Eagles all season.

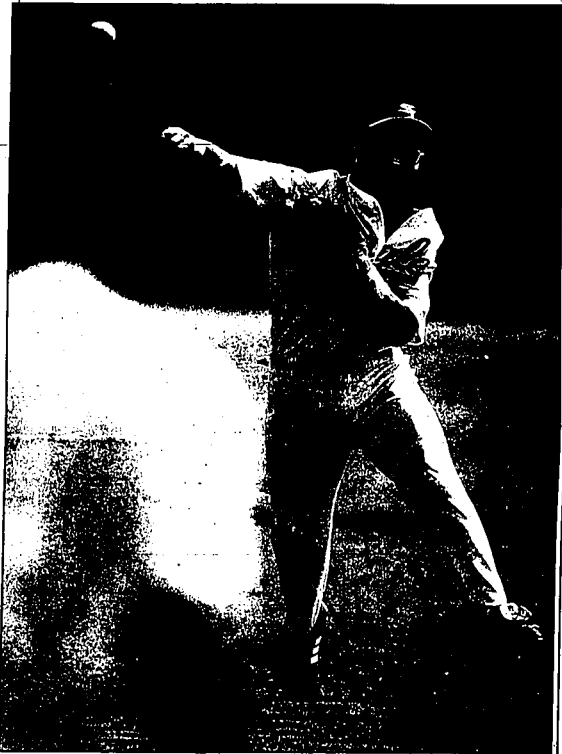
This time however, Formanek ventured into unfamiliar territory — a starting role — in helping CSI to a 3-0 win over the College of Eastern Utah in Game 2 of a Scenic West Athletic Conference doubleheader Saturday at Skip Walker Field.

The Eagles also won the opener, 9-1 to take three of four games from CSI in the series. CSI (28-25 overall, 21-18 SWAC) will now enter the Region 18 playoffs as the No. 4 seed, again playing fifth-seeded SEU (10-28, 9-30) on Thursday in Henderson, Nev. The Community College of Southern Nevada earned the No. 1 seed on Saturday with a win in its final game against Dixie State. CCSN will play the Southern Idaho/Eastern Utah winner.

Formanek made just his second start of the season Saturday, allowing three hits while striking out five in five innings.
"The thing that was probably the biggest bright spot of my entire season was Arin Formanek throwing today," CSI head coach Bronner Walker said. "That kid is such a hard worker and one of my favorite kids I've ever been around. He's had a good season for us, but he's just not a starter-type guy."

"I told him on Tuesday, I said, 'Arin, you're going to start on Saturday. You've earned it. It's our last home series, so you go out there and give us a great effort.' I didn't think he'd throw five shutout innings, but he did."

Much of Formanek's success stemmed from his usual ability to throw strikes. He didn't allow a walk on Saturday and was given up just eight free passes in



College of Southern Idaho shortstop Jordan Daley makes a quick toss to first baseman Jeff Vickers, foreground, to throw out the College of Eastern Utah's Colton Robinson during the third inning of Game 2 of a Scenic West Athletic Conference doubleheader Saturday at Skip Walker Field.

20 1/3 innings pitched this season. "I've always had good command of the strike zone."

Formanek said. "I just try to work ahead with my fastball. Please see EAGLES, Page C2

Bruins softball splits with Timberline

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Timberline's batters proved why the Wolves are considered one of the top softball teams in Idaho Saturday against Twin Falls.

The 20-3 Wolves connected on 10 hits against Bruins freshman Amber Petersen in a 4-1 Game 1 victory at Bruin Field.

Twin Falls bounced back with a 2-0 win in Game 2 as junior varsity call-up Randi Parks threw a solid game.

In Game 1, Petersen was never able to routinely control the count like she has in previous games. The disciplined Wolves forced her to throw hittable strikes and made her pay. She struck out one batter.

"It's probably our strength," said Wolves coach Annie Schmidt. "We were patient because she can move the ball all over the strike zone. We did a good job hitting with discipline."

While the Bruins were disappointed in the 4-1 loss, it was a good learning experience for Petersen. Remember, this was a nonconference doubleheader.



Twin Falls High senior third baseman Jayme Harmonson reminds the outfielders that the Bruins have recorded one out the second inning of Game 1 with Timberline Saturday in Twin Falls.

"It was good for her to throw against good hitters," said head coach Nick Baumer. "She wasn't going to get 15 strikeouts today."

With Timberline connecting well against Petersen, the pressure was on the Bruins defense. For the most part, Twin Falls held thanks in part to some solid defensive plays by shortstop Kara Gambrel. She also

the third and fourth innings with the game tied at 1.

Timberline connected for two straight singles to start the top of the seventh. A fielder's choice hit by Shay Craig scored the winning run before the second Bruins error of the day made it 3-1. An RBI single by catcher Stacy Rose made it 4-1.

Game 2 Twin Falls 2, Timberline 1

The 19-3 Bruins jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and Parks made it stand up. Senior catcher Jayme Harmonson hit an RBI single up the middle to score Petersen. A fielding error on that play allowed Harmonson to move to third, pushing across Justine Williams to make it 2-0.

Tim's mistakes hitners stranded at least one runner in the first six innings, going down in order against Parks in the seventh.

"Several times we had chances to go ahead," Schmidt said. "We didn't do the job hitting."

Parks had a good bit to do. Please see BRUINS, Page C2

Wizards bounce back

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The game-defining moment came late in the first quarter, when the Washington Wizards became more than just the Big Three. Larry Hughes drew a double team and passed to a wide open Evan Turner. After a two-handed dunk raised the roof and set the tone for things to come.

The Wizards won their first playoff victory in 17 years Saturday, beating the Chicago Bulls 117-95 with a big-man attack notably absent in the first two games of the series.

Thomas scored 20 points on 8-of-14 shooting, grabbed nine rebounds and led a third-quarter spurt that put his team in control, supplementing an attack that had come to rely too heavily on Hughes, Gilbert Arenas and Antawn Jamison.

"It was the X-factor," Chicago guard Ben Gordon said. "He really came in for them today and had an uncharacteristic game. Usually you see Arenas, Jamison or Hughes doing something, but he was very big."

The win was the first in the postseason for the Wizards since May 8, 1988, when they beat Detroit 106-103 in Game 4 of a first-round series. Of immediate concern for the Wizards is that they cut the Bulls series lead to 2-1, with Game 4 in Washington on Monday.

"We were very desperate," said Brendan Haywood, who added eight points and nine rebounds. "It's not impossible to come back from 0-3, but it's definitely very hard on everyone. We have had to pull out our Boston Red Sox tapes."

Tyson Chandler had 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead six players in double figures for the Bulls, who struggled with foul trouble in a closely-edged, rhythm-less game that included 47 combined fouls and 43 free throws.

Mavericks 97, Rockets 93

HOUSTON — With Dirk Nowitzki in another slump and Jason Terry struggling suddenly virtually at will, unheralded Dallas point guard Jason Terry rescued the Mavericks from the bleakest of deficits.

Terry scored a season-high 32 points, including a 3-pointer with 26.9 seconds left, and Michael Finley added 10, rallying the Mavericks from a seven-point, fourth-quarter deficit in a 97-93 victory over the Houston Rockets on Saturday.

The victory evened the best-of-seven, first-round series at two games apiece. Game 5 is Monday.

The Mavericks might want to petition the NBA to hold the home-court advantage has been a disadvantage in this series. The road team has won all the games in this matchup.

While 14 teams in NBA history have won a 0-2 lead, please see WIZARDS, Page C2

SPORTS

Wood River falls in Preston tourney

The Times-News

Local sports

PRESTON — Wood River defeated Bear Lake 4-1 to move into the championship game of the Preston Tournament Saturday but were defeated by the host Preston Indians 7-0 to finish second.

Dunkanyan started the title game for Wood River but was relieved by Kenny Cardona in the third inning and Casey Hawkes pitched the sixth.

"By the fourth game of the weekend, arms are a little slim on the mound," said Hovey. Tyson Reyes was the 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs and Chille Brashears was 2-for-2 for the Wolverines (17-6, 4-1 Great Basin Conference West) in the championship game.

"We had just enough offense to get by," said Wood River coach Larry Hovey about the game. "We were out of sync." Cardona had four strikeouts and issued three walks as he notched the win for Wood River against the Indians.

Wood River hosts Minico Monday in a battle of the top teams in the Great Basin Conference West.

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James Toney celebrates with Don King and referee Steve Smoger after defeating John Ruiz to become the new WBA heavyweight champion at Madison Square Garden in New York, Saturday.

Toney outpoints Ruiz

NEW YORK (AP) — James Toney did almost as he promised, outpointing but not knocking out John Ruiz to win the WBA heavyweight title Saturday night.

Toney, a former champion at three other weights, scored a unanimous decision that wasn't particularly close. It was just the third heavyweight bout for the 36-year-old Toney, who has been fighting since 1992. He became the fourth-oldest heavyweight champion in the world when he took the title in 2002.

One of the other middleweight-turned-heavyweight winners was Roy Jones, who also beat Ruiz. Jones was at ringside broadcasting the fight, in which Toney looked fearsome — and flashy.

While the extra weight didn't look good on Toney, he never lost the swagger he carried into the Madison Square Garden ring. And as the fight swung his way, he grimaced in mock pain at Ruiz and even did a little shuffle after the eighth round.

At 233 pounds, he was outweighed by eight pounds, and the weight looked better on Ruiz. Not that it mattered as Toney wore down the natural

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heavyweight to win 116-111 on the other. "I didn't expect much from Ruiz, because he is an average fighter. John Ruiz is stupid, he can't change his style, he only knows how to fight one way," Toney said.

Ruiz, 33, landed only 28 percent of his power punches to 57 percent for Toney, and it naturally made a difference. Yet it was not a hard punch that sent Ruiz to the canvas early in the seventh round, but a right-left combination. Ruiz claimed he slipped, but replays showed Toney connected just before Ruiz went down.

"It's a tough guy to fight, he moves around a lot," Ruiz said. "I connected a lot. I finished stronger and I won the fight."

Well, no. John Toney got the nod for finishing better. And now he has his sights on the other heavyweight champions: Vitaly Klitschko, Chris Byrd and Lamon Brewster.

Mosquera dethrones Nanthachal

Vicente Mosquera won the

WBA super featherweight title Saturday night with a flurry of rights that handed Yodanun Nanthachal his first loss in nearly 11 years.

Mosquera scored a unanimous 12-round decision over Nanthachal of Thailand, knocking down the champion three times. Nanthachal showed little defense against the sharp right hands from the Panamanian.

In his first title fight, Mosquera won his 10th straight bout, improving to 21-1-1. Nanthachal, who held the crown for more than three years, fell to 44-3-1.

After the unanimous decision was announced, Mosquera fell to the canvas crying.

"My father had two years ago and I wish he died there to see me win," Mosquera said. Mosquera couldn't finish the 12th round, too.

Luis Perez defended his IBF junior bantamweight crown with a sixth-round knockout of Luis Bolano of Colombia. Perez (23-1, 15 knockouts), of Nicaragua, dominated the fight and knocked down Bolano twice before the decisive blow in the sixth. It was Perez's first fight since he only defended the crown on Dec. 13, 2003.

Bruins

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The three strikes when she needed to," Baumert said. "She was real effective with her change-up. She kept them off balance."

She also overcame four unofficial Bruin errors: two on the opening play of the game, although the Twin Falls defense caught the fourth-inning-ending double play.

Selig

Continued from C1 tougher, then you're going to have to take the time, continue to look at alternatives. It's not something you can expect to happen in two weeks or two months. It's going to take a while, but I still think that's something, that if it's deemed to be changed, you can probably get something done by next season."

Baseball players agreed during the offseason to reopen the drug agreement, which was set to expire until December 2006. The new rules, which began in March, for the first time instituted suspensions for a first positive test for steroid use. Four players have received 10-day bans, all with relatively low profiles: Tampa

Parks got the Game 2 start for banged-up senior Cassie Gonzalez.

A Monday evening fender-bender gave her a sore neck. A pitched nerve in her throwing arm last Saturday limited her to a Game 1 start at first base.

Gonzalez was one of seven players honored Saturday on Senior Day. Others included Haley Duncan, Kaci Lee, Shawna Nelson, Gambrel, Harmon and Williams.

Twin Falls travels to Skyline

Thursday to conclude regular-season and regional play. The Region Four-Five-Six tournament will start May 10 at a site to be determined.

Game 1

Timberlake 4, Twin Falls 1

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Injured Federer out of Italian Open
ROME - Top-ranked Roger Federer withdrew Saturday from the Italian Open because of inflammation in both feet, leaving Andy Roddick the top-seeded player for this major clay-court tournament leading to the French Open.

Clippers' 17-match winning streak ends
WARSAW, Poland - Kim Clijsters' 17-match winning streak ended Saturday when she lost to Russian Svetlana Kuznetsov, 7-5, 6-3 in the 188 Cup semifinals.

Australia's Lleyton Hewitt, ranked No. 2, already had withdrawn because of a toe injury that sidelined him since losing to Federer in the final in Indian Wells, Calif., in March.

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OEBRAS, Portugal - Top-seeded Carlos Moya quit during the second set Saturday because of a shoulder problem, allowing Tommy Robredo to advance to the Estoril Open final against Gaston Gaudio.

Bayern wins 18th German soccer title
BERLIN - Bayern Munich captured a record 18th Bundesliga championship Saturday, with Roy Makaay scoring three goals in a 4-0 victory over FC Kaiserslautern.

Walden gets third IRL win, Patrick takes fourth
MONTICELLO, N.Y. - Rookie Matt Kenseth won his first career NASCAR race Saturday, while Tony Stewart won his 11th IndyCar race.

Canada, Russia struggle to win in openers
ZURICH, Switzerland - Depending on the opponent, Canada and Russia struggled Saturday in winning their opening games at the hockey world championship.

Downside sees action in Hamburg victory
HAMBURG, Germany - A German man, unsure of what Chris Lewis committed two turnovers in the final minutes to help the Hamburg Sea Devils beat the Centurions 23-6 Saturday night.

Pavel edges Haas with help of broken racket
MUNICH, Germany - Romanian Andrei Pavel reached the 16-city Open final Saturday, 6-7(2), 6-4 victory Saturday over Tommy Haas, who smashed his racket during a loss in which he was trying to become the first German in 11 years to win this clay-court event.

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Making a name for himself

Son of Braves GM hopes to join his dad

By Joedy McCrory
Associated Press writer

PEARL, Miss. — The general manager of the Atlanta Braves knows all about the plucky second baseman. Born at Double-A Mississippi. He should — it's his son.

Jonathan Schuerholz, the Mississippi Braves' 24-year-old infielder with the most famous name on the team, is trying to establish his own identity in another "son of" role.

Under Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz.

And he's doing his part to make Schuerholz the first father-son GM-player combination on the same major league team.



Jonathan Schuerholz and his father, Atlanta Braves general manager John Schuerholz, compare notes on the father's first bat toss technique prior to the Braves' opener in Pearl, Miss., April 18.

"I didn't expect to go (them)," he said. "I called my dad, said 'Am I drafted?' and he said 'Yep.'"

He spent most of 2002 at rookie-league Danville, but also played two games for Class A Macon.

He spent 2003 with Class A Rome — where he had his best season, hitting .251 — and played last year with Myrtle Beach before his promotion to Double-A.

The elder Schuerholz was in attendance for his son's first home game in Double-A. The GM threw out a ceremonial first pitch, then watched the game from a luxury box.

"I still cheer for him, and I hope he does well," the elder Schuerholz said.

The player said his immediate goal is to earn a spot on the big league club's 40-man roster.

"When you're on the 40-man, you're an injury away from the big leagues, and even if you're not on the 40-man, you're just a phone call away," the younger Schuerholz said. "If something happens — a weird situation — you've got to go in, day in and day out, and get ready for the big leagues."

Jonathan Schuerholz can't wait for the phone call offering the big promotion. That's a special occasion for any minor leaguer, but it would be even more memorable for him because the call probably would come from one proud papa.

"If I get that call, I'll be all smiles, all day long," he said. "It would be the greatest day of my life."

After several seasons in the low minors, the second baseman is two steps from Turner Field. Yet both Schuerholzes insist the player won't carry any breaks just because he's the GM's son.

"All the pressure that I have is the pressure I put on myself, and that's the day-in, day-out type of pressure," Jonathan Schuerholz said.

Through 18 games with Mississippi, he was hitting .242 with two runs and one home run — sometimes during taunts of "Daddy's boy" during road trips.

"Players understand that they have to produce. They have to do the job, and that's how they

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	HR
Baltimore	16	7	.692	0	7-2	W-7	6-4	6-7	0-0	0-0
Boston	11	12	.524	4	4-6	W-1	6-4	6-7	0-0	0-0
Toronto	13	12	.520	4	4-6	L-1	5-6	6-6	0-0	0-0
New York	14	11	.560	3	5-6	W-1	6-4	6-7	0-0	0-0
Tampa Bay	8	16	.333	8.5	3-7	L-6	7-7	1-9	0-0	0-0

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	HR
Chicago	17	13	.564	0	7-3	W-1	7-3	7-6	0-0	0-0
Minnesota	15	8	.652	1.5	7-3	W-5	8-2	7-6	0-0	0-0
Detroit	11	11	.500	5	2-6	L-1	5-5	6-6	0-0	0-0
Cleveland	12	13	.476	7.5	3-7	L-1	3-7	3-7	0-0	0-0
Kansas City	6	18	.250	11	1-9	W-1	2-12	4-6	0-0	0-0

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	HR
Los Angeles	15	12	.556	0	5-5	W-1	6-5	6-7	0-0	0-0
Oakland	12	12	.500	1	5-5	W-1	4-7	6-5	0-0	0-0
Seattle	12	13	.480	1.5	2-5	L-1	4-7	6-5	0-0	0-0
Texas	12	13	.480	1.5	2-5	L-1	6-8	6-5	0-0	0-0

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	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	HR
Florida	13	11	.541	0	5-5	W-1	7-3	10-4	0-0	0-0
Atlanta	14	10	.583	0	7-3	W-1	7-4	7-6	0-0	0-0
Washington	13	11	.542	1.5	2-5	W-2	7-5	6-6	0-0	0-0
Philadelphia	10	13	.435	4	3-7	L-1	5-6	5-7	0-0	0-0

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	HR
St. Louis	13	11	.541	0	5-5	W-1	6-5	6-6	0-0	0-0
Chicago	12	11	.522	0.5	4-6	L-1	6-5	6-6	0-0	0-0
Cincinnati	10	13	.435	3.5	2-7	L-3	7-3	10-4	0-0	0-0
Houston	10	13	.435	3.5	2-7	W-3	4-8	4-8	0-0	0-0
Pittsburgh	8	14	.364	7	4-6	L-2	3-8	5-6	0-0	0-0

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	HR
Los Angeles	14	8	.635	0	2-6	W-1	6-3	8-9	0-0	0-0
Arizona	9	6	.609	5	7-3	L-1	9-3	5-8	0-0	0-0
San Francisco	12	11	.522	2.5	6-4	W-4	8-6	4-8	0-0	0-0
San Diego	11	12	.476	3.5	2-6	W-1	3-7	4-8	0-0	0-0
Colorado	6	14	.300	7	4-8	L-3	5-8	1-8	0-0	0-0

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Oakland @ Seattle, 5, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox @ Detroit 3
Boston @ Texas 2

Kansas City @ Cleveland 1
Baltimore @ Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota @ L.A. Angels 2

Sunday's Games
Toronto (Lily 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Parano 2-2), 11:05 a.m.
Kansas City (Lina 0-2) at Cleveland (Elston 0-1), 11:05 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bazile 1-1) at Baltimore (Lowe 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 2-1) at Texas (Drees 2-2), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Coker 3-2) at Minnesota (Sextans 4-0), 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (Ludema 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Gardner 4-0), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pleuro 2-1) at Oakland (Zito 6-1), 2:05 p.m.

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Florida (Beckett 4-1) at Philadelphia (Lide 1-2), 11:35 a.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 2-1) at Pittsburgh (O'Parade 2-1), 11:35 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Pior 3-2) at Boston (Clemens 2-2), 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Va. Ortiz 0-2) at Milwaukee (D. Davis 2-3), 12:05 p.m.
Arizona (Vazquez 2-2) at San Diego (W. Williams 2-1), 2:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chason 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Lowe 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Helman 2-2) at Washington (Fitzmon 3-1), 6:05 p.m.

Yankees snap three-game losing streak

NEW YORK (AP) — Chien-Ming Wang thrived in his major league debut, and Tony Womack hit a game-winning single in the ninth inning to help the New York Yankees snap a three-game losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

Wang, a 25-year-old right-hander from Taiwan, held the Blue Jays to six singles in seven innings, and Alex Rodriguez hit a solo homer, his major league-leading ninth of the season and fifth of the week.

Mariano Rivera (2-1) pitched a perfect ninth for the win, his first outing since April 21.

Vinnie Chulk (0-1) took the loss for the Blue Jays, who lost for the first time in five games.

Royals 8, Indians 1.
CLEVELAND — Ken Harvey hit his first career grand slam and Eli Marrero homered twice for Kansas City, which snapped a nine-game losing streak.

Harvey, an All-Star last season who began this year in the minor leagues, connected in a five-run third off Cliff Lee (2-1) as the Royals won their first game since beating the Indians on April 15.

Marrero followed Harvey's homer with a solo shot and then hit a two-run homer in the seventh.

Bookie Benny Bautista (2-1) limited the Indians to just one run and five hits in six-plus innings.

Orleans 7, Devil Rays 5
BALTIMORE — Brian Roberts hit a debreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning and the Orioles won their seventh straight game.

Miguel Tejada homered for the third consecutive game, a two-run shot off Travis Harper (0-1) that tied the game at 4-4 in the seventh. B.J. Surhoff also hit a home run for the Orioles, whose winning streak is their longest since taking eight straight from Aug. 3-10, 2004.

Baltimore rallied from a 4-0 deficit to hand the Devil Rays their sixth straight loss, a 7-2 win. Tampa Bay fell to 1-9 on the road.

Todd Williams (3-0) got the win by getting the last out of the eighth inning. B.J. Ryan earned his fourth save, a pinch-hit allowing a pinch runner by Jonny Gomes to lead off the ninth.

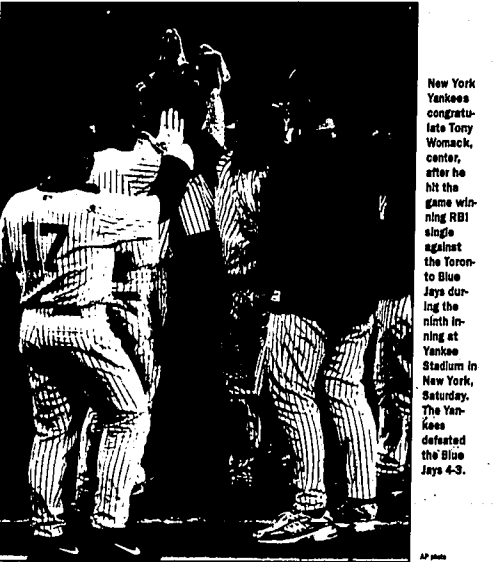
Athletics 6, Mariners 5, 10 innings
OAKLAND, Calif. — Mark Kotsay had five hits, including a game-winning single in the eighth inning, as Oakland edged the Athletics.

Raul Ibanez's RBI single in the ninth off Oakland closer Octavio Dotel sent the game to extra innings. It was Dotel's first blown save in 10 starts.

Kelichi Yuju (2-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Kotsay finished 5-for-6 and matched an Oakland record for hits, also equalling his career best.

With two runs and a home run on the 10th, Ron Villone (0-1) walked Nick Swisher and Marco Scutaro. Kotsay followed with a single to center, scoring Swisher.

Kotter hit three home runs starter Jamie Moyer, missing his career average to .714 (10-for-14) against the left-hander.



Twins 4, Angels 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Radke earned his second win with 7 1-3 strong innings and Justin Morneau had a homer and a triple as the Twins won their fifth straight.

Radke (2-3) bounced in a row at one point and returned back after giving up 11 hits in each of his previous two starts. He gave up two runs — one earned — and seven hits, struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

Juan Rincon retired two straight in the eighth and Joe Nathan worked a perfect ninth for his eighth save in nine chances.

Kelvin Escobar (0-1) gave up four runs and nine hits in his second start since returning from an elbow injury.

Red Sox 9, Rangers 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Bronson Arroyo won again while appealing his suspension, and Johnny Damon and Theo Epstein consecutive homers to lead the Boston Red Sox over the Texas Rangers 9-2 on Saturday night.

Arroyo Vartak also homered and Arroyo (3-0) worked seven innings for his eighth straight victory spanning 14 starts since Aug. 21. He pitched a day after being handed a six-game suspension for his role in two bench-clearing scuffles at Tampa Bay last weekend.

The World Series champion Red Sox (12-11) snapped a three-game losing streak to avoid their first losing April since 1996. They had lost five of six games.

While Arroyo pitched and Nhon played, Red Sox manager Terry Francona watched the game on television, just like the night before. Francona served the second game of his three-game suspension for the trouble during Boston's 11-3 win over the Devil Rays last Sunday.

Nixon is appealing his two-game suspension. David Ortiz plans to appeal the fine levied against him Friday.

Dustin Hermanson pitched the ninth for his third save in six many chances.

Johnson allowed six hits and four runs in 6-2 innings, walking three and hitting two batters.

Brewers win third straight

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his first home run since this season, No. 502 of his career, but the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-5 Saturday on Damian Miller's game-winning single in the ninth inning.

Sean Casey also connected for the Reds, who led 5-1 in the seventh before the Brewers rallied on Junior Spivey's two-run single and Russell Branyan's two-run double.

Griffey connected for a two-run shot off reliever Victor Santos in the fourth inning, ending his longest drought that season. He had not hit a home run in his first 21 games and 79 at-bats this year.

Derrick Turnbow (1-1) got two outs for the win, escaping a bases-loaded jam in the ninth.

New closer Dan Kolb (1-2) earned his first win for Atlanta by pitching a perfect ninth.

Cardinals starter Matt Morris worked six strong innings and Albert Pujols hit an RBI double.

Giants 7, Pirates 6

PITTSBURGH — Deliv Cruz hit a two-run homer, and an error by Pittsburgh center fielder Jason Bay helped key a three-run sixth inning that carried San Francisco past the Pirates.

The Giants won their season-high fourth in a row despite a shaky start from Noah Loney, who left with a 4-3 in the fifth.

With San Francisco's bullpen unsettled following closer Armando Benitez's hamstring injury, manager Felipe Alou used several of eight relievers, with Jim Brower getting four outs for his first save. He allowed Freddy Sanchez's RBI single in the ninth, but got pinch-hitter Bobby Hill to ground to second to end the game.

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Nationals 5, Mets 3, 8 innings, rain

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Braves 3, Cardinals 2

ATLANTA — Raul Mondesi homered leading off the bottom of the ninth inning to give Atlanta a victory over St. Louis.

Mondesi, batting just .200 in his first season with the Braves, connected on the second pitch from James Lofgren (0-1), who was the fifth game-winning homer of Mondesi's career, the last coming on Aug. 2, 2003, with Atlanta.

Atlanta's victory was the first since the end of the infield.

Showers fell steadily from the fifth inning on — there was a 30-minute delay during the sixth — and the infield was filled with puddles by the eighth. It was in that inning that Frank Robinson was elected by plate umpire Tom Halloran after a lengthy discussion during which the National League manager repeatedly pointed to the foul line on the left side of the infield.

DiMarco leads rain-delayed Zurich

AVONDALE, La. (AP) — Chris DiMarco found himself in the same position he was in entering the final day of the Masters, ending atop at the 18th hole halfway through the suspended third round of the Zurich Classic.

DiMarco, who overcame a bad Sunday morning performance in the Masters to take Tiger Woods to a playoff, was 4 under through 10 holes in the third round and 12 under overall when play was suspended because of darkness. James Driscoll was 11 under through 11 holes, and second-round leader Arjun Atwal was 10 under through 10 holes.

"Like I said at Augusta, those last nine holes, I played Sunday morning, I did not hit a bad shot," said DiMarco, who lost to Woods on the first extra hole at Augusta National. "But everything that could possibly go wrong, you know, a couple bad drives, didn't make some putts that I had been making, and I led to a bad number."

Golf

That can happen. That's golf. I'm going to rally stay on the ball tomorrow, and I'm really going to try to win. Like I said, my goal has changed a little bit as far as the golf course for me. I'm slowing myself down, and I am not hitting myself until I'm ready to hit them."

On Saturday, DiMarco teed off five hours late, but wasted no time getting to work.

DiMarco, who opened the day at 8 under, opened the round with a birdie, and added three more on the front nine to take the lead.

The start of play was delayed for five hours because of thunderstorms rolling through the area. The leaders were to start play at 11:27 a.m., but did not tee off until 4:47 p.m.

The players got in five hours on the course before play was suspended because of darkness. Sixty-nine of the 84 players were unable to finish.

Driscoll, a rookie on the tour, was 5 under for 11 holes Saturday.

Els among leaders after first round of Asian Open

SHANGHAI, China — Ernie Els shot a 6-under 67 Thursday to lead the first round of the Asian Open.

Els, ranked No. 3 in the world, made five birdies on the front nine and added another on the back nine to lead at Tomson Shanghai Pudong Golf Club.

Six other players also shot 67: Simon Wakefield of England, Peter Lawrie of Ireland, Larry Austin of Australia, Eddie Lee of New Zealand, and Raphael Jacquelin and Jean Van de Velde of France.

Jey Milkha Singh of India shot a 69 to finish tied for eighth with Richard Sterne of South Africa, Soren Hansen of Denmark.

Caddie says LPGA player seduced him

MIAMI (AP) — A former caddie for LPGA golfer Michelle Gallagher-Smith is suing her, saying she seduced him in order to get pregnant.

Robinson says Gallagher-Smith, who is married, used him as "an unwitting sperm donor." He is suing for an unspecified sum, claiming fraud and intentional infliction of emotional distress. No hearing date has been set for the suit, filed in circuit court this week in West Palm Beach.

A message for Gallagher-Smith's attorney, Edwin Belz, was not immediately returned. But he told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel that the suit was, "an attempt at extortion."

The suit says Gallagher-Smith, 37, gave birth last month, but Florida law says a child born into a marriage is



Chris DiMarco watches his tee shot on the 9th tee in the second round of the Zurich Classic in Avondale, La., Friday. DiMarco put this shot in the bunker guarding the green and made bogey on the hole.

deemed to be a result of the marriage. A DNA test can't be forced and Robinson has no legal claim to the child, said Cathy Lively, Robinson's attorney.

That is why we are seeking damages; he's not going to be able to ask for a DNA test," Lively said. "It is our claim that he was put into a position, and this was an intentional act to father a child. He was led to believe at that point that the child was his."

"He was put into the position of being an unwitting sperm donor," Robinson said. "He has benefited professionally. He is currently out of work as a caddie and is pursuing a career as a professional golfer."

"The likelihood that I will ever get another caddying job, especially in the LPGA, is very, very

unlikely," he said.

Robinson, 26, began caddying for Gallagher-Smith in February 2004, and soon thereafter began an emotional advance after he was in a recruiting station after recently ending a long-term relationship with a girlfriend, and he passed off some early advances as "innocent playful activity."

The relationship became sexual about two months later and the two would sometimes engage in unprotected sex, he said. When rumors of the relationship began spreading around the tour, Gallagher-Smith told Robinson that he must deny they had anything but a work relationship, the suit states.

Robinson goes on to say that Gallagher-Smith told him she and her husband had been un-

successful in conceiving a child. In July, she told Robinson she was pregnant and led him to believe he might be the father, the suit says.

Under pressure from Robinson, Gallagher-Smith eventually told her husband and said he forgave them, and Robinson continued to caddie for Gallagher-Smith through the end of the tour season in October, Robinson said.

"I hope to get retribution for the emotional pain and suffering and eventually get some rights to the child," Robinson said. "The laws in Florida are very tough with the situation. I'm in but this suit is about financial retribution."

An 11-year tour veteran, Gallagher-Smith has one career victory and career earnings of about \$1.1 million. She has not played in a tour event this year.

Bengals top pick feels out of place at linebacker

CINCINNATI (AP) — David Pollack walked off the Cincinnati Bengals' first-round pick smile, pleased with how he finished his first day as a linebacker-in-training.

A few seconds later, the look of contentment was gone, replaced by flat-out embarrassment.

He wet cleats slipped on the concrete stadium floor, taking him down the way he used to take down quarterbacks at Georgia. He grabbed for close friend Odell Thurman as he fell, and took him down, too.

Fortunately, the only thing that Pollack hurt was his pride — more than his ego.

The 17th overall pick in the NFL draft took his first steps Friday in a major transformation. The defensive lineman from Georgia is moving to outside linebacker in the pros, a position he has never played.

"It's like a close driving a car," Pollack said. "I didn't do anything this morning that I did in college — ever."

In a few seconds at Georgia, Pollack lined up at defensive tackle and end. He still had an end's number — 99 — and mentality when he arrived for the Bengals' rookie training camp, two things he needs to change.

"I'd rather have a number in the 50s to look like a linebacker, because a lot of people don't know he said. "Yesterday we had to stand up, tell our position, the university you went to and your hometown. I stood up and went, 'David Pollack, defensive ... uh, linebacker, University of Georgia.' I had to catch myself."

His assignment is to catch on quickly. Pollack didn't think it would be smooth, but had no idea it would be as tough as it turned out on his first day.

He got his playbook and studied the X's and O's on Thursday night with Thurman, a Georgia teammate who has called it being me. "I've got his entire career. Pollack saw where the X lined up on paper and envisioned himself there on the field."

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Doper warns of steroid use by high schoolers

PHOENIX (AP) — Sprinter Kelli White told an appreciative audience of U.S. Olympic and sports leaders on Saturday that she is concerned about the use of steroids by high school students, and that it will be difficult to find other elite athletes to come forward and admit drug use.

White, serving a two-year suspension after admitting she used steroids and other banned substances, also said she believes she would be a good candidate to study on the health effects of using banned performance enhancers.

White made the comments as part of a panel discussing "Doping in Sport: Are We Winning the Battle?" at the U.S. Olympic Assembly.

White is cooperating with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency after acknowledging that she used performance-enhancing drugs in 2003; the year she won the 100 and 200 meters at the world championships in Paris. She has since been stripped of both medals.

Her decision to come forward drew praise from USAA chairman Dr. Ralph Hale and a standing ovation from the crowd at the assembly, a two-day gathering of U.S. Olympic Committee members and leaders of the governing bodies of Olympic sports.

Hale, a member of the discussion panel, said White has been and will be in all the help and all the information she has given us.



the weekend. "Then, it started to click. He's catching on real fast. I knew that was going to happen."

Dungy says Freney recovering from surgery

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — NFL sack leader Dwight Freney recently had shoulder surgery and may not be ready to practice when the Indianapolis Colts open training camp in late July, coach Tony Dungy said.

Dungy revealed the surgery on the two-time Pro Bowl defensive end during the second day of the Colts' rookie minicamp.

"He had shoulder surgery a couple of weeks ago — just a cleanup," Dungy said. "We kind of knew that it was coming. (They) had planned on doing it after the Pro Bowl. We expect him to be full right around the beginning of camp."

Freney led the NFL last season with a franchise-record 16 sacks, his third straight season with at least eight sacks. The Colts drafted him 11th overall in 2002.

Moss not ready to change his ways

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Randy Moss made one thing clear following his first workouts with the Oakland Raiders: He's going to be the same distanced superstar he was in seven tumultuous seasons in Minnesota.

"Some people call it shy. Some people call it inconspicuous. I'm just being myself. My Saturday between minicamp practices. "The biggest thing is, I'm coming here to work."

The start of Moss' adjustment period with his new team has been muddying up names of several teammates and familiarizing himself with the Raiders' offensive terminology in Norv Turner's system.

On the field, he sure appears anxious to get going. "The thing that jumped out at me first was how effortless he does things," quarterback Kerry Collins said. "He's very fluid. He's a big, tall, rangy guy. I know that, but until you see him in person you don't get an appreciation of what he's got."

Oakland is coming off a 5-11 season, getting just one more victory in Turner's first year than the Raiders managed the previous season. The team is going 23 over the past two seasons for the worst two-year record since 1983.

White said she had recently attended a town hall meeting with high school students.

"It was very alarming to learn that a lot of them were receiving information from their local gyms about steroids, how to get them, and that's scary," she said. "I never thought about using steroids when I was in high school or when I was in college. I didn't want any of that. It came from outside forces, and once it was all over, I was happy to be done with that and move forward, and look at my life. I'm actually determined to go there."

Truex makes it 2-for-2 in Busch at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Martin Truex proved he's just as good at restrictor-plate racing as his boss is, winning his second consecutive Busch Series race at Talladega Super Speedway on Sunday.

Truex, who drives a car co-owned by Dale Earnhardt Jr., batted back after an early accident damaged his Chevrolet. Then he avoided several other crashes, a flurry of late cautions, and an intense overtime finish.

With Kerry Earnhardt, his big brother, right on his rear bumper, Truex jumped out on the restart of the three-lap overtime and pulled away.

Wood pulled up to challenge Truex. But Wood never had enough to make a run for the lead, and Truex drove away for the victory.

The reigning Busch Series champion has won both races he's entered at Talladega.

"That's two-for-two at Talladega," he said. "That's a pretty good record and something I'm real proud of."

His boss is even better. Earnhardt Jr. has five Nextel Cup victories here, and a Busch win two years ago. Junior and Truex, his protegee, have won the past three races here.

Wood finished second in his first race on the 2.66-mile oval. David Sturme was third, followed by Ashton Lewis Jr. and Kerry Earnhardt.

Despite losing his chance to win here and join his family's restrictor-plate legacy, Kerry Earnhardt was pleased after coming back from starting in the 34th position.

The start was delayed more than three hours because of rain and the race was slowed by 10 cautions — including a 15-car accident that brought out an 18-minute stoppage in action so NASCAR could clean the track.

Truex was involved in that early mishap, which happened 17 laps into the race. But he suf-

fered just minor damage to his Chevrolet and his crew worked feverishly under the caution to fix the car and not cost him any track time.

They were throwing screws through the hood and beating on fenders," he said.

Eight of the top 10 drivers in the points standings were involved in some sort of accident. Carl Edwards, who was in the big wreck at the start, held his lead by 147 over Clint Bowyer.

Reed Sorenson, who was also in the big accident, dropped to third and Truex moved up one spot to fourth in the standings following the win.

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T.F. leagues announce season-end awards



Photo courtesy of MARI ROSENTHAL

The Magic Valley Indoor Shooting League gave out awards for top scoring shooters in pistol, rifle, sporting rifle, and junior rifle. Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are Robert Anderson, Mark Bulcher, Bob Bean, Walt Charles, Mike McAuley, Jody Osterhout, Ken Anderson, Wayne Goetz, Max Vaughn and Jamie Osterhout. In the front row, from left to right, are Norma Charles, Dave Ojory, Tim Bros, Jesse Vaughn, Mariah Anderson. Not pictured were Cayla Sarnick and Charlie Rosenthal.

Indoor shooting league gives out year-end awards

The Times-News

RUPERT — The Magic Valley Indoor Shooting League held its annual banquet in Rupert on April 9. Awards were given to the top scoring shooters in pistol, rifle, sporting rifle, and junior rifle. Teams from Burley/Rupert, Twin Falls, and Buhl/Jerome compete in a 16 week schedule starting in November and ending in March. Teams meet each Friday evening at their respective shooting ranges with shooting beginning at 7 p.m. Every third week all teams meet for a "shoulder to shoulder" match. Results are kept by the league secretary and summarized at the end of the season. All regulation paper targets are placed 50 feet from the firing line. Pistol and rifle shooters use .22 caliber rimfire ammunition. One-handed and two-handed. Each

participant receives six targets, firing 10 shots at each target for a total of 60 rounds and a possible 600 points. Four position .22 caliber rifle is offered in a junior rifle division, standard N.R.A. rifle, and sporting rifle. Each shooter receives four targets, firing 10 shots at each for a possible 400 points. The four rifle positions are prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing. All clubs make a special attempt to include junior rifle shooters. There is some equipment available to new shooters on a loan basis at each indoor club. Anyone interested in the upcoming fall league may contact his or her local indoor range officer. In Rupert or Burley, contact Norma or Walt Charles at 436-3344. In Twin Falls, contact Mike McAuley at 420-5241 or Wayne Goetz at 423-4247. In Jerome or Buhl, contact Charlie Rosenthal at 734-3238.

The 2004-2005 results are as follows:

Results

Pistol

1 D. Ripstein/Anderson, Twin Falls, 530000 2 Wayne Goy, Twin Falls, 500000

1 Lisa Baker, Twin Falls, 545000 2 Nels Eby, Rupert, 541600

1 Mike McAuley, Twin Falls, 540000 2 Jody Osterhout, Burley, 530000

1 Jason Goy, Burley, 525000 2 Jesse Vaughn, Rupert, 510000

1 Dana Rosenthal, Buhl, 510000 2 Jim Brice, Twin Falls, 505000

Rifle

1 Mark Bulcher, Twin Falls, 3100 2 James Demarco, Burley, 3040

1 Mike Vaughn, Rupert, 3111 2 Tim Goy, Twin Falls, 3100

1 Dave Goy, Burley, 3040 2 Walt Charles, Rupert, 3040

1 John Demarco, Twin Falls, 2940 2 Norm Charles, Rupert, 3040

Sporting Rifle

1 Jody Osterhout, Rupert, 2700 2 Nels Eby, Rupert, 2600

1 Hugh Anderson, Twin Falls, 2600 2 Jim Brice, Twin Falls, 2600

Junior Rifle

1 Mark Bulcher, Twin Falls, 1211 2 Nels Eby, Twin Falls, 1180

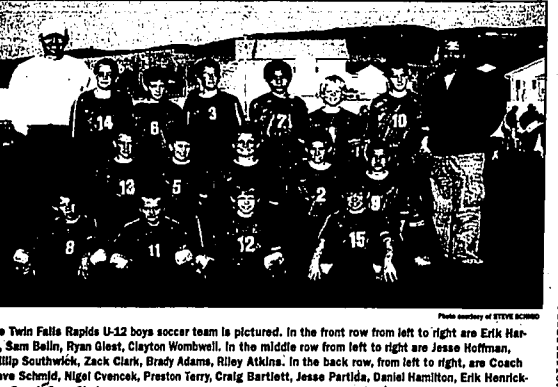


Photo courtesy of STEVE SCHMIDT

The Twin Falls Rapids U-12 boys soccer team is pictured. In the front row from left to right are Erik Harris, Sam Ballin, Ryan Olson, Clayton Windwell. In the middle row from left to right are Jesse Hoffman, Phillip Southwick, Zack Clark, Brady Adams, Riley Atkins. In the back row from left to right, are Coach Steve Schmid, Nigel Cvencek, Preston Terry, Craig Bartlett, Jesse Partida, Daniel Hamilton, Erik Henriksen, Coach Greg Clark.

T.F. U-12 boys win Pocatello tourney

The Times-News

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls Rapids U-12 boys soccer team won the Portneuf Valley Soccer Tournament in Pocatello on April 16-17. They won all four games with only one goal scored against them, backed up by the strong defensive play of Erik Henriksen,

Jesse Partida, Jesse Hoffman, Erik Harris and goal keeping by Zack Clark. The first game against the Pocatello Pumas was scoreless at the end of regulation but the Rapids won in penalty kicks. The second game went 6-0 against Sawtooth United from Halley on four goals by Nigel Cvencek and goals from Daniel Hamilton and Brady Adams. The third game's score was 3-0 against the Jackson Hole Extreme on two goals by Craig Bartlett and one by Nigel Cvencek. The championship game was tied at 1 at the end of regulation. Daniel Hamilton scored for the Rapids. The Rapids then went on to win in penalty kicks.

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TWIN FALLS — The 2004-05 bowling season is coming to an end. This is the time when each league gives out their year end awards, acknowledging those who have taken the top honors. Just in Twin Falls alone, there are 27 leagues each week. For the ladies there are six men's leagues, mixed 12 and for youth, four.

In the Monday Follies league, the first place team was The Gutter Busters: Kay Puschel, Mike McKee, Lorenza Gould and Ron Marshall. Get R Done finished second with team members of Tom and Jana Peck, Rick and Letty Sherman. Third place went to the Magic Valley Rednecks: Rita and Kent Bates, Mary Gudgeal and Wayne Biler.

The Sunset League was won by Jerry's Concrete Construction: Bernie Smith, Marlana Price, Stella Adams, Linda Whiteman and Leslie Johnson. Second was claimed by Barons' Club 93: Diane Newton, Kathy Sherman, Kristy Rodriguez, Tom and Charlene, Barb Aslett and Charlotte Fitzpatrick. Third was Aardvark LLC: Rosa Bohm, Stacie Porter, Leslie Phillips, Pat Cochran and Tracy Hoffman. Fourth was Mechanics' Choice: Annette Heplerman, Janet Morris, Or Deahl, Marlan Winterholler, Pat Struchan and Turley Best.

High average for the league was set by Kristy Rodriguez, 179; high series handicap Carma Sabotka, high game handicap



Carol Rutherford, high series scratch Tracey Hoffman, and high game scratch Kathi Jeroue.

Most improved went to Jessica Schoolcraft and Bowler of the Marlana Price scratch went to Tracey Hoffman. In the Valley League, the first place team was Smith Roofing: Scott Frazier, Mike Olson, Jeff Thruen, Brad Esslinger, Joe Pereira and Tom Somo. Second went to Magic Bowl: Tad Capurro, Todd Dickerson, Mike Seynel, Ben Janick, Ed Adema and Joe McClure. High average on this league went to Mike Tuckett at 220. High handicap series was Robbie Maxfield, 838; high handicap game was Raymond Homolka, 309. High scratch game was Richard Ulrich 899 and high scratch series was Mike Thacker 812. Winning the most points was Mike Goodson with 145.

On the Thursday mixed league, first place went to Fatal Frame: Byron and Angie Wayne and Denette and James Wallace. Second place went to the Whiz Kids: Kathy Howells,

Cameron and Shana Hoge and Bill Kimmel.

High scratch game went to John Rebolizzo, 285, and Diana Rebolizzo, 243. High scratch series was Bill Kimmel, 756, and Lisa Dickenson 590. High handicap game was Cameron Hoge, 290, and Davena Hamrick, 281. High handicap series was Tom Jones, 777, and Danita Johnson, 747.

The Ladies Classic League was claimed by Con Agre: Kathy Grey, Wendy Hess, Sharon Simmons and Diana Brady. Second went to Gem State Realty: Teena Thompson, Lorenza Gould, Ginger Nukuya, Debbie Howard and Kay Puschel. High average went to Jeanette Johnson, 177.4. High handicap series was Diana Brady, 753. High handicap game went to Pam Reich, 297. High scratch series was claimed by Paschella, 243, 647. The high scratch league winner was Kay Puschel, 744. The Bowler of the Year winner was Diana Brady, 701. The Most Improved award went to Teena Thompson for improving 225 lbs.

Summer league sign ups are currently going on and will be starting in May so get down to your local bowling center, sign up and "Let's Go Bowling!"

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Inter-city ladies golf league starts Thursday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Ladies Inter-City league will hold its first meeting with a.m. tee off on Thursday, May 5 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The following ladies are Co-Chairpersons for each club: Carol Kaseel, muni; Ginger Rogers, Clear Lakes; Marvita Dolis, Burley; Carol Bennett, Redding; Debbie Johnson, Rupert; Shirley Straugen, Jerome; Robbie Robertson, Blue Lakes; Doris Jones, Canyon Springs.

Inter-city ladies golf league starts Thursday

YourSports in brief

On April 21, the ladies played a game using scores from holes beginning with the letters N-O-S-E and half the handicap. Dustie Van Winkle took first and second. Marlynn Butler in first net and Carolyn Erickson took second. Both the ladies came in with the fewest putts.

Inter-city ladies golf league starts Thursday

By 8:30 a.m. The committee for the month are Bev Gandaga, Joe Richards, Quyl Quillen and Betty Luan. The "Pick Your Partner" Best Ball is scheduled for May 12. The Class 3A boys and girls state golf is in Twin Falls. Volunteers will be held May 16-17. All volunteer helpers are welcome.

Clear Lakes ladies announce weekly winners

BUHL — On April 19 ladies turned out for the first day of regulation play. Taking first gross was Linda Fennell with 79. Second went to Oleta Roberts with an 85. Georgia Cantrell took first net with a 71. Tied for second with 72s were Ginger Rogers, Barbara Adamson and Kathy Boardman. Fewest putts went to Fennell with 26. Dana Pierce had the only boggle of the day.

Muni women announce golfer of the month

TWIN FALLS. The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played for Golfer of the Month on April 21. Patty Lee was Golfer of the Month, gross with 79. Mary Lynn Anderson shot a net 73 for golfer of the month.

Muni women announce golfer of the month

BUHL — May golf will start at 9 a.m. with registration ending

Muni women meeting planned

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Twilight meeting will be held May 9 at 6 p.m. at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The format for play will be discussed and a vote will be taken on whether or not substitutes need to belong to the Twin Falls Ladies Association. Mike Hamblin will discuss drop rules and other matters of interest to players. The treasurer will be there to collect any dues owed. If you do not have a partner, you will be able to meet others needing a partner. Twilight play begins May 16.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

SNAKE RIVER TRAPSHOOT

Annual shoot results April 23-27

Champion — Top Shooters, 383
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Zito, Pletcher approach Derby Day differently

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer

Winning the Kentucky Derby is on every horse trainer's mind. Exactly where it depends on the trainer.

"It's No. 1 on Nick Zito's list. It's also No. 2, 3 and 5. It's No. 1 on Todd Pletcher's list, but it's not No. 2."

"Our whole year doesn't revolve around it, so the Triple Crown," said Pletcher. "We try to manage our stable in a fashion to get the best out of our horses each round... I wouldn't say the Derby's a driving force."

Zito's take? "Everyone knows I love the Derby. That's what our operation is built on."

Their philosophies may differ, but both have a burning desire to win America's greatest race. Zito has done it twice, with Strike the Gold in 1991 and Go for Gin in 1994; Pletcher is 0-for-9 since saddling his first starters in 2000.

Zito and Pletcher are the major players in next Saturday's \$2 million Derby, and the odds are with one of them showing up in the winner's circle at Churchill Downs.

In an amazing run of good fortune, Zito has a record-setting 17 wins, including early favorite Belamy Road, who won the Wood Memorial on April 9 by an astonishing 17.5 lengths. The 57-year-old New Yorker also will send out Florida Derby winner High Fly, Tampa Bay Derby winner Star King, Noble Causeway and Andromeda's Hero.

"If owners want to go to the Derby, we have a good chance of getting them there," said Zito.

Pletcher, a Texas based in New York, saw his Derby hopes come on strong in recent weeks with wins by three 3-year-olds in the field — Blue Grass winner Bandini, Lexington Stakes winner Colin Silver and Arkansas Derby runner-up Flower Alley.

Two trainers, with 40 percent of an expected full field of 20 horses, will enter their 3-year-olds in the field — Blue Grass winner Bandini, Lexington Stakes winner Colin Silver and Arkansas Derby runner-up Flower Alley.

"It's a tribute to the way they do their jobs," said Cot Campbell, who operates Dogwood Stable and has sent horses to both trainers. "I think they live by the philosophy that the Derby's the most important race. That's the chance to grab the big prize, and they'll better stretch out than and try to get it."

From the day Zito saddled his first Derby starter — Thirty Six Red finished ninth in 1990 — he fell in love with the Bluegrass state, from the wild scene at



Kentucky Derby hopeful Aflack Alex with exercise rider Salomon Diego up, is led to the track by trainer Tim Ritchey, right, for a morning exercise workout, at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Aflack Alex is the winner of the Arkansas Derby.

Kentucky Derby

A look at this year's horses and how Nick Zito and Todd Pletcher have fared in previous years:

Nick Zito

2005 — Andromeda's Hero, Belamy Road, High Fly, Noble Causeway, Sun King

2004 — The Cliff's Edge (5th); Birdstone (8th)

2003 — AP Valentine (7th)

1999 — Stephen Got Even (14th); Adonia (17th)

1998 — History Hunter (4th)

1997 — Jack Flash (7th); Shammy Davis (12th)

1996 — Diligence (8th); Louis

Quotero (16th)

1995 — Suave Prospect (11th)

1994 — Go for Gin (1st)

1993 — Strike the Gold (1st)

1990 — Thirty Six Red (9th)

Todd Pletcher

2005 — Bandini, Colin Silver, Flower Alley

2004 — Limestone (4th); Polard's Vision (17th)

2002 — Wild Horses (18th)

2002 — Invisible Ink (2nd); Balto Star (14th)

2000 — Impeachment (3rd); More Than Ready (4th); Trippi (11th); Graeme Hall (19th)

Churchill Downs on race day to the tranquil setting of Keeneland race course, just a 90-minute drive away in Lexington.

"It's the people here," Zito said. "I try to be a decent person, not put on airs, and just be myself. And they accepted me with open arms. It's our second home."

Pletcher, a former assistant under Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, only has been on his own since December 1995. Yet he already has been labeled by some as the nation's best trainer without a win in a Triple Crown race — the Derby, Preakness or Belmont. Never mind he's just 37 and about to take part in his fifth Derby.

"It is the one race that, like everyone else who trains, I want to win," said Pletcher, who was

second with Invisible Ink in the 2001 Derby. "And if I could only win one race, that's the one... But I don't have such tunnel vision that I don't look at everything else going on and I try to focus on successfully mapping campaigns for all of my horses, not just the ones that are on the Derby trail."

Lukas, a four-time Derby winner preparing for his 26th Derby (he'll saddle Consolidator), describes his rivals as passionate about the game, with each having a slightly different focus.

"Todd's very dedicated to building a successful program, and now he has good clientele to back him," said Lukas. "He's got it all going right now. He's the golden boy now and deservedly so."

Zito, he said, is as Derby-driven as ever, especially after

missing the race in 2002 and 2003, then finishing fifth with Birdstone last year.

"He has a deep passion for the Triple Crown," said Lukas. "And he's had a few lean years, so he's got to be really hungry this time. He's had a pretty long time between drinks. I'm sure that's fueling his fire."

All was not lost for Zito last year. Birdstone came back and gave Zito his first wins in the Belmont Stakes and the Travers. Rick Pitino, Louisville's basketball coach, is a huge Zito fan. He met the trainer in the 1990s and began sending him horses, including Derby starters History Hunter (fourth in 1998) and A.I. Valentine (seventh in 1998).

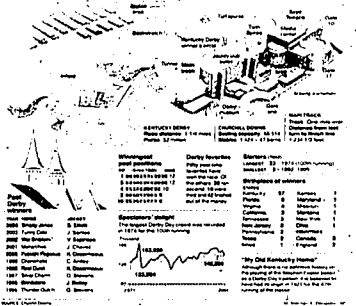
"He loves the Derby, so he's very patient with his young horse," said Pitino. "He doesn't break them down. He allows them to reach their potential because he's not trying to make a great athlete in his freshman year. Nick doesn't care about the 2-year-old races from a Breeders' Cup standpoint. He shoots for the Triple Crown races."

Pletcher cares about all the races. Last year, the trainer broke through with his first Belmont Stakes win, when Distaff with Ashado and the Sprint with Spightstown — and received his first Eclipse Award as the nation's top trainer.

Campbell took a liking to Pletcher at Saratoga, during the trainer's days with Lukas. When

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Two trainers, eight horses, one race

Nick Zito, chasing his third win for over a decade, has a record-equalling five horses racing in this year's Kentucky Derby May 7. Todd Pletcher, the hottest trainer in the country for three years, has three horses vying for his first win at Churchill Downs.

Horse	Trainer	Owner	Age	Sex	Color	Previous Derby Finish
Nick Zito, 57	Nick Zito	Go for Gin, 1994	3	Colt	Bay	1990-91
Todd Pletcher, 37	Todd Pletcher	2005 Blue Grass (Bandini), 2004 Kentucky Oaks (Colin Silver), 2005 Wood Memorial (Flower Alley)	3	Colt	Bay	2000-01
2004 Belmont Stakes, Travers (Bird Town)	2005 Blue Grass (Bandini)	2004 Kentucky Oaks (Colin Silver)	3	Colt	Bay	2005
2003 Kentucky Oaks (Bird Town)	2005 Blue Grass (Bandini)	2004 Kentucky Oaks (Colin Silver)	3	Colt	Bay	2005
1996 Preakness (Louis Quatorzo)	2005 Blue Grass (Bandini)	2004 Kentucky Oaks (Colin Silver)	3	Colt	Bay	2005
1998 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (Flies (Storm Song))	2005 Blue Grass (Bandini)	2004 Kentucky Oaks (Colin Silver)	3	Colt	Bay	2005

Pletcher mentioned plans to open his own stable. Campbell was among the first to send him horses.

"He's blessed with an ability to communicate with a horse to understand him," said Campbell, who owned three Derby starters trained by Pletcher, including Impeachment (third in 2001).

"He was also blessed with confidence — he didn't have to do what somebody in the next barn was doing, even though he was young. He's also got just an incredible memory. He knows every horse on the race track — by sight — he can tell you the file of the third race at Saratoga three years ago. That may be exaggerating a bit, but not by much."

One year after win, Smarty Jones still has many fans

By Murray Evans
Associated Press writer

MIDWAY, Ky. — It's happened more than once during the past year: a trainer, a crowd of people at a restaurant with his family when a stranger walks up, stops and stares.

"Finally when you acknowledge them," Servis said. "They go, 'Aren't you John Servis?'"

"I can't even imagine movie stars celebrities, how they handle it."

If only Smarty Jones could talk, he could commiserate with Servis. The Kentucky Derby winner and owners Roy and Pat Chapman. All became overnight celebrities last year during Smarty's wildly successful bid for the Triple Crown.

A year after Smarty became the peoples' horse with his win in the Kentucky Derby, the memories remain vivid for those connected with the chestnut colt — as does their sense of wonder. They're happy to be remembered, in virtual anonymity for many years at tracks such as Philadelphia Park in his hometown and Oaklawn Park in Arkansas.

Two weeks before last year's Kentucky Derby, Servis walked through a crowd of more than 31,000 people at Keeneland Race course in Lexington. It's a safe bet that he'll be there again.

When the Champmans retired Smarty in July because of chronic bruising in his hooves, they were grief-stricken. Many fans and fans who expected them to keep their promise to race Smarty as a 4-year-old.



Smarty Jones is greeted by some of his fans at Thrive Chimneys Farm near Midway, Ky., in a file photo from Wednesday.

ed — although the backlash from their decision arguably cost Smarty the Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year, which instead went to chestnut.

Of all the major characters in Smarty's story, the jockey, who had the bumpiest ride, is the most overlooked. The 40-year-old Elliott — who toiled at small tracks in the Northeast for much of his career — has reshaped more prominent riding offers, so too was his privacy.

As for Smarty, he's continued changing lives at his new home, Thrive Chimneys Farm in Midway.

Three Chimneys already was a prominent, though quiet, farm before Smarty arrived. Seattle Slew lived at the farm for 17 years before his death in 2002 and plenty of fans visit the 1977 Triple Crown winner.

But Smarty — who lives in the stall formerly occupied by Seattle Slew — has taken fan appeal to a much higher level. Rosenblatt said.

Since Smarty's arrival on Aug. 16, Three Chimneys has enlarged its parking lot, built an addition to a house to serve as visitors center and hired a full-time person to handle matters related to Smarty.

"I think all good horses know they're special, and he does," Hatfield said. "We have 50 people in here at one time and he's really good. He gets tired at the end, but he stands up there and he lets them take the pictures and talk to him and pet him. Some stallions wouldn't stand out there. Nothing fazes him."

Belmont celebrates centennial

By Frank Eltman
Associated Press writer

ELMONT, N.Y. — Princes and paupers, titans of industry, grand dames of society and just your average blue-collar Joe all have passed through its massive wrought-iron gates.

When a bugle call beckons riders to the starting gate next Wednesday, it will mark a centennial of racing at Belmont Park, a 430-acre estate that is as much a legendary New York sports landmark as Yankee Stadium or Madison Square Garden.

The New York Racing Association, which runs the track, is offering free grandstand admission, free T-shirts, 50-cent hot dogs and a free drink, as well as musical entertainment, to kick off a season of celebrations at the track, located just west of New York City line in Long Island's Nassau County.

The party will mark 100 years to the date — May 4, 1905 — when the track opened as the first of its kind in the pantheon of American thoroughbred racing has trod its grounds from Blank City line in the first race — to Man O' War, Citation, Seabiscuit, Secretariat, Ruffian and thousands more.

He noted it is the only track west of the center of the racing in the United States since its beginning in 1905 through the present day. Tom Glavin, a former historian at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga, said.

"It's been the center of the track with a mile-and-a-half course, which he said contributes to great racing. It has more genteel surroundings and a track which means some of the tight-burny you get during races at other tracks doesn't happen at Belmont," said Tom Glavin, the Ken Shug McGaughey, the Ken-

lucky-born Hall of Fame trainer, remembers the first time he saw Belmont. He noted the race day.

"It was the early '70s and he was working as a groom at Monmouth Park in New Jersey. He had his training years at McGaughey has enjoyed an impressive run of success, including a victory in the 1989 Belmont Stakes with Easy Goer and winning six races in one day — Oct. 16, 1993.

"I've had a lot of special days here," he said. "I think Belmont Park is a special place. I'm very comfortable here. You know, I like my surroundings, I like the people that are around here."

It's hardly an accident that the track's name includes the word "park," because from its inception it was intended as an environmental tonic for the masses, with acres of tree-lined lawns, exquisite landscaping and even picnic benches. Easy Goer and winning six races in one day — Oct. 16, 1993.

In the barn area — large enough to house 2,000 horses at any given time — the grandstand, located behind the grandstand, allows race fans to view the horses close-up before they head into the main track and the starting gate.

"For a lot of us who have a love of thoroughbred racing, everyone winds up waxing poetic about Saratoga, but the reality is everybody goes up at Belmont Park," said Tom Glavin, New York sportscaster Mike Francesa, who also owns racehorses.

"Belmont Park is vastly underrated as a real racing jewel. Take nothing away from the splendor of Saratoga, but Belmont Park is one of the great racing facilities."

fic jam as more than 40,000 people converged on the site. The Belmont Jubilee noted the race day: "There were more of New York's aristocracy at Belmont Park yesterday than ever before attempted in 100 years."

"You could see he was different than the average trainer. I told Cot that. He agreed, obviously, and I've always stayed friendly with Todd."

In this Derby, they'll be friendly rivals.

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SPORTS

States try to attract more females to shooting sports

By Kathy Barks Hoffman
Associated Press writer



Krista Maynard, 12, left, coaches her mother Katie Maynard during shooting practice at a mother-daughter shooting and hunter safety event sponsored by the state Department of Natural Resources, Saturday, April 16, at the Rose Lake Shooting Range near Bath, Mich.

BATH, Mich. — One of 6-year-old Kristin Carroll's feet dangles above the ground as she perches on her seat and focuses on shooting a .22-caliber rifle at a paper target 25 yards away.

"Watch where your gun's pointing," warns her mother, Michelle Carroll, as the pony-tailed youngster in her bright orange sweat shirt and pink capri pants wiggles momentarily.

Only one of Kristin's shots hits the target at the Rose Lake Shooting Range northeast of Lansing. But she points excitedly at her mother's eyes after the two wrap up practice at a mother-daughter shooting and hunter safety event sponsored by Michigan's Department of Natural Resources.

"It was fun," said Michelle Carroll, who runs a daycare business in Leslie. Although Kristin wants to hunt with her dad, Michelle has another goal.

"I'm more interested in target shooting," she said. "I'm not a big fan of hunting. I don't eat."

As the number of hunters dips in traditional hunting states such as Michigan, they are being made to tap a group that hasn't participated much in shooting sports: mothers and daughters.

The potential is there. While 13 million people nationwide hunted in 2001 — the most recent year for which data is available — females accounted for only 9 percent of the total, or 1.2 million, according to a report by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Nationally, about 12 percent of all males hunt, while only about 1 percent of women do.

Many more women target shoot than hunt, but their numbers still lag. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearm industry's trade association, says about 24 percent — or 4.7 million — of the nation's 19.8 million target shooters in 2003 were female, according to American Sports Data.

Many states are trying to lure more women to shooting and other activities through women-only outdoor sports workshops.

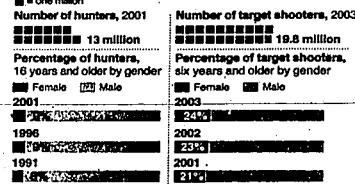
The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation, for instance, are sponsoring the July 9 Wild Wonderful Women's Outdoor Event that includes archery, shooting, fishing and hiking.

In Alabama, a three-day October event will let women choose from sessions on shooting, fishing, hunting, canoeing, archery, nature photography, motor boat handling and other activities.

But Michigan is one of the few states to sponsor a female-only seminar strictly on

Shooting sports participation

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SOURCES: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; American Sports Data

shooting. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service says the workshop filled up two hours after enrollment opened, attracting nearly 30 women and daughters to the shooting range on a recent crisp spring morning.

The seminar included a box lunch, long-sleeve souvenir T-shirts and four hours of instruction in shooting, handling and cleaning guns. A \$2,000 grant from the National Shooting Sports Foundation Steep Quilts Program covered most of the state's costs.

As the participants tried to absorb the flood of information and instructions, conservation officer Scott Berg assured them they'd get the hang of shooting the Henry Mini-Bolt .22s very quickly.

"Your first shot is going to be your most nervous one. After your fifth shot, you're going to be saying, 'Bring it on!'" he said.

The enthusiasm level was high as mothers and daughters moved to the shooting range and took turns putting the bullets in each other's guns. Each shooter got five chances to hit her target.

"Frodo right, front right, front right, squeezed," Berg repeatedly reminded them as his dispensed bullets and advice.

All of Sherry and Kyan The-

jen's shots hit the target's black center rings, making the P-worm residents among the most accurate teams.

"I think hunting as a sport would be fun," said Kyan, 12, a sixth-grader at St. Mary's Elementary School who wants to go hunting with her dad when she's old enough.

Jeanette Bailey, 51, already hunts. The event gave her the chance to get her 16-year-old daughter, Sun, Hoffmaster, more interested in the sport.

"It was easier than I thought it would be," said Hoffmaster, a junior at Ionia High School who hit the bulls-eye with one of her shots. "I'm planning to go hunting next fall."

Michigan DNR director Rebecca Humphries, who attended the seminar along with her teenage daughter, Jenny — both of whom hunt — said getting more women and girls into hunting and target shooting could help sell more state hunting licenses and raise more federal excise dollars for the states to share.

In 2004, the federal excise tax on firearms, ammunition and archery and fishing equipment brought in \$500 million to be split among the states. Michigan's share was about \$15 million, Humphries said.



Emory University chess team member Brian Bishop, a 19-year-old business and Spanish student from New York, makes his move during competition with an inmate at Phillips State Prison, Duluth, Ga., April 22.

College chess team regularly takes on unusual foes: state prisoners

By Kriston Wyratt
Associated Press writer

BAUFORD, Ga. — The two teams in this chess contest are dressed in blue and white. Except one wears golf shirts with "Emory University Chess" embroidered on the front, and the other has "STATE PRISONER" stamped on the back.

This is the Emory-Phillips State Prison chess showdown, where a handful of competitive chess players leave the wood-paneled halls of their Atlanta campus to take on killers and armed robbers in a clandestine room lit by fluorescent lights.

The idea came from Emory chess club adviser David Woolf, who along with his students wanted to find a way to bring chess into the community. When they learned that chess was popular in prison, they called the state for permission and started making the half-hour drive north to Phillips State.

The prisoners sign up to play, and 35 of them were seated at long folding tables on a recent Friday afternoon. Three members of Emory's chess team, patted down and searched before going through two metal gates and into a recreation room, lay out roll-up chess boards and plastic pieces. The prisoners get to pick whether they're white or black, and therefore who goes first (white goes first), and then the Emory students go down the board shaking hands with each opponent and starting a move.

"The games are almost silent. 'You work with them, you get to know them, and you forget about the wheelchair,' team leader Laura Ryan says. "To me, they're just like regular guys."

Hannah was something of a phenom growing up in Mansfield, Texas

their eyes never leave their board.

"I'd never been to jail before. I was pretty nervous," said Brian Bishop, a 19-year-old business and Spanish student from New York. "But once I got in here it was like, they're just regular guys. Some of them are pretty good."

Bishop should not have been surprised at the talent level of his incarcerated opponents. Some inmates at this 1,050-man prison play chess every day, and a round of "hot seat" is especially popular. That's where two men sit down for a game of chess — the loser gets up, and the winner sits for another challenge.

The prisoners find elaborate metaphors for life in the classic game.

"See, if you make one bad move, you can always come back later and make a good move," said 29-year-old inmate Robert Roebuck, who has until 2016 to play lots of chess because of a voluntary manslaughter conviction almost 10 years ago.

"In checkers, you make one bad move and that's pretty much the game. But in chess," he talks off, narrowing his eyes and drumming his fingers on the table to plan his next move. "At another table, 20-year-old Lamar Richardson is also in deep concentration. He learned the game four years ago after going to prison for robbery. Chess is like the game of life because you always have to have a backup plan for everything," Richardson said. "Chess keeps you thinking. Sometimes you make one mistake and it'll cost you."

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"I was the stud in junior high," he said. "Once you get into high school, and people start driving, though, they look at you weird. They say, 'Yeah, I used to roller skate when I was in junior high.'"

In a sport that mirrors speedskating, Hannah was the best. He was a national champion in 1984 and was preparing for the world championships when, while moving a large

cabinet unit at his job in his parents' factory, the wheels came off and the shelf collapsed on top of him. After a few days in the hospital, he learned he wouldn't be able to use his legs anymore.

He tried to keep things light. "All my friends were lined up to see me, and I said I felt like I was in a parade."

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my own monoski, and went snow skiing. I bought a water sled. I was able to do almost anything I'd done before, just in a different way."

He traveled the country winning tennis tournaments and moving up the ranks when, at age 32, he got tired of running around so much and gave up sports to build a family and get more serious about business.

He now owns a roller rink in Texas and an ice rink in Arkansas. But about six years ago, when a sled hockey demonstration came to his hometown, Hannah decided to give it one more go in the world of elite athletics.

Lonnie Hannah of Mansfield, Texas, is shown Wednesday, at a skating rink in Eufaula, Texas. Hannah is the goalies in a starting center with team USA hockey team and a former gold medalist from the Salt Lake City Olympics.

In many ways, sled hockey resembles ice hockey, except players sit in sleds that have skate blades on the bottom and gliders on the front. They use sticks about 2-feet long, the butt ends of which are equipped with small metal teeth to help the players move themselves along the ice.

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Magic Valley's dairy processing industry is poised for expansion

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TWIN FALLS — Ever wonder how cheese pulls out their color and flavor? Well, that bright orange powder that sticks to your fingers could have been made right here in Magic Valley.

Powdered cheese products are just some of the many dairy products manufactured by area dairy processors. And most of it comes from the billions of pounds of milk produced by Idaho dairies each year — about 9 billion pounds in 2004.

That's up from 8.7 billion pounds in 2003, making Idaho fifth in U.S. milk production, said Bob Naeberout, executive director of the Idaho Dairywomen's Association. About 70 percent of Idaho's milk is produced in Magic Valley, Naeberout said.

Dairy processing is a big part of the area's economic growth in recent years, and — through environmental concerns — industry leaders contend there's room for more expansion. In addition to the major established firms in Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties, Utah-based Gossner Foods Inc. will open a 90,000-square-foot cheese manufacturing operation in Heyburn by October.

Also in early April one other cheese manufacturer was close to confirming a move to Mini-Cassia and another was strongly considering a new plant in Doniphan, area economic development leaders said. Another firm with an established Magic Valley presence may be looking to expand.

Where does the milk go?

Most of the milk produced in Magic Valley is manufacturing-grade product that's used mostly for milk commodity cheese — mostly cheddar, but colby, jack, Swiss and Italian cheeses are produced as well. Bulk cheese is often produced in 40-pound barrels, then shipped out of state to other processors that create consumer products you'll find in the supermarket.

Producing all that cheese leaves a lot of whey as a byproduct. Magic Valley processors like Glanbia Foods and Jerome Cheese Co. are creating new uses for their whey components, like protein powders and additives

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About 3.1 million pounds of whey is left over, which is turned into products including condensed whey, whey protein isolate and deproteinized whey, Davis said. Deproteinized whey can be found in a wide range of food products like cookies, crackers, frostings, soups and dip mixes.

We sell it to all types of industries," Davis said.

At Diehl Inc., also in Jerome, evaporated milk takes center stage. The facility casts, sterilizes, labels and ships evaporated milk under private labels and the Jerome name, he said. Plant manager Ralph Aller, The milk comes from WestFarm Foods, just across the street.

Magic Valley's dairy processing industry is a draw for storage and shipping companies like WOW Logistics. The Wisconsin-based company's 307,000-square-foot Jerome facility is storing roughly 40 million to 45 million pounds of cheese and whey products, said general manager Mitch McClurg.

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wages, said Roger Rogers, Magic Valley's regional labor economist for Idaho Commerce and Labor. The industry employs about 800 workers in the six-county Magic Valley region. Those jobs pay an average of \$11 per hour, usually with full benefits, Rogers said.

Unlike potatoes, sugar beets and other commodities that can be stored until demand is high, milk is produced year-round and needs to be processed quickly. That means year-round employment for dairy processing workers. "There's no seasonality in it," Rogers said. "Very seldom does a cheese factory have to close down temporarily."

That stability is a big reason for western Magic Valley's unemployment rates, which have hovered at or below 4.0 percent — considered "full employment" by economists — for more than a year, Rogers said. "It keeps the unemployment rate very steady," he said.

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Growth on horizon

Is there enough milk to go around to supply new processing plants? Naeberout, of the dairymen's association, says yes. As dairies expand further in Mini-Cassia, farmers have the choice of growing dairy feed — with a guaranteed market — or other crops with waver- ing demand.

"Agriculture is always evolving," he said. "The dairy expansion looks attractive right now, as many economists are expecting milk prices to average between \$12.50 and \$14 per hundredweight through September. That's a far cry from the low of \$9.11 per hundredweight producers saw in 2003."

But the industry will have to make its case to local governments. Worried about the industry's environmental effects, Gooding County leaders in March began a moratorium on new dairies and dairy ex-

More and more milk

Idaho milk marketed by dairies and sold to plants and dealers as whole milk:

(in millions of pounds)	2003	2004
1991	2,870	3,092
1992	3,092	3,180
1993	3,180	3,710
1994	3,710	4,265
1995	4,265	4,695
1996	4,695	5,153
1997	5,153	5,718
1998	5,718	6,416
1999	6,416	7,189
2000	7,189	7,724
2001	8,122	8,239
2002	8,239	9,057

Whole milk used in manufactured products in Idaho, 2003 (the last year of available data):
(in thousands of pounds)
American cheese, 4,904,619
Ice cream and other frozen products, 55,042
Other milk products, 9,164

Source: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, Idaho Dairywomen's Association

A few of the players in dairy processing and storage, and their products

- Glanbia Foods — cheese, whey products
- Jerome Cheese — cheese, whey products
- Gossner Foods — cheese
- Kraft Foods Inc. — cheese
- WestFarm Foods — powdered milk
- West-Idaho Specialties — powdered milk, powdered cheese, flavorings
- Diehl Inc. — evaporated milk
- WOW Logistics — cheese and whey storage

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Processors optimistic toward future

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TWIN FALLS — Food processing in Magic Valley is a multi-million-dollar industry that can change as fast as the markets can. Despite a like-

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ly continuation of the area's long drought, food processors are looking to the future with optimism.

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Fred Zerza, spokesman for J.R. Simplot Co., said the company regrets having to give up the plant in this prime growing area, but the Heyburn would have required "substantial investment" in order to make it as productive as the company would have liked.

"Canada is closer to the marketplace," Zerza said.

Idaho plants still in operation can meet any requirements for Northwest potatoes, he said.

"Idaho, Oregon and Washington consistently have the best quality," Zerza said.



Cindy England, left, and Margaret Anderson of ConAgra's Lamb Weston plant prepare samples of new potato products at the University of Idaho Potato Conference in Pocatello in January.

However, demand has not improved since 2001. Flat growth for french fries has created a competitive situation for the existing market, he said.

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As NAFTA did away with tariffs, more products with sugar came into the country. "That decreases the amount of domestic sugar needed," Burton said.

For years, the company has made as much sugar as it could sell. But now there is a limit to how much sugar it can sell, he said.

"We can no longer afford to plant wall-to-wall beets," Burton said. "We're positioning ourselves from volume-driven to marketing-driven."

"Our other three factories will be running at capacity," Burton said.

Beef and pork processors

With the Pacific Rim ban on beef and the BSE scare, how do Magic Valley companies like Independent Meat Co. fare?

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"That reference to perfection, Mullane says, is an intrinsic part of lean manufacturing. TechHelp attempts to create a culture for its clients that promotes con-

tinuous improvement. In fact, their training events are called "Kraizen," with a reference to the Japanese ideal of Zen. Kraizen means "Zen for the manufacturer."

But Magic Valley has yet to reach Zen.

While area manufacturers have taken part in some training sessions in Boise, few have fully implemented lean manufacturing techniques, Mullane said. Of the 315 manufacturers and processors in south central Idaho, just 58 have participated in the program. But between them, they have increased sales by \$2.05 billion and created nine new jobs.

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SPORTS

States try to attract more females to shooting sports

By Kathy Barke Hoffman Associated Press writer



Krista Maynard, 12, left, coaches her mother Katie Maynard during

BATH, Mich. — One of 6-year-old Kristen Carroll's feet dangles above the ground as she perches on her seat and focuses on shooting a .22-caliber rifle at a paper target 25 yards away.

"Watch where your gun's pointing," warns her mother, Michelle Carroll, as the pony-tailed youngster in her bright orange sweat shirt and pink capri pants wiggles momentarily.

Only one of Kristen's shots hits the target at the Bass Lake Shooting Range northeast of Lansing, but she points excitedly at her mother's bulls-eye after the two wrap up practice at a mother-daughter shooting and hunter safety event sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"It was fun," said Michelle Carroll, who runs a daycare business in Leslie. Although Kristen wants to hunt with her dad, Michelle has another goal. "I'm more interested in target shooting," she said. "I'm not a big fan of hunting. I don't eat meat."

As the number of hunters dips in traditional hunting states such as Michigan, efforts are being made to tap a group that hasn't participated much in shooting sports: mothers and daughters.

The potential is there. While 13 million people nationwide hunted in 2001 — the most recent year for which data is available — females accounted for only 9 percent of the total, or 1.2 million, according to a report by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Nationally, about 12 percent of all males hunt, while only about 1 percent of women do.

Many more women target shoot than hunt, but their numbers still lag. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearm industry's trade association, says about 24 percent — or 4.7 million — of the nation's 19.8 million target shooters in 2003 were female, according to American Sports Data.

Many states are trying to lure more women to shooting and other activities through women-only outdoor sports workshops.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation, for instance, are sponsoring the July 9 Wild Wonderful Women's Outdoor Event that includes archery, shooting, fishing and hiking.

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Table with 2 columns: Year and Whole milk (in millions of pounds). Rows include 1991-2004 data and a list of players in Magic Valley dairy processing and storage.

Source: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, Idaho Dairy Association

Whole milk used in manufactured products in Idaho, 2003 (the last year of available data) (in thousands of pounds)

American cheese 4,904,619 Ice cream and other frozen products 55,042 Other milk products 9,164

Why products: Jerome Cheese — cheese, why products; Gossner Foods — cheese, why products; Kraft Foods Inc. — cheese; WestFam Foods — powdered milk; EEDA-HOW Specialties — powdered milk, powdered cheese, flavings; Diel Inc. — evaporated milk; WOW Logistics — cheese and why storage

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SPORTS



Emory University chess team member Brian Bishop, a 19-year-old business and Spanish student from New York, makes his move during competition with an inmate at Phillips State Prison, Duluth, Ga., April 22.

College chess team regularly takes on unusual foes: state prisoners

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press writer

BUFORD, Ga. — The two teams in this chess contest are dressed in blue and white. Except one wears golf shirts with "Emory University Chess" embroidered on the front, and the other has "STATE PRISONER" stamped on the back.

This is the Emory-Phillips State Prison chess showdown, where a handful of competitive chess players leave the wood-trimmed halls of the Twin Falls campus to take on killers and armed robbers in a cinderblock room lit by fluorescent lights.

The idea came from Emory chess club adviser David Woolf, who along with his students wanted to find a way to bring chess into the community. When they learned that chess was popular in prison, they called the state for permission and started making the half-hour drive north to Phillips State.

The prisoners sign up to play, and 35 of them were seated at long folding tables on a recent Friday afternoon. Three members of Emory's chess team, padded down and searched before going through two metal gates and into a recreation room, lay out roll-up chess boards and plastic pieces. The prisoners get to pick whether they're white or black, and therefore who goes first (white goes first), and then the Emory students go down the line, shaking hands with each opponent and starting a move.

The games are almost silent. The college men move from board to board, and the prisoners plan their next move while waiting for the Emory men to come around again. Most of

their eyes never leave their boards.

"I'd never been to jail before. I was pretty nervous," said Brian Bishop, a 19-year-old business and Spanish student from New York. "But once I got in here it was like, they're just regular guys. Some of them are pretty good."

Bishop should not have been surprised at the talent level of his incarcerated opponents. Some inmates at this 1,050-man prison play chess every day, and a round of "hot seat" is especially popular. That's where two men sit down for a game of chess, the loser gets up, and the winner sits for another challenge.

The prisoners find elaborate metaphors for life in the classic game.

"See, if you make one bad move, you can always come back later on and make a good move," said 29-year-old inmate Robert Roebuck, who has until 2016 to play lots of chess because of a voluntary manslaughter conviction almost 10 years ago.

"In checkers, you make one bad move and that's pretty much the game. But in chess..." he trails off, narrowing his eyes and drumming his fingers on the table to plan his next move.

At another table, 20-year-old Lamar Richardson is also in deep concentration. He learned the game four years ago after going to prison for robbery.

"Chess is like the game of life. The prisoners you always have to have a backup plan for everything," Richardson said. "Chess keeps you thinking. Sometimes you make one mistake and it'll cost you."

Prison officials and the state's attorney have made it popu-

lar among inmates.

"Most things in prison you don't have to think about, you just have to do it. This is a totally different kind of thinking, in a deliberate way," said deputy warden Bruce Lee.

The Emory students, who are about the same age as many of the inmates though they look much younger (not a visible one in the bunch), say they've been touched by how much chess means to the guys at Phillips State. Some of them now play chess by mail with the inmates, sending one move at a time on paper.

The Emory chess team is the only outside group that comes to play with the inmates. So far they've visited the prison twice, with plans for more trips during the fall semester. Prison officials say religious groups are typically the prisoners' only visitors who aren't friends or family of the inmates. So the Emory chess visits are a treat, even if only a few inmates have won a game or forced a draw with the student players.

"These guys, they really love it," said A.J. Steigman, a 19-year-old sophomore from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "They've made a mistake, but once you get to playing them, they're just normal guys."

And even if most of the inmates are quick to point out they would never have taken up chess on the outside, they say prison life has been softened, a little, by the game.

"I didn't play too much when I was out on the streets," joked 22-year-old inmate Harold Bird, convicted of burglary. "But it gives me something to do in here. It makes you think. It teaches you to think before you move."

States try to attract more females to shooting sports

By Kathy Barika Hoffman
Associated Press writer

BATH, Mich. — One of 65-year-old Kristen Carroll's feet dangles above the ground as she perches on her seat and focuses on shooting a .22-caliber rifle at a paper target 25 yards away.

"Watch where your gun's pointing," warns her mother, Michelle Carroll, as the ponytailed youngster in her bright orange sweat shirt and pink capri pants wiggles momentarily.

Only one of Kristen's shots hits the target at the Rose Lake Shooting Range northeast of Lansing. But she points excitedly at her mother's eyes as the two wrap up practice at a mother-daughter shooting and hunter safety event sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"It was fun," said Michelle Carroll, who runs a daycare business in Leslie. Although Kristen wants to hunt with her dad, Michelle has another goal.

"I'm more interested in target shooting," she said. "I'm not a fan of hunting. I don't eat meat."

As the number of hunters dips in traditional hunting states such as Michigan, efforts are being made to tap a group that hasn't participated much in shooting sports: mothers and daughters.

The potential is here. While 13 million people nationwide hunted in 2001 — the most recent year for which data is available, females accounted for only 9 percent of the total, or 1.2 million; according to a report by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, nationally about 12 percent of all males hunt, while only about 1 percent of women do.

"Many more women target shoot than hunt, but their numbers still lag. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearm industry's trade association, says about 24 percent — or 4.7 million — of the nation's 19.8 million target shooters in 2003 were female, according to American Sports Data.

Many states are trying to lure more women to shooting and outdoor activities through women-only outdoor sports workshops.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation, for instance, are sponsoring the July 9 Wild Wonderful Women's Outdoor Event that includes archery, shooting, fishing and hiking.

In Alabama, a three-day October event will let women shoot from sessions on archery, fishing, hunting, canoeing, archery, nature photography, motorboat handling and other activities.

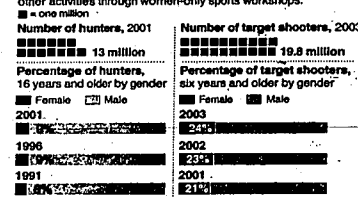
But Michigan is one of the few states to sponsor a female-only seminar strictly on



Krista Maynard, 12, left, coaches her mother Katie Maynard during shooting practice at a mother-daughter shooting and hunter safety event sponsored by the state Department of Natural Resources, Seton, Mich., April 26, at the Rose Lake Shooting Range near Bath, Mich.

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shooting. The workshop filled up two hours after enrollment opened, attracting nearly 30 women and daughters to the shooting range on a recent crisp spring morning.

The seminar included a box lunch, long-sleeve souvenir T-shirts and four hours of instruction in shooting, handling and cleaning guns. A \$2,000 grant from the National Shooting Sports Foundation kept the program covered most of the state's costs.

As the participants tried to absorb the flood of information and instructions, conservation officer Scott Berg assured them they'd get the hang of shooting the Henry Mini-20s very quickly.

"Your first shot is going to be your most nervous one. After your fifth shot, you're going to be saying, 'Bring it on!'" he said.

The enthusiasm level was high as mothers and daughters moved to the shooting range and took turns putting the bullets in each other's guns. Each shooter got five chances to hit her target.

"Front sight, front sight, front sight," Berg repeated, reminding them as his dispersed bullets and advice.

All of Sherry and Kyan The-

lson's shots hit the target's black center rings, making the Peewee residents among the most accurate hunters.

"I think hunting as a sport would be fun," said Kyan, 12, sixth-grader at St. Mary's Elementary School who wants to go hunting with her dad when she's old enough.

Janette Bailey, 51, already hunts. The event gave her the chance to get her 16-year-old son, Matt, into hunting, too.

"It was easier than I thought it would be," said Hoffmaster, a junior at Twin Hills School who did the bulls-eye with one of her shots. "I'm planning to go hunting next fall."

Michigan DNR director Rebecca Humphries, who attended the seminar along with her teenage daughter, Jenny — both of whom hunt — said she's getting more women and girls into hunting and target shooting could help sell more state hunting licenses and raise more federal excise dollars for the states to share.

In 2004, the federal excise tax on firearms, ammunition and archery and fishing equipment brought in \$500 million, but split among the states, Michigan's share was about \$15 million, Humphries said.

Elite athlete keeps going, through paralysis and cancer

By Eddie Peits
Associated Press writer

ARVADA, Colo. — A devastating injury, a life-threatening illness. Lonnie Hannah wasn't about to let the first one stop him, and he's not going to be intimidated by the second, either.

A champion roller skater in his heyday, Hannah's life changed when, at age 20, a huge fall left him with a life-threatening cancer, compressing his T-11 and T-12 vertebrae — about two-thirds of the way down the spine — and leaving him with no movement in his legs.

Two decades later, he is a member of the U.S. sled hockey team, but his ice time has been limited to late while he undergoes chemotherapy to fight the melanoma doctors discovered in a mole on his back about six months ago.

"You get sick and tired of being sick and tired," the 41-year-old said. "But you just keep moving on."

Hannah acknowledges his is an inspirational story. How many people could overcome not one, but two astounding maladies — and do it all with a smile?

But he is not doing any of this to get attention, or prove any big point. He just wants to keep enjoying life, to keep playing — to set an example for his 6-year-old son, Tripp, who plays hockey and to be around his teammates, all of whom have their own special comeback stories to tell.

"You work with them, you get to know them, and you figure out the wheelchairs," team leader Laura Ryan said. "To me, they're just like regular guys."

Hannah was something of a phenom growing up in Mansfield, Texas



— about midway between Dallas and Fort Worth — but not in that state's most-loved sport. Instead of football, it was roller skating that helped Hannah become an elite athlete.

"I was the stud in junior high," he said. "Once you get into high school, and people start driving, though, they look at you weird. They say, 'Yeah, I used to roller skate when I was in junior high.'"

In a sport that mirrors speedskating, Hannah was the best. He was a national champion in 1984 and was preparing for the world championships when, while moving a large

cabinet unit at his job in his parents' factory, the wheels came off and the shelf collapsed on top of him.

After a few days in the hospital, he learned he wouldn't be able to use his legs anymore.

He tried to keep things light. "All my friends were lined up to see me, and I said I felt like in a parade," he said.

The patient next to him told him about the world of wheelchair tennis, and Hannah said that changed his outlook.

"I started playing tennis, started playing basketball," he said. "I brought

my own monoski, and went snow skiing. I brought a water ski. I was able to do almost anything I'd done before, just in a different way."

He traveled the country winning tennis tournaments and moving up the ranks when, at age 32, he "got tired of running around so much" and gave up sports to build a family and get more seriously into business.

He now owns a roller rink in Texas and an ice rink in Arkansas. But about six years ago, when a sled hockey demonstration came to his hometown, Hannah decided to give it one more go in the world of elite athletes.

A good time for cheese

Magic Valley's dairy processing industry is poised for expansion

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ever wonder how cheese puffs get their color and flavor? Well, that bright orange powder that sticks to your fingers could have been made right here in Magic Valley.

Powdered cheese products are just some of the many dairy products manufactured by area dairy-processing firms. And most of it comes from the billions of pounds of milk produced by Idaho dairies each year — about 9 billion pounds in 2004.

That's up from 8.7 billion pounds in 2003, making Idaho the fifth in U.S. milk production, said Bob Naerhout, executive director of the Idaho Dairy-mens Association. About 70 percent of Idaho's milk is produced in Magic Valley, Naerhout said.

Dairy processing is a big part of the economic growth in recent years, and — though environmental concerns might dictate otherwise — industry leaders contend there's room for more expansion. In addition to the major established firms in Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties, the newly based Gosner Foods Inc. will open a 90,000-square-foot cheese manufacturing operation in Heyburn by October. Also, in early April, one other cheese manufacturer was close to confirming a move to Mini-Cassia and another was strongly considering a new plant in the area, area economic development leaders said. Another firm with an established Magic Valley presence may be looking to expand.

Where does the milk go?

Most of the milk produced in Magic Valley is manufacturing — in the form of cheese, which is mostly for bulk commodity cheese — mostly cheddar, but colby, jack, Swiss and Italian varieties are produced as well. Bulk products are often produced in 40-pound barrels, then shipped out of state to other processors that create consumer products you'd find in the supermarket.

Producing all of this cheese leaves a lot of whey as a byproduct. In Magic Valley, whey is used by Glanbia Foods and Jerome Cheese Co. are creating new uses for whey components, like protein powders and additives

for yogurt, baby formula and even cosmetics.

Jerome Cheese says its Jerome plant receives 4 million pounds of milk per day from its contracted dairies, which makes about 380,000 pounds of cheese, according to the company's Web site. Much of that cheese is shipped to well-known cheese companies around the country like Kraft

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and Sargento, said Jon Davis, general manager of Jerome Cheese.

About 3.1 million pounds of whey is left over, which is turned into products including condensed whey, whey protein isolate and deproteinized whey, Davis said. Deproteinized whey can be found in a wide range of food products like cookies, crackers, frostings, soups and dip mixes.

"We sell it to all types of industries," Davis said. At DiChil Inc., also in Jerome, evaporated milk takes center stage. The facility cans, sterilizes, labels and ships evaporated milk under private labels and the Jerze name brand, said plant manager Ralph Aller. The milk comes from WestFarm Foods, just across the street.

Magic Valley's dairy processing industry is a draw for storage and shipping companies like WOW Logistics. The Wilson-based company's 307,000-square-foot Jerome facility is storing roughly 40 million to 45 million pounds of cheese and whey products, said general manager Mitch Cling.

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Why dairy processing?

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wages, said Greg Rogers, Magic Valley's regional labor economist for Idaho Commerce and Labor. The industry employs about 800 workers in the six-county Magic Valley region. Those jobs pay an average of \$11 per hour, usually with full benefits, Rogers said.

Unlike potatoes, sugar beets and other commodities that can be stored until demand is high, milk is produced year-round and needs to be processed quickly. That means year-round employment for dairy-processing workers.

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Growth on horizon

Is there enough milk to go around to supply new processing plants? Naerhout, of the dairymen's association, says yes. As dairies expand further in Mini-Cassia, farmers have the choice of growing dairy feed — with a guaranteed market — or other crops with waning demand.

"Agriculture is always evolving," he said. And dairy expansion looks attractive right now, as many economists are expecting milk prices to average between \$12.58 and \$14 per hundredweight through September. That's a far cry from the low of \$9.11 per hundredweight producers saw in 2003.

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More and more milk

Idaho milk marketed by dairies and sold to plants and dealers as whole milk:

Year	(in millions of pounds)
1991	2,870
1992	3,090
1993	3,180
1994	3,710
1995	4,165
1996	4,695
1997	5,153
1998	5,718
1999	6,418
2000	7,189
2001	7,724
2002	8,122
2003	8,739
2004	9,057

A few of the players in Magic Valley dairy processing and storage, and their products

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Processors optimistic toward future

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Food processing in Magic Valley is a multi-million dollar industry that can change as quickly as the markets can. Despite a likely

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ly continuation of the area's long drought, food processors are looking to the future with optimism.

Here's a roundup of what's going on in the industry — from potatoes to fish.

Potato processing

At a Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative meeting in March, potato industry leaders said first food chains are demanding high quality potatoes. From Idaho, as well as from other northwestern states.

Does that mean that Simplot respects along its Heyburn and Nyssa. Ore. plants and moving production to Canada?

Fred Zerza, speaking for Idaho potato growers, said the company regrets having to give up a plant in such a prime growing area, but the plant in Heyburn was made for a "strategic investment" in order to make it as productive as the company would have liked.

Idaho plants still in operation can meet any requirements for Northwest potatoes, he said. "Idaho, Oregon and Washington consistency have the best quality," Zerza said.



Cindy England, left, and Margaret Anderson of ConAgra's Lamb Weston plant prepare samples of new potato products at the University of Idaho Potato Conference in Pocatello in January.

However, demand has not improved since 2001. Flat growth for french fries has created a competitive situation for the existing market, he said.

"It's an industry with a flat demand," Zerza said. "It's no longer a growth business. That's what the processing industry faces — little or no growth."

Available potatoes are over capacity in the Northwest, Zerza said. If necessary, Simplot can open a processing line in Caldwell, which has been closed.

"We have the option if we need to use that," he said. At ConAgra Food Service Co., executives have seen "the demand for french fries increase recently," said Ed White, operations manager of ConAgra's

Lamb Weston plant in Twin Falls.

"After a period in which demand for french fries declined, we've begun to see demand for french fries start to pick up again," White said. "Some of our customers are promoting new cuts and types, which are doing well."

"Our mashed and roasted potato products, as well as our appetizers, are doing well with customers too."

Consumers simply want products that taste good, and ConAgra is pleased with the quality of potatoes that are grown in Idaho, he said.

"We continue to partner with our restaurant customers to develop new products that are desired by their patrons," White said.

Sugar processing

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If Amalgamated had kept the Nyssa plant in production, the company would have produced significantly more sugar than it could sell, he said.

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lost. "That decreases the amount of sugar we sugar needed," Burton said.

For years, the company has made as much sugar as it could, but now there's a limit to how much sugar it can sell, he said.

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Company officials are not talking about closing any more plants.

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TRYING TO FIND THE ZONE

Magic Valley has yet to reach 'manufacturing zen'

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — How does an extra \$38 million sound? It's not a scam — That's the amount Idaho's TechHelp program generated between July 2003 and June 2004 for manufacturing businesses in Idaho.

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But Magic Valley has yet to reach Zen.

While area manufacturers have taken part in some training sessions in Boise, few have fully implemented lean manufacturing techniques, Mullane said.

Of the 315 manufacturers and processors in south central Idaho, just 58 have participated in the program. But between them, they have increased sales by \$2.05 billion and created nine new jobs.

Mullane expects more success once TechHelp sites opens in Twin Falls later this year. "The way we prefer to work is on company sites — that's how we get the most impact," said Larry Stauffer, an engineering professor with the University of Idaho and lean manufacturing expert who helps TechHelp train business managers.

Stauffer says TechHelp is in the final stages of setting up a Magic Valley office to assist manufacturing businesses in the surrounding areas.

"The economy is really growing in Twin," he said. "And I believe this will help." Especially in the food processing industry that's so prevalent in Magic Valley.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Chris Garcia

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News promoted circulation district manager Chris Garcia to home delivery manager in mid-April.

Reporting to the newspaper's circulation director, Garcia helps to oversee the work for the circulation department of seven employees and about 175 independent delivery contractors.

Garcia joined The Times-News in January, after moving from Modesto, Calif. She and her husband, Richard, own and operate a Modesto restaurant for four years. She also has eight years' experience in the grocery industry and two years' experience in the credit card industry.

Garcia and her husband live in Twin Falls with their two children.



Chris Garcia

Georgia Dimick

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging hired Georgia Dimick of Oakley as its new Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Program manager.

Dimick is an Oakley, Calif., woman and volunteer firefighter and she helps with local economic development. Dimick has worked for years with grant writing, volunteers, community involvement and resources.



Georgia Dimick

Melanie Crist

TWIN FALLS — Melanie Crist, transportation agent at Premier Insurance in Twin Falls, received the designation of certified insurance counselor following her completion of an insurance program sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors.

Crist demonstrated professional competence through completion of the five CIC institutes and written examinations.



Melanie Crist

ocusing on all major fields of insurance, insurance management and agency operations.

Crist has been with Premier Insurance since 1983 and specializes in transportation insurance. She lives in Twin Falls with her husband and three children.

David Mezes

TWIN FALLS — David Mezes of Twin Falls invented a container to hold grease gun cartridges. He is exhibiting his patent invention at INTEX, an invention trade show, June 8-11 in Pittsburgh in the hopes of finding a manufacturer or distributor.

Grease gun canisters could be kept easily accessible and containant free with the "Grease Saver," promotes say farmers, mechanics and other heavy equipment operators need clean, unpolluted grease to keep machinery running smoothly and the Grease Saver would keep grease within easy reach, said a press release from INTEX. The invention would also keep the cartridges from becoming damaged or spilling, which could reduce environmental pollution.

The Grease Saver would consist of a pair of vertical cylindrical containers, about 10 inches high and 4 inches wide, which could hold up to two grease gun cartridges. A hinged, sealed cover would keep the cartridges secure, and a bracket along the back would secure the Grease Saver to the side of a vehicle or piece of machinery.

Mezes is a farm manager. For information about licenses or INTEX, call (888) 54-INTEX or visit www.inventionsonline.com.

Terry Reinke

TWIN FALLS — Terry L. Reinke, a real estate associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, earned membership in the 2005 Million Dollar Round Table.

Reinke qualified based on his sales, client service, ethical conduct and professional knowledge. He is associated with Thrivent Financial's Northern Rocky Region Financial Office in Spokane, Wash., and serves Lutherans and their family members. He can be reached at 734-6102.



Terry Reinke

The Million Dollar Round Table is an international, independent association of life insurance and financial services professionals.

Commercial drivers



Adolfo Venegas and Shane McConnell

TWIN FALLS — The Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls said Adolfo Venegas, Shane McConnell and Don Pagan graduated April 22, each with a Class A commercial driver's license with endorsements.



Don Pagan

Katrina Shiner

RUPERT — Katrina Shiner, owner of Shiner Photography in Rupert, won the Rookie of the Year award on April 12 at the Professional Photographers of Idaho convention.

To qualify for the Rookie award, a photographer must be a member of PPI and be entering print competition for the first time. The prizes, which include four portraits from a variety of categories, must have the highest combined total points in order to win. Shiner has been a member of PPI for four years. This was her third time attending the convention, but her first time competing. Shiner can be reached at 436-7889 or katrina@shinerphotography.com. To view the prints that earned her the award, go to www.shinerphotography.com.

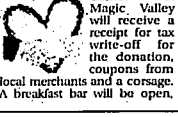


Katrina Shiner

CONTRIBUTIONS

■ Maurice's in Magic Valley Mall is holding a "Pamper Mom's Day" from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Moms who bring in any clothing donation for the Safe House and/or Women's Crisis Center of Magic Valley will receive a receipt for tax write-off for the donation, coupons from local merchants and a corsage. A breakfast bar will be open.



Moms Day event with children and a dog

and JC Penney will do hair and make-up demonstrations and consultations. Entry will be taken for a Mother's Day basket to be given away at the end of the event.

For information, call 733-4131.

■ During May, to honor mothers for Mother's Day, Success Martial Arts will give anyone who answers to the call of "mom" four free weeks of self-defense and fitness training. Call the studio at 733-8910 to schedule an orientation and get started on the training.

Also, Success Martial Arts said it has given more than \$170,000 in 825 one-month martial arts scholarships to schools and other groups in Magic Valley, aiming to help teach personal responsibility to children.

Success Martial Arts at 1300 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, is owned by Brian Higgins. He contributes to the community with his "Partners in Education" program that he offers to schools, along with more than \$50,000 in scholarships each year.



Wal-Mart in Burley donated \$1,000 each to Minico, Burley, Declo and Oakley high schools for their drug and alcohol-free celebrations held for graduating seniors. From left are Mary Williams, Minico; Mackay Clark, Nell Babbitt, Bryce Adams and Lexie Seale, Oakley; Jeff Harrah, Burley; Lynn Panya, Declo; Jodi Hopworth and Miranda Mortenson, Burley; John Anderson and Nikki Garza, Wal-Mart; and Lana Harper, Burley.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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Sunrise Landscape Design announces new studio

TWIN FALLS — Sharon Buckle, owner of Sunrise Landscape Design, announced the April 1 opening of her new design studio, specializing in custom landscape design in Magic Valley and surrounding areas.

In May the business will hold a month-long grand opening with special offers.

Buckle's designs emphasize four-seasonal color, varied textures, functional soft structures, water features, garden beds and low maintenance within a single garden space or throughout an entire property. She incorporates native and drought-tolerant plants and can customize a design to include a low-water-usage areas.



Sharon Buckle

She is available to design and refer to landscape specialists for curbing, pavers, retaining walls or other hardscape, sprinkler or lawn installation or repairs. She makes presentations on curbing or landscape topics to service organizations, church groups and clubs.

Buckle has 25 years of hands-on experience in the garden and knowledge of flowers, plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from Albertson College of Idaho, is trained as a Master Gardener through the University of Idaho Extension Service and has attended horticulture classes at the College of Southern Idaho. She can be reached at 733-7676 or at sunrise@landscape.mylfi.net.

Oxbow restaurant reopens in Bliss

BLISS — Terry and Kay Sheaf-

er reopened an established Bliss restaurant, the Oxbow, as Oxbow's Hometown Cookin'.

"The Oxbow was steeped in tradition, and we wanted to uphold that as well as to tie in since December 2001 they also ran Sheafers' Place in Filer with their two children, Kevin and Kassandra, from September 1996 until March 2001.

Terry Sheaffer has worked in the industry since he was 14, starting out as a dishwasher and moving along to management. He earned an associate's degree in food service and has managed several restaurants, including the Steeler in Twin Falls. Terry Sheaffer has managed a Burger King and Orange Julius.

New hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday.

Family Dollar prepares for store opening in Buhi

BUHI — A Family Dollar store plans to open Monday at 415 Broadway Ave. S., across the street from Geska's Broadway Automotive.

Renovation get under way in mid-March. The company plans to fill the 10,000-square-

foot area with many dollar-store items like family goods, home goods, toys and more. A plans to hire seven or eight employees, a few of whom will work full time. Full-time employees are eligible for benefits such as health and prescription drug insurance.

Project Mutual Telephone receives award for 2004

RUPERT — Project Mutual Telephone was awarded the SDS President's Award for 2004. The recognition is based on companies that achieve a minimum "positive index" of 94 and "excellent" ratings of at least 50 percent.

Results are obtained by measuring customer responses to telephone surveys conducted by SDS, a Salt Lake City-based research company. Less than 10 percent of SDS clients receive the award, Project Mutual said.

Dale Kinley, president of SDS, said in a press release distributed by Project Mutual: "Telephone companies and cooperatives have learned that their greatest competitive advantage is the loyalty they create by providing excellent service to their subscribers. We congratulate Project Mutual Telephone for achieving a 'positive index' of 96 and 'excellent' ratings, the highest overall ratings of our telecommunications clients in 2004. In addition, P.M.T. had the largest gain in 'excellent' ratings from 46 percent to 65 percent of any SDS client in any industry during the past year."

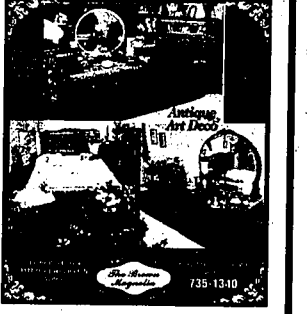


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Magic Valley Trailer Sales opens its doors

BIOME — Magic Valley Trailer Sales, owned by Bill and Marlyn Mobley, opened for business April 1 at 161 W. F. on Ta'a Road, N. (about a half-mile west of Interstate 15 Exit 165 west of Jerome).

The Mobleys generated a trailer sales store for a competitor for about 20 years. In the '70s they operated a North County Splitting Goods and sold two brands of horse trailers.

"At Magic Valley Trailer Sales, they are exclusive dealers for Logan Coach galvanized steel trailers, with aluminum skin. Double T utility and horse trailers made in Nampa; and Kiefer Bull steel and all-aluminum heavy-duty horse and stock trailers.

"With high gas prices, the aluminum Kiefer trailer is very popular to pull today, and with the new manufacturing facility, in Gooding, this trailer is more affordable than it ever was," Bill Mobley said.

—Grandsons, Dustin and Eric Auclair are working with the Mobleys as salesmen.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The business can be reached at 324-1456.

An open house will be held May 21. Kiefer Bull regional factory sales representative Chip Gasser will be present with an aluminum three-horse goose-neck trailer that has equipped living quarters. Logan Coach will be represented with a look at his new 2005 models. Refreshments will be served, and prize drawings will be held.

Edward Jones ranked highest in customer satisfaction among full-service investors, with an overall satisfaction score of 771 (based on a 1,000-point scale). Edward Jones earned industry-leading scores in the information resources, account management and investment representative-adviser factors.

Practices such as keeping fees low, explaining fees and commissions and providing high-quality advice play a key role in determining customer satisfaction with a full-service broker, a J.D. Power press release said.

The study found that investors who use multiple brokers are less satisfied with their primary broker than those who use only one broker.

Similar studies in other industries such as auto and homeowners insurance found having a one-on-one relationship with an adviser is related to higher satisfaction than not having an assigned adviser.

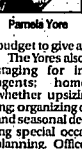
All but three of the 20 firms included in the study saw an increase in customer satisfaction scores compared with the 2004 study.

By Arrangement, a redesign service opens

TWIN FALLS — Marlyn Yore of Hagerman and Pamela Yore of Twin Falls are introducing a new business to the Magic Valley.

By Arrangement is a redesign service that will ease a client's existing furnishings and accumulated items into a new home, they will develop a plan within the client's budget to give a fresh, new look.

The Yores also offer real estate staging for individuals and agents; home transitions, whether upsizing or downsizing; organizing of difficult areas; and seasonal decorating, including special occasion and party planning. Office designing is



new or existing complexes is another aspect of the By Arrangement business.

Marlyn and Pam are sisters-in-law and have been reuniting friends and family for years. They started last fall building a business doing what they love to do, and they are accepting new clients for redesign of any scope.

Marlyn can be reached at 837-4815, 280-2815 or marlynyore@earthlink.net.

Driving school moves to larger location in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — Professional Driving School and Professional Truck Driving School have expanded their operation by moving to a new, larger location at 2019 Kimberly Road.

The curriculum opened at the new location April 3. The move allowed for an enlarged classroom to facilitate more truck-driving and teen safety students. It also offers a truck bay in which the students can review truck inspections during inclement weather.

Professional Truck Driving School has been offering Class A commercial driver's license training in Magic Valley for more than 11 years and has graduated more than 100 truck drivers each year. It is state registered and offers all the state required and extra skills training. The three-week program is held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily but will make accommodations for other schedules.

The teenage driver program has been available for more than 25 years. It has a new four-week program which accelerates the time for students to complete the course. It offers instruction in both automatic and clutch vehicles. The course includes a special parent night which informs the parents of their responsibilities, and a drive with the graduating student and his or her parents as observers.

Teens also may choose to drive a semi-tractor and trailer on the school's driving range for 15 minutes which gives the student a more realistic understanding of semi-truck driving.

Professional Driving School can be reached at 739-9580 or (800) 900-0586 or at Gordon@charityanywhere.org.

Charter Insurance Agency and Charity Anywhere Foundation also moved to 2019 Kimberly Road.



Tagged beef cattle in a feedlot are shown near Airdrie, Alberta, Canada in this Jan. 12 file photo. A representative of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association met April 25 with Washington state agriculture officials and cattle producers to make the case for reopening the border to live cattle imports to the United States. Meanwhile tensions are rising in the United States over reopening the border.

A meaty beef Cattle groups go head to head over beef ban

WASHINGTON — The chasm grew wider this week between the nation's two biggest cattlemen organizations. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association took sides against the Ranchers-Cattlemen's Action Legal Fund USA in a lawsuit before R-CALF and the U.S. Department of Agriculture filed its lawsuit.

NCBA sent an amicus brief, or "friend of the court," in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of its members, the American Farm Bureau Federation, 29 state cattle organizations, 18 state farm bureaus, the National Pork Producers Council as well as a number of independent cattlemen.

R-CALF sued the U.S. Department of Agriculture claiming that the agency's decision to open the U.S. border to live Canadian cattle failed to fully consider the impact the rule would have on the U.S. cattle industry and did not "protect the health and choices of U.S. consumers."

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News weekly report on agriculture.

Cattle prices keep setting records as evidenced in the first quarter of 2005, with Nebraska finished steers selling in at an \$89 average, 8 percent higher than during the same time last year.

Hurt said the strength in cattle prices is a result of both reduced supplies and strong consumer demand.

Price increases are the name of the game for pork producers this year, too. Pork producers are seeing profits like they've never seen before somewhat due to record-level exports, said Steve Meyer, economist for Pangloss Economics.

"Exports are up over 60 percent," Meyer said.

He attributes the big rise to increased demand in variety meats, or organ meats.

grain growers across the state feeling cautiously optimistic.

"Our winter wheat crop looks really good," said Gale Harding, University of Idaho extension educator in Madison County. That's a sentiment echoed by his counterparts across southern and north-central Idaho.

Good fall moisture helped get the crop well germinated and a mild winter kept snow mold from becoming a widespread concern.

"The winter wheat looks good, better than I've seen in a while," said Larry Smith, UI extension educator for Nez Perce County. "The crop came out of the winter with more size and vigor than normal."

That size advantage may pay off with an earlier maturing crop, especially if the summer rains dry up as predicted.

"We're virtually in the same weather pattern as last year," Smith said.

In the American Falls area, winter wheat is the primary grain crop and almost all that Stan Gorsema has seen is looking good. The exception is hilly fields with shallow soils, but germination is often limited on those fields.

"What's up looks really good," the UI extension educator for Power County said.

Beef, pork industries enjoy record prices

TWIN FALLS — The year is off to a record start for cattle prices — and 2004 wasn't so bad, either — said Chris Hurt, extension economist at Purdue University.

Grain crop gets off to great start this year

TWIN FALLS — "Nearly perfect" growing conditions has

Edward Jones gets highest service ranking

TWIN FALLS — The J.D. Power and Associates 2005 Full-Service Investor Satisfaction Study indicated that customers who are more satisfied with their full-service brokers invest a larger portion of their portfolios, conduct more trades and purchase more products through the firm.



Family Dollar, a new store at 1408 Overland Ave. in Burley, celebrates its grand opening with Mini-Casella Chamber of Commerce members, community members and Family Dollar corporate representatives. The store's phone number is 878-3328. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. At center holding the scissors is store manager Lee Roy Rivera.



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting for a new business...The Artist's Atelier, at 1300 Kimberly Road, Suite 17. The Artist's Atelier provides traditional art instruction, focusing on classical and contemporary realism in oil painting and drawing as an art form. It can be reached at 825-4119. Photographs from left are Shana King and Maria Smith.

Michael Fineberg should have known better. He's a business psychologist and a coach of bosses, yet he completely blew it in handling one of his employees. She got so mad she quit.

Looking back at what went wrong, you have to start with the understanding that "I have met the enemy and it is me," said Fineberg, managing partner of Delta Consultants in Wayne, Pa.

It's not easy being a boss, a manager, a supervisor or an executive. Yes, the pay is often better and so are the perks, but the work can be a complex tangle of corporate and emotional objectives.

"I don't have the right to simply stumble, creating chaos or a depressing torpor in the workplace," he says.

Some managers overmanage, others are disengaged. Some are workaholics who drive everyone nuts; others are narcissistic, seeing anything and everything that happens in their department as a reflection of or response to them.

And then, of course, there are the truly talented, who by listening, who by adjusting their style to fit the individuals they supervise and who by communicating clear goals and objectives, build a coherent, orderly and even joyful workplace.

"I've seen leadership at its best," says Peter Merrett, director of training and development at Team Builders Plus in Cherry Hill, N.J., a manager's consultant.

"I've seen employees who would do anything for their manager, not because they have to, but because their manager has inspired personal loyalty and organizational commitment. And I've seen employees who drive home every day wish-

ing they had a new manager."

Do employees generally want to do a good job and be productive, or do they want to get by with as little work as possible? "That's the genesis for a lot of management theories," says Theory Y. The University management professor James Smith said.

In academic circles, that question is known as "Theory X vs. Theory Y," an idea promulgated in the 1950s by well-known management scholar Douglas McGregor. Smith says.

How a boss motivates workers depends significantly on which theory is adopted.

Smith said Theory Y holds that "If you have a person doing anything other than working, so they must be cajoled and closely supervised to produce anything of value. In the human relations school of management, says that workers are intrinsically motivated by a desire to be useful and to grow, so supervisors need to nurture and encourage them.

Glennoid, Pa. Al Pichman fits the theory into the Theory Y camp. "The toughest lesson I learned was that employees want to succeed at their place of employment," he says. "A retired manager wrote, 'They want to do the job they were hired for, and they want the immediate supervisor to make sure that they are clear about what they are to do.'"

Fundamentally incapable of "Theory X" management is a common type of toxic boss that fascinates Gayle Porter, an associate professor of management at Rutgers University in Camden, N.J. She describes these bosses as "workaholics—those inefficient control freaks that make your life miserable."

"I've known a very high need to control everything," she said, and their behavior is as addictive to them as nicotine is to cigarette smokers.

Managing can be tangle of the corporate and emotional

By Jane M. Von Bergen Knight Ridder News Service

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MONEY

Summer jobs teach teens facts of life

By Eileen Ambrose
The Baltimore Sun

Sixteen-year-old Lillian Gibbons earns \$7 an hour as a cashier at Valley View Farms garden center in Cockeysville, Md., but the high school junior says she gets a lot more out of the job.

Her paycheck, she says, teaches her a lot about money management, from taxes to the temptations of an ATM card.

"It's a source of constant, dependable income that I didn't have before when doing just baby sitting," the teenager says. "With the paycheck, I'm learning this is how much I make and this is how much money I spend."

For parents, a teen's summer job can be a way to introduce finances and instill sound money skills that can serve a lifetime.

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ing for their parents' business, for example, will have 7.65 percent of their paycheck withheld under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, FICA, as part of their contributions for Social Security and Medicare.

Many times, too, federal incomes taxes are taken out of teens' paychecks although they may not make enough to owe taxes and will get the money back when they file an income tax return the next year, said Bob Scharin, editor of Practical Tax Strategies Journal in New York.

Dependent children, though, can avoid having federal income taxes withheld from their paychecks if their total income for the year won't be more than \$4,850, their unearned income — interest and dividends — won't exceed \$250, and they had no tax liability last year, Scharin said.

Gibbons recalls that taxes ate up \$40 of her first paycheck and left her with \$100. "It wasn't that much, but it still was a chunk," she said.

Her father, David Gibbons, recalls her reaction. "When she got her first paycheck, it was, 'Who is this FICA guy?'"

Parents can use a child's first pay stub to explain taxes. "The biggest thing they need to explain is how the tax system in the United States works," said Andy Keeler, a financial planner in Dublin, Ohio. "The idea is at some point in time those taxes will come" to benefit them through sideways being maintained or the ability to go to a public school without paying for it.

If parents are comfortable sharing their financial information with a child, they can show a teen their own paychecks, said Donald Fell, president of the Florida Council on Economic Education in Tampa.

Parents will likely have even more deductions that can prompt discussions. For instance, contributions to a 501(c)(3) plan can get parents and teens

talking about saving for retirement, Fell said.

Saving. Teens should be encouraged to save a portion of each paycheck, experts say. Some suggest a minimum of 10 percent, while others say teens earning a couple hundred dollars a week can't be expected to sock away half that to pay for a major expense, such as a car or a computer for college.

"The amount is not important. It's the discipline of saving that's important," said Michael Furois, a financial planner in Phoenix, Ariz.

Parents can encourage savings, too, by matching every dollar a child saves and putting the money into an individual retirement account at summer's end, Furois said.

Young workers also can deposit their savings in a savings account, money market account or short-term certificate of deposit where they'll learn about interest, experts say.

And teens getting an ATM card for convenience will get a quick lesson on how easy it is to make deposits — and withdrawing. Gibbons, for instance, says she used to spend \$20 a week until she got her ATM card last month. "I can run through 100 bucks a week if I didn't watch myself," she said.

Setting goals. Of course, saving will be a lot easier if young workers have goals. "Parents should encourage teens to develop short-, medium- and long-term goals, experts say.

It's a balancing act that they will be expected to make as adults when they find themselves juggling monthly living expenses on top of, say, saving for a down payment on a house and retirement, experts said. Some teens have no problem with goals.

Vinson Webb, who works part time at the Inner Harbor Marina in Baltimore, has a short-term goal of driver's education classes and a long-term goal of buying an SUV.

"Before I had a job, people would give me money. Now that I'm working and making my own money, I'm more independent and dependant on myself," the 16-year-old said.

"It's better for me this way."

Ball outs. If teens overspend and run out of money before their next paycheck, experts advise against bailing them out. Teens will likely be more careful with their next paycheck.

Credit cards are different. Many parents will get a teen a card with a low credit limit for emergencies or convenience. But teens can go overboard and end up triggering interest and penalties.

Before parents bail out a teen from credit card debt, ground rules should be established, experts said. Parents, for example, might take away the teen's card and treat the bail out as a loan that must be repaid, either through earnings or chores around the house.

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Retailers reconsider return policies

By Michele Chandler
Knight Rider News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — No doubt about it, someone had worn that dressy, \$85 mesh woman's top for the return. It was one of an upscale clothing boutique in San Jose. The tagless blouse carried the strong aroma of perfume.

"It was a full-price item, and we had to toss it," general manager Laura Swenson said. "But what can I do? We can't clean it and resell it. So it was just a loss to us. Oh boy, that irritates you when you have to do that. Everyone's margins are tight."

What to do about "wonder-bling" — where unscrupulous customers return clothing they've already used — is a vexing problem that has many retailers pondering their return policies. They want to keep legitimate customers happy but prevent the bottom line.

Retail return bill reached about \$16 billion in 2002, the most recent estimate available according to the National Federation of Spokesman Ellen Tolley.

"That year's total inventory shrinkage was 1.5 percent," she says. "Shoplifting, employee theft, crooked vendors and administrative errors — was estimated

at \$31.3 billion. Even legitimate returns cost stores plenty," retailers complain. Say an outfit comes back after others like it are on markdown or the item is out of stock. The store must allow 20 to 30 percent of that sale," Swenson said.

Always policy permits any item to be returned within two weeks. Fifteen to 30 days after the sale, customers get store credit only. After that, returns are not allowed.

Some companies have made returning items more difficult as retail margins wear thin, making every sales dollar count.

Specifies are all over the map. Retailers including Banana Republic require customers to present identification to return or exchange clothing purchased by check, with refunds sent by mail.

Nordstrom is known for its customer-friendly policy. "At Nordstrom, we don't have a return policy," spokeswoman Megan Link said. "We just want our customers to feel confident with their purchase, and if they aren't, we will work to find a solution," be it an exchange or refund.

"The majority of our customers are fair with us, so we really are going to trust our customers on that," she said.

Some stores have turned to technology to weed out fraud and bring returns in line.

Guess, Express, Sports Authority, Staples and KB Toys are trickling customers who are chronic returners, temporarily forbidding the worst offenders from returning more merchandise.

The company behind the technology is Irvine, Calif.-based Return Exchange, which did not respond to interview requests.

Using Verify-1, cashiers can instantly access the frequency and amount of a shopper's returns with a swipe of the customer's driver's license. If the amount exceeds the retailer's threshold, returns from that person could be denied.

While believed to reduce the retailer's loss, frequent returns are a fraud tip-off — the practice can leave a sour taste with customers.

A recent survey done by Newgistics, a Texas firm that advises retailers on return policies, and Harris Interactive found 85 percent of consumers surveyed would shop elsewhere if a retailer made returns inconvenient or difficult.

Since a frequent returner could well spend more on their next shopping trip on items they don't return, retailers need "to realize not all returners are bad," said Jonathan Dampier, a Newgistics spokesman. "A serial returner is not necessarily a fraudulent returner."

Neither federal nor state law requires stores to take back merchandise after its purchase. However, sellers must post their return policy, said Ed Bristow, spokesman for the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

While industry efforts focus on thwarting fraud, shoppers such as Kim Nguyen sometimes get caught in the cross fire.

The San Jose paralegal watched in disbelief several months ago as a Nordstrom salesclerk took the unworn slacks she was returning — complete with tag and sales receipt — and inspected the cloth.

"I thought to myself, 'why is she doing that?'" Nguyen said. "I did not say anything because I am not that kind of person. It really humiliated me because there were other people in line." Nguyen got her credit, but because of that experience, she said she no longer buys her clothes at the high-end retailer.

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TWIN FALLS — Do you know a young business owner-business manager or business professional with exceptional motivation? Ingenuity? Entrepreneurial spirit?

Give them the credit they deserve by nominating them for *Southern Idaho Business*'s "20 Under 40" feature. We're looking for outstanding young leaders in private business, aged 40 or younger.

We'll select the top 20 submissions and we'll profile them in our July issue of *Southern Idaho Business*, a Times-News publication distributed to business owners and managers.

The stories and photographs will also appear in *The*

Fill out the following application form and tell us why your young business leader deserves recognition. We'll be judging on nominees' achievements, goals, business strategies, growth rates and the like.

Those recognized in last year's "20 Under 40" feature are not eligible for nomination.

The deadline for submissions is May 13.

Please direct submissions to: Megan Hinds, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. All nominations must be submitted by hand.

Any questions? Contact Hinds at 735-3238 or megan.hinds@tcn.net.

'20 Under 40' nomination form

Nominee: _____ **Age** _____

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Position: _____

How does the nominee exemplify the spirit of leadership and entrepreneurship?

Why does this person deserve to be considered for *Southern Idaho Business*'s "20 Under 40"?

Please list measurable achievements by the nominee:

Describe an instance of exemplary accomplishment by the nominee:

Additional comments or attributes:

Nominator: _____

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Position: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

How long have you known the nominee?

Author gives the skinny on PHAT in business

By Cheryl Hall
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — In today's lean-business world, author Dean Lindsay says it pays to look PHAT — pretty, hot and tempting.

PHAT is the hip-hop acronym as shorthand for what he calls creating "personal curb appeal." And his new book, "Cracking the Networking Code: 5 Steps to Painless Business Relationships," gives pointers on how to get it.

Start out by oversteering, he suggests.

"You need to look like you have your act together," said the 37-year-old acting coach-turned-motivational speaker.

Networking definitely makes you PHAT in other people's mind, but more importantly, when you look good, you feel good. It creates an inner buzz that makes you feel worthy and ooze confidence.

"You can't go into a networking event looking like you need lunch money."

While this is hardly an earth-shaking revelation, Lindsay is amazed how many people are

counterproductive when making first impressions.

"My goal is to make common sense into common practice."

"Cracking the Code" is any event where strangers mix and mingle in the hopes of bonding. For example, a happy hour is a networking event.

As a member of the International Speakers Bureau Inc., he draws \$5,000 to \$8,000 for speaking gigs.

Does the name of someone you've just met instantly evaporate from your memory bank?

Lindsay said you never heard it to begin with. Concentrate on being interested instead of interesting.

"We're so intent on what we're going to do and say when we meet someone that we don't catch the most important thing to that other person," he said.

"The best way to put people on your by tuning into them. If you're going to get anywhere close to their frequency, you've got to have their names."

When it comes to business cards, it's far better to receive than give.

There's a big difference between met and met — there's a big difference in meeting someone and have them in your network," Lindsay said.

"The only guarantee you will respect is if you do the reconnecting. You have to have their contact information to that."

When Lindsay gets a business card, he immediately flips it over and jots down something he feels he can do to help that person. Maybe it's an introduction he can make, a helpful article he can pass along or simply lending a sympathetic ear.

Then, he actually follows up. Lindsay said six p-words are the motivation behind everything we do: pleasure, peace of mind, profit, prestige, pain avoidance and power.

"The point is, you need to find which 'p' to push in a relationship to put people on your list as beneficial to their advancement."

"Relationships aren't one-time transactions," he said. "They're not built on what you're going to gain but what you can give. Through the giving comes the gaining."

Lindsay spent nearly 10 years pursuing an acting and music career, highlighted by playing one of the bad guys in the 1996 movie *Twister*.

"But don't blink," he warns. "The flying cow had a bigger and more memorable part than I had."

"To put food on his table during this period, Lindsay was an acting coach who helped LeAnn Rimes with her 1997 film debut in "Holiday in Your Heart" with Bernadette Peters.

He discovered a huge overlap between acting and selling. Both are about confidence and communication.

"People would come to my acting classes and talk about memorizing lines. It's about creating a character. If you understand what you're trying to say, the lines and sure will come," he said.

"The same is true for sales and customer service professionals. It's not about knowing your lines. It's about believing your message."

One big difference: Coaching business types pays better.

Processors

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Independent Meat said his company faces challenges, but the overall outlook is good.

"Anytime we have a meat incident it has some effect," Florence said. "Even though it's a small amount, it creates different challenges. We still have tremendous opportunities."

"Because a majority of independent business comes from pork — in products like bacon, sausage, ham and hot dogs — the company's products have not been hurt by the beef crisis, he said. In fact, the market was more secure may have helped independent sell more pork."

"I may stimulate our (pork) market," Florence said. "Pork exports have dramatically increased in the last year."

This increase is partly because countries that independent exports to such as Japan and Taiwan are now more economically vigorous, he said.

Zen

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"TechHelp is a national leader in adopting lean to the food industry," said Mullane. "This will be very important in the Twin area where there is such a large food processing industry."

Mullane said lean manufacturing can increase productivity by 30 percent and improve quality of products by 50 percent. It can also reduce work-in-process and lead time by 90 percent. And that translates into more jobs.

Lean manufacturing identifies waste — things that do not contribute to the actual production of a product — and finds ways to eliminate them. This can include eliminating co-workers to do extra duties that distract from producing the product.

"We try to identify wasteful activity," Stauffer said. "If a cus-

tomers knew they were paying for that activity, would they be happy to be paying for it?"

TechHelp is addressing a major concern for area food manufacturers with a program designed to bridge the unique challenges facing employers with employees for whom English is a second language. The program is made possible by a government grant.

"Adopting lean processing can help any company become more efficient and therefore more profitable," Mullane said. "It has proven time and time again in manufacturing," Mullane said.

"It's almost miraculous what happens. They are really able to cut back on inventory which makes a big difference."

And gets them just a little bit closer to manufacturing Zen.

Fish processing

Will Magic Valley fish producers be back up to full production this year with the state's water shortage?

"Probably not," said Randy MacMillan, vice president of Clear Springs Foods Inc., adding that he could not speak for the entire industry.

"I think we're all suffering the same," he said.

Water levels have been going down about 3 percent per year for 30 years, MacMillan said. Clear Springs has decreased its number of raceways by about 20 percent.

"Clear Springs has had to dry up some raceways," he said. "It is much more difficult to produce as many numbers as we did last year."

While available spring water has been steadily decreasing, there are some things fish producers can do to help them accommodate water flow. But

when limiting factors such as environmental requirements are reached, production has to decrease.

"In order to meet environmental requirements things we could do in the past we can no longer do," MacMillan said. "Clear Springs' research program has been trying to manage fish health under limited conditions."

But now production has decreased because limits have been reached.

"That's a big concern to us," MacMillan said.

He referred to a USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service report, which reported increased trout production compared with the past four years. Nationally overall trout sales increased and the increase was attributed to Idaho production, MacMillan explained.

"The economy is still strong," he said. "We expect to be able to sell more of the fish we produce this year."

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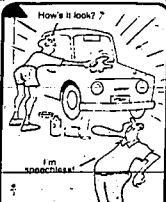
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Estimated Cost: \$60,000
 Jan P. Frew, Design & Construction Manager, Division of Public Works
 PUBLISH: April 30, May 1 and 2, 2005

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FOUND Blue Heeler cross, light colored, "Travel Stop" tag 216. 208-436-0700 or 208-654-9958.
FOUND German Shepherd/Mastiff cross puppy by Blaine Ferry in Burley. Call 208-312-3748.
FOUND Lab, black male, large, no collar, imping on a dog of his paw. Found at Anderson Camp. #1-208-285-8900.
FOUND ladies ring at the Roper Center in Twin Falls on 4/15/05. Call to identify 208-324-3075
FOUND Poodle Mix? White male with black eyes NW of Wendell. Call 208-731-7830 or 208-316-2450.

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LOST Shih-Tzu, cream colored, male, wearing yellow and black sweater near Perrine Elementary. Miss Hervey very much loved. Reward, no questions asked. Call 734-1727.

106 Special Notices

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Adoption:
 1. Lab X spayed, female pup.
 2. Border Collie X neutered male pup.
 3. Australian Shepherd X pup.
 4. Lab X neutered male, adult.
 5. Rott Lab X spayed female, blq pup.
 6. Husky X neutered male, blq pup.

LOST 2 rings April 27th at Jackson NV. (3) Womens wedding band with 1 large centered diamond, 2 many small surrounding diamonds. (1) Black Dyrh "HP" service award ring.
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Amazing facts about felines

There are more now cats than dogs in the United States (78 million cats vs. 65 million dogs in 2003), according to American Animal Hospital Association and the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, and the cliché "cat got your tongue" doesn't ring true here, as we can't seem to stop talking about cats.

Here are 30 amazing feline facts to amaze, delight and inspire anyone from the aloof to the casual cat fancier.

1. Within two to three days of birth, each kitten in a litter chooses his own teat and from then on, generally only takes a nip from this nipple.
2. Kittens are born blue-eyed. If their eyes change colors, it generally occurs at 2-5 weeks of age. Kittens open their eyes at 7 to 10 days but can't hear until they're about 14 days old.

THE BOND Marty Becker

3. The cat is the only animal that purrs. Domestic cats "sing both ways" and can purr while inhaling or exhaling, while the big cats (lions and tigers) can only purr while exhaling.

4. Cats lick themselves "clean" right after dinner as instinct has taught them the sooner they remove food odors, the less likely cat predators will get a whiff of McCat. Cats bury their waste to hide evidence from predators and avoid territorial turf battles with other cats.

5. When a domestic cat goes mousing, they get fast food about every 10 minutes. Of course, most house cats have evolved from mouser to moocher.

6. Among the world's greatest cat haters were Genghis Khan, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Napoleon and Hitler. I trust you'll love cats!

7. Kitty Litter was invented in 1917 when delivery man, Edward Lowe, who was out of sand suggested to a customer that she use a grease and oil absorbent clay (called sodium bentonite) instead. My favorite brand is still the solid substance cats leave in cat boxes is Kitty Rocca.

8. In ancient Rome, feline feces were believed to be healing powers. Beliefs like this could have caused the fall of the Empire.

9. The collective term for a group of adult cats is called a clowder. Sick a mollusk in a get-together of cats and you'll have an adult clowder.

10. Forget going to the dogs, in 1953 Canadian residents Jack and Donna Wright were found to have been living in a house. I bet the odor in that house was a cat-astrophe!

11. The terms "cat's pajamas" come from an English sailor of the late 1700s and early 1800s who made the finest silk pajamas for royalty and other rich patrons. His name was E.B. Katz.

12. More than 300,000 cat mummies were found in one Egyptian temple in 1850. Millions of cats were shipped to England to be used as fertilizer. I suppose that made the plants turn out of the ground.

13. A cat can leap out its outer ear toward a sound about 10 times faster than a human. In fact, a cat, with more than 40,000 nerve fibers in their ears, can hear sounds (like the cat opener) up to two octaves higher than humans. NOTE: Silent cat whistles wouldn't be a hot item because even if they heard it, they probably wouldn't come anyway — unless the whistle made a sound like a tuna can being opened.

14. The back of a cat's foot is a single carpal pad that doesn't touch the ground. It is thought to act as a brake when the cat leaps forward or stops from a speed that can reach up to 31 mph.

15. Cats are the only species that can hold their tails vertical while walking, according to Cat Fancy magazine.

16. Cats purr at the same frequency as a blink. In the second, their temperature is about 102 degrees Fahrenheit.
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Send 'em to camp!



Scouts from Camp Bradley near Stanley ride the Salmon River. Although traditional summer camp experiences for kids abound in south-central Idaho, there are a growing number of non-traditional camps as well.

There's a summer camp for every kid this year

The Times-News

Here's where to find a variety of summer camps for children and teenagers in south-central Idaho.

Family camps

Family camps and mom-and-dad-and-dad-and-daughter camps are all the rage among scouting organizations this summer. The Snake River Council of the Boy Scouts of America will sponsor a Family Camp from Aug. 10-13 at Camp Bradley near Stanley. The families of both scouts and non-scouts are welcome. Cost is \$60 per adult, \$50 for youngsters aged 10-18 and \$40 for kids 3-9. There's no registration deadline per se, but sign-ups will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 733-2067 for more information.

The Silver Sage Council of the Girl Scouts will sponsor a family camp at Camp Alice Pittenger near McCall from July 1-4 for families of girls in kindergarten through 12th grade. Cost is \$45 per adult and \$10 per child. There are also camps for girls and an older male relative at Camp Pittenger on July 16-17 and at Camp Tu-Man-A-Wis in eastern Idaho's Swan Valley on July 29-31 (father, uncle, grandfather) and at

Camp Pettinger on Aug. 12-14 and Camp Tu-Man-Wis on July 8-10 for girls and an older female relative (mother, aunt, grandmother). Cost is \$80 per person. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and there's a \$50 deposit. For more information, call Midge Fisher at the Twin Falls Silver Sage office at 733-9623.

Day camps

The Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley offers day camps in both Twin Falls and Bull-Horn May 31-Aug. 19. Hours are 7:30 a.m. through 7 p.m. in Twin Falls and 7:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. in Bull-Horn for kids aged 6-18. The camp includes tennis, football, softball, swimming, movies, arts and crafts and field trips. Cost is \$5-\$10 a day, which includes lunch and an afternoon snack. There's also a one-time \$20 membership fee. The Twin Falls day camps are held at the Boys and Girls Club building on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho; the Bull-Horn camp is held at Poppelvelt Elementary School. For more information, call 736-7011.

The YMCA offers a summer day camp in Twin Falls from May 31-Aug. 19, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for kids who have completed kindergarten through the

sixth grade. Activities include swimming, tennis, computer classes, sports, movies and field trips. Register by the week. Cost: \$90 a week or \$20 a day for YMCA non-members. There's also a one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$10. Alternatively you can buy a day camp summer membership for \$45, which allows campers to pay discounted member rates. Call 733-4384.

The Salvation Army opens an after-school program in Twin Falls with video games, air hockey, shuffleboard, a full-sized gym and tutoring, Mondays through Fridays from 3:15-5 p.m., cost is \$5 a month, and there's a \$5 transportation fee. There's also a summer day camp offering a variety of activities for kids in grades 1-6, 1st Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee is \$10 per week. Also scheduled are Friday Fun nights for teenagers, from 7-11 p.m., cost \$1. For more information, call the Salvation Army at 733-8720.

The Blaine County Recreation District will sponsor a Sports Camp and Creativity Camp for kids entering the first grade through age 13. Two sessions are planned, from June 6-July 14 and from July 18-Aug. 25. Activities will include flag football,

swimming, soccer, basketball, arts and crafts, creative writing, theater and storytelling. Cost is \$153 for the six-week session; half-day cost \$76.50. Hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Campus. Registration is May 11 from 9-7:30 p.m. at the Community Campus in Hallock.

The district sponsors Friday Fun Days for children entering the first grade through age 13, with trips to hot springs, Roddish Lake, Dierkes Lake and other locales, Fridays from June 10 through July 15; the second is from July 22 through Aug. 26. Cost is \$55 per five-week session.

The district sponsors a Sunrise Session for kids entering the first grade through age 13. The first session is June 6-July 15 and the second from July 18 through Aug. 26, on Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Campus. Activities include indoor games.

There's also a Sunset Session for kids entering the first grade through age 13. The first session is May 31-July 1 and the second from July 5-Aug. 5, on Mondays through Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. at the Community Campus. This is an after-camp session for kids to play

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Talking taboo

Should blood relatives be allowed to marry?

The Washington Post

ALTOONA, Pa. — Love comes in at the eye, the poet William Butler Yeats wrote, and so it was for Donald Andrews: One look, and he knew that he was in love, intensely in love.

"I just could not stop looking at her," Andrews, 39, recalled, sitting in the late-day shade of a cafe umbrella he set up in the yard of his mobile home. "I just kept thinking, 'I'm going to get her. Someday, I'm going to get her and marry her.'"

He also knew, even as a mere kid of 14, that this never would be just any romance, because the object of that rapturous gaze happened to be his cousin Eleanor. And not a distant cousin, located somewhere in the far branches of the family tree. Their mothers were sisters. They knew their attraction — she had felt it, too — was taboo, and they kept it more or less a secret. That is, until last month, when they decided it was to marry.

Turned away from the courthouse because Pennsylvania law prohibits first-cousin marriages, Donald W. Andrews Sr.



First cousins Donald W. Andrews Sr. and Eleanor Arnhel bought their rings years ago but waited until March to marry, traveling to Maryland to wed after being turned down in Pennsylvania.

and Eleanor Arnhel, 37, crossed into Maryland to wed. Before they could think about a honeymoon, the newlyweds became the butt of jokes on the late-night talk shows.

But their marriage also cast a light on conflicting state laws surrounding the practice, and on such groups as Cousins United to Defeat Discriminating

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Kindergarten: Are your kids really ready?

While many children today attend preschool and junior kindergarten programs, there is still some question as to whether many are developmentally ready to succeed in kindergarten. Here are some guidelines:

- Does your child exhibit curiosity, a desire to learn new things?
- Is your child willing to ask questions and seek help?
- Is your child emotionally ready to interact with other children?
- Does your child have basic academic readiness? (Knows the ABCs, numbers up to 10, shapes, colors and has decent motor skills)
- Can your child sit still for a subject to 20 minutes and focus on a subject?
- Can your child understand rules and routines? Can she do the exhibit independence in picking up and putting away toys?

to help prepare their children for kindergarten:

- Read. According to Jaclyn Morris, creator of the Web site www.kindergartenreadiness.net, reading to children is the single most important thing a parent can do to encourage learning skills.
- Play. Encourage imaginative play, make-believe and dress-up. Through play, children learn concepts, how to interact with peers, they also practice using their large and small muscle groups and learn how to make choices.
- Practice the alphabet and numbers. Use everyday activities — such as a trip to the grocery store or riding in the car — to encourage counting.
- Help the child with puzzles, drawing and other activities that help develop fine motor skills.
- Play with other kids. Whether it's through organized playgroups or visits to local parks, make sure your child has ample time to socialize. This will help your child learn how to

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How to get them ready

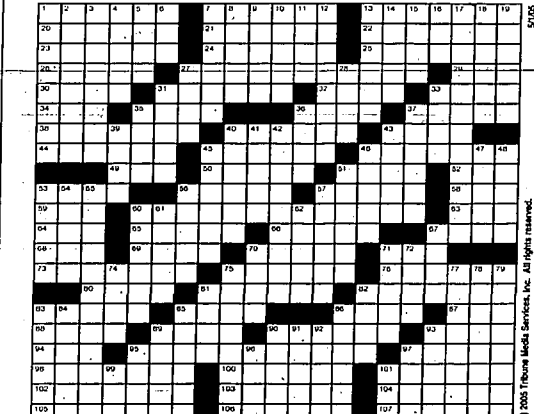
Here are some tips from kindergarten teachers, the National PTA and other education experts on what parents can do

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FAMILY LIFE

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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There's no easy solution to son's school problems



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Two years ago, my husband and I separated after 25 years of marriage. We have a daughter who lives on her own and a 15-year-old son who chose to live with his dad. The greatest problem in our marriage was that my husband constantly undermined me when the children were concerned. Last year, our 15-year-old was attending a private school where he failed But grade. He wasn't readmitted, so he went to public school where he didn't perform but was promoted anyway. This year, he was promoted to a grade higher than a C. I'm very concerned, but I can't talk to my ex-husband without him feeling like I'm attacking him, which I'm not. The fact is, we have vastly different expectations. He can't do anything without me. I think our sons' problems are getting worse. My ex-husband absolutely refuses to go to counseling with me about this. That can't do it.

his continued inaction. Fourth, you obviously don't understand that whether or not you think you are attacking your ex, the only thing that counts is his. It also you are attacking him. Also, you have not yet figured out that your son is playing right into your ex-husband's passive-aggressive manner of expressing hostility toward you. You need to face facts. Your ex-husband is the custodial parent. Therefore, and unless you can effect a change of custody (which is highly unlikely at this stage of the game), the only way that you need to stop trying to micromanage your ex-husband's response, or lack of it, to your son's school performance. After all, you couldn't get him to cooperate with you concerning the kids when you were together. So, what can you do now makes you think you can get him to cooperate now that you are no longer married? Furthermore, regardless of

your incline, "he interprets any attempt on your part to 'help' as constituting an attack, and his response is passive-aggressive. Recall: The situation goes steadily from bad to worse. You already know that your influence in this matter is non-existent and that the harder you try to assert influence, the more resistance you encounter. You are simply having difficulty accepting what you already know. Under these rather problematic circumstances, your job is simply to love your son and, in so doing, let him know that you care for him and that you will take his own path to the best of his ability. He will realize the mistake he is making and take his own path to the best of his ability. The sad truth, one that many people have difficulty accepting, is that this problem will be dealt with or out of a divorce may not be any more solvable than the problems that led to the divorce. In the final analysis, the only way to deal with this is to let it go. It doesn't eliminate problems; it just gives rise to a whole new set of them.

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Teen desperately tries to pull splintering family together



DEAR ABBY
Joanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and thinking of running away. The reason is, my mother doesn't want me, my brothers or my dad. She's selling our house so she can live with her mother, and so Dad and we kids can live with my dad's mother. Abby, she wants to divorce my father, and she doesn't care that she's hurting us.

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My brothers don't quite understand what's going on. They don't know why I'm so sad. They think we're just a family that they love her and she doesn't care that she's hurting us. How can I let my mother know I'm so sad? She's hurting me. She has never been an understanding person, and I know she'll fly off the handle if I tell her. But I still want to. What can I tell her? —RUNNING AWAY IN SAN ANTONIO

to wear a wedding ring? I am an independent woman with my own career in a technical and demanding field. I will never be a "traditional" wife. In fact, I resent the stereotyped gender roles that traditional marriage represents. Furthermore, I detest wearing rings in general. I find them uncomfortable and itchy.

I have brushed up against engagement before and have not been able to think of a solution. I value the idea of marriage as a partnership that should be honored. It's not that the traditional assumptions of others make my skin crawl, and so do rings in general.

There must be other women — or men — out there with this problem. What would you suggest? —FREE SOUL IN TEMPE, ARIZ.

DEAR FREE SOUL: Although

wearing a ring when someone is in an official relationship (engaged, married) is customary, no law demands it. If the idea of the piece of jewelry is what bothers you, take your lead from some of the celebrities who have had their tattooed on.

However, if your reluctance is caused by what the ring symbolizes, then you are either going to have to find a mate with whom you can get married to your own or not get married.

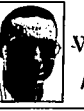
DEAR ABBY: What is proper etiquette when someone has been starting a ring in a restaurant or at an event? It makes me uncomfortable when I'm in a situation — like a social or networking event — where I can't leave.

Usually, when I'm alone or with another person, I'll just make sure I'm wearing a ring. But there have been times when I find myself trapped. Should I take the person staring at me. "How can I help you?" I am often being stared at for five or 10 minutes, but on occasion it has lasted for an hour or more.

UNCOMFORTABLE IN HAWAII

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: I prefer the direct approach. Say "no" — out there with this problem. What would you suggest? —Dorothy is written by Joanne Phillips.

Jupiter goes retro this week



SKY WATCH
Chris Anderson

Anyone who spends much time studying the sky can easily understand why our ancestors believed that we live in an earth-centered universe. As they move across the sky from west to east, the stars, moon and sun seem to circle our seemingly stationary planet.

Imagine the ancients' puzzlement when they noticed that when the outer planets (Mars, Jupiter and Saturn) are nearly opposite the sun, they pause in their eastward motion, retreat westward for a while, and then resume their normal (or prograde) motion. Saturn performs this retrograde dance every 378 days, Jupiter every 399 days, and Mars every 780 days.

To explain this seemingly bizarre behavior, the ancient Greeks — most famously Ptolemy, around 150 A.D.) postulated a system of interlocking wheels, called epicycles, upon which the planets turned. To account for observed variations in the planets' motions, the wheels were offset from their centers and tilted. So complicated was the Ptolemaic model that the 13th century Spanish king Alfonso X

something simpler, namely the heliocentric, or sun-centered, model. Because earth is also moving, retrograde motion is simply a result of Earth passing by the outer planets, making them appear to reverse direction as they lag behind our speedier world.

This week provides a great opportunity to see retrograde motion in action. Jupiter starts the week just one degree (one finger width at arm's length) from the bright star Rigel in Virgo. Night by night Jupiter will slide to the right noticeably. It continues its westward track until it appears stationary on June 5. By then the earth's curving orbit will be carrying us more away from Jupiter's path than parallel to it, and Jupiter will resume its eastward trek.

Next week Use Mars to spot Uranus. Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Starry Starry at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Chattering may break spell, Capricorn

IF MAY 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You might have been affected by disillusionment or simply lost your way for the year ahead. You will discover a new purpose and plow gleefully into fresh fields of endeavor to plant new ambitions. If you just missed a genuine opportunity, you may be lucky enough to get a second chance in July to grab the gold ring and win the prize. The great example of the closest to you will be a spur to success in the year ahead, so work hard to win admiration.

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19): Live and let live. It isn't necessary to defend your views when others merely want to have a simple discussion. Relax and ignore that itch to tinker with things. Leave well enough alone.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Hide away within the safety of your own four walls and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. It is OK to be a couch potato — especially if you have a long partner to share that sofa with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A rush to judgment could be counterproductive. Consider what makes other people happy and put their needs ahead of your own. Being generous to the nth degree will

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Jeraldine Saunders

attract prosperity. **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Take it easy until you know you're already here. It isn't necessary to go on a buying spree as what you need the most is right in your own back yard. Don't get in competition to outdo your mate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sick with the decision already on the open table, even if a little flurry of controversy is in the air. Information could be exaggerated. Objectivity is your best friend today, so maintain your detachment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Slow down if things start moving too fast — a snowball effect could create an avalanche of trouble. Burn off excess energy with a jog in the park and avoid confrontations within the home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Learn to play many games: When faced with liberals, keep an open mind. When faced with conservatives, honor the traditional. Bend your views to match the scenery and keep

the peace. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Money, like water, must be spent around in order to perform its function. Spend generously and the money that circulates will irrigate virtuous fields so you can grow prosperity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Doing battle over inconsequential matters will only stir up trouble. You don't need to be on the defense or try to outfox others. Choose the truth, as little white lies will be transparent.

CAPRICORN (Jan. 22-Feb. 19): Don't break the magic spell of romance by chattering away. Leave things alone and stick with an existing plan of action. Be extra considerate as loved ones may be sensitive to slights.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can please all the people all the time. Sympathies could be misplaced. Don't bend over backward to keep peace in the home. It is more important to be fair than to be right.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be the Rock of Gibraltar. Act as a calming influence if those close get in a stew. Take advice with a healthy grain of salt, as isn't the best day for clear thinking or important decisions.

Book outlines commandments of pregnancy

Family news you can use

milk at the proper temperature for up to four hours. The tote recalls for \$14.99 and can be found at One Up on a Child, 8945 Tampa Ave., Northridge, Cries 2, Times 1125 E. Los Angeles Ave., Strin Valley, and Baby Town, 18725 Sherman Way, Reseda. For more information, visit www.aevent.com

Seat of knowledge

Government statistics show that 10 percent of child seats are not correctly installed in the car. A new seat, the TheraTide Smart Child Seat, will alert you if the seat is not installed correctly, if your child is sitting properly and if your child is buckled in. If something is wrong, this smart seat has five messages that are activated in case of a

problem. The seats retail for \$169 to \$229. For more information, visit www.smartchildseat.com or call (888) 372-0622.

Keep baby moist

Mustela has introduced two new skin-care products designed to get your baby bathed and ready for bed. Relaxing Bath With Cloustrin Milk (\$10 for a 6.7-ounce bottle) cleans, moisturizes and relaxes with the scent of orange blossom, sweet almond and other light fragrances. After the bath, massage your baby to sleep using Mustela's Massage Oil (\$11.50 for a 3.4-ounce bottle), also a moisturizer. The products are hypoallergenic and smell sweet, just like babies do. For more information about Mustela products, visit www.mustelausa.com or call (800) 422-2587. —compiled from wire reports

Now that baby's here ...

Avent's new thermal carrier makes it easy to keep your baby's milk or formula at the right temperature. Offered in red, blue and gray, the tote holds two bottles of two nursers, four 6-ounce storage containers or two sippy cups. You can keep hot water for formula or cold breast or formula

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center
530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non to seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Meal from open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.
Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menu:
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, green salad, bread, pudding
Tuesday: Sweet and sour beef, Chinese, vegetables, and Chinese salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, vegetables, Jell-O salad, sweet rolls
Thursday: Tummies, rice, refried beans, green salad, cookies and fruit
Friday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, bread, bread, salad, dessert

Activities:
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting
Tuesday: Exercise class
Wednesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood Pressure
Wednesday: Quilting
Elixir Club
Exercise class
Thursday: Center pinocchio
Friday: Quilting
Lunch bingo
Blood Pressure
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Monday: Swiss steak dinner, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken finger, fries, veggies, salad, fruit, dessert
Thursday: Tummies, rice, green salad, Spanish rice, cobble
Friday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, corn, Jell-O salad, bread, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m., 8:45, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.50.
Menu:
Monday: Chili, corn bread, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O with fruit, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, cream corn, green salad, fruit, blueberry shortcake
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, peas and pearl onions, fruit medley, zucchini bars
Friday: Turkey, potatoes and gravy, corn, cranberry Jell-O salad, banana cream pie

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle 1 p.m.
Friday: 12:30 p.m.
Mother's Day dinner

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
127 E. Milk, coffee, juice and tea service.
Menu:
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, chicken, spinach, fruit salad, cookies, peas
Wednesday: Juice, pizza, carrot salad, pudding
Friday: Beef stroganoff and noodles, broccoli and cheese, pineapple salad, banana bread, apricots

Activities:
Monday: AA meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Friday: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation is \$3.

non to seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Menu:
Monday: Vegetable soup, egg salad and ham, salad sandwiches, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Pork roast, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, fruit rolls, birthday cake
Friday: Hot turkey sandwiches, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eben
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bark bake days.

Menu:
Tuesday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, apricots, coleslaw, green beans, cookies
Wednesday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, chicken, salad, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Tuesday: Sauerkraut and Wieners, California mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, green salad, old fashioned banana pudding, dinner rolls
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, lime Jell-O, vegetable salad with cabbage and carrots, blueberry pie
Friday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, homemade rolls, rice custard

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, buttered carrots, fruit cocktail and cookies
Tuesday: Ham, cabbage, potatoes, soup, peach cobbler

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menu:
Tuesday: Cook's chicken and cheese enchiladas, flat bread, Spanish rice, spinach, peas and cottage cheese salad, spice cupcakes with caramel frosting
Thursday: Chicken and cheese enchiladas, flat bread, Spanish rice, spinach, peas and cottage cheese salad, spice cupcakes with caramel frosting
Friday: Roast beef with gravy, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, English peas with pearl onions, coleslaw, spiced apple, cheese-cake with strawberries

Activities:
Monday: Jackpot, 8 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 1:15 p.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Poetry, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Carey trip, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Mother's Day celebration with music by Sue Mendelson.

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Milk, coffee and tea service. Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 to 2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Menu:
Tuesday: Chicken and vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, hot bread, fruit, Jell-O, crackers, dessert
Wednesday: Meatloaf, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, green beans, fruit, rolls, dessert
Friday: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, carrots, spinach salad, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles
Bridge class

Wednesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Menu:
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles
Thursday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Friday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.
Pool
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jigsaw puzzles

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Menu:
Monday: Barbecue ribs, baked beans, vegetables, salad, dessert
Tuesday: Grilled tuna on toast, macaroni salad, vegetables, dessert
Wednesday: Baked chicken, red mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert
Thursday: Enchiladas, rice, beans, tossed salad, pineapple upside-down cake
Friday: Mother's Day lunch

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: SHRA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Call George, 436-9107.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menu:
Monday: Biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns, corn, red beans, peaches, ice cream
Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese potato soup, vegetables, fruit cup, chocolate chip cookies
Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, rice custard
Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, bread, apricot crisp
Friday: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, peas, roll, fruit salad, Devil's delight cake

Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Woodworking class, 6:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All play pool, 10 a.m.

Origin lessons
Night pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Mother's Day dinner, 6 to 9 p.m.

Camp

Continued from E1
various games.
For more information, call 788-2168.

Scout camps
The Snake River Council of the Boy Scouts of America sponsors several camps at Camp Bradley near Stanley for scouts. Camp dates this year are July 9-11, July 11-13, July 18-20, July 25-27 and Aug. 1-6. Cost is \$160 per camper. Activities include canoeing, lifesaving, rowing, swimming, art, crafts, orienteering, shooting and archery. A \$100 deposit is required, and if the registration fee is paid by this Wednesday, there's a \$16 discount. For details, call the Snake River Council office in Twin Falls at 733-2057 or contact your scout leader.

The Silver Sage Council of the Girl Scouts sponsors camps at Camp Alttene near McCall. Camp dates this year are July 9-12, Registration fee is \$115, and the workshop is held in the CSI Fine Arts Center. For information, call Camille Cox at 733-5227.

Camp Alttene camps
This summer include a magic camp for girls entering grades 1-6, June 2-9 (registration fee is \$355); a special-needs camp for girls in grades 4-6, July 1-4 (cost: \$195); Brownie camps for girls in Grades 1-3, July 18-12 and July 13-20 (\$315); an art camp for grades 1-3, July 13-20 (\$315); camps and Aug. 4-10 for girls in grades 7-9 and Aug. 13-20 (\$355); drama camps for girls in grades 1-6 and grades 7-12, July 5-12 (\$360); adventure camp for girls in grades 1-6, July 13-20 (\$360); river-running camp for girls in grades 7-12, July 13-20 (\$415); troop camp for girls of all ages, July 22-29 (80 per person); a camp for girls in grades 1-3, July 26-Aug. 3 (\$355); an Eco Explorer camp for girls in Grades 1-3, July 26-Aug. 3 (\$355); water-sports camp for girls in grades 7-9 and grades 10-12, July 26-Aug. 3 (\$355); a camp for girls in grades 4-6, July 26-Aug. 3 (\$355); a night-owl camp for girls in grades 4-6, Aug. 4-10 (\$275); a Junior adventure camp for girls in grades 4-6, Aug. 4-10 (\$325).

Camp T-Man-A-Wis camps
This summer include horseback-riding camps for girls in grades 4-6, July 6-12 (registration fee is \$355), grades 1-3, July 13-20 (\$355) and grades 7-12, July 26-Aug. 3 (\$405); an archery camp for girls in grades 4-6, July 6-12 (\$315); a creative arts, July 13-20 (\$315); troop camp for girls of all ages, July 22-24 (\$80 per person); an outdoor-adventure camp for girls in grades 7-12, July 26-Aug. 3 (\$355); Brownie camps for girls in grades 1-3, Aug. 4-10 (\$275); a magic camp for girls in grades 4-6, Aug. 4-10 (\$315); a Hot Shots (firelighting

skills) camp for girls age 15-17, July 21-27 (\$60).
Pine Creek camps this summer include horseback-riding camps for girls in grades 4-6, June 7-14 and for girls in grades 7-12 on June 16-23 and June 24-31 (registration fees for all three camps is \$355); a drama camp for girls in grades 4-6, June 7-14 (\$315); troop camp for girls in grades 1-3, July 18-20 (\$315 per person); camp for girls in grades 7-12, June 16-23 (\$395), and an adventure camp for girls in grades 7-12, June 24-July 1, (\$415).
Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and there's a \$50 deposit.

For more information, call Milver Fisher at the Twin Falls Silver Sage office at 733-9623.

Music camps
Music Fest, sponsored annually by local music teachers, will be held June 27-July 1 for kids who have completed 12-12. Registration fee is \$115, and the workshop is held in the CSI Fine Arts Center. For information, call Camille Cox at 733-5227.

Dance camps
The annual Summer Dance Workshop of the Idaho Dance Arts Alliance will be held July 17-Aug. 24 on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls for students age 12 and older who have taken at least two consecutive years of dance. Tuition, with or without room and board, ranges from \$100 to \$260. For more information, call the Idaho Dance Arts Alliance at 733-6290 or 732-6288.

Outdoor camps
The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service sponsors a number of 4-H camps for members and non-members at the Central Idaho 4-H camp near Ketchum. The camp for 4-ers from Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties is June 13-16 for kids in the third through sixth grades. There's a \$100 registration fee (fees may be slightly higher for non-4-Hers in some counties), which includes transportation, and scholarships are available. Call the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office at 734-9596, the Jerome County Extension office at 324-7578 or the Gooding County Extension office at 934-4417. Registration deadline is June 3.

The 4-H camp for Cassia, Minidoka and Lincoln counties will be June 20-24 at the Central Idaho 4-H camp for youngsters in the third through eighth grades. There's a \$100 registration fee (fees may be slightly higher for non-4-Hers in some counties), which includes transportation. Call the Cassia County Extension office at 882-7961, the Minidoka County Extension office at 436-7184 and the Lincoln County Extension

office at 886-2406. Registration deadline is May 27; late registration may be accepted, but higher fees will be charged.
The 4-H camp for Blaine and Camas counties will be held July 12-15 at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp for youngsters aged 8-12. Cost of camp is \$135, and there's a \$10 transportation fee. Call the Blaine County Extension office at 748-5545 or the Camas County Extension office at 764-2230. Registration deadline is May 28.
For more information, call 788-2168.

Tech camps
The annual College of Southern Idaho Tech Camp will be held in two sessions in Twin Falls, June 27-July 1 and July 11-15, for kids aged 11-15. Activities will include instruction in video, digital audio, 3-D animation, video conferencing, desktop publishing and hardware. Cost is \$100 per student. For more information, call Edit Scanto at 732-6663.

Art camps
The College of Southern Idaho College for Kids will sponsor two art camps, one for youngsters entering kindergarten through second grade on June 13-17 and one for kids in grades 3-5 from June 14-18. Room 112 of the Art Building on campus, and for kids in grades 3-5 from June 14-18 and in Room 112 of the Art Building. Cost for both camps is \$70. To register, call 736-6290 or 732-6288.

Drama camps
The College of Southern Idaho College for Kids will hold two drama camps, one for kids in kindergarten through second grade from June 13-17 and one for kids in grades 3-5 from June 14-18. Room 104 of the Shields Building on campus. Cost for both camps is \$40. To register, call 736-6290 or 732-6288.

Math camps
The College of Southern Idaho College for Kids will hold two math camps, one for kids in grades 1-3 from June 20-24 and one for kids in grades 4-6 from June 20-24 in Room 105 of the Shields Building. Cost of both camps is \$40. To register, call 736-6290 or 732-6288.

Writing camps
Boise's Log Cabin Literary Center sponsors a summer writing camp from 9 a.m. until noon June 27-July 1 on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. It's for kids in grades 4-9 who love to write. Cost is \$145, and scholarship are available. For more information, call (208) 331-8000.

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Kindergarten Registration Week
Open House & Parent Workshops
May 2 - May 6

Please bring your child and join us for the Open House and Reading Workshop. You and your child can meet the principal, meet the kindergarten teachers and visit their classrooms, enjoy refreshments, and join us for the reading workshop.

What parents need to know

- Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1
- Schools will offer a short IRI pre-screening assessment
- Parents are encouraged to attend the reading workshop which will give tips on boosting the reading readiness skills of their child

What you need to bring to register your child

- A certified copy of your child's birth certificate
- Social security number/card for your child
- Current immunization records for your child
- Proof of Hepatitis B immunization for your child
- Proof of home address, such as a utility bill

If you have questions about registration or the reading workshop, please contact the school your child will attend.

TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411

Bickel: 733-4116
Registration: 9:00 - 11:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 3, 3:45

Harrison: 733-4229
Registration: 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 5, 3:30

Lincoln: 733-1321
Registration: 9:00 - 3:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 4, 3:30

Morningside: 733-6507
Registration: 9:00 - 4:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 5, 3:30

Oregon Trail: 733-8480
Registration: 9:00 - 4:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 5, 3:30

Perrine: 733-4288
Registration: 9:00 - 11:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 5, 3:30

Sawtooth: 733-8456
Registration: 9:00 - 3:00 daily
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 4, 9:30

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM



Trevor Montes sings 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' at the Acquila Elementary School patriotic program. Students in the third, fourth and fifth grades sang a variety of patriotic songs, including a medley of songs from the armed services to salute the veterans and those who are serving in the military.

HealthNet honors youth volunteers

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls County HealthNet held its annual youth volunteer recognition event entitled, "Celebration of Youth Asset All-Star Volunteers."

The event recognized young people who have given their time and energy to improve or assist the community in various ways.

Nominations were accepted by the HealthNet Coalition from agencies and schools county-wide. Each recipient was presented with a certificate of dedication and an award, along with a brief description of their achievements.

This is the fifth year the HealthNet Coalition has sponsored the event. Its mission is motivating and equipping the Twin Falls County community to join together to nurture the safe, healthy and drug-free development of all young people.

Award recipients are:
Dare to Care - Idaho Kids Caring for Idaho Military Families—Trevor Barrott, Emily Ewers, Thomas Marvin, Kody Krieger, Kayla Gardner, Charlene Barba, Desiree Barba and Shane Hayes.

Various—Maryanne Barrott, Mary Beth Paine, Halley Scott and Shane Baker.

Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley—Stephen Wells, Melissa Aguirre, Sonia Garcia and Taylor Angst.

Kimberly High School Lunch Buddy Youth Mentors—

Brejee Dille, Whitney Funk, Jennifer Workman, Lacey Haye, Jessica Briley, Danielle Evertl, Sara Shawver, Tauni Burnside, Katie Gunnell, Ashley Cochran, Megan Stindley, Darin Muser, L.J. Shawver, Jessie Hahnway, Lauren Almand, Marcel Olsen, Stacy Walters, Cody Knight, Hilary VanAssche, Shawn Florke, Kendall Nield, Kelsey Nebeker, Melissa Morgensen, Arnon Phinney, Ashton Upton, Michael McRoberts, Daniel Bulcher, Desiree Barba, Jeanne Reynolds, Johathan Scott, Alca Meza and Tazler Lierman.

Gifts of Love Program—Megan Buckley, Samantha Burley, Terra Rushing, Britney Quinton, Rebecca Keele and Charlene Keele.

Soup Kitchens—Meg Wormsbaker and Hannah Wormsbaker.

School programs—Morgan Price, Kelly Stout and Kara Lundy.

Holiday—Jaysa Crist, Jeremiah Spencer and Chandra Chung.

City of Twin Falls—Jacob Coats, Rebekah Middleton and Elizabeth Middleton.

For more information about the coalition, call Melaine Shouse, facilitator, at 423-5915.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Take-Elijah-Spears, son of Nola Marie and Nicholas Dee Spears of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 11, 2005.

Keenan James Blair, son of Heather Louise Newberry and James Edward Blair II of Jerome, was born Sunday, April 17, 2005.

Hailey Alexandra Silons, daughter of Lacey Rae and Eugenio Silons Jr. of Buhl, was born Sunday, April 17, 2005.

Ehan Cole Prestwich, son of Crystal Gaye and Kertus Miri Prestwich of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 18, 2005.

Natalie Ayleen Leon, daughter of Jessica Luarez-Leon and Javier Leon of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

Jami Whilod
 The Community Page
 The Times-News
 P.O. Box 458
 Twin Falls, ID 83303
 Or fax to: 734-5538
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
***More information?**
 Call Jami at 735-3278

Angel Gabriel Paramo Morales, son of Francisca Morales Zuniga and Juan G. Paramo of Jerome, was born Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

Joana Paola Martinez-Perez, daughter of Dom and Victor Manuel Martinez of Victor, was born Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

Lisset Marie Alonso, daughter of Erka and Jose Luis Alonso of Buhl, was born Thursday, April 21, 2005.

Julia Lynn Caldas Bittencourt, daughter of Meghan Lynn and Carlos Eduardo Caldas Bittencourt of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 21, 2005.

Andrea Jean Dickson, daughter of Tarah Richele Kodesh and Thomas Ray Dickson of Buhl, was born Thursday, April 21, 2005.

PEO holds state convention

SUN VALLEY—Six area chapters in the Magic Valley area of the Philanthropic and Educational Organization for Women Sisterhood (PEO) have joined to host the 2005 convention of the Idaho State Chapter May 6-8 at the Sun Valley Inn.

PEO helps women further their education with financial support through loans, grants and scholarships, and owns and supports a liberal arts Center for women in Nevada, Mission Colley College.

Honored guests include Brenda J. Atchison, a member of Chapter RI, San Anselmo, Calif., serving the International Chapter as a trustee for the International Peace Scholarship Fund; and Member of Honor, Barbara James, past state president of the Idaho State Chapter, member of Chapter CB, Coeur d'Alene and serving on the International Study and Research Committee.



Mela Lee Warren

Rupert. Other state officers include First Vice President Judith Chitwick of Eagle; Second Vice President Patricia Irwin-Ribi of Sun Valley; Organizer Janice Atkins-Neva of Eagle; Corresponding Secretary Susan Charles of St. Maries; Recording Secretary E. Faye Buchanan of Meridian; and Treasurer Ann Shively of Idaho Falls.

A maximum of 129 voting members will attend, including

28 past state presidents of Idaho State Chapter, seven state officers and 40 members of the six state standing committees and 87 representatives of Idaho's local chapters.

A charter will be granted to the new chapter in the state, Chapter CJ, Eagle, which was organized March 12, 2005 and is the first chapter in the state since 1998.

Highlights of the convention, which will be in the theme, "Sisters Under Our PEO Stars," will include:

May 6: Reception for past state presidents at 5:30 p.m.; project dinner at 6:30 p.m. and projects program at 7:30 p.m.

May 7: Luncheon honoring 50-year members at noon; reception for guest of honor, member of honor and executive board at 6 p.m. and banquet at 7 p.m.

May 8: Memorial hour at 8:15 a.m.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Students of the Month for March at Buhl High School are, from left, bottom row: Gustavo Nieto, Matt Adams, Brady Mills, Kim Hancock, Lucila Sorzano and Adeline Gonzalez; top row: West End High School's Jennifer Adams, Jennifer Jeff Gabbard, Sandra Hernandez, LeAnnna Bell, Abbe Reynolds, Alicia Phillips, and Heidi Kyles and Judith Spencer. Not pictured are Emily O'Connor, Judith Aronson and Sierra Webb.

Eastern Star chapter holds Friendship Night

BURLEY—Rupert Chapter No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star observed Friendship Night on March 23 at the Burley Masonic Lodge Hall.

Worthy Matron Melba Merkey and Worthy Patron Albert Klirk welcomed everyone and presided over the meeting.

In keeping with the Easter Season, the St. Nicholas Mimes Troupe from the Rupert Catholic School presented the program for the evening, "The Passion of Christ," directed by David Keller.

Special guests were Worthy Grand Matron Nancy Ross of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello; Past Grand Matron Maxine Machamer and worthy matron of Twin Falls Chapter No. 29;

and Past Grand Matron Darla Redman and Past Grand Patron Vicky Fenton, E-dah-ho Chapter No. 77, Paul.

Grand Chapter Officers introduced were Associate Grand Conductress Mary Lynn Nealis and her Grand Escort Nick Nealis, Rob Morris Chapter No. 63, Kuna; Grand Chaplain Don Taylor and his Grand Escort Marilyn Taylor, Idaho Falls Chapter No. 85, Idaho Falls;

Grand Ruth Jane Joosten, Guardian of Burley; Rupert Bethel No. 103; Daughters and her Grand Escort Lucille Whistler, E-dah-ho Chapter.

Grand Representatives attending were Dale Leslie, representative of Nevada in Idaho, worthy patron of E-dah-

ho Chapter and associate guardian of Burley; Rupert Bethel No. 18 Jobs Daughters; Mitzi Brooks, representative of West Virginia in Idaho; Pam McClung, grand representative of New Brunswick in Idaho; and Peggy Hess, grand representative of Washington in Idaho.

Also attending were Elaine Lamun, worthy matron of E-dah-ho Chapter. Leaders of other Masonic Organizations were Keith Brooks, worshipful master of Burley Lodge No. 65, A.F. & M., and grand scribe of the Grand Lodge of Idaho; and Joe Merkey, high priest of Rupert Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons.

A salad buffet was served hosted by all members.

SERVICE NEWS

Alman Stevens graduates from training

Air National Guard Alirman 1st Class Lance A. Stevens has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the alirman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military cus-

tom and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

Stevens is the son of Jeff and Betty Stevens of Buhl. He is a 2006 graduate of Filer High School.

Elko graduate is deployed to Persian Gulf

Navy Alirman Mark P. Soulliere, a 2001 graduate of Elko High School, Elko, Nev., assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 146 attached to Carri-

er Air Wing 9, is being deployed to the Persian Gulf as part of the war in Iraq and the USS Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group.

Soulliere joined the Navy in September 2003.

Chavez arrives for duty as recruiter

Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Robbie S. Chavez has arrived for duty in Pocatello.

The sergeant is a recruiter assigned to the Pocatello Recruiting Station.

He is the son of Ernest M. Chavez and Janie C. Chavez, both of Blackfoot. His wife, Tina, is the daughter of L. Hayden of

T.F. resident celebrates 90th birthday Saturday

BUHL—Thelma Williams is celebrating her 90th birthday May with an open house at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Moon Glo Lodge, 910 M-o-o-n-g-l-o-Road.

Williams was born May 5, 1915.

Family and friends are invited to attend. Her grandchildren are hosting the event.

Local storyteller appears at CSI listening class

TWIN FALLS Mary Inman, a local storyteller and author, will present "Oregon Bound 1843" at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in Room 102 of the Shields building at the College of Southern Idaho.

CSI professor Paula Edmonds Hoffield has arranged for

Inman to give her presentation to students in CSI's listening class.

Inman portrays "Grammam Maudie Miller, a reluctant member of wagon caravan of 200 farm families making their way to Oregon. The story is taken from diaries, journals and letters written during the Oregon Trail's heyday.

The event is presented by the Idaho Humanities Council with support from Boise Cascade Corporation.

Minidoka schools hold kindergarten registration

RUPERT—Minidoka Elementary Schools will hold kindergarten registration from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at Heyburn, Paul, Acquila and Rupert Elementary-Memorial Campus.

Students must be 5 years of age or before Sept. 1. Parents or guardians should bring immunization records and a birth certificate. Students must come with parents because they will be having a kindergarten readiness test.

Motorcycle ride to Boise takes place

TWIN FALLS—Motorcyclists are invited to participate in a ride to Boise for the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety Rally on Saturday.

Riders will meet at 8 a.m. at T.J.'s Products, 1550 Kimberly Road, and parade through Twin Falls before the drive to Boise.

For more information, call Fairbanks at 324-6859 or Brenda Bolton at 733-0151.

Senior center seeks donations for flea market

TWIN FALLS—The Heritage Center, 4000 Assisted Living Center is having a flea market May 20-22.

To donate, call Mark Goff at 734-6026, ext. 118, by May 13.

Lance Stevens

Thelma Williams

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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ENGAGEMENTS

KOBER-RIVAS

TWIN FALLS — Rick and Kathleen Kober of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Kober, to Remington Rivas, son of Steven Rivas of Twin Falls and Voni Rivas of Provo, Utah.

Kober is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended the College of the Southern Idaho. She is employed at US Bank in Twin Falls.

Rivas is a graduate of Mountain Crest High School in Logan, Utah, and attended CSI. He is employed at Home Depot in Twin Falls.



Remington Rivas and Katie Kober

The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 5, at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

PHIPPEN-LARSEN

RUPERT — Earl and Marie Phippen of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Phippen, to David Larsen, son of Larry and Roberta Larsen of Rupert.

Phippen is a 2001 graduate of Highland High School and is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Larsen is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School and is also attending BYU-Idaho. He served an LDS mission in Chile. He is employed at Meleluca Call Center in Rexburg.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday, May 3, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held Friday, May 6, in Pocatello. An open house will be held Saturday, May 7, in Rupert.



David Larsen and Erin Phippen

The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 5, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held Friday, May 6, in Pocatello. An open house will be held Saturday, May 7, in Rupert.

Taboo

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The incidence of consanguineous marriages has fallen in much of the industrialized world but remains common in some parts of Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. Maryland is one of 20 states that permit it, as does the District of Columbia. (Six more allow such marriages only under certain conditions.)

General studies bear out the taboo's wisdom, suggesting that marriages between people related by blood—known as consanguinity—produce a higher risk of genetic disorders in their offspring. It is especially true among closed or isolated communities, such as among some Arab communities in the Middle East, Hindus and others in southern India, Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern Europe and the Amish in North America.

Yet a recent study suggested that though the relative risk of birth defects is higher among the offspring of first and second cousins, the absolute risk remains small in societies where inbreeding is rare. The study, published in the Journal of Genetic Counseling in April 2002, found that the risk of birth defects ran about twice as high—up to 1.8 percent—for cousins, compared with about 0.3 to 0.4 percent for unrelated couples. In absolute terms, that still translates into odds of better than 90 percent that a child will be born without problems, the study found.

"And that generally wasn't realized by people. They thought if you marry your cousin, the risk was much higher," he said. Arno Motulsky, a professor of genome sciences at the University of Washington who co-authored the study, appeared, however, news coverage often emphasized the low risk without noting that such marriages pose less danger because they are rare.

"They went completely over the other way and said there's no risk," he said. Motulsky said, "Persons should get full counseling—full advice about what they are getting into, what the risks are, and then it should be left to them."

For Andrews and Amrhein, childbearing was not an issue. "They said they did not plan to have children. They just want to be together. Neither revealed their secret to anyone until about seven years ago. They began to date after their marriage ended in divorce and

his longtime relationship broke up."

Their families recoiled at the news. When the two began dating together, her family disowned her for a time. Friends dredged up Bible passages to scold them. They settled down in their blue-and-white mobile home with three dogs, a cat, two guinea pigs named Beavis and Butt-head and an iguana that loves to eat kavi.

Andrews collects disability payments from the government. Amrhein works at the county desk at Wal-Mart.

"I tell people I married her for the health benefits and the Wal-Mart discount card," Andrews said, only half-joking.

She slapped his thigh. "Yeah," she said, eyes rolling. "They hid each other a lot and share many interests, such as camping and fishing. They agree to disagree on other things. He smokes Jack 100s; she prefers Marlboros. He hunts. She loves animals."

When she tunes in to shows that have what he calls "that happy stuff," Edwards says, or "Little House on the Prairie," he exits to head to another television. He gushes at the thought of walking into Red Lobster and picking out the plumpest one in the tank.

"Eck," she said. And don't ask her about catnip growing under. "It smells like pork chops cooking. Tastes like chicken," he said, helpfully.

Six years ago, he proposed to her at the jewelry store in Wal-Mart after they spied a pair of wedding bands on sale.

"I said, 'Are you prepared to go through the hoops of going to court?' " he said.

Yes, she said, accepting the engagement. But because of a host of concerns, they locked their rings away until last month. After a Pennsylvania court clerk refused to grant a marriage license, she was charged with appearing in open court, as allowed by law, and lost.

So on March 28 — Amrhein already had to prompt her newlywed to remember the exact date — they crossed the state line in a civil ceremony attended by his mother and a niece who was the officiant. The hands before a justice of the peace in Calvert County and exchanged vows.

"They really wanted to be together," Amrhein said. "We knew what we were going to have to go through. It would be nice if we could just remember the exact date. It would help other people in our situation."

Cats

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and their heart beats about 155 times per minute. **17.** Cats' eyes appear to glow at night because of a layer on the back of the retina called the tapetum lucidum, which possesses crystal-like reflective properties. Low light, yes, but cats can't see in total darkness.

18. About 50 percent of cats have the gene that allows for catnip crazes and get a hallucinatory high from eating, sniffing or rubbing catnip.

Maybe the others are like former president Bill Clinton and didn't inhale.

19. The phrase "a cat has nine lives" may come from early 1400s England when a popular recipe called for one part cat to nine parts chicken livers (source: "Cats Out of the Bag," Premium Press).

20. The U.S. superstition about hanging bad luck if a black cat crosses your path grew from the belief that the cat was on its way to visit the devil. In Britain, black cats are considered good luck.

21. A cat generally has 24 whiskers (called vibrissae), 12 on each side of its face. The

whiskers are divided into upper and lower rows, which move independently of each other and are used to detect objects in low light and their ability to slip through narrow openings, like the opening to the cat carrier at the vet's office.

22. Talk about a cat nap, 70 percent of each cat's day is spent dozing. Thirty percent of their awake time is spent grooming.

23. Not to sound sexist, but most orange cats are male. Conversely, the majority of calico cats are female.

24. When cats arch their backs toward human hands, it's a hearty, happy hand shake, they're exhibiting mutual endearment. When cats collapse on their backs with their paws tucked out, they're telling you to give them space.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian **Mary Beere** is the coauthor of the book "Chicken Soup For the Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary columnist for ABC's "Good Morning America." Write to him in care of Knight Rider/Tribune News Service, 700 N. 21st St., Apt. 1000, Washington D.C. 20005.

WILCOX-SCHNACKENBERG

JEROME — Francis and Margaret Wilcox of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Celeste Louise Wilcox, to Ronald David Schnackenberg, son of Tom and Kim Schnackenberg of Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Wilcox is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School and a graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is employed at the University of Phoenix in Ariz.

Schnackenberg is a 1999 graduate of Steamboat Springs High School. He is attending the University of Phoenix and is



Ronald Schnackenberg and Celeste Wilcox

employed at the university. The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 5, in the Mesa LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the White House in Twin Falls.

YORTY-WEST

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yorty of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon J. Yorty, to Jack M. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan West of Woodland, Calif.

Yorty graduated from the College of Southern Idaho with an associate's degree and graduated from Western Baptist College in Salem, Ore., with a bachelor's degree. She is employed at Alliance Family Services in Twin Falls.

West attended Western Baptist College in Salem. He is employed at Central Nevada Intergency Dispatch Center in Winnemucca, Nev.



Sharon Yorty and Jack West

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 11, at the Twin Falls Reform Church. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

COTTLE-JURGENSMEIER

RUPERT — Alyssa Shiree Cottle and Cory Dee Jurgensmeier announce their engagement.

Cottle is the daughter of Sharon Cottle of Kayville, Utah, and the late Craig Cottle. Jurgensmeier is the son of Dee and Karen Jurgensmeier of Rupert.

Cottle is currently completing a master's degree in speech-language pathology at Utah State University.

Jurgensmeier is a graduate of Utah State University and is preparing for medical school. He served an LDS mission in Comayaguetla, Honduras. He is employed as a surgical assistant



Cory Jurgensmeier and Alyssa Cottle

in Provo, Utah. The wedding is planned for Thursday, May 5, in the Bountiful LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Jurgensmeier residence, 350 E. 700 N., Rupert.

GARN-GROVER

BURLEY — Siew and Sylvia Garn of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Mariann Garn, to Eric Richard Grover, son of Nancy Davis of Sugar City, Wayne Davis and Rina Grover and the late Steve Grover.

Garn is a 2001 graduate of Burley High School. She will graduate from Utah State University this spring.

Grover is a 1989 graduate of Madison High School and is attending Brigham Young University.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 6, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to



Eric Grover and Mariann Garn

honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Burley Institute. They will reside in Provo, Utah.

JENSEN-SHERWOOD

TWIN FALLS — Randy and Marcia Jensen of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Lee Jensen, to Landon Bryce Sherwood, son of George and Terisha Sherwood of Kirland, N.M.

Jensen and Sherwood will finish their education at Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 6, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception in their honor will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Herrett Museum reception hall.



Landon Sherwood and Dana Lee Jensen

on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

ANNIVERSARY



Jacquie and Richard Luff



Jacquie and Richard Luff

WEDDINGS

KING-BLANCH

BURLEY — Jenell King and Kevin Gene Blanch were married April 30 in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Linda King of Lewiston, Utah.

The bridegroom is the son of Eddie and Nancy Blanch of Burley. The bride graduated from a bachelor of science in nursing. She is currently employed with the Health Department and for Guardian Home Health.

The bridegroom graduated in 1995 from Burley High School and served in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission from 1996 to 1998. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in botany from ISU in



Jenell and Kevin Blanch

May 2004. He is currently pursuing a career in land management.

A family dinner followed the ceremony. No formal reception will be held. An open house will be held Saturday, May 7, at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W., Burley. The couple will reside in Pocatello.

LANIER-COOK

RUPERT — Emilie Lanier and Jared Cook were married April 30 in the Monticello LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Terlene Lanier of Pleasant View, Colo.

The bridegroom is the son of Brad and Amy Cook of Rupert. The bride graduated from Brigham Young University-Idaho with a degree in ag business. She is employed with Natural Resources Conservation Service Department of Agriculture in Rexburg.

The wedding is currently attending BYU-Idaho, majoring in animal science. She is employed at the universi-



Jared and Emilie Cook

ty livestock center as a farm facility manager. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Accuun LDS Church.

THE LUFFS

KIMBERLY — Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Luff of Kimberly will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward building, 222 Birch St., S.

Luff and Jacquie Dayley were married May 7, 1955, in Richfield. They are living in Kimberly, where he was employed by AT&T and she was employed by BetaSeed.

THE LUFFS

They have been active in the LDS Church and the community of Kimberly, where they held various positions and assisted with multiple projects. She served as the Kimberly city librarian for many years.

The event is hosted by their children, Kelvan (Lynne) Luff of Kimberly, Kendall (Kathy) Luff of Halley and Kimball (Kristie) Luff of Halley.

The couple has 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Kindergarten

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interact with others and let you see how he does.

• Ask questions about things you've seen and read. "Why did Bear go back home?" "Why didn't Sam want to eat the green eggs and ham?" This encourages critical thinking.

• Talk to your child. Children learn about language and self-expression when they engage in verbal exchanges with others.

• Provide concrete learning experiences for children. Take children along with you to the post office, library or local children's museums. Letting them experience these places and talking with them about what they're seeing, hearing and touching exposes them to learning.

• Provide opportunities for children to practice independent

ence by allowing them to make certain choices and try out things, and encourage problem solving.

Sources: [Jaclyn Morris, www.kindergartennews.com](http://www.kindergartennews.com); www.pia.org

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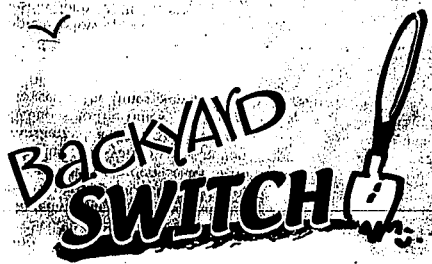
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In June you will landscape a family's yard while they landscape yours!



Applicant Rules

1. Participants must live within the Magic Valley area.
2. You must either own the property or have written permission from the owner.
3. Each home must have a "team" of at least two people - spouses, parent and child, siblings, and friends are all welcome. All participants must be at least 16 years old.
4. You and the other participating party must both be able to take the same two days in Mid/June 2005 out of your schedule. If additional days are needed, both parties must agree on the specific day. The project must be concluded within three days total.
5. Interested parties should fill out an application, available at the following sponsoring businesses: Kimberly Nurseries, Kelley Garden Center or The Times-News in Twin Falls and Burley; or on-line at magicvalley.com - click on the "Backyard Switch" button. Applicants must also include photos showing all angles of the area to be transformed, a picture of themselves, and the exterior of their home. Pictures may also be mailed, with applications, to The Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, Attn: Backyard Switch
6. Employees of The Times-News, Kimberly Nurseries or Kelley Garden Center, or their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

Applications and pictures are due to The Times-News by May 11, 2005. Winning applicants will be announced on May 18, 2005 in The Times-News. Work will need to be completed by June 15, 2005. A complete follow-up section on the two yards featured will appear in The Times-News Home section on Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

Entry Form

Date of Application: _____

Your name: _____ Age: _____ Day _____

Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Occupation: _____ Email Address: _____

Teammate's name: _____ Age: _____

Teammate's relationship to you: _____

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Occupation: _____ Email Address: _____

Area to be transformed: _____ Measurements: _____

Why have you chosen this area? _____

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What style is your home? _____

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Have you ever tried landscaping before? _____

Tell us a little about yourself (30 words or less): _____

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- ❖ Pickup application at Kelley Garden Center or Kimberly Nurseries.
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